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Appd SofN 11-27-44  
Signed JAN 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL J. D'AGOSTINO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Twenty-Second Marines, Fifth Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, from February 18 to 22, 1944. Courageously pushing forward to an exposed position on the airstrip apron, Private First Class D'Agostino boldly opened fire with his rifle on Japanese troops harassing the left flank of his battalion and, in a daring single-handed battle, accounted for six of the enemy. Later placed in charge of his unit when his sergeant and the assistant squad leader became casualties, he displayed exceptional efficiency and aggressiveness and, although comparatively inexperienced in combat, moved in front of his squad, often exposing himself to heavy fire and continuing his vallant advance after being shaken and wounded by Japanese mortar fire. Private First Class D'Agostino's fearless leadership and outstanding 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--Jackson Heights, N.Y.  
B--New York, N.Y.

Silver Star Medal & Cit. delivered to  
Mrs. James D'Agostino at her home, 9211  
35th Ave., Jackson Heights, N.Y. 6 March 45,  
by CO, MB, Nyd, New York, New York.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL THURMAN L. DACUS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. When an exploding enemy artillery shell overturned the amphibious tractor in which he was riding ashore and trapped all occupants underneath it, Corporal Dacus immediately took charge of the damaged vehicle and, discovering a small opening in the coral, guided and pushed the men through this hole. By his courage in remaining in the disabled craft until the last man had been evacuated, he was directly responsible for saving the lives of sixteen men. His heroic actions and zealous 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..Winnshoro, Texas  
B..Gilmer, Texas  
31 May 1920

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Serial 65546  
Signed DEC 2 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH P. D'AGUNZO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Crewman of an Amphibian Tractor with the Ninth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 May 1945. When the enemy counterattacked and regained ground on which twelve wounded Marines were lying, Private First Class D'Agunzo volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded by amphibian tractor. Crossing enemy lines in the face of intense fire, he effectively repelled immediate attack by enemy troops as he assisted in bringing the casualties aboard the tractor and returning them 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

R--Brooklyn, N. Y.,  
B--Brooklyn, N. Y.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 56882  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ALEX K. DAHL,  
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 a Medium Tank of Company A, Sixth Tank Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. When an explosion within his tank during a tank attack severely wounded his loader and set the fighting compartment on fire, Corporal Dahl, although suffering from burns, coolly directed the use of fire extinguishers in an attempt to extinguish the flames. After his radio and tank interphone system had burned out and the tank was so full of fumes that it was impossible to guide his driver, he dismounted from his tank and, despite enemy machine-gun, mortar and anti-tank fire, directed his driver by visual signals to defilade. Remounting the tank, he applied first aid to his wounded loader as the tank moved to the rear. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Dahl and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 00436  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JAMES R. DAHLEEN,  
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 with Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 28 September 1944. When intense hostile machine-gun fire pinned down and inflicted casualties on members of his company as they were attacking through a narrow draw, Corporal Dahleen braved the heavy barrage to keep his men in position to cover four trapped Marines who had lain for several hours in a perilous location while hostile fire played around them. Courageously exposing himself to the curtain of fire after one man had been wounded in the same attempt, he made two heroic dashes into the draw to assist one wounded man to safety and then conduct the three other casualties out of the reach of gunfire. Again exposing himself to the continuous barrage, he pointed out the hostile position and enabled our tanks to bring it under fire, thereby contributing materially to overcoming this strong resistance. His outstanding courage, devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, California  
B--Des Moines, Iowa

Spot Award  
Serial 0854 *Com Sec Lt*  
Signed SEP 14 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT VINCENT A. DAIGLER, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a platoon leader attached to a company of the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, Western New Britain, on January 6, 1944. When his company was engaged in a vigorous assault on the enemy in heavy rainfall and dense jungle undergrowth, First Lieutenant Daigler valorously disregarded his own safety and led his brave platoon forward despite withering hostile fire, closing with the determined Japanese forces. Although severely wounded he fought gallantly on and, through his inspiring courage and invincible spirit, materially assisted in defeating the enemy, inflicting numerous casualties and driving the remainder from their position. First Lieutenant Daigler's superb leadership and unflinching devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy-

R - Kenmore, New York.  
B - Kenmore, New York.

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Signed-----

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

**PLATOON SERGEANT JOSEPH W. DAILEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Gunnery Sergeant of Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 5 May 1945. During an attack in which his company was suffering severe casualties, Platoon Sergeant Dailey skillfully organized the personnel of company headquarters and the mortar platoon into stretcher-bearer teams and led them into the fire-swept zone, constantly exposing himself to heavy fire in order to direct the evacuation of the wounded. Realizing that more stretchers were needed, he crossed the hazardous area and commandeered Marines from a reserve unit to aid his company and, leading them through lanes of enemy fire, succeeded in moving all the casualties to a comparatively safe position. By his leadership, initiative and untiring devotion to duty, Platoon Sergeant Dailey contributed materially to the success of the operation, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Pleasant Grove, Utah  
B-Mason City, Iowa

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FMF Pac  
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Serial 00396

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH C. DAILY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. Ordered to reconnoiter in front of our lines, Sergeant Daily led his squad approximately sixty yards forward in conjunction with another squad on his right and engaged an advance Japanese force estimated at forty men. Coolly deploying his patrol, he skillfully conducted the engagement and, directing his squad's fire and use of hand grenades, contributed directly to the infliction of heavy casualties on the enemy and to their repulse in his squad's sector. Although severely wounded by shrapnel, he continued to direct the fighting and, upon completing his mission, returned his men safely to the lines. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Daily and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Indianapolis, Ind.

B--Vincennes, Ind.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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BENJAMIN E. DALE, JR., First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action while participating in an aerial flight on March 29, 1943. As a pilot of an F-4U airplane in a flight with five P-38 fighters which took off from Guadalcanal on a mission to destroy a concentration of enemy aircraft, he reached the target area in spite of such adverse weather conditions that ten other fighters which took off on this flight lost contact and were forced to return to their bases. He participated in the attack in such a manner as to surprise the enemy anti-aircraft installations and to avoid their heavier concentrations. Six enemy float airplanes were destroyed on the water. On the return trip from this mission the flight located an enemy destroyer. Lieutenant Dale, without hesitation, accompanied the flight in an attack, making four passes at this objective causing the destroyer to sink. The sound judgment and superior skill displayed by Lieutenant Dale contributed directly to the achievements accomplished by this flight.

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By command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R- Riverside, California

B-Choteau, Montana

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

SERGEANT LA VARRE L. DALEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 28 July 1944. When his squad's position came under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire and was outflanked by an enemy force, Sergeant Daley bravely moved from position to position to direct and control the fire of his men. Observing three Japanese troops attacking a friendly tank, he advanced in full view of the attackers and destroyed all three. His indomitable courage in the face of hostile attack and his devotion to duty reflect great credit on Sergeant Daley and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Scotts Bluff, Nebr  
B-Davenport, Iowa

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Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE ROBERT D. DALRYMPLE, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on November 3, 1942. Acting as a scout for Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, Private Dalrymple, along with two other men, made contact with the enemy and came under vigorous fire from hostile machine guns, artillery and rifles. Knocking the Japanese completely out by means of hand grenades and rifle fire, he and his comrades compelled them to withdraw, leaving behind four pieces of artillery which were captured. Although he was wounded in the engagement, Private Dalrymple persisted in his firing until the Japanese fell back and were completely out of his line of vision. 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..Valier, IL  
B..Valier, IL

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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Serial 35630  
Signed JAN 30 1947

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. DALY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader in a platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. When his squad leader was killed, Corporal Daly immediately assumed command and directed an aggressive attack against a machine-gun emplacement which had pinned down the platoon. Employing his men in a flanking movement to divert the enemy's attention momentarily, he crawled forward to a position within fifteen feet from the emplacement and signaling his squad to increase its fire, shot five rifle grenades into the aperture and rushed the Japanese position. Although mortally wounded by the intense rifle fire before he could reach the pillbox, Corporal Daly, by his planning and leadership, had insured the destruction of the strongly fortified emplacement, thereby enabling the platoon to make a substantial advance. His courage, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Daly and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH B. DAMBROSIO,  
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, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 8 May 1945. Painfully wounded by hostile machine-gun fire while participating in an attack on a heavily-fortified enemy hill, Corporal Dambrosio, while awaiting evacuation, observed a wounded Marine lying in an exposed position subjected to hostile machine-gun fire, and despite the pain from his wounds, crawled forward through intense hostile fire and brought his comrade to a place of safety. His outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 79496

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

CORPORAL DELMAR DANIEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Squad Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 7 May 1945. Held up during an assault on a heavily-fortified position by fire from a hostile pillbox while leading his squad through a fire-swept area to a point of vantage in advance of the assault troops in order to deliver flanking fire on the enemy, Corporal Daniel advanced alone and destroyed the pillbox and its occupants with grenades, thereby permitting his machine gun to be emplaced, deliver deadly fire on the enemy position and enable his company to continue the advance. Although wounded while singlehandedly assaulting the pillbox, Corporal Daniel refused evacuation until his machine gun was in position and firing. His outstanding courage and loyal 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---Flemingsburg, Kentucky

B---Paintsville, Kentucky

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Serial 14706

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH P. DANIELS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 26 February 1945. Ordered to withdraw on 21 February when heavy enemy fire from his rear and flanks made his position untenable, First Lieutenant Daniels skillfully directed his platoon until all effectives were in a safe place and, despite continuous machine-gun and rifle fire, remained with the casualties until they could be evacuated. Seriously wounded in the chest by sniper fire while leading his platoon in the attack on a strong hostile position on 26 February, he refused evacuation and remained on a point of vantage from which he could show his Platoon Sergeant a hidden enemy fortification and a proper approach to it, thereby contributing materially to the subsequent reduction of the hostile emplacement. His indomitable fighting spirit, leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on First Lieutenant Daniels and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN F. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Appd SofN 8-20-46  
Serial 22686  
Signed Jul 7 1947

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

ASSISTANT COOK HAROLD E. DANSBY,  
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-ninth Marines (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 17 June to 3 July 1944. Serving as the Battalion Commander's runner on the morning of 25 June, Assistant Cook Dansby moved around the enemy flank in company with a small patrol and occupied the summit of Mount Tapotchau. Voluntarily placing himself in the most exposed outpost position, he covered the trail leading from hostile positions in the valley below to the summit of the mountain and engaged the Japanese as they attempted to come up the trail. When a direct hit by artillery fire on the Battalion Observation Post seriously wounded the commanding officer on 3 July, he braved hostile small-arms fire to move him to a less exposed position. By his cool courage under fire, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty, Assistant Cook Dansby contributed materially to the success of this operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tucumcari, New Mexico.  
B--Jackson, Mississippi.

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

PRIVATE CARL M. DARBY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Rifleman serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. Boldly exposing himself to enemy attack, Private Darby crawled alone to a point within twenty-five yards of a Japanese pillbox holding up his advancing platoon by deadly machine-gun and sniper fire and, covering the advance with fierce automatic weapons fire, succeeded in killing three of the enemy and driving the others from their firing ports in the pillbox, thereby enabling his platoon to continue its forward movement. Although wounded in the furious encounter, he voluntarily returned to his firing position after receiving first aid and courageously continued his effective covering fire until shot down by the enemy. By his cool courage and relentless fighting spirit, Private Darby contributed in a large measure to the success of his platoon in the destruction of the pillbox and the annihilation of the enemy defending it, and his great personal valor in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORREST

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rockville, Md.

E--Gaithersburg, Md.

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Serial-0647  
Signed

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

CORPORAL GLEN E. DARNEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 November to 3 December 1943. As a crew member of an amphibian tractor landing on the heavily fortified beachhead with the initial assault wave on D-Day, Corporal Darnel fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy's incessant barrages to make repeated trips to and from the beach to deliver necessary replacements, ammunition and supplies. With his vehicle partially disabled by hostile shellfire during the afternoon of the first day of action, he skillfully and efficiently effected repairs in the field, then valiantly continued transporting his vital cargo to front line areas throughout the remainder of the fierce hostilities. By his daring initiative, dauntless courage and steadfast devotion to duty throughout, Corporal Darnel contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Kirksville, Missouri  
B-Kirksville, Missouri

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial-0647

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

CORPORAL OLIN E. DARNEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 November to 3 December 1943. As a crew member of an amphibian tractor landing on the heavily fortified beachhead with the initial assault wave on D-Day, Corporal Darnel fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy's incessant barrages to make repeated trips to and from the beach to deliver necessary replacements, ammunition and supplies. With his vehicle partially disabled by hostile shellfire during the afternoon of the first day of action, he skillfully and efficiently effected repairs in the field, then gallantly continued transporting his vital cargo to front line areas throughout the remainder of the fierce hostilities. By his daring initiative, dauntless courage and steadfast devotion to duty throughout, Corporal Darnel contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Kirksville, Missouri  
B-Kirksville, Missouri

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT J. DAUGHERTY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company H, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the island of New Britain, Bismarck Archipelago, on 30 December 1943. Arriving at his post in the connecting trench between two guns to find that the enemy had taken his position during a fierce early morning attack on his company's defensive installations, Private First Class Daugherty engaged the intruders in furious hand-to-hand combat, killing two of them and fighting his way to the left gun pit. Upon reaching the gun and finding it already manned, he quickly returned to the right gun pit where he assisted in putting the damaged gun back in action. Manning the gun throughout the remainder of the action, he aided directly in holding the position despite the heavy enemy assault. His outstanding courage, daring initiative and vallant fighting spirit in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon Private First Class Daugherty and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ FRANCIS P. WHITEHAIR

Secretary of the Navy.  
Acting

R - West Springfield, Tennessee  
B - Salors Rest, Tennessee

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES G. DAVID,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 8 July 1944. While his company was advancing against stiff enemy resistance south of Marpi Point, Private First Class David killed twenty Japanese soldiers with the assistance of one other man. By his aggressive action on the beach, he enabled the attack to keep moving and prevented the enemy from flanking the company with machine-gun fire, thereby contributing materially to the success of the attack. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Laquna Beach, Calif.  
B. Dewey Okla.

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

MAJOR ROBERT H. DAVIDSON,  
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, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault and capture of Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. Landing with the initial elements of his unit amidst heavy hostile mortar, artillery and small-arms fire on 19 February, and confronted with an enemy strong point which threatened to place his Battalion in an extremely disadvantageous position during the night, Major Davidson cleverly maneuvered his assault units to high ground from which he was able to render the position of the Japanese untenable and, later, personally supervised the reduction of this area of resistance. Although suffering from severe wounds as a result of enemy rocket fire and having lost all the key personnel of his staff while his Battalion was leading the assault of the Regiment, Major Davidson refused to be evacuated and continued to control his unit, until ordered by the Regimental Commander to relinquish command. His keen tactical judgment 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 - Rye, N. Y.  
E - Springfield, Mass.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT GEORGE C. DAVIES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. During a heavy hostile attack on his battery's position, Sergeant Davies bravely carried machine guns and ammunition to isolated units which were under heavy enemy machine-gun fire and, after his officers had been killed in the action, skillfully directed the fire of his men against the Japanese troops who were enveloping his right flank. 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-Riverside, Calif.  
B-Sacramento, Calif.

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App. SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 898  
Signed 9-19-45

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

SERGEANT WARREN D. DAVIES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 3 July 1944. With his platoon sustaining heavy casualties while advancing across an open clearing and assaulting a steep ridge held by approximately one hundred Japanese reported to be Imperial Marines, Sergeant Davies skillfully deployed his few remaining men and gained the heights despite withering fire from enemy rifles and machine guns. While consolidating his position and reorganizing his men preparatory to routing the enemy from their entrenchments on top of the crest, Sergeant Davies was severely wounded and evacuated, succumbing to his wounds 5 July 1944. By his inspiring and skillful leadership and cool courage under fire, he had enabled his company to gain a position from which its objective was taken with ease, thus contributing essentially to the success of our vital mission in this strategically important area. His unflinching devotion to duty throughout this action 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--Duluth, Minn.  
E-- " "

SBMw/perm.cit. and ltr fr GMC was presented to mother of the late Sgt. Warren D. Davies on 12 April 1946, at an informal ceremony at the Midwestern RecrDiv, Minneapolis, Minn.

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmPac Spot Ser. 61534  
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

FIELD MUSIC FIRST CLASS CARL R. DAVIS,  
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 K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. Although severely wounded early in the night by an enemy mortar shell and suffering intense pain, Field Music First Class Davis remained at his post in an exposed flank position throughout the night. When the enemy attempted to infiltrate the platoon's position, he contributed materially to the infliction of heavy losses on the Japanese with hand grenades. His fighting spirit, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
R. Claffin, Barton Co. Ka.  
B. Madison, Ka.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser 00435-45  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES L. DAVIS,  
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 Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. While his platoon was advancing over rugged terrain, Private First Class Davis volunteered to act as point although he knew that a numerically superior hostile force was waiting in ambush in a heavily wooded draw. After the enemy ambush had been repulsed, leaving a 37-mm. field piece, he voluntarily moved forward alone to cover his squad while they dismantled the gun. When a force of about fifty Japanese counterattacked, he staunchly held his ground, delivering effective rifle and grenade fire which annihilated nine of the enemy and enabled the squad to withdraw. By his courage, daring initiative and devotion to duty, Private First Class Davis upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..High Point, NC  
B..High Point, NC

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Cincpac  
Appd BoM 11-8-46  
Serial 30931  
Signed NOV 15 1946

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

**CORPORAL CHARLES W. DAVIS, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. Participating in a vigorous assault against a fanatically defended Japanese entrenchment, Corporal Davis boldly led his men up the face of a ridge through intense rifle grenade and machine-gun fire. With his platoon pinned down by the deadly barrages, he proceeded to an open, unprotected position, delivering a steady stream of bullets into the enemy and designating targets for supporting units until he fell, mortally wounded. His daring initiative, indomitable spirit and unwavering devotion to duty at grave personal risk were important factors in the destruction of many Japanese and in the success of his platoon's mission, and his heroic conduct throughout inspired the men with whom he served and reflected the highest credit upon Corporal Davis and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

**JAMES FORRESTAL**

BY THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
Secretary of the Navy

R--Amarillo, Texas  
B--Plainview, Texas

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F  
FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 44965  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DONALD B. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. When the enemy continued with small-arms and mortar fire during an attack on a strongly-held key terrain feature and disorganized his company, Second Lieutenant Davis was ordered to take command of a front line platoon whose controlling personnel had become casualties. Despite fierce hostile fire and a painful wound, he advanced to his new location and, moving about his platoon's position, replaced the squad leaders, group leaders and automatic riflemen who had been wounded. After rapidly reorganizing his unit, Second Lieutenant Davis personally emplaced a machine gun squad and several automatic riflemen in positions from which they were able to neutralize the enemy located in two well-concealed pillboxes confronting his platoon. Leading the assault, he participated in the destruction of these hostile posts. By his tactical skill and courageous leadership, he aided in restoring the company to an effective combat unit and contributed greatly to the reduction of the Japanese positions. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Sioux City, Iowa.  
B--Sioux City, Iowa.

For the President,

JOHN L. JULLIEN

Secretary of the Navy.

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CincPac  
Serial 004422  
Appd SofN 1-18-45  
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD B. DAVIS, JR., USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Engineer Platoon Leader attached to the First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. With his engineer unit assigned to fill a gap in the front lines as an assault rifle platoon during a vital attack on the enemy, First Lieutenant Davis courageously led his men in a bold, aggressive assault until extremely intense hostile fire halted the advance and struck down his scouts. Completely disregarding his own safety, he unhesitatingly crawled two hundred yards forward in the face of grave peril to locate the enemy resistance and forced the Japanese to disclose their position before he himself was mortally wounded. By his inspiring leadership and dauntless fighting spirit, First Lieutenant Davis enabled his platoon to capture its objective, and his self-sacrificing 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..San Diego, CA  
B..Stamford, CT

SSM, perm. cit. & ltr. fr. CMC pres'd on 29 June by the CO, San Diego, CA (Marine Corps Base, Nav. Operating Base), to the mother of the late 1st Lt. Davis, Mrs. Josephine Wilson, 3143 3rd Ave., San Diego, CA. Presentation was made at the weekly parade and review held at this Base.

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Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD F. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Carrier with a Machine Gun Platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by extremely heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from cleverly concealed positions and suffered very heavy casualties, Private First Class Davis recovered the squad's machine gun from the wounded gunner and moved to a position in front of the platoon despite serious wounds in the right arm. Sweeping the hostile positions with an intense hail of fire, he was able to neutralize the enemy fire sufficiently to allow the evacuation of the wounded and withdrawal of the Platoon, retiring only after rendering his weapon useless to the enemy. By his initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and untiring devotion to duty, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

r-Winnsboro, S.C.  
B-Camden, S.C.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

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4thMarineDiv  
Serial 14148

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

FIELD MUSIC FIRST CLASS EDWIN L. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Messenger of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 7 March 1945. When his assault platoon's mission was seriously jeopardized because of an ammunition shortage during an attack against a hostile strong point, Field Music First Class Davis acted on his own initiative to collect ammunition from the reserve platoon. Although painfully wounded, he made several trips through heavy enemy small-arms and machine-gun fire to transport and distribute it to the men of his unit in the front line. His initiative, unselfishness and personal courage reflect the highest credit on Field Music First Class Davis and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Clarkville, Ohio.  
B - Lebanon, Ohio.

Spot Award  
Serial 0588  
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

PRIVATE GEORGE T. DAVIS, 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 15, 1943. Voluntarily risking his life in an attempt to rescue a wounded comrade lying within a strongly defended enemy position, Private Davis hastily discarded his equipment and, with a companion, crawled to the side of the injured man despite a constant rain of intense hostile automatic weapons and rifle fire. Discovering that the Marine had succumbed to his wounds, Private Davis returned to his own lines and reported the death to his commanding officer. His courageous initiative, daring aggressiveness and great personal valor in the face of grave peril served as an inspiring example to his comrades and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Central Falls, Rhode Island.  
B - South Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HAROLD L. DAVIS,  
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, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When his platoon had suffered over fifty percent casualties from heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Second Lieutenant Davis constantly exposed himself to supervise the evacuation of his casualties, and, despite his own painful wounds, succeeded in directing the removal of all wounded of his unit. Reorganizing his group, he continued in command and, when the enemy counterattacked in strength later in the night, skillfully directs the defense of the position with the result that his platoon repulsed the enemy, accounting for approximately seventh-five Japanese annihilated. His aggressive fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Denton, Tex.  
B-Denton, Tex.

HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND  
FORT MILLS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

GENERAL ORDERS )

14 April, 1942.

Number.....24 )

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

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EUGENE G. HAYNES, 278613, Corporal, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. Corporal HAYNES is authorized to wear the Oak Leaf Cluster with his Silver Star (awarded by General Orders No. 21, Headquarters Philippine Coast Artillery Command, 6 April, 1942), in recognition of the following act of gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Corporal HAYNES, without regard for his personal safety voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work. Place of residence: St. Joseph, Missouri.

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

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HOUSTON L. DAVIS, 219708, Platoon Sergeant, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in  
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a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Platoon Sergeant DAVIS, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

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

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

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

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



8, 1938, the following-named officers and enlisted men are hereby awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 14, 1942:

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

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By command of Major General MOORE:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

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Each man.

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(Photostatic copy rec'd from Army sent to file on case of Corp. Eugene G. HAYNES 279813)(7-5-49)

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Appd SofN 12-20-43  
Signed JAN 30 1947

*see file*

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

CAPTAIN HOWARD L. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Prisoner of War on board the Japanese ship ORYOKU MARU when that vessel was bombed and grounded in Subic Bay off Luzon, Philippine Islands, on the morning of 15 December 1944. With survivors from the damaged enemy ship attempting to swim to shore against a strong current, Captain Davis immediately went to the assistance of three enlisted men and an officer and proceeded to tow them on a life raft toward the shore. Although the officer was mortally wounded by Japanese machine-gun fire during the operation, Captain Davis continued in his gallant efforts despite his own weakened condition and succeeded in reaching the beach with the four men still on board the raft. His courage and resolute concern for the welfare of his fellow prisoners of war was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Alliance, Ohio.  
B--Bergholz, Ohio.

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

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES H. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
Serial 88684  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES W. DAVIS,  
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 24 February to 3 March 1945. Braving heavy hostile machine-gun, grenade, mortar and artillery fire, Second Lieutenant Davis proceeded from squad to squad to issue detailed orders for the reduction of Japanese pillboxes. Then personally leading his platoon in the assault on a fanatically defended hostile airfield, he participated in fierce hand-to-hand fighting which resulted in the seizure of the enemy strong point. By his inspiring leadership and indomitable fighting spirit, he contributed materially to his platoon's success in seizing the objective. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Schoolcraft, Michigan,  
B--Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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SPOT  
Serial 20635  
Signed SEP 18 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MONROE R. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company and Adjutant of the First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 1 August 1944. Boldly organizing a patrol consisting of command post personnel in counter-attacking a Japanese patrol which was attacking the battalion command post, First Lieutenant Davis personally killed six Japanese soldiers and prevented the loss of any personnel of the command post. On numerous occasions, he bravely volunteered for patrols to destroy snipers which were interfering with the operation of the command post. His leadership, courage in the face of grave danger and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Woodridge, New York.,  
B--New York, New York.

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Spot Award.  
Serial 829.  
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

PRIVATE PETE P. DAVIS, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, during an engagement with enemy Japanese tank forces at the mouth of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 23, 1942. Although knocked approximately thirty feet when hostile artillery made a direct hit on the emplacement behind which he was firing, Private Davis courageously refused to leave the line until ordered to take a shell-shocked comrade to the sick bay. Returning immediately to the front, he carried out many hazardous tasks throughout the remainder of the night. His indomitable fighting spirit and loyal 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 - Brooklyn, New York.

B - Hastings, Pennsylvania, 1-30-1916.

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Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE QUENTIN R. DAVIS, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on November 3, 1942. Acting as a scout for Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, Private Davis, along with two other men, made contact with the enemy and came under vigorous fire from hostile machine guns, artillery and rifles. Knocking the Japanese completely out by means of hand grenades and rifle fire, he and his comrades compelled them to withdraw, leaving behind four pieces of light artillery which were captured. 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.

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...Rooney, Kentucky

B...Rooney, Kentucky

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ROBERT F. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 May 1945. During the fierce fighting in the Naha-Shuri sector, the platoon to which Corporal Davis's machine-gun section was attached was pinned down by heavy enemy fire in its third attempt to seize a fanatically defended position. Corporal Davis although wounded, voluntarily remained to supervise and assist in the evacuation of ten of his men. He then made several trips alone through heavy enemy fire to recover his machine gun and ammunition which were essential for the night defense. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. High Point, N. C.  
B. " " " "

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 1802  
Signed MAY 23 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT N. DAVIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, 10 June 1945. When his platoon was enfiladed by a hostile machine gun while crossing a stream bed during an assault on an enemy strong point, Second Lieutenant Davis advanced his platoon to its objective through intense fire and, despite heavy casualties, took up an exposed position and directed automatic rifle fire which annihilated the hostile crew and put the machine gun out of action. In the face of determined and relentless counterattacks, he consolidated his position, where he remained until severely wounded. His superb courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Davis and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Silver Spring, Maryland,  
B--Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ANTHONY J. DAWID,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Driver of a Flame Thrower equipped Amphibian Tractor of the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 16 September 1944. When his tractor was hit by a burst of enemy fire as he carried out operations in advance of our front lines, Corporal Dawid courageously remained in the damaged vehicle and, although one track was blown off, succeeded in slowly maneuvering it out of the forward area in the face of intense hostile artillery, mortar and small-arms fire to keep it from falling into enemy hands. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout, Corporal Dawid upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Fairfield, CT  
B..Fairfield, CT

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

SERGEANT J. D. DAWSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Unhesitatingly risking his life to attempt the rescue of a fellow Marine struck down by a bursting hostile shell and lying helpless in a fire-swept foxhole during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Sergeant Dawson boldly advanced to the dugout, carefully placed the wounded man on his shoulders and succeeded in carrying him to safety. Again braving the enemy's withering shellfire during a bitter engagement later that same day, he courageously pressed forward in an aggressive assault against a hostile pillbox but was mortally wounded while carrying out his perilous mission. His daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and valiant fighting spirit maintained in the face of tremendous odds served as an inspiration to his comrades and his self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon Sergeant Dawson and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Phoenix, Arizona,  
B--Ringling, Oklahoma.

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JAN 28 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT LESLIE J. DAY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When a night counterattack by the enemy penetrated the right of his company sector and opened a gap through which they began to enter our positions, Platoon Sergeant Day organized a seven-man squad from the support platoon and led it in an assault against the break through. Fighting with bayonets and hand grenades, he succeeded with the aid of his group in killing ten of the Japanese and closing the gap. Quickly reestablishing the position where it had been breached, he secured that sector of the company line against possible attack during the remainder of the night. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Day and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Park Rapids, Minn.,  
B--Lark, North Dak.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 12-10-45  
Serial - 004127  
Signed MAY 15 1946

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

MAJOR RICHARD M. DAY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in aerial flight as Commanding Officer of Marine Fighting Squadron THREE HUNDRED TWELVE, attached to Marine Aircraft Group THIRTY-THREE, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Ryukyu Islands Area, from 9 April to 14 May 1945. With Kadena Airfield under attack as he returned from a routine combat air patrol on 15 April, Major Day unhesitatingly led his division against the enemy planes, dispersing the entire hostile force. Pressing home vigorous attacks against Japanese gun emplacements, troop concentrations and transportation facilities on 17 and 23 April and 5 May, Major Day made repeated low-level strafing and rocket runs through intense barrages of antiaircraft fire, dropping bombs and napalm tanks on hostile strongpoints and providing support for our ground forces in the southern sector of Okinawa Shima. A skilled and daring leader throughout this critical period, Major Day led twenty-three additional combat air patrols to protect friendly shipping and installations from hostile suicide dive bombers, dispersing many Japanese aerial groups and aiding in decreasing the effectiveness of the suicidal assaults which had impeded our operations

on Okinawa. Leading sixteen planes in a bold strike against the airfield and installations at Kikaiga Shima on 14 May, as part of a diversionary mission designed to neutralize this field and thereby insure the success of a concurrent aerial attack against another important base, he plunged through withering Japanese fire in three forceful attacks, releasing rockets and strafing the enemy until his plane, struck by hostile fire, plunged to the ground in flames. His superb airmanship, fearless leadership, courage 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 Major Day and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Laramie, Wyoming.  
B--Laramie, Wyoming.

SSMw/perm cit ltr fr CMC was delivered widow of the late Major Day, ~~MM~~ Mrs. Richard Day, on 3Aug46 by CinC, USMC, DHRS, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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Appd SofN 1-10-48  
Serial 35063  
Signed JUN 11 1947

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

MAJOR WILLIAM R. DAY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer of the Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. When his battalion was executing a passage of lines under extremely heavy mortar, artillery and small-arms fire during a driving rain, Major Day moved forward to direct the assault companies where forward movement had all but ceased due to accurate and intense Japanese fire. Proceeding fearlessly among the officers and men, Major Day, by his coolness and daringness, inspired his men to heroic efforts in the successful continuation of the assault before he himself was fatally wounded by enemy fire. His indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Major Day and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Columbia, S.C.  
B--Trenton, S. C.

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CINCPAC SERIAL  
11887

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

CORPORAL ROY L. DEAL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Radio Operator in Company B, Fourth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. When forced to leave his vehicle after it had been wrecked by two direct hits from an enemy field piece during landing operations on Guam, Corporal Deal guided amphibian tractors to groups of wounded on the beach and assisted in the evacuation of the survivors. When a hospital corpsman became a victim of enemy fire while rendering first aid to other members of the Battalion, Corporal Deal immediately went to his assistance and, following the directions of the corpsman, carried out first aid activities until wounded by enemy sniper fire. His outstanding initiative, cool courage and selfless devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Omaha, Neb.  
B-Ravenna, Neb.

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Spot  
Approved SofN  
4-3-53-  
Ser 261

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

CORPORAL FRED L. DEAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery C, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. When a hostile antiboat gun was inflicting heavy casualties among friendly reinforcements landing on the shore, Corporal Dean fearlessly carried his pack howitzer forward to the limit of the heavily fortified beachhead and, promptly assembling the weapon under the enemy's incessant fire, launched an aggressive attack against a pillbox sheltering the enemy gun, succeeding in destroying the position with his accurate fire. By his indomitable fighting spirit, courageous initiative and unwavering devotion to duty, Corporal Dean contributed materially to the success of the mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

From Decorations & Medals Branch, USMC to:

Individual Record  
Publication of Information  
Marine Corps Gazette  
Leatherneck Magazine  
Headquarters Bulletin  
Division of Aviation

For the President,

R. B. ANDERSON

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Sayre, Okla.  
B - Berlin, Okla.

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Appd SofN 11-2-48  
4th MarDiv  
Serial 14148

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. DEAN,  
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, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. While his company was defending a vital sector of the Battalion front during a heavy enemy counterattack, Second Lieutenant Dean constantly exposed himself to intense mortar and rifle fire to coordinate the efforts of his platoon. Although painfully wounded in the head and eye while going to the aid of a wounded member of his unit, he remained in command of his platoon throughout the night and, by skillfully conducting the defense of his position despite intense hostile fire, contributed materially to the success of his platoon in repulsing the counterattack and in annihilating a number of the Japanese totaling twice the strength of his platoon. His courageous leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and staunch devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Second Lieutenant Dean and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Houston, Texas.  
B--McKeesport, Pa.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROLAND R. DEAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 7 May 1945. When the attack of his company against a strongly-defended enemy ridge was checked by a barrage of grenades coming from the forward slope of the ridge, Private First Class Dean coolly walked up to the crest of the ridge under intense hostile fire and, throwing grenades down on the enemy troops, forced them to retreat into caves, thereby enabling his company to occupy the ridge, outflank the hostile position and destroy it. Although seriously wounded while neutralizing the hostile position, he refused to be evacuated until the strong point was destroyed. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Waynesboro, Miss.  
B-Paulding, Miss.

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Spot award, 1942  
Serial 00192 APR 2 1943  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to  
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HENRY J. DeBOER, JR., U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marine Raider Battalion, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 8, 1942. While the Marines were engaged in combat along the Matanikau River, Private First Class DeBoer, becoming separated from his squad during the hostile attack, voluntarily attached himself to another platoon where, armed with an automatic rifle, he calmly took the enemy under fire and killed at least ten Japanese. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

*Released*

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...Brooklyn, New York

B...Brooklyn, New York

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Serial 46173  
Signed

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

PRIVATE SALVATORE A. DE CATALDO,  
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, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When his platoon's advance was halted by enfilading automatic fire from a hostile pillbox on the right flank, Private De Cataldo and three others of his group courageously charged the enemy position and, surprising the Japanese upon entering the pillbox, succeeded in bayoneting all four occupants. By his bravery, initiative and devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy and mortar and rocket fire during this action, he aided materially in enabling the front lines to move forward at a critical time of the assault, and his conduct upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Providence, R. I.,  
B--Providence, R. I.

WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Cincpac  
App. SofN 4 Jan. 1945  
Serial 004237  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN A. DECKER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 - 17 September 1944. When his entire battalion was held up by a strongly emplaced enemy pillbox on 16 September, Second Lieutenant Decker courageously volunteered to neutralize it and, leading a small patrol on this hazardous mission, succeeded in destroying two hostile machine guns with their crews. On the following day he led his rifle platoon in a furious assault against the ridge north of the airport and, upon discovering that an enemy machine gun farther up the crest was inflicting heavy casualties upon his flanking unit, daringly advanced alone under heavy fire and destroyed the hostile position with grenades. During a severe enemy counterattack that same night, Second Lieutenant Decker was killed as he arose to throw a grenade at an advancing Japanese. His aggressive fighting spirit and unwavering 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,

/s/ JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM & perm cit pres'd on 5-2-45 by Cincpac, San Antonio, Texas, to father of the late 2nd Lt. Decker, Mr. Charles W. Decker, 708 North Comanche St., San Marcos, Texas, in private ceremony at his home.

R--San Marcos, Texas.  
B--Wimberley, Texas.

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U.S. NAVY  
APR 1945

*Charles W. Decker*

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Serial 41646

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH J. DECKER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Refusing evacuation after being wounded twice, Private First Class Decker efficiently covered the advance of a demolition squad despite intense mortar and machine-gun fire and, upon completion of this mission, volunteered to join a patrol searching for enemy positions which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his company. After locating these positions, he immediately placed his gun in action, thereby containing the Japanese forces until his patrol could be reinforced to destroy the strong point. His outstanding courage 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--Columbus, Ohio.  
B--Flint, Michigan.

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SPOT  
Serial 79496

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

PRIVATE ERNEST R. DEDMON, JR.,  
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 Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 6 May 1945. After extremely heavy hostile machine-gun and mortar fire had forced the tactical withdrawal of the assault company, Private Dedmon volunteered with a comrade to go forward of friendly lines to bring back a wounded Marine who had been overlooked by the corpsmen. Undaunted by intense enemy fire and the difficult terrain, he ran approximately four hundred yards to reach the casualty and, upon finding that the man's left leg had been completely severed, assisted in applying a tourniquet fashioned from communication wire, and helped carry the wounded man on a poncho back to an aid station. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 12891  
Signed APR 28 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MYNARD G. DEEDS, USMCR.,

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, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 18 June 1944. Unhesitatingly volunteering to lead his men in a flanking movement when his platoon encountered an enemy strongpoint during a perilous advance, Private First Class Deeds valiantly pressed forward under a withering, intense barrage of hostile fire and charged the Japanese position, thereby relieving the fire on the rest of his platoon and enabling them to continue their advance against the enemy. Although mortally wounded during the fierce action, Private First Class Deeds, by his daring initiative and valiant fighting spirit, had contributed materially to the success of our forces in this hazardous operation, and his courageous 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--Bluffton, Ohio

SNM form cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 15 July by CincP, USMCDHRS, Rm 522, Fed'1Bldg.  
Bluffton, Ohio to the parents of the late PFC Deeds, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight W.  
Bluffton, Ohio, at formal ceremony at Rawson United Baptist's Church,  
Bluffton, Ohio. Family, friends and 9 man party from Lima Detachment, MCLeague,  
Bluffton, Ohio present.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT DAVID W. DEERFIELD,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Gunnery Sergeant of a Machine Gun Platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 28 February to 8 March 1945. When rocket launcher ammunition was urgently needed in the company's right flank platoon on 8 March, Platoon Sergeant Deerfield unhesitatingly volunteered to deliver the ammunition. Advancing under heavy enemy machine-gun fire, he was severely wounded while enroute and, although suffering great pain, continued his advance and completed his mission. His courageous initiative and disregard for personal safety which were important factors in bringing fire to bear upon the enemy and enabling his company to take its objectives with a minimum of casualties reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Deerfield and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Welch, W. Va.  
B - Williamson, W. Va.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT RAY M. DEES,  
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 Forward Observer Party of Battery F, Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 20 June 1944. When his Forward Observer was wounded and evacuated, Sergeant Dees immediately assumed command of the group and, while under constant rifle fire, skillfully led them two hundred yards forward of our front lines to direct gunfire which destroyed a hostile battery of four guns and an ammunition dump. Gaining the assistance of a radio operator on the night of 20 June, he bravely worked his way forward of the lines again in an attempt to locate and destroy another enemy battery which was harassing our troops. 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..Long Beach, CA  
B..Duncan, AZ

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Appd SofN 7-12-45  
Serial 04493  
Signed MAY 15 1946

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

CAPTAIN GEORGE C. DE FABIO,  
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 and Division Leader temporarily attached to Air Group EIGHTY-TWO on board the U. S. S. BENNINGTON, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Kure Naval Base, Japan, on 19 March 1945. Assigned to cover operations during a powerful strike against Japanese Fleet units, Captain DeFabio sighted a vastly outnumbering force of hostile aircraft while enroute to the target area and, immediately leading his division in furious counterattack despite the tremendous odds, braved a withering barrage of hostile antiaircraft fire to press home a vigorous attack which resulted in the destruction of nine enemy planes and the damaging of seven others. Boldly continuing the fierce engagement, he repeatedly struck with determined aggressiveness as he fought off hostile aircraft intent upon destroying the damaged planes of his squadron teammates and aided in the rescue of one pilot and the safe return to base of all but two of the original strike group. By his brilliant leadership and daring combat tactics, Captain DeFabio contributed materially to the success of his squadron in this hazardous mission and his great personal valor in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cleveland Heights, Ohio.  
E--Cleveland, Ohio.

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Serial 46919  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT ERNEST L. DE FAZIO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Guide of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. While moving up to attack hostile forces in the vicinity of Motoyama Airfield, Sergeant De Fazio's platoon came under heavy enemy artillery fire while crossing an airplane taxiway. Although he and the leading elements of the unit had crossed to comparative safety, the remainder of the platoon was pinned down by the intense hostile fire. Despite the extreme personal peril involved, Sergeant De Fazio courageously rushed across the taxiway in the face of intense fire and rallied the remaining men to follow him back across the way and continue the attack against the Japanese. His cool courage and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Athol, Massachusetts.  
B--Athol, Massachusetts.

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Serial-35255  
AppdSofN-9-20-45  
Signed JUL 21 1946

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

CORPORAL FRANK DEGLIEQUI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Group Leader in a Marine Rifle Platoon, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 20 to 28 February 1945. Threatened by entrenched Japanese who were about to fire upon his unit and disrupt the establishment of friendly defense lines, Corporal Degliequi advanced alone to a position from which he killed one of the enemy and forced the others to withdraw. Pressing his attack with hand grenades, he held ground against an answering hostile onslaught until joined by friendly riflemen and, charging upon the hostile stronghold, he and his men demolished the remaining enemy, thereby securing the area for their platoon. A capable leader, Corporal Degliequi served with unwavering devotion to duty and vallant fighting spirit until fatally wounded on 28 February. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to For the President,  
Mrs. Romano Degliequi, mother of the late  
Corp. Degliequi, informally on 23 Sep 46 JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
by the Cinc, USMC DHRS, Syracuse, N.Y.

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--Corning, New York.  
B--Corning, New York.

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FMFPas  
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Serial 00396  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALVIN E. DEGNITZ,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman in an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. During an advance by his platoon, Private First Class Degnitz attacked and annihilated four enemy riflemen in a trench and then, although wounded twice during the action, continued to advance with his unit. Exposing himself further, despite his wounds, he destroyed an enemy machine gun with a hand grenade and tenaciously persevered in his determined effort to give battle to the enemy, remaining in the assault until all the Japanese positions had been seized and he was ordered evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Degnitz and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Spencer, Wisc.  
E--Spokeville, Wisc.

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

CORPORAL CYRUS H. DE HART,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 25 February 1946. When the Japanese attempted a night infiltration of our lines, Corporal DeHart voluntarily left his foxhole, despite the heavy grenade, mortar and rifle fire blanketing the area, to assist in the evacuation of five wounded Marines from a machine-gun position which had been rendered ineffective by enemy action. Again braving the hostile fire in company with another Marine, he valiantly made his way to the abandoned machine gun, put it back in action in another position and poured a devastating stream of fire which materially aided in halting the enemy advance. His resolute courage, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his comrades and reflect great credit upon Corporal DeHart and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

H - Houma, Louisiana  
B - Bayou La Large, Louisiana

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

PRIVATE HARRY J. DE HAVEN,  
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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 26 February 1945. When intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire halted the advance of his platoon and destroyed all communications, Private De Haven volunteered to carry a message to the Company Command Post two hundred yards to the rear. Negotiating the hazardous route, he delivered the message and returned to the front lines just as an artillery barrage started to land near his Platoon Leader. Courageously throwing himself over the Marine, he protected him from shrapnel although the pack he was wearing was completely destroyed. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Erie, dPa.  
B- McKeesport, Pa  
16 Nov. 1918

Citation only

L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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

SERGEANT STANLEY J. DEKA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cleveland, Ohio  
B - Colebrook, Ohio

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

**SERGEANT CARL S. DEKLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Section Chief of a 75-mm. Gun Half-track of Weapons Company, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 6 January 1944. During a coordinated attack against a strong enemy road block, Sergeant Dekle conducted his half-track across a sand spit in the face of intense hostile fire and, keeping his vehicle abreast of the assault troops, directed his crew in delivering accurate fire at point-blank range. Repeatedly braving sniper, antitank and heavy machine-gun fire throughout the engagement, he inspired his unit to exert maximum effort in assisting to capture and destroy the enemy position. By his personal courage, bold leadership and staunch devotion to duty, Sergeant Dekle upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

**DAN A. KIMBALL**

Secretary of the Navy.

416485  
DGP-298-pam

Appr. SofN 3-22-44  
Serial 00471  
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

PRIVATE DON K. DE LANEY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as an automatic rifleman attached to a Combat Patrol of the Ninth Marines during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on November 7, 1943. When his patrol, operating along the Numa Numa-Five Trail, encountered a company of Japanese infantry, Private Delaney and another Marine skillfully attacked and killed an enemy grenadier and then put a hostile machine-gun nest out of action. Wounded in the leg by a hostile sniper, Private Delaney killed his assailant and, although suffering acutely from his injury, joined a comrade in attacking and destroying another machine-gun nest. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he continued to expose himself to enemy attack by machine guns and snipers in order to fire effectively through heavy jungle growth. Dauntlessly persisting in his efforts to complete his perilous mission, he was mortally wounded by a bursting grenade but continued to fire at the enemy until he died. Private Delaney's great personal valor and unswerving devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Phoenix, Arizona  
B - Havelock, N. D.

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DGP-298-ec

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 79496

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

PRIVATE ALBERT DELGADO,  
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. When all the men in his squad became casualties during a hostile counterattack and were evacuated, Private Delgado remained in the squad, although wounded himself, to aid in repelling the enemy. While under intense hostile fire, he manned alternately an automatic rifle and a machine gun from different positions in order to deceive the enemy as to the strength of the defense position, thereby successfully holding off the counterattack until replacements arrived. His outstanding 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---Bakersfield, California

B---Bakersfield, California

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

SERGEANT ROGER J. DELISLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 5 March 1945. Discovering the location of a high velocity enemy fieldpiece which was inflicting heavy casualties on the battalion command post, aid station and dump, in addition to menacing a nearby road junction Sergeant Delisle skillfully directed the fire of his mortars against the powerful weapon and, by personally checking the firing data of his guns and then racing to a nearby knoll to observe the fall of shells, constantly adjusted his fire until his shells were hitting the target. Disregarding the furious counterbattery of the Japanese, he continued to encourage his men and insure a rapid supply of ammunition until, by his outstanding technical ability and dauntless leadership, he had succeeded in laying the fire of his mortars directly on the hostile gun, killing the crew and destroying the weapon. Instantly killed by a bursting shell while setting up new positions, Sergeant Delisle had contributed essentially to the effectiveness of his company's operations in this area and his conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Manchester, New Hampshire.

B--Manchester, New Hampshire.

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT  
Serial 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM C. DELK, JR.,  
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 F, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. Observing that enemy rifle and machine-gun fire was causing many casualties and delaying his company during an advance through heavily-defended enemy territory, Sergeant Delk moved forward and destroyed two hostile machine-gun positions along with eight of the enemy troops, thereby enabling the company to continue its advance. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Nashville, Tenn.  
B--Opp, Ala.

DGP-298-f1

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 103206  
Signed MAY 2 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS A. DEL NINNO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer, attached to Battery C, First Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 25 February 1945. Engaged in directing supporting fires for an assault rifle company when he observed an enemy mortar shell strike an adjacent artillery observation team and severely wound the officer in charge, First Lieutenant Del Ninno promptly rushed forward to rescue the shocked and wounded officer who was running toward Japanese lines. Halting the man and pulling him into a shell crater, he rendered first aid and, with no other assistance available, personally carried his wounded comrade two hundred yards through hostile fire to the safety of his own unit. After the completion of this task, he immediately returned to an exposed position in his observation post and continued to direct artillery fire on the enemy until the success of the assault rifle company was assured. His courage, skill in combat and unselfish conduct reflect great credit upon First Lieutenant Del Ninno and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Medford, MA  
B..Boston, MA

Retirement case. No correspondence received.

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R  
Cinopac.  
SPOT  
Ser. 0647

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

SERGEANT EARL G. DE LONG,  
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, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. With his platoon disorganized under the enemy's concentrated shellfire during the fierce hostilities, Sergeant De Long immediately conducted a skillful reorganization despite the shattering barrage and, leading his men forward in brilliantly executed attacks, succeeded in neutralizing ten Japanese strong points with well-placed demolition charges. By his daring initiative, forceful and inspiring leadership and cool courage in the face of tremendous odds, Sergeant De Long contributed immeasurably to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold, 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

R--Menasha, Wis.,  
B--Hurley, Wis.

Secretary of the Navy.

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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

CORPORAL EARL R. DE LONG, 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 Japa-  
nese forces in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz  
Islands on October 26, 1942. Although gravely  
wounded by an exploding bomb, Corporal DeLong,  
despite acute pain and waning strength, stood  
manly by his battle station on board the carrier  
and manned an anti-aircraft gun until all other  
injured personnel had been attended. Unwilling  
to withdraw from the engagement and allow him-  
self to be transferred to a destroyer with other  
casualties, he remained at his gun throughout  
the duration of the action. His heroic devotion  
to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions  
of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

That portion of the  
above citation under-  
lined in red should not  
be given either verbally  
or in writing to any per-  
son without the permission  
of the officer in charge  
of the Decorations and  
Medals Division.

R - Highland Park, Penn.

B - Bristol, Pennsylvania.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT EWING A. DE MANGE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of a Rifle Company attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 7 March 1945. Assigned command of a rifle platoon whose leader had become a casualty, Second Lieutenant DeMange immediately reorganized the platoon and, despite heavy enemy mortar and small-arms fire, personally led his group forward of the remainder of the company. Observing members of a litter party advancing in the direct path of hostile fire, he unhesitatingly stepped forward to warn them of their danger, losing his own life in the performance of this gallant deed. By his heroic conduct and self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of others, Second Lieutenant DeMange upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bloomington, Illinois,  
B--

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT  
Serial 0890  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 5 1947

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT PETER F. DE MARIA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the Marine Detachment as Control Officer  
of two antiaircraft guns on board the U.S.S. CABOT,  
against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the  
Philippine Islands, on 25 November 1944. Although  
wounded by a bomb explosion during a heavy attack  
by Japanese aircraft, Gunnery Sergeant De Maria heroical-  
ly directed the care of the wounded and reorganized  
his gun crews to deliver effective fire during the  
succeeding action, refusing medical attention until  
all threat of further attack had passed. His initia-  
tive and courage were in keeping with the highest  
traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Geneva, N.Y.,  
B--Geneva, N.Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-fm

Cincpac  
SPOT  
Serial 12787  
Signed AUG 4 1947

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

CORPORAL SANDY DE MARINO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 23 June 1944. Wounded while leading a group of Marines in clearing out snipers holding up an advance, Corporal DeMarino, refusing medical treatment, heroically continued to advance and, although forced to fire his rifle with one hand, succeeded in eliminating all enemy resistance in the area, thereby enabling his platoon to move forward. By his courage and determined efforts despite intense pain, Corporal DeMarino contributed materially to the success of his company's mission and his unflinching 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.--Greensburg, Penn.  
B.--Greensburg, Penn.

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 1-11-45  
Serial 004324  
Signed APR 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARVIN L. DE MARSCHÉ, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Gunner serving with the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 24 and 25 July 1944. With nine gunners in his section either killed or seriously wounded during a series of vicious counterattacks by the enemy against his company's position, Private First Class DeMarsche remained steadfast at his weapon and directed a steady, withering stream of fire against the fanatical onrushing Japanese. Although wounded four times during the night by hostile small arms and hand grenades, he stoically refused to leave his post and, fighting a valiant battle, personally accounted for at least twenty of the enemy before he was mortally wounded shortly before dawn. By his cool courage, unflinching devotion to duty and great personal valor in the face of grave peril, Private First Class DeMarsche assisted materially in preventing a hostile break-through of our lines, and his selfless 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,

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 27 May 1945 by CO, MB, USNS, Seattle 99, Wash. to the sister of the late PFC. DeMarsche, Miss Correne E. DeMarsche, 859 Renton Highlands, Renton, Wash. at informal presentation. Local papers represented at presentation.

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cheyenne, Wyoming.  
B--White River, South Dakota.

039608  
DGP-POR-cag

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 1-31-46  
Serial 53044  
Signed MAR 28 1947

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

*posthumously*  
SECOND LIEUTENANT DOUGLAS W. DEBLER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 May 1946. When an attack was launched against a strong enemy force which was well established in coral recesses along a precipitous ridge, Second Lieutenant Debler repeatedly exposed himself to intense Japanese artillery and small-arms fire to maneuver elements of his unit into positions from which more accurate fire could be delivered on the enemy emplacements. Mortally wounded while leading his platoon in the face of withering fire, Second Lieutenant Debler by his professional skill, courage and valiant fighting spirit, contributed to the seizure of the enemy strong point 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-- Watchung, New Jersey.  
R-- Plainfield, New Jersey.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 42768  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EARL DENT, 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 of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 22 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire from five or six pillboxes on a ridge to the front, Private First Class Dent volunteered to lead tanks up to aid the company. Under intense hostile fire, he reconnoitered the enemy position and leading forward the tanks enabled them to destroy the pillboxes and clear the way for the company's advance. His courage, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Charleston, W. Va.,  
B--Springhill, W. Va.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 10-4-45  
Serial 35231  
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN D. DEMPSEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer, attached to Battery B, First Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. In order to maintain his observation post on the crest of a ridge in the infantry front lines in the face of a withering mortar barrage, Second Lieutenant Dempsey went forward with the field telephone and wire and efficiently brought artillery fire against the enemy mortars which were blasting Marine infantrymen. Refusing to permit the enlisted men of his forward observation team to expose themselves, he continued to observe and was watching the effect of the artillery barrage he had fired when he was mortally wounded by fragments from an enemy mortar shell. His heroic self-sacrifice and cool courage throughout reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Dempsey and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSMW/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the mother of the late 2dLt. Dempsey, Mrs. Helen Dempsey, at a parade at the MB, Phila., Pa., on 25Oct46 by the Cmdt, 4thNavDist.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Carney's Point, New Jersey.  
B--Carney's Point, New Jersey.

Approved SofN 5-26-44  
Serial 2542  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN JAMES L. DENIG, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Fourth Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on January 31, 1944. Assuming command of eight light tanks immediately upon landing, Captain Denig skillfully directed the vehicles in a closely coordinated attack by tanks and infantry and, laboriously pushing into dense woods and almost impenetrable underbrush, enabled some of the tanks to break through to more open terrain, routing out and destroying numerous Japanese during the hazardous advancement. When he halted his tank to reconnoiter and was fatally wounded as a result of a sudden, vicious enemy attack, his wrecked machine marked the farthest advance of the infantry that day. Captain Denig's great personal valor, inspiring leadership and indomitable fighting spirit contributed in large measure to the progress of the infantry forces 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 - Sandusky, Ohio.

B - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gen. Waller pres'd SS & perm. cit. to Gen. Denig (father) without ceremony on 21 JULY 1944.

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 4-23-45  
Serial 2277  
Signed AUG 29 1945

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

CORPORAL W. L. DENMAN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader of a Rifle Platoon 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 10 July 1944. When his company was pinned down on the final objective, Corporal Denman skillfully maneuvered his men into effective firing positions against well-concealed enemy riflemen at close range, thereby enabling his group to evacuate seriously wounded Marines. Subsequently leading a patrol to mop up pockets of resistance along the beach, he successfully cleared the area of hostile troops, fearlessly exposing himself to take at least twenty-five prisoners. By his heroic fighting spirit and cool courage under fire, Corporal Denman contributed essentially to the ultimate success of our vital mission on this strategically important Japanese stronghold, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC were pres <sup>to the son</sup> for the President, the late Corp Denman by request of his widow, Mrs. W.L. Denman, 167 High St., Portsmouth, N.H., by the CO, Portsmouth, N.H. on 11-10-48. JAMES FORRESTAL  
Inf pres:CO was acc by Ex. Officer, <sup>USNA, Navy Yard, Portsmouth.</sup> Secretary of the Navy.

R--Charleston, Miss.  
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SPOT  
Serial 0558  
Signed JAN 30 1948

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT EUGENE M. DENNIS,  
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 during action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 April 1945. Although having been shot down the previous day, Second Lieutenant Dennis volunteered to fly a mission over enemy territory and, when Japanese planes were sighted, engaged and destroyed three enemy planes in three minutes. His superb airmanship 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..Decatur, IL  
B..Decatur, IL

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 6688  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS J. DENNIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Demolitions Officer in Charge of an Engineer Platoon of the First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Group, 15 September 1944. Fearlessly exposing himself to enemy fire on numerous occasions, Second Lieutenant Dennis personally directed and led his men in blowing up enemy-occupied caves and emplacements. Later, while the battalion advanced over very difficult terrain broken by steep ridges and heavily defended draws, he moved forward of our lines and placed charges in caves which were holding up our advance and causing heavy casualties. Again while exposed to enemy fire, he directed the blasting of a path for our tanks up a coral ravine, enabling the tanks to advance to a firing position and thus support the attacking troops. His aggressive fighting spirit, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Pa. ✓  
B--Sayre, Pa.

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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 721 AUG 5 1943  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALBERT F. DePASQUALE, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces during an attack on Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 27, 1942. Covering the advance of his platoon as they forded the Matanikau River, in a counterattack on enemy positions, Private First Class DePasquale daringly left his defiladed position, exposing himself to Japanese rifles and machine guns, in order to get a more effective field of fire for his weapon. Holding off the enemy with his automatic rifle, he enabled his platoon to advance until, in a sudden burst of enemy machine-gun fire, he was critically wounded. His courageous initiative and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R - Cayuga, New York.

B - Syracuse, New York.

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SPOT  
Serial 15909  
Signed OCT 28 19

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

SERGEANT ADELBERT V. DE PUY,  
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, Twentieth Marines (Engineer), Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 6 July 1944. Assuming command of his platoon in the absence of his platoon leader, Sergeant DePuy skillfully organized and directed an assault against a heavily fortified Japanese-held cave which was retarding the advance of our forces. Fully aware of the extreme danger, he personally placed a demolition charge and, following the explosion, proceeded to the area to ascertain the extent of damage. Seriously wounded by a hostile grenade, he refused assistance and valiantly continued directing his platoon until it was safely evacuated from the area. By his daring initiative, inspiring leadership and outstanding fortitude in the face of grave peril, Sergeant DePuy contributed essentially to the success of our operations against 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP-298-ec

F  
FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 00436

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

CORPORAL GEORGE DERDERIAN,  
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, from 15 to 29 September 1944. When hostile forces in a by-passed pillbox threw out grenades and wounded a Marine during the initial landing, Corporal Derderian braved the intense enemy fire to advance toward the fortification and neutralize it by setting off demolition charges, thus eliminating a serious threat to the successful landing of succeeding waves of our troops. Skillfully working his way up the side of an enemy-held hill on another occasion, he set off demolition charges and destroyed two large caves, an ammunition dump and killed many of the enemy whose fire had been retarding the advance of our troops. Repeating his hazardous trip up the hill a second time, he blew up a fieldpiece and a machine gun, thereby contributing materially to the successful capture of this hill. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Illinois

B--Chicago, Illinois

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EMFspot Ser. 46924  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE I. DE REE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

8 "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Fifth Pioneer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 18 March 1945. Operating a .50 caliber machine gun in support of an advance by his company, Private First Class DeRee observed that heavy hostile automatic fire had suddenly opened up on the company from a position out of range of his weapon. Promptly stripping the weapon from its mount and placing it on a fire-swept rocky ledge from which the enemy position could be fired on, he secured a gunner to squat behind the ledge and operate the weapon while personally lying on top of the weapon in order to hold it down and steady it. By his resolute courage in exposing himself to hostile fire, Private First Class DeRee contributed materially to neutralizing the automatic fire and removing heavy enemy pressure from the company. 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-Indianapolis, Ind.  
B-Indianapolis, Ind.

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DGP-298-bz

Spot Award  
Serial 0854 *Com. Sec. Flt*  
Signed SEP 14 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEPHEN DERVARICS, JR., USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of a machine-gun crew serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 3, 1944. When three men of his squad were wounded while crossing a jungle stream in an attempt to drive the enemy from strongly defended positions, Private First Class Dervarics courageously entered the hazardous waters three times under heavy automatic fire and, through his heroic efforts and unflinching determination, succeeded in carrying his comrades to safety. Private First Class Dervarics' splendid initiative and selfless conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Allentown, Pennsylvania.  
B - Allentown, Pennsylvania.

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Section  
II

Awards of the Silver Star . . . . .

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 enlisted man:

ROBERT A. DESFORGES, (357019), Sergeant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, while singly assaulting an enemy position in the face of heavy fire, and capturing an enemy machine gun on 10 July 1943. Home Address: Ware, Massachusetts.

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.

DISTRIBUTION: "A"

R ... Ware, Massachusetts.  
B ... Ware, Massachusetts.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL PASQUALY E. DE STEFANO,  
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. Unable to find a gunner when a hostile tank penetrated our lines and caused numerous casualties as it ran through the platoon area, Corporal DeStefano immediately grabbed a bazooka and, running from his position of safety to get a better field of fire, succeeded in completely disabling the enemy tank with a direct hit. Although wounded by shell fragments before knocking the tank out, he bravely continued firing until his mission was completed. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Brooklyn, N.Y.  
B- Brooklyn, N.Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy,

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Appd SofN 1-1-45  
Serial 004084  
Signed MAR 22 1945

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

CORPORAL MARX D. DETROY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while acting as Staff Sergeant of a Platoon of Assault Engineers serving with the Twenty-Second Marines, First Provisional Marine Brigade, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Skillfully utilizing his extensive knowledge of assault engineering tactics, Corporal Detroy molded the men in his unit into a superb fighting team during the period of indoctrination prior to actual operations, instilling in them a high degree of combat efficiency. Subsequently landing with his group under an intense barrage of hostile rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire which had destroyed several of our landing craft and killed many of the embarked troops, he courageously advanced upon the Japanese emplacement with demolition charges and succeeded in annihilating the enemy objective before he was fatally wounded by hostile fire. Corporal Detroy's inspiring leadership and valiant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springerton, Illinois

B--Dexter, Missouri

perm.cit. & itr.fr. GMC pres'd 5/22/45 by OinC, USMCDHI&RS, Rm108, Court & CustomHouse, 1114 Market St., St. Louis 1, Mo. to the father of the Corp. Detroy, Mr. Benjamin Detroy, Rt.1, Springerton, Ill. Delivered mally at home with immediate members of the family present.

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Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 52017  
Signed FEB 26 1947

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

CORPORAL LEO A. DETTOR,  
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. When his company was retarded by intense and accurate enemy machine-gun fire emanating from a large reinforced concrete pillbox, Corporal Dettor, assisted by another Marine, assaulted the position across open terrain, silencing the weapon with hand grenades and then entering the position to destroy the five Japanese occupants. By his courageous actions and valiant devotion to duty, Corporal Dettor materially assisted in the capture of commanding ground which insured the successful completion of his company's mission, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Allquippa, Penna.  
B- Herminie, Penna.

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CincPac  
Serial 12629  
Appd SofN 1-25-45  
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRED DEVENNEY, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Combat Patrol serving with the Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 14 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Devenney rendered vallant service during operations on this strategically important island. As a member of a squad with limited fire power and demolitions, he was assigned to mopping up operations in Target Area 561 and, repeatedly exposing himself in order to draw fire from the caves, was instrumental in the destruction of twelve Japanese and the burning in caves of an untold number of the enemy before he was mortally wounded. By his self-sacrificing spirit and daring initiative in seeking out the enemy, Private First Class Devenney contributed materially to the ultimate success of this vital campaign. His vallant 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,

*B. Artemus L. Gates*

Secretary of the Navy.

*Acting*

R--Watertown, Mass.  
B--Somerville, Mass.

W, perm cit, ltr fr OES pres by CO, Boston, Mass., 10-19-45 to the  
parents of the late PFC Devenney, Mr and Mrs Devenney. Form pres at NDKs,  
Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

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DGP-298-eln

Spot Award  
Serial 0058  
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

CORPORAL RICHARD H. DEVENNEY, USMCR., *Released*

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 numerically superior enemy Japanese forces near Koi-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. When a close enemy shell-burst disorganized his squad and knocked him from the left flank machine gun of which he was in charge, Corporal Devenney immediately returned to his post and, although bleeding and suffering acute pain, courageously resumed control and continued to direct the fire of his gun, refusing to be evacuated until heavy casualties had been inflicted on the enemy and the hostile counterattack had been repulsed. Corporal Devenney's splendid initiative and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fierce engagement were inkeeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Omaha, Neb.

B...Tulsa, Okla.

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Appd SofN 9-21-48  
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Serial 52526

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH E. DEVILLEZ,  
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, on 20 and 21 February 1945. Although his left hand was rendered useless when shrapnel from a hostile artillery shell blew an automatic rifle out of his hands, Private First Class Devillez picked up another weapon and, advising no one of his wound, continued in the attack. Despite this handicap and his painful condition, he directed skillful and accurate fire which killed several of the enemy before he was evacuated. His aggressive fighting spirit and staunch devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Devillez and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tell City, Indiana.  
B--Cannelton, Indiana.

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

PRIVATE HOWARD A. DEVOLL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Headquarters Battalion, Fifth Marine Division and serving with an infantry regiment in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. While under a heavy enemy mortar barrage, Private Devoll observed a wounded Marine lying in an area covered by snipers and, leaving his foxhole at the risk of his life, advanced into the intense rifle and mortar fire to the aid of his comrade. Unable to bring him back because of the heavy fire, he stayed with the wounded man in an exposed position until the mortar barrage lifted and then brought him through the sniper fire to safety. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

C. S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Newark, Ohio  
B - Newark, Ohio

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Spot Award  
Serial 00314 NOV 17 1944  
Signed

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HECTOR DE ZAYAS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 21, 1943. Ordered to execute a reconnaissance in force of Japanese positions, Lieutenant Colonel ~~de~~ Zayas' battalion was halted during a river crossing by overwhelming fire from Japanese bunker positions concealed in the jungles and swamps. Boldly advancing to the forefront of the battle and finding that his force was opposed by a reinforced hostile position, he vigorously engaged the Japanese with a part of his battalion and by-passed the enemy's position with the remainder. Proceeding with his reconnaissance, he discovered a second Japanese battalion in support of the first and, after determining the hostile scheme of defense and locating the key defensive positions, disengaged his battalion from action with minimum casualties. By his valiant leadership and brilliant tactics, Lieutenant Colonel ~~de~~ Zayas gained valuable information which made possible the destruction of the enemy's fortifications prior to the regimental attack, and his inspiring conduct throughout the operation was 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--New York City, N. Y.

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-20-45  
Serial 35616  
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT DEYA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of an Engineer Squad of Company A, Fourth Engineer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Assigned with two companions to clear a mined area in the vicinity of his landing team's ammunition dump to safeguard amphibian tractors unloading supplies, Private First Class Deya carried out his duties with consistent skill and daring despite the enemy's vicious shellfire. When a nearby ammunition dump received a direct hit, he unhesitatingly proceeded to the blazing area to assist others in scattering unexploded ammunition boxes and, working tirelessly and with superb courage as the enemy continued to lay down a terrific mortar barrage, was fatally wounded when another hostile shell struck the dump. By his bold initiative, great personal valor and heroic efforts in the face of great peril, Private First Class Deya served as an inspiration to his 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--Milwaukee, Wisconsin

B--Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Cincpac  
App. SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 132  
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

<sup>CARLOS</sup>  
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ~~CARLO~~ DIACETIS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 26 July 1944. During the night when his company was attacked from the rear by a group of the enemy, Private First Class Diacetis promptly turned his machine gun around under intense enemy fire and, fighting his weapon skillfully and with courageous determination, repelled three fierce Banzi attacks and continued to fight off the Japanese until he was mortally wounded. Private First Class Diacetis' splendid technical ability and valliant conduct in the face of grave personal peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Troy, New York.  
B--Vermont, N.H.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by Cinc, USMC DHIRS, Nm 411, PO  
Albany 1, N.Y. on 19Sep45 to the widow of the late PFC Diacetis,  
Carlo Diacetis, 2746 Sixth Ave., Troy, N.Y. Informal pres. Repre-  
satives of the press present with releases published. Mrs. Diacetis  
requested no pictures be taken.

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 13001  
Signed AUG 10 1947

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM T. DICKERSON,  
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 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, Corporal Dickerson 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, Corporal Dickerson 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--Durham, N.C.  
B--Durham, N.C.

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Cincpac  
SPOT  
Serial 01446  
Signed AUG 29 1947

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

SERGEANT HOWARD C. DICKEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D (Scout), Fourth Tank Battalion, Division Special Troops, Fourth Marine Division, in action against the enemy Japanese on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Island, on 22 February 1944. With the advance of his company halted by relentless enemy fire from brush-covered entrenchments, Sergeant Dickey unhesitatingly led part of his company through the dense thickets in a vicious thrust against the concealed hostile positions, successfully destroying the underground Japanese fortifications and their trapped defenders. By his cool courage in the face of hidden dangers, aggressive leadership and unswerving devotion to duty, he contributed materially to furthering the advance of his company and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Enhaut, Pa.  
B--Harrisburg, Pa.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY E. DICKINSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Battery D, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 21 to 23 November 1943. Constantly exposing himself to shattering machine-gun, mortar and sniper fire while acting as a Forward Observer for advancing front line units, First Lieutenant Dickinson labored tirelessly and with superb skill to direct the fires of his artillery battalion, carrying on valiantly for a period of two days and nights of bitter offensive action, often in advance of our assaulting forces. With approaches to his position under constant shellfire and two members of his party casualties, he requested that relief not be sent and further lives endangered. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and cool and courageous action in the face of tremendous odds, First Lieutenant Dickinson contributed materially 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,

R--Vebley, S. MD.  
B--Fullerton, N. D.

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

LV

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. DICKINSON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of an Anti-Tank Battery attached to the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces at Borgen Bay, New Britain, on 27 December 1943. When an enemy breakthrough suddenly threatened as his battery moved without organic weapons or machine guns into a defensive position on the flank of the front lines after carrying ammunition all the previous night, Captain Dickinson fearlessly led his men into the battle lines to within twenty-five yards of hostile machine guns and heroically fought the enemy despite the lack of foxholes and emplacements. Captain Dickinson's inspiring leadership and unflinching courage in the face of grave danger contributed materially to the frustration of the hostile attack, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Buena Vista, Virginia.  
B-South Boston, Virginia.

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Spot Award  
Serial 00817  
Signed OCT 26 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRED L. DI DOMENICO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTA'

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Holloway, Ohio  
B-- " "

Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES W. DIETERICH, JR., USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*R. ...*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 14, 1942. When a Marine bivouac area came under intense and prolonged bombardment by a number of Japanese ships and a major caliber projectile struck an occupied dugout, Private First Class Dieterich, along with four other men, unhesitatingly set to work to rescue two Marines who had been buried under an avalanche of debris. Under continuous shellfire and aerial attack, the crew persisted for nearly an hour in digging out and removing logs until the entrapped men were unearthed. One had been killed by the shell hit, but the other, due to the quick thinking and untiring efforts of Private First Class Dieterich and his comrades, was undoubtedly saved from death by suffocation."

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...Catonsville, Maryland

B...Baltimore, Maryland

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

CORPORAL ANDREW N. DI FILIPPO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Battalion Runner serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands Area, from 19 February to 14 March 1946. Fearlessly disregarding all personal safety, on 28 February, and again on 10 March, Corporal Di Filippo advanced under a furious barrage to render first aid to a Marine casualty, subsequently carrying the wounded man to safety on each instance. Consistently alert in his performance of duty, he exercised his own initiative, when a furious bombardment from well-concealed Japanese positions pinned down an attacking company and caused serious casualties on 14 March and, running to a tank near-by to designate the position to the gunner, coolly remained at his post under a direct concentration of enemy fire and directed the tank's fire on new targets until he fell mortally wounded. By his exemplary fortitude and self-sacrificing devotion to the completion of important and dangerous missions, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

RE THE CO. AREA. BUTTERFIELD'S 38.  
MEMBER OF THE 1946 GOLD. W. X. DI FILIPPO ON 10/11/46 SA 9 041000  
R--Ardmore, Pa.  
E--Minersville, Pa.

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Serial - 34079  
Signed PR 12 1946

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

CORPORAL RICHARD C. DI GIACOMO,  
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 in Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, 28 February 1945. When the rifle platoon of which his squad was a part was pinned down by terrific machine-gun and rifle fire, Corporal DiGiacomo dauntlessly exposed himself to the slashing fury of hostile counterfire to reorganize and rally his men and lead them forward to their objective. With his zealous fighting spirit undiminished despite the heavy casualties suffered under the unabating fury of the enemy's barrage, he directed covering fire for the advance of the rest of the platoon, thus closing a gap between his company and the rifle company on the left and assuring a more secure battalion front. By his dauntless spirit and great personal valor Corporal DiGiacomo contributed materially to the success of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Pelham, New York.  
B-Brooklyn, New York.

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Serial 6068 29 1948  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN DI LAVORE,  
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, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 10 July 1944. After crossing a fire-swept, open field to secure a hospital corpsman and badly needed blood plasma for several of his wounded comrades, Private First Class Di Lavore recrossed the field to guide an ambulance to the wounded men after the corpsman was also wounded. When the ambulance driver was killed upon reaching the casualties, he himself administered the necessary first aid to his comrades and pulled them to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Di Lavore and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Methuen, Mass.,  
B--Lawrence, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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AppdScrn 1-10-46  
Serial-35  
Signed APR 16 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH DILL, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 16 March 1945. Observing a camouflaged cave to be the source of enemy hand grenade and rifle fire hindering the advance of his company, Private First Class Dill single-handedly launched a bold assault upon the hostile position and, disregarding painful wounds and bursting grenades, pressed home his valiant attack under covering fire of his squad until fatally struck down by <sup>the</sup> an enemy bullet. Accounting for eleven Japanese dead during his fierce and desperate charge, Private First Class Dill, by his indomitable fighting spirit and resolute courage in the face of grave peril, materially assisted in reducing a formidable stronghold, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R--Hillside, New Jersey.  
B--Hillside, New Jersey.

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Serial 00422

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

SERGEANT DONALD L. DILLARD,  
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. When a hostile machine gun located in a pillbox on the beach fired at his amphibian tractor during its landing, Sergeant Dillard seized an unmanned machine gun and returned effective fire which silenced the enemy weapon. Reaching the beach, he observed that the hostile gun was again firing on succeeding waves of landing parties and, armed with grenades and an automatic weapon, attacked the pillbox, destroyed the machine gun and annihilated its crew. His initiative, skill and coolness under fire were contributing factors in the successful landing of subsequent waves of Marines and reflect great credit on Sergeant Dillard and the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Flint, Mich.  
B--Parma, Missouri.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL WALTER E. DILLEHAY,  
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 C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 9 March 1945. When his company assaulted a strongly defended hostile ridge position but was unable to hold it due to a terrific enemy bombardment, Corporal Dillehay dug in with his squad and held his position for twenty-hours despite intense hostile mortar and rifle fire. Personally making a reconnaissance and discovering an enemy position from which the heaviest fire was coming, he assaulted and destroyed it with hand grenades and rifle fire. Wounded in this action, he lay beyond the front lines until his organization secured the ridge and rescued him. By his outstanding courage and devotion to duty under hostile fire, Corporal Dillehay provided valuable information of enemy positions which greatly aided his company in the accomplishment of its mission, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Indianapolis, Ind.  
B- " "

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Serial 100461  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD J. DILLON, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of the First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. Advancing one hundred and fifty yards in the face of intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Dillon succeeded in silencing the guns of a hostile pillbox and in killing or injuring their crews with his flame thrower. Upon returning to our lines and learning that the company on the left needed rocket launcher operators, he voluntarily proceeded under fire to their Command Post and, braving enemy machine-gun, rifle and intermittent mortar fire, accomplished his assigned mission by destroying a stationary tank with rocket fire. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Ventnor, N.J.  
B-Atlantic City, N.J.

**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**

Secretary of the Navy.

342822  
DGP-298-eln

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App. SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 004364  
Signed IN 1 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WOODROW F. DILLON, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Member of an Engineer Demolition Squad serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island in the Palau Group, on 17 September 1944. Aggressive and determined throughout a period of bitter fighting, Private First Class Dillon repeatedly risked his life to advance against hostile pillboxes and gun batteries in the face of extremely heavy Japanese gunfire. Forced to cross the enemy's line of fire while attempting to neutralize a concrete gun emplacement still manned by Japanese troops on the afternoon of 17 September, he rushed forward to the fortification and threw a demolition charge into an embrasure. When the deadly missile was thrown back before detonating, he promptly returned it but was himself mortally wounded before the resultant explosion destroyed the hostile position. By his resolute initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and personal valor, Private First Class Dillon contributed materially to the success of our forces in this strategic operation, 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--Millan, Ohio.  
B--Xenia, Ohio.

SSM  
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C  
cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 31 July by CincC, CRD, POBldg. Cincinnati, Ohio to the  
the late PFC Dillon, Mr. & Mrs. Dillon, 303 Old Main Street, Miamisburg  
mally at home. No publicity released except to The Miamisburg News.

331493  
DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.  
Serial 0069  
Signed JUN 15 1943

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

CORPORAL ARTHUR J. J. DIMICK, USMCR.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cleveland, Ohio.

B - Bergenfield, New Jersey.

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AWARD 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:

HUBERT E. DION, (425844), Corporal, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at Vangunu, Solomon Islands, in locating and destroying three enemy machine-gun emplacements and killing two enemy snipers on 1 July 1943. Home Address: Beasley Street, Lake Linden, Michigan.

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- Lake Linden, Michigan.

B- Lake Linden, Michigan.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES G. DIONISOPOULOS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 8 May 1945. Assuming command of his rifle platoon after the Leader was wounded and evacuated during an intense enemy attack, Second Lieutenant Dionisopoulos exposed himself to the exploding shells to investigate each of his guns, giving encouragement to his men and repairing the weapons when necessary. While reorganizing his platoon, he learned that the crewmen of a machine gun in a key position were all casualties and, immediately putting the gun into action, fired on the advancing enemy until another crew was available to take over the position. Reorganizing for a second attack after repelling the Japanese, he braved hostile cross-fire in order to place his men in an effective firing position, thereby repulsing two more hostile counterattacks without further casualties to his platoon. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--St. Paul, Minn.,  
B--St. Paul, Minn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

07273  
GGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 329  
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

CAPTAIN LOUIS G. DITTA, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 26, 1942. Although wounded in the leg early in the morning, Captain Ditta refused to leave the battlefield and with daring tenacity manned a 60 mm. mortar, elevating it with his right hand as he fired with his left at the extremely close range of fifty to seventy-five yards. By his initiative, skill, and heroic devotion to duty he assisted materially in the success of the counterattack which completely repulsed the enemy."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Monessen, Pennsylvania.  
B - Monessen, Pennsylvania.

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DGP 298 Navy rfmh

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FmFPac Spot Ser. 41646  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ DEC 22 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT BILLY DIVINE,  
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-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. When his company had been pinned down by machine-gun fire from a concealed position, Platoon Sergeant Divine skillfully deployed his squad in a flanking forward attack and, with only ten yards remaining between himself and the objective, rushed the emplacement in the face of intense enemy fire. Using automatic rifle fire and hand grenades, he led his comrades in pressing an attack to neutralize the strong point and destroy all occupants. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Galveston, Texas.  
B. Texas City, "

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

348860  
DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award, 1943.  
Serial 829  
Signed MAY 21 1943

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

PRIVATE HENRY J. DIX, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 25, 1942. When an infiltration of hostile troops was reported to have worked its way behind the lines of his battalion, private Dix, accompanied by two other Marines, successfully located and closed in upon fifteen Japanese in a deep draw. Armed with only pistols, rifles and hand grenades, he and his comrades rushed the emplacement, killed all the enemy and destroyed their heavy machine gun. His heroic conduct, employed at great personal risk in the face of overwhelming odds, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Prides Crossing, Massachusetts.

B - Beverly, Massachusetts.

420470  
DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award  
Serial 0057  
Signed APR 22 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HENRY J. DOANE, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

274141  
AW-298-eps

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 ERNEST T. DOBBINS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Papangu, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 19, 1942. While in charge of a squad in a patrol of the First Platoon, Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, engaged in a fire fight with an enemy patrol, Corporal Dobbins directed his men in a flanking movement which cut off the Japanese patrol and made possible its annihilation while enabling his own unit to maintain its security. His skillful leadership and outstanding devotion to duty reflect 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...Onset, Massachusetts

B...Brockton, Massachusetts

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH R. DOBIE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 and 17 September and 2 October 1944. When the enemy infiltrated the lines of his unit's mortar positions during a fierce Japanese counterattack the night of 15 September, Private First Class Dobie fearlessly left his comparatively safe position and, armed only with a pistol, succeeded in killing six Japanese, thereby saving the lives of six of his companions and enabling them to continue their sustained fire fight against the enemy. With his squad leader a casualty in a vicious hostile artillery barrage on 17 September, he unhesitatingly assumed command of the squad and controlled his weapon, delivering an uninterrupted flow of mortar fire against the enemy and contributing to the success of the attack. Occupying a defensive line in the vicinity of a heavily fortified airfield the morning of 2 October, Private First Class Dobie was fatally struck down by a Japanese sniper while courageously carrying out his duties as mortar observer for his company. His daring aggressiveness, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to the completion of each hazardous engagement were essential factors in the success of our operations against a fanatic enemy and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

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Security Review Section

SS w/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres (by reg. mail) 2-12-46, by CQ, USNTPS, Dearborn, Mich. to the parents of the late PFC Dobie, Mr and Mrs. John Dobie, 92 La Belle, Ave. Highland Park, Mich.

Mailed by request.  
R.--Highland Park, Mich.  
B.--Buffalo, N. Y.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac  
Serial 0013  
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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE I. DOCKRAY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member  
of a Machine-Gun Squad serving with the Second Battalion, First  
Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese  
forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Painfully  
wounded in the bitter fighting when the enemy launched a fierce  
counterattack against the defensive installations of his company,  
Private First Class Dockray was carried to the command post  
and treated by a medical corpsman. Refusing to be evacuated  
after his wound was dressed, he insisted upon returning to his  
battle station where he courageously continued to man his ma-  
chine gun with aggressive determination until he was killed dur-  
ing a subsequent Japanese counterattack later that night. Private  
First Class Dockray's indomitable fighting spirit and tenacious  
devotion to duty under extremely perilous combat conditions were  
in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval  
Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

*Is. Artemus S. Gate*

Secretary of the Navy.

*Acting*

R--Kearney, New Jersey  
B-- " " "

M, perm cit, ltr fr CMC, pres by CO, N.Y. 10-5-45 to the parents of the  
late PFC Dockray, Mr&Mrs Wesley Dockray, with app ceremony.

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 4-Jan-45  
Serial 004209  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

APR 3 1945

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

SERGEANT FREDERICK W. DODD, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine-Gun Section Leader serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, First Provisional Marine Brigade, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 to 25 July 1944. On the morning of 25 July when the advance of his company was temporarily halted by the fierceness of the enemy's rifle and machine-gun fire, Sergeant Dodd unhesitatingly risked his life to rescue a wounded Marine who lay exposed to the merciless barrage but was killed while performing his valiant mission. His outstanding heroism on this occasion and his exceptional devotion to duty during many previous assault operations, carried out under the most hazardous combat conditions, reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Dodd and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tyler, Texas.  
B-- " "

Term.cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 7 June by CinC, USMCDHI&RS, 509-37 U.S.Term.  
Ald Bldg., Dallas 2, Tex. to the parents of the late Sgt. Dodd, Mr.&Mrs.Howard  
W.Dodd, 208 E.Dobbs St., Tyler, Texas, at a Rotary Club luncheon. Friends of  
family attended. Due publicity given.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THAD N. DODDS,  
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,  
Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Ma-  
rine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action  
against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Is-  
lands, 21 July 1944. Assigned the mission of pro-  
tecting the Battalion's left flank and blocking  
Harmon Road, First Lieutenant Dodds deployed his  
men across the road and tied in with the units on  
his flanks. During the night, when a large Japanese  
force of infantry and tanks made a violent counter-  
attack against our lines, he braved enemy fire to  
direct all the units of his command. His aggressive  
fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect the  
highest credit upon First Lieutenant Dodds and the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Langeloth, Pa.  
B--Burgettstown, Pa.

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DGP-198

CincPac  
Appd SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 1181  
Signed 9-19-45

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

CORPORAL CLIFFORD W. DOGGETT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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. Skillfully servicing and firing his artillery piece while under fierce fire from Japanese small arms and machine guns, Corporal Doggett fought with aggressive determination, valiantly assisting in knocking out an enemy tank which had killed five and wounded six men in his section. Mortally wounded in this encounter, Corporal Doggett, by his alert initiative and cool courage, had contributed essentially to the success of our vital mission on this island. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout at the risk of his own life 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..Cisco, TX  
B..Goldthwaite, TX

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr mailed to the prnts of the late Corp. Doggett Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Doggett on 20Oct46 by the CO, USNATB, USNAS, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN ALBERT J. DOHERTY,  
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on the morning of 16 September 1944. When his company was temporarily pinned down by hostile artillery fire which forced the tanks to withdraw to a concealed position and caused numerous casualties, including the Company Commander, during an attack along the east side of the airstrip, Captain Doherty assumed command and, after skillfully reorganizing the company, boldly joined the foremost elements of the unit to direct the continuance of the attack. Courageously exposing himself to all types of enemy fire, he ably directed his men in pressing the assault to a successful conclusion and, throughout the remainder of the Campaign, led his company in an exemplary manner. By his able leadership, fortitude and aggressive spirit, Captain Doherty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Taunton, Mass.  
B-Taunton, Mass.

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App. SofN 4-8-44  
Serial 691  
Signed JUN 16 1944

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

SERGEANT BERNARD R. DOHERTY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on December 12, 1943. In charge of a squad which was cut off from the remainder of his platoon during an assault on a strong enemy position, Sergeant Doherty boldly led his men forward under severe Japanese fire in a continuation of the assault. Although killed during this fierce encounter, Sergeant Doherty, by his aggressive fighting spirit, had caused the hostile forces to disclose the disposition of their weapons and had enabled his platoon to accomplish its hazardous mission. His heroic initiative and daring throughout the engagement were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Great Bend, KS  
B..Ellinwood, KS

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DGp298 Navy fbb

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CincPac SpotSer 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH D. DOHERTY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 and 21 November 1943. Separated from his unit during landing operations on D-Day, Private First Class Doherty, on his own initiative, fearlessly braved the enemy's fierce opposition to assume a position in the front line area. With two other Marines in a forward sector of the battlefield on the following morning when the Japanese suddenly attacked, he fought furiously to repulse the bitter onslaught with accurate grenade and rifle fire then skillfully covered the withdrawal of his companions from the danger area. When the enemy attempted to set up a machine gun behind our lines later that same day, he again beat back the attackers and, after exposing himself to draw the fire in a subsequent engagement, succeeded in killing four Japanese snipers, thereby preventing serious casualties to our troops. By his dauntless perseverance, indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Doherty 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- Los Angeles, Calif.  
B- Atchison, Kan.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

PacFlt BdAwdS Ser 47 of 23 Feb 1944 Secretary of the Navy.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT THOMAS C. DOHERTY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Sergeant in Company D, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester on 24 January 1944. In charge of a section of machine guns during a combat patrol to Natamo Point Platoon Sergeant Doherty was quick to act when the patrol became pinned down under heavy machine-gun, mortar and sniper fire from a numerically superior and well-entrenched enemy force on the opposite bank of a small stream. Exposing himself to the intense hostile fire, he moved from one position to another across open ground to direct the fire of his machine guns. When one of the guns was hit by a mortar shell and thrown forward into the stream close to the enemy positions, Platoon Sergeant Doherty, although wounded by the burst of mortar fire, rushed out into the open, recovered the gun and put it back into action while his unit withdrew. By his outstanding courage and inspiring leadership, he contributed materially to the success of the mission. His gallant actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Brooklyn, N. Y.  
B-Donegal, Ireland

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Corporal of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on the night of 7 June 1945. When his company was holding a ridge which was constantly being counterattacked by the enemy, Private First Class Dole was assigned to carry food and ammunition to the front lines and to remain there in order to assist in the night defense of the position. Crawling forward of the main defensive line and stationing himself on the crest of the ridge, he fought gallantly throughout the night although in a vulnerable position and suffering from a shrapnel wound in his leg caused by an enemy grenade. Alerting the men of his platoon as the hostile forces formed for each attack, he inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy with hand grenades and small-arms fire. By his courageous initiative and fighting spirit, Private First Class Dole inspired the men in his company, depleted by heavy casualties, to hold the vital position throughout the night and to continue successfully the attack on the following morning. 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--Clearfield, Pa.

B--Clearfield, Pa.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT GAYLE K. DOMINGUES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 17 March 1945. When his platoon was disorganized by heavy machine-gun and mortar fire following the death of its leader, Sergeant Domingues assumed command and, after reorganizing the men, engaged the Japanese in a fierce fire fight resulting in heavy enemy casualties. Continuing the attack, he led his platoon forward and successfully overran other hostile positions. On another occasion, after volunteering to take charge of a demolition unit, he maneuvered the men against an enemy-held cave and, pressing the attack, destroyed this position which had been inflicting heavy casualties on our assault units. His outstanding 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..West Monroe, LA  
B..Abbeville, LA

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Serial 35618  
Appd SofN 10-4-45  
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

PRIVATE KENNETH DOLLAWAY,  
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 K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against the Japanese during the invasion of Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 10 to 14 March 1945. When the leader and non-commissioned officers of his platoon were lost, Private Dollaway resolutely assumed command and defied deadly hostile mortar barrages to rally and reorganize his scattered and confused comrades. Fearlessly commanding his platoon in the relentless struggle, he led his men in advancing against the fanatic enemy's savage resistance, continuing his gallant fighting for five days before he fell, mortally wounded. His extraordinary leadership, decisive action and heroic devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Dollaway and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Middletown, New York

B--Middletown, New York

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Serial 20936  
Signed OCT 28 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN G. DONAHUE,  
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 Machine Gun Squad of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, 15 June 1944. Defying intense enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Donahue voluntarily made three 1600-yard trips to and from the beach to bring up a heavy machine gun and necessary ammunition. Manning his gun, the only heavy one on the line that night, he rendered valiant assistance in repelling a strong enemy counterattack, destroying many of the enemy and holding the beachhead line. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Donahue and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Pittston, Penna.  
B-- Pittston, Penna.

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Spot Award  
Serial 00380  
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PLATOON SERGEANT SAMUEL H. DONAVAN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*U.S. Navy*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving aboard the U.S.S. BROOKLYN during the assault on and occupation of French Morocco from November 8 to 11, 1942. In a fierce engagement with hostile surface forces, Platoon Sergeant Donovan, serving as a member of the crew of an anti-aircraft gun, was painfully wounded by enemy shellfire. With complete disregard for his own suffering and discomfort, he courageously and voluntarily returned to his post immediately after his injuries had been treated and dressed. His indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty under extremely adverse conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Altadena, California

B - Denver, Colorado, 3-14-1920

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Serial 9466  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH P. DONDERO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Taking the initiative when his battery was surrounded and under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire during a fanatical Japanese counterattack, Private First Class Dondero made repeated trips across an open field to collect enemy small arms and grenades and thereby increased the firepower of the besieged position. In order to obtain much-needed water for casualties from another battery which was also under attack, he passed through enemy-held areas, fearlessly exposing himself to hostile rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire in an effort to alleviate his wounded comrade's thirst. His indomitable courage and gallant spirit of service reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Dondero and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Milwaukke, Wisc.,  
B--Milwaukee, Wisc.

Secretary of the Navy.

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

CAPTAIN FRASER P. DONLAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 21 March 1945. On the morning of 24 February, Captain Donlan was wounded but refused evacuation and, when his company was subjected to a heavy mortar barrage during an advance later on the same day, immediately assumed command in the absence of the Commanding Officer and quickly reorganized the company. Returning to the vacated area which was still under sporadic fire, he directed the evacuation of the casualties. Assuming command on 2 March, Captain Donlan was again severely wounded and, despite his own injuries which resulted in the loss of his left leg, directed that the other casualties be treated first. By his exemplary leadership and solicitude of his men, he spurred them to greater efforts even after his evacuation, and his unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Blakely, Pa.  
B-Lochore, Scotland

For the President,  
**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**

Secretary of the Navy.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRAZER P. DONLAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. On 24 June, while leading a platoon in attack through a village, First Lieutenant Donlan was painfully wounded in the leg by a piece of concrete when an ammunition storehouse exploded and also wounded or killed eighteen of his men. Cognizant that there was only one other company officer left, he refused evacuation and, after being treated at the Battalion Aid Station, returned to reorganize his platoon. Although suffering considerable pain and despite extremely rugged terrain, he bravely continued to lead his men throughout the remainder of the Saipan Campaign. His efficient leadership throughout the Saipan and Tinian Campaigns and his staunch devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on First Lieutenant Donlan and the United States Naval Service."

R - Blakely, Pa.  
B - Lochore, Scotland.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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Serial 86491  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MALCOLM O. DONOHOO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion,  
Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division,  
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa,  
Ryukyu Islands, 10 May 1945. Prior to dawn under  
the cover of darkness, Lieutenant Colonel Donohoo  
directed elements of his command in crossing the  
Asa Kawa River preparatory to launching an assault  
upon the high ground south of the river. Observ-  
ing that the two assault companies were halted  
by the fierce hostile resistance on the opposite  
bank, he immediately left his position in the  
Observation Post and, contacting the reserve com-  
pany, issued new orders for its crossing of the  
river. Then, after crossing the Asa Kawa under  
heavy enemy fire, he directed the assault companies  
in a new scheme of maneuver and, despite the con-  
tinuing hostile resistance, remained with the  
assault units throughout the day, directing, lead-  
ing and encouraging his men in the attack. By  
his able leadership, valor and devotion to duty,  
Lieutenant Colonel Donohoo contributed materially  
to the success of his battalion in seizing their  
objective before nightfall, and his conduct through-  
out upheld the highest traditions of the United  
States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Seattle, Washington.,  
B--Tucumcari, New Mexico.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 7079  
Signed JUN 19 1947

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

MAJOR JAMES A. DONOVAN, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas Group, 17 June 1944. Coolly perceiving the difficulties to be surmounted after the battalion's attack was held up at darkness by strong Japanese cave positions to the immediate front, Major Donovan quickly consolidated and reorganized the right half of the battalion sector. Despite the loss of all company commanders and two company executive officers by enemy action, he unhesitatingly carried out his mission in the face of extreme danger. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Major Donovan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT ARTHUR E. F. DOOLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Operations Clerk of the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Advancing beyond the front lines to an open field swept by enemy mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire, Sergeant Dooley administered first aid to wounded Marines stranded there and, after caring for their wounds, carried the casualties one at a time to the comparative safety of the landing beach. During the entire period of his Battalion's participation in the assault, he acted as Scout and Messenger between units of the Battalion, thereby assisting the Battalion Commander in controlling his units. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Dooley and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-North Bergen, N. J.  
B-New York, N. Y.

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Serial 0167  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAJOR GEORGE E. DOOLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commander and Target Coordinator of Marine Fighting Squadron TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN, attached to the U.S.S. WASP, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tokyo Bay Area, Japan, on 16 February 1945. Participating in one of the initial attacks against a major enemy airfield despite adverse weather conditions, Major Dooley defied intense anti-aircraft fire and hostile fighter opposition to lead a successful low-level strafing attack over the airfield. By his initiative, airmanship and devotion to duty throughout this hazardous operation, Major Dooley upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hapland, CA  
B..Hopland, CA

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIELD COOK RAYMOND A. DOOLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Supply Sergeant of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. When a by-passed enemy pocket of resistance threatened to cut off his line of supply to the attacking elements, Field Cook Dooley armed himself with an antitank rocket launcher, although not trained in its use, and, exposing himself to heavy hostile fire, he completely destroyed three enemy automatic weapon emplacements. When his supply of rocket ammunition was exhausted, he secured a flame thrower to attack a cave and kill its occupants. By his courageous efforts, Field Cook Dooley kept the urgently needed supplies flowing to the advancing units, thereby contributing materially to the successful completion of his company's assigned mission. His 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

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 002172  
Signed MAR 9 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. DORRELL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a reconnaissance patrol landed by submarine on enemy-held Shortland Island, Solomon Islands, August 23, 1943. Voluntarily and with utter disregard of personal safety, First Lieutenant Dorrell 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 - Toledo, Ohio. 10-27-17  
R - Toledo, Ohio.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEE E. DORTSCH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as the Personal Runner of the Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 20 to 21 February 1945. When intra-company communications were cut off on the night of 20 February, causing a desperate tactical situation to arise among our forces, Private First Class Dortsch unhesitatingly volunteered to run messages. Moving cautiously through a curtain of enemy fire, he succeeded in delivering numerous vital communications. On the following night, he sustained severe bayonet wounds during hand-to-hand combat with the enemy, but refused to be evacuated until the vital message was delivered. His courage, determination and unfaltering devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Salt Lake City, Utah

B--Salt Lake City, Utah

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Serial 51256

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE E. DOSCH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Platoon Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When his Company Commander became a casualty, Second Lieutenant Dosch immediately assumed control of the company which was then suffering heavy casualties. Carrying out a personal reconnaissance in the face of heavy hostile small-arms fire, he skillfully withdrew with minimum losses two of his platoons which had been located in positions extremely vulnerable to enemy fire. Quickly reorganizing his company, he directed the consolidation of the position and held it despite intense hostile fire. In the afternoon, he led his unit in an attack which resulted in the seizure and occupation of a salient dividing the Japanese forces, thereby contributing materially to the success of the operation. By his aggressive leadership, tactical ability and coolness under fire, Second Lieutenant Dosch upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Appd SofN 10-25-45  
Serial 34814  
Signed SEP 20 1946

*Plus pack*

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BARRY A. DOSS, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Fire Group Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. Assigned the mission of assaulting a group of caves and pill-boxes on commanding ground well defended by the enemy, Private First Class Doss led his men twenty yards to the front through fierce hostile grenade and machine-gun fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled to a position within five yards of the machine-gun emplacement and threw a demolition charge into the entrance, destroying the weapon and annihilating the crew. While returning to his former position, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire from another emplacement. By his fearless leadership, daring initiative and dauntless courage, he contributed to his company's advance against the Japanese 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.

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Signed MAR 11 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GLENN E. DOSTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Gunner of a Machine Gun Crew of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, the morning of 25 July 1944. When his unit was being subjected to an aggressive hostile counter-attack and was receiving heavy fire from an enemy machine gun only fifty yards away, Private First Class Doster remained steadfast at his post and, although the hostile bullets were hitting the sandbags around his gun, continued to deliver rapid and accurate fire which annihilated the crew of the enemy gun. By his valiant action, he succeeded in killing over forty of the Japanese. Private First Class Doster's courage, determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Sylvania, Ohio.,  
B--Bellevue, Ohio.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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*J. L. Sullivan*

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACKSON M. DOUTHIT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Point Man of a Combat Patrol of Company L, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 5 May 1945. Braving intense hostile fire, Private First Class Douthit boldly crawled forward alone to the embrasure of an enemy pillbox and, attacking the position with hand grenades, destroyed it and killed four of the enemy. By his fighting skill and coolness under fire, he enabled his unit to advance quickly and seize its objective. His devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--The Dalles, Oreg.  
B--The Dalles, Oreg.

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Awards of the Silver Star

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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 officer and enlisted men:

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ROBERT E. DOW, (367667), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in advancing under enemy fire to locate and destroy a hostile machine-gun emplacement and kill all of its occupants on 1 July 1943. Home Address 11488 Wisconsin Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

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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 ... Detroit, Michigan.

B ... Detroit, Michigan.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS J. D. DOWNER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of an Advance Reconnaissance Team, Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 February 1945. Assigned with his team to carry out reconnaissance of the landing beaches at Iwo Jima, Private First Class Downer braved heavy artillery and automatic-weapon fire from shore-based batteries which scored hits on both swimmers and boat crews participating in the mission. Despite the extreme danger involved, he completed his mission and gained valuable information which aided materially in saving the lives of many Marines. By his courage, initiative and determination, Private First Class Downer upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Chattanooga, Tenn. For the President,  
B. Tyffe, Ala

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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App. SofN 4-27-45  
Serial 11742  
Signed NOV 13 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD J. DOWNEY, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ossining, N. Y.  
B--Ossining, N. Y.

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Serial 345  
Appd SofN 4-29-46  
Signed FEB 26 1947

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

BERGEANT CARL E. DOWNING,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of the Beach Defenses, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Corregidor, Philippine Islands, 2 May 1942. When direct hostile artillery hits on our powder magazines caused disastrous explosions and set fire to several ammunition dumps nearby, ~~Staff~~ Sergeant Downing voluntarily, and without orders, made his way through the flaming debris and flying shell fragments to assist in evacuating the wounded and in extinguishing the inferno. Heroically persevering in his valiant efforts under the most chaotic conditions, he aided in bringing the fire under control and in removing valuable materials from the battery and, ignoring renewed enemy artillery and air bombardments, removed many wounded and trapped men to safety. By his resolute courage and unwavering devotion to duty, Sergeant Downing was instrumental in saving numerous lives, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - - Hillsboro, Texas

B - - San Angelo, Texas.

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GP 298 Navy tgw

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

CORPORAL HARRY D. DOWNING,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 21 to 23 November 1943. Courageous and aggressive in the performance of duty, Corporal Downing skillfully supervised the establishment of wire lines between his Artillery Battalion Fire Direction Center and forward observers during a bitter stage of the operation. Constantly exposing himself to the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire, he labored without rest for more than thirty consecutive hours with three successive trouble-shooting crews and, by his tireless efforts and outstanding perseverance, succeeded in maintaining effective communications in the field throughout this prolonged period of bitter offensive action. By his superior ability and unwavering determination in the face of grave danger, Corporal Downing contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Adair, Iowa  
B- H "

For the President,

JUNN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN E. DOYLE, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Mortar Platoon Leader of Company H, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tulagi Island Area, on 7 and 8 August 1942. Making an initial attack against strong enemy defending forces, Second Lieutenant Doyle, despite enemy grenades and heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, resolutely held his position against a hostile counterattack, thereby protecting the flank of the Marine sector. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he then led his men in hand-to-hand combat and, after inflicting severe losses, forced the Japanese to withdraw. His brilliant leadership and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R - Stanford, Conn.

B - Newton, Mass.

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

Spot Award.  
Serial 297  
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN B. DOYLE, JR., USMCR.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the First Marine Division during the offensive action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 2, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Second Lieutenant Doyle bravely descended a steep, wooded hill in the face of terrific enemy fire to attend the wounded. After an enemy shell killed one of the injured men whom he was carrying up the hill, Second Lieutenant Doyle heroically continued his task and succeeded in rescuing three of his wounded comrades. His great personal valor and outstanding 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 - Stamford, Connecticut.

B - Newton, Massachusetts.

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Serial 52956  
Signed MAY 26 1947

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

SERGEANT PHILIP D. DOYLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Guide of Company L, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by the merciless fire of a numerically superior enemy, and reduced in strength by many Marine casualties, Sergeant Doyle unhesitatingly rushed across open terrain under intense small-arms fire and swam a deep irrigation ditch to inform his company commander of the desperate plight of his men. Then, leading a relief unit in a successful flanking movement, he rejoined his platoon and directed the evacuation of the many wounded. By his utter disregard for personal safety, his cool courage and initiative, he was responsible for saving the lives of several of his comrades who otherwise might have perished. His heroic conduct throughout the engagement reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-- Croton Falls, N. Y.  
B-- Croton Falls, N. Y.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT PHILIP J. DOYLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company G, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With a Japanese pillbox enfilading the beach area, First Lieutenant Doyle fearlessly risked his life to wipe out the emplacement and, valiantly proceeding forward, single-handedly charged and destroyed the strong point. Seriously wounded during the fierce action, he refused to abandon the area and returned to lead his men in the initial advance across the heavily fortified, fire-swept airstrip on Betio Island. By his daring initiative, forceful and inspiring leadership and dauntless courage in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Doyle 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,

R--Berkeley, Calif.,  
B--Neola, Iowa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-elb

Spot Award, 1943.  
Serial 00252  
Signed APR 23 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCIS E. DRAKE, JR., USMC.

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 9, 1942. While serving with Company C of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, south of Point Cruz and west of the Matanikau River, Private First Class Drake and a comrade, while exposed to vigorous hostile fire, attempted to carry a wounded Marine from the scene of his injury to a protective ridge about one hundred yards distant. When almost within reach of his objective, Private First Class Drake was struck by enemy fire and killed. His heroic spirit of self-sacrifice was 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 ENOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Springfield, Massachusetts.

B - Framingham, Massachusetts.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 00598  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MACK W. DRAKE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of a Rifle Squad of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 25-26 July 1944. When Japanese forces penetrated the line on the right of his position during a fierce enemy counterattack, Private First Class Drake staunchly remained in the front lines and, refusing to be evacuated despite face and arm wounds from hostile grenades, continued to deliver effective fire upon the Japanese and protect the right flank of his platoon. The last man to leave the primary positions during a Japanese attack against the flank of the line shortly before dawn, Private First Class Drake courageously covered the withdrawal of his squad to a more advantageous firing position and annihilated at least eight of the enemy. Still refusing to be evacuated, he participated in the dawn counterattack which restored the line. His outstanding fortitude, courage under fire and devotion to the completion of his mission reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Drake and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Belmont, NC  
B..Hendersonville, NC

338337  
DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT  
Serial 45500  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LEE C. DRAMIS,  
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, on 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, Sergeant Dramis 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. Interrupting his fire fighting from time to time to remove numerous pieces of unexploded ammunition from the immediate vicinity of the fire, he assisted in controlling and extinguishing the flames and thereby preventing additional casualties and the destruction of other large stores of near-by critical materials. 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--Lansing, Michigan  
B--Detroit, Michigan

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Serial 58485  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ DEC 17 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT RICHARD J. DREW,  
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 Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 7 May 1945. Discovering two seriously wounded Marines lying close to an enemy-held ridge during an attack against a well-fortified position, Platoon Sergeant Drew braved concentrated grenade and rifle fire to reach the casualties and drag them to safety. Immediately returning to the action, he single-handedly destroyed two hostile pillboxes, annihilating six Japanese. Later, while carrying another wounded comrade to safety, he himself sustained serious wounds. His courage, devotion to duty and grave concern for the safety of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.

Approved SofN 3-24-44  
Serial 917  
Signed JUN 23 1944

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

MAJOR HENRY C. DREWES, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Constantly subjected to a devastating barrage of enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Major Drewes controlled landing operations and disposition of tractors, and successfully disembarked assault troops on designated beaches. Steadfastly remaining in an area which was under heavy hostile shellfire, he continued to direct operations, personally using his command tractor to evacuate casualties and ferry additional troops until he himself was mortally wounded. Major Drewes's grim determination, brilliant leadership and daring aggressiveness contributed immeasurably to the success of our operations in that area and reflect great credit upon himself, his command and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Dumont, N.J.

B...Jersey City, N.J.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT BURT H. DREYER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Quartermaster of the Second Parachute Battalion, First Parachute Regiment, First Marine Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, 1 October 1943. Immediately following two direct bomb hits and two strafing attacks on the LST in which he was in charge of unloading, First Lieutenant Dreyer courageously rallied a group of Marines and led them into the burning vessel to rescue the wounded. His intrepid leadership and valiant actions were important factors in saving the lives of twenty-one wounded men who might otherwise have been killed by exploding gasoline and ammunition. His gallant devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Dreyer and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Palms, Cal.,  
B--Newport, R.I.

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CINCPAC Serial 4167

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM J. DREYER,  
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-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Group, on 20 June 1944. After his company had assumed a defensive position for the night, Sergeant Dreyer left his outpost in the face of the enemy's advance to warn his platoon of the impending attack. In spite of serious wounds suffered by enemy fire in the ensuing action, he aided his comrades in repulsing the attack. His cool courage, aggressive determination and gallant devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ Francis P. Matthews

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Bentleyville, Pa.  
B-Ellsworth, Pa.

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 11-21-45  
Serial 35259  
Signed APR 23 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT SANDWICH DRINKER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine-Gun Platoon Leader, attached to Company A, Fifth Motor Transport Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. After leading his platoon to a strategic position in advance of the lines, First Lieutenant Drinker set up the guns in order to cover the advancing infantry with protecting fire. When one of the members of his machine-gun crew was wounded during the ensuing action, he braved heavy enemy fire in an attempt to evacuate the wounded man and again place the weapon in action. Although mortally wounded by hostile gunfire during this mission, he continued to direct his platoon with skill and effectiveness until he was himself evacuated, thereby enabling the infantry to advance successfully under strong, well coordinated covering fire. His outstanding leadership, extreme courage and gallant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Drinker and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Jenkintown, Pennsylvania  
B.--Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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Approved SofN 7-15-43  
Serial 1113  
Signed NOV 10 1943

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

PLATOON SERGEANT THOMAS P. DRISCOLL, U.S.M.C.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of the First Parachute Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Gavutu, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. Courageously abandoning his own comparatively safe position, Platoon Sergeant Driscoll fought his way through withering hostile fire to hazardous exposed positions and, with tenacious determination, dragged two severely wounded marines to cover, sustaining wounds fatal to himself as he effected this heroic rescue. Platoon Sergeant Driscoll's unflinching acceptance of extreme personal danger in order to assist his injured comrades was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

B - Plymouth, Pennsylvania/

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

TECHNICAL SERGEANT WILLIAM W. DRUMMOND,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 November to 3 December 1943. As a crew member of an amphibian tractor landing on the heavily fortified beachhead with the initial assault wave on D-Day, Technical Sergeant Drummond fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy's incessant barrages to make repeated trips to and from the beach to deliver necessary replacements, ammunition and supplies. With his vehicle partially disabled by hostile shellfire during the afternoon of the first day of action, he skillfully and efficiently effected repairs in the field, then valiantly continued transporting his vital cargo to front-line areas throughout the remainder of the fierce hostilities. By his daring initiative, dauntless courage and steadfast devotion to duty throughout, Technical Sergeant Drummond contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Dynedin, Florida  
B- Clarksburg, W. Va.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

PacFltBdAwdS Ser 47 of 23 Feb 1944  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 20632  
Signed 1111 9 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. DUANE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. Skillfully coordinating the fire of his machine guns and two half-tracks mounted with 75-mm. guns during a Japanese counterattack, First Lieutenant Duane exposed himself continuously to heavy enemy fire, moving from position to position throughout the fight to direct and encourage his men. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty were contributing factors in resisting and successfully repelling the hostile attack, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Waltham, Mass.  
B--Waltham, Mass.

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Serial-34858  
Signed                     

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. DUANE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by an intense small-arms and mortar barrage from numerous well camouflaged and strongly defended enemy emplacements, First Lieutenant Duane located the positions by observing the hostile fire and repeatedly attempted to place machine guns in a spot from which effective fire could be directed on the emplacements. Unable to accomplish this mission by the use of small arms because of the nature of the terrain, he requested two medium tanks and by using their outside telephones, skillfully directed their deployment for effective fire, remaining in an exposed position to carry on his hazardous task until seriously wounded. By his courageous fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own personal safety, First Lieutenant Duane enabled his company to resume its advance, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

*J. P. [Signature]*  
Secretary of the Navy.

R. Waltham, Massachusetts.  
B. Waltham, Massachusetts.

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Serial 20685  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

CORPORAL EDWARD W. DUEBECK,  
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. Boldly assuming command of a rifle squad when the squad leader was wounded and when his own machine gun had been destroyed, Corporal Dubeck led the squad towards an enemy pillbox, knocking out this pocket of hostile resistance. Later, while continuing to lead the squad, he was wounded by enemy fire. His courage under fire, resolute leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALAN V. F. DU BOIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Demolition Corporal of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 16 May to 9 June 1945. Braving intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class du Bois voluntarily advanced forward of the front lines to aid a fallen Marine and, discovering that the man had been killed, reconnoitered the area, noting the placement of troops and the direction of enemy fire. After making a full report to his Platoon Leader, he again went to the front to aid casualties. Discovering one man wounded and a tank put out of action, he ordered the remaining men to take cover behind another tank and to aid that tank in its forward movement while he assisted the wounded man to cover and medical aid. Several hours later, when another Marine was reported seriously wounded in an exposed position some two hundred yards from cover, he proceeded to his aid. Although struck by mortar fragments in his left leg and suffering from loss of blood, he continued his mission and succeeded in carrying his comrade to safety, refusing medical treatment for his own wounds until he had rescued another Marine from the same terrain and all other casualties had been removed. Answering a faint call for help on 9 June, and discovering two rifle platoons badly disorganized and suffering many casualties, Private First Class du Bois braved enemy sniper and machine-gun fire to run to the forward slope of the hill and throw two smoke grenades into the valley. By information obtained from the one member of the platoon who escaped, he aided his Commanding Officer in directing mortar smoke shells into the valley which allowed the hard-pressed Marines to withdraw from their exposed position. His fearless determination and steadfast devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 11127  
Signed MAR 22 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LIONEL L. DUCARPE, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 18 June 1944. Upon learning that his first sergeant lay wounded in enemy-held territory, Private First Class Ducarpe unhesitatingly volunteered to lead a motorized party of five men into the hostile area and attempt to rescue the helpless Marine. Although he was severely wounded in both legs by withering enemy automatic fire from a concealed position, Private First Class Ducarpe steadfastly refused to be evacuated and, courageously manning the machine gun mounted on his jeep, effectively covered the withdrawal of his companions before he was mortally wounded at his weapon. Private First Class Ducarpe's indomitable fighting spirit and great personal valor 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-- " " "

SS& Perm.Cit. pres'd to widow, Mrs. Lionel L. Ducarpe, Jr., 611 Smith St., Santa Maria, California at a review held at USMCAS, Santa Barbara, Calif., 14 April 1945.

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Spot Award.  
Serial 0069  
Signed JUN 15 1949

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM U. DUCY, U. S. MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on October 14-15, 1942. Along with another marine from the Communications Section of the First Pioneer Battalion, First Marine Division, Corporal Ducey was assigned to Company A which was under heavy bombardment by hostile field artillery. For two days, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to vigorous shelling in order to repair wire lines continually severed by enemy fire, and thereby enable the company to maintain uninterrupted communications with its platoons and the battalion command post. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Dunkirk, Indiana.

B - Jay County, Indiana.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS A. DUDDLESON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 June 1945. When, during an assault well forward of friendly lines, one of the tanks in his platoon was hit by fire from a hostile antitank gun and the enemy concentrated fire on the disabled vehicle, trapping the crew inside, First Lieutenant Duddleson unhesitatingly dismounted from his own tank with a towing cable and, despite intense hostile fire, attached the cable to the disabled vehicle. Still on foot and under heavy Japanese sniper and mortar fire that pinned down near-by infantry troops, he guided his tank as it towed the disabled vehicle to a covered area within friendly lines. By his outstanding courage and initiative, First Lieutenant Duddleson saved the lives of one of his tank crews and prevented complete destruction of the tank. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

B - San Luis Obispo, Calif.  
R - Hollywood, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 6887  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JOHN E. DUDDY,  
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, Sixth Marines,  
Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japa-  
nese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944.  
When communications failed during a heavy Japanese  
counterattack, Corporal Duddy voluntarily braved  
heavy machine-gun and small-arms fire and made his  
way to the Company Command Post to adjust the sup-  
porting Naval gunfire. Continuing his valiant actions,  
he made three more trips in the face of heavy fire  
and accurately adjusted the Naval gunfire within two  
hundred yards of our lines. His courageous initiative  
was a decisive factor in repelling the hostile counter-  
attack and his zealous devotion to duty throughout  
was in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Chicago, Ill.,  
B--Bozeman, Montana.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 732  
Appd SofN 2-15-45  
Signed 7-10-45

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STANLEY J. DUDEK, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan, in the Marianas, on 17 June 1944. Voluntarily exposing himself to the merciless barrage from Japanese guns, Private First Class Dudek fearlessly closed in on an enemy tank which had broken through the lines during a furious Japanese counterattack. Persistently hurling powerful antitank grenades at the enemy vehicle as he continuously shifted into positions affording better lanes of fire, he steadfastly held his ground despite the intense concentration of hostile mortar, machine-gun and artillery fire, continuing his valiant efforts with aggressive determination until serious shrapnel wounds compelled his evacuation. An indomitable fighter, Private First Class Dudek, by his intrepid initiative, resolute fortitude and cool courage in the face of savage, unceasing opposition, contributed materially 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy, B&C  
R--Detroit, Michigan  
B--3274

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Serial 46173  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT CLARENCE W. DUFFIELD,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Scout of the Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. In the face of intense hostile fire from mortars, rockets, grenades and small arms, Sergeant Duffield courageously led a patrol in front of friendly lines to search and lure the enemy from the caves in an area which had been holding up the advance of our troops. Fully aware of the extreme personal danger involved under these hazardous conditions, he continued his search and assisted in the capture of two prisoners and obtained valuable information which greatly facilitated the further movement of troops in this pocket of resistance. By his bravery, initiative and devotion to duty throughout, Sergeant Duffield upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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R--Baltimore, Maryland.  
B--Baltimore, Maryland.

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Serial 41629  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCIS T. DUFFY,  
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 the Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When a group of the enemy attacked his Commanding Officer and the observation post personnel with hand grenades from a concealed position, Private First Class Duffy unhesitatingly advanced alone and, although wounded by grenade fire, succeeded in annihilating two of the Japanese. By his courage and initiative, he eliminated a serious threat to this vital position and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 00421

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN J. DUFFY, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Shore Party of the Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the initial phase of the recapture of Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Exposing himself to hostile fire throughout the night, Gunnery Sergeant Duffy issued ammunition with the aid of a flashlight despite constant danger from enemy snipers. When a hostile demolitions party penetrated the outer defenses and threatened the ammunition dump, he assisted a Marine Officer in organizing his platoon which engaged and defeated the enemy, thereby averting destruction of vital supplies. His courageous devotion to duty was at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rosendale, N. Y.

B--Rosendale, N. Y.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 52026  
Signed JAN 8 1947

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

CORPORAL CHARLES D. DUGAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as the Leader of an Observation Post Team of the Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Group, from 1 April to 18 June 1945. From the early days of the Okinawa campaign, Corporal Dugan performed his duties in a highly efficient manner and succeeded in maintaining continuous observation throughout this entire period despite the heavy hostile artillery and rifle fire to which his unit was constantly subjected. On 18 June, when the Observation Post Team on Hill 69 was under withering rifle fire from the enemy forces, thus endangering the Regimental Commander, officers and enlisted men accompanying him, Corporal Dugan ascertained the approximate location of the dangerous Japanese position and, without regard for his personal safety, led the members of the Observation Team in an attack upon the enemy emplacement, successfully destroying it. His courage and outstanding devotion to duty served as an inspiration to the men of his unit 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--Revere, Massachusetts.

E--Revere, Massachusetts.

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. DUGAN, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Pioneer Company, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 29 July 1944. When well-concealed enemy forces opened heavy fire on his company causing many casualties, Corporal Dugan courageously exposed himself to heavy enemy machine-gun fire and, running forward to the aid of a Marine who had collapsed from heat exhaustion, carried the stricken man to a place of safety. His initiative and courageous concern for the welfare of a comrade were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey  
B--Dover, New Jersey

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CARTER W. DULLANTY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Officer in Charge of a Section of two 75-mm. Halftracks of Weapons Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 25 March 1945. Perceiving immediately upon landing on 19 February, that a Battalion was receiving heavy fire from hostile gun emplacements on Mount Suribachi, First Lieutenant Dullanty skillfully maneuvered his guns under enemy fire and, placing them in position, commenced a bombardment. Undaunted by the intense hostile fire, he raced back and forth between the weapons to designate targets to his crews and, by quickly bringing fire to bear on the hostile positions, materially aided in the neutralization of the damaging enfilade fire, thereby enabling the landing team, which came ashore in the waves immediately after him, to accomplish a difficult turning maneuver and establish a firing line on the southern front. His outstanding courage and 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-Spokane, Wash.  
E-Spokane, Wash.

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

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

CORPORAL GEORGE L. DUMONT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following.

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
while serving with Second Amphibian Tractor Bat-  
talion, Second Marine Division, during action  
against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert  
Islands, on 20 November 1943. Wounded in the  
left arm and side and his amphibian tractor crew  
either killed or wounded during the initial land-  
ing operations on D-Day, Corporal Dumont stead-  
fastly refused to leave the vehicle and, braving  
the enemy's incessant shellfire, took over the  
operations of the tractor and continued to disem-  
bark troops and vitally needed ammunition on the  
heavily-fortified beachhead and to evacuate casual-  
ties from the danger area during the first few  
hours of the fierce hostilities. Subsequently  
forced to evacuate the area for medical treatment,  
Corporal Dumont, by his daring initiative, out-  
standing fortitude and cool courage in the face  
of grave peril, had contributed materially to  
the success of the initial stages of the battle  
and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout  
was in keeping with the highest traditions of  
the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROGER A. DUMONT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Grenadier of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Observing that machine-gun fire from an enemy pillbox fifty yards away had temporarily halted the company's assault, Private First Class Dumont crawled under intense hostile mortar, artillery, rocket and small-arms fire to within twenty-five yards of the position. After an unsuccessful attempt to throw several hand grenades through the ports of the Japanese pillbox, he crawled twenty-five yards to a fellow Marine to obtain three rifle grenades and, returning to his former position, fired the three grenades into the ports of the pillbox. By his initiative and unselfish courage, he succeeded in silencing the hostile emplacement, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Lawrence, Mass.,  
B--Lawrence, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MICHAEL J. DUNBAR,  
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, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. With a superior number of counterattacking enemy troops attempting to envelop both flanks, Platoon Sergeant Dunbar kept his men well organized and despite heavy casualties, repulsed three counterattacks, the last of which ended in hand-to-hand combat. Although seriously wounded, he was the last to leave the position when his platoon was reinforced by fresh troops. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
R. Jacksonville, Y Fla.  
B. " " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed DEC 16 1947

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

CORPORAL BERNARD DUNCAN,  
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 F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 2 and 11 May 1945. After his Platoon Leader and Sergeant had been killed and his platoon pinned down and disorganized, Corporal Duncan exposed himself to intense enemy fire to assume command and effect the reorganization of the remaining Marines. Subsequently finding advancement impossible, he made his way to the Company Command Post to report the situation and, when ordered to withdraw, returned to his platoon where he supervised and aided in the evacuation of the wounded before skillfully moving his platoon to a more easily defended position without further losses. While serving as a Squad Leader on another occasion, Corporal Duncan volunteered to lead the patrol assigned to establish contact with a unit on the flank of his company and, despite wounds received from heavy hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, continued directing his patrol until contact was established and the mission completed. 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

R--Long Beach, Calif.,  
B--Jenkin Jones, W. Va.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0746  
Signed

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

*Jr.*  
FIRST LIEUTENANT HOYT C. DUNCAN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a platoon leader attached to a company of the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, from December 26 to 28, 1943. On December 26 when his company commanding officer and the executive officer were killed, First Lieutenant Duncan unhesitatingly took charge of the unit and boldly continued the assault on hostile positions without interruption. On the afternoon of December 26, after four leaders had been killed or wounded during a fierce attack against the enemy, he again assumed command of the company and, fearlessly exposing himself to the determined fire of the Japanese, led his men through the lines to their objective. His brilliant leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Marks, Mississippi.

B - Rupter, Georgia.

CITATION FOR SILVER STAR  
(POSTHUMOUS)

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

Approved by WD on 21 Jan 47

Station: Corregidor

Present station: Deceased

Home address of next of kin: (Brother) Mr. Victor Duncan  
3044 Hudson Street  
Detroit, Michigan

Copy for: Press Branch, BPR  
D & A Section, DPRB

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM J. DUNCAN,  
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 an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. Attacking with his platoon against strong enemy positions defending the north end of the beach, Sergeant Duncan skillfully and boldly carried out his mission to protect the right flank of the platoon. Leading his men in a fierce assault, he met the enemy in furious hand-to-hand combat, killing many and driving them from their foxholes and trenches. Although he sustained a severe leg wound during the defense of the newly won positions, he steadfastly refused evacuation and continued to direct his squad against harassing enemy counterattacks until, weakened by loss of blood, he was evacuated to the rear for medical aid. His outstanding courage, vallant fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon Sergeant Duncan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

*5/5 Francis P. Whitehair*  
~~DAN R. GIBBON~~

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

R-Bristol, Conn.  
B-Bristol, Conn.

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Signed OCT 23 1947

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT WILLIAM P. DUNCAN,  
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. When the officer leading an attack against a strongly entrenched enemy position was wounded, Gunnery Sergeant Duncan braved heavy hostile fire to carry the officer to shelter and, returning to his comrades, took command and led them in a successful charge, destroying the enemy position and capturing five machine guns. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant Duncan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R--Kenton, Tennessee,  
B--Newbern, Tennessee.

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App SofN 3-22-45  
Serial 01313  
Signed 11-19-45

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES E. DUNN,  
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 30 September 1944. When the enemy suddenly attacked, inflicting severe casualties on his platoon during an extremely hazardous advance against a heavily fortified stronghold, Second Lieutenant Dunn fearlessly braved fierce machine-gun and rifle fire to direct the withdrawal of his men. The last to leave the fire-swept area, he was hit by a bursting shell before he could gain a safe position but, despite his intense suffering, continued to assist in aiding other casualties until another shell struck, mortally wounding him. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant Dunn served as an inspiration to the men under his command and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy.

R - West De Pere, Wisc.  
B - Duluth, Minnesota.

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Signed-----

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES F. DUNN, 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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 15 March 1945. In an effort to locate the source of heavy machine-gun fire which had pinned down his patrol during a mission to wipe out a by-passed enemy strongpoint, Second Lieutenant Dunn exposed his body as a target to draw fire and, although seriously wounded as a result of this heroic sacrifice, enabled his men to locate and destroy the enemy gun. His high courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Houston, Tex  
B-Nashville Tenn

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM H. DUNN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Intelligence Observer of Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. Volunteering his services as a Guide and Scout to the elements of a Marine regiment in cleaning out the caves on Mount Suribachi, Corporal Dunn entered a cave to search for enemy documents and to make an estimate of the damage after a heavy demolition had been set off. Meeting with a volley of hostile hand grenades which failed to detonate, he proceeded into the cave and, encountering two slightly wounded Japanese, subdued them in a hand-to-hand struggle and dragged them both out as his prisoners. Then, reentering the cave, he found many enemy soldiers still alive and annihilated six with his pistol. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Attleboro, Mass  
B- " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Citation only

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES A. DUNSFORD,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 8 June 1945. Although the tank which his team had been assigned to protect drew hostile fire, Private First Class Dunsford deployed his men in order to defend the armored vehicle against attack by enemy personnel. When indirect hit from a hostile artillery shell of heavy caliber set the tank on fire, he ignored the danger involved from the possible exploding of the ammunition, unhesitatingly climbed into the tank, extricated the tank officer and carried him to safety. His bold initiative, coolness under fire and courageous conduct 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-Allston, Mass.  
B-Brookline, Mass.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT MICHAEL DUNSKI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Section Leader of an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 to 26 July 1944. When a hostile mortar shell exploded and killed the mortar officer and two others while his platoon was supporting the advance of an infantry battalion of 21 July, Sergeant Dunki immediately assumed command and resumed fire with the two remaining undamaged mortars, rendering vitally needed support to our troops. When approximately thirty of the enemy overran his platoon and threatened to destroy the emplacements during an attack on 26 July, he quickly organized a defense line between the Mortars and the Battalion Command Post and, after the Japanese had been pinned down, boldly led his men in a daylight attack which resulted in their annihilation and the reoccupation of the mortar positions. By his tactical skill, initiative and courageous devotion to duty throughout, Sergeant Dunki upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chicago, IL  
B..Chicago, IL

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Serial 032413  
Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN D. DUPLANTIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. Completely disregarding his own safety in the face of concentrated automatic weapons fire, First Lieutenant Duplantis crawled forward of the friendly lines and maneuvered into a position from which he could see the enemy firing. Unable to determine the exact position of the Japanese guns, he stood up and, by exposing himself to the full brunt of the hostile fire, succeeded in giving the locations of several weapons to his commanding officer. While giving the urgently needed information about still another gun, he was mortally wounded. By his courage, skill and aggressive fighting spirit, he not only gave encouragement to his comrades, but also supplied information which contributed immeasurably to the success of an extremely hazardous mission. His heroic conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Duplantis and the United States Naval Service. He gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Houma, Louisiana.

B--Houma, Louisiana.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WENDELL H. DUPLANTIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. When strong enemy attacks forced his battalion to fall back, wiping out a combat outpost and taking the command post under heavy attack, Lieutenant Colonel Duplantis directed his reserve platoon in a counterattack during which heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy before the platoon was reduced to seven men and withdrawn. With his front line companies and his command post under attack, he continued to control the defenses of his battalion sector for a period of about eight hours before the enemy was repulsed with a count of seventy-five enemy dead in the command post area and approximately two hundred in front of the battalion. His leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Reno, Nevada  
B-Eldorado Springs, Mo.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WENDELL H. DUPLANTIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. When the Commanding Officer of the left assault company of his battalion was killed during an attack on 4 March and the entire battalion was held up, Lieutenant Colonel Duplantis immediately went to the front lines and reconnoitered the battalion front despite constant enemy mortar, automatic and small-arms fire. Advancing one hundred yards beyond the front lines on the left flank and locating a well-defended hostile gun position, he remained in this exposed observation point under enemy observation and fire to direct an artillery and mortar barrage on the enemy emplacement until it was destroyed, thereby enabling his battalion to continue the advance. By his courageous leadership and outstanding professional ability, Lieutenant Colonel Duplantis contributed materially to the success of the day's attack, and his devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R - Reno, Nevada.  
B - El Dorado, Springs, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

CAPTAIN FENLON A. DURAND,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 November 1943. When his command tractor was immobilized and set ablaze by enemy shellfire while leading the company of tractors ashore, Captain Durand promptly assumed charge of the infantry troops and directed their abandonment of the vehicle shortly before two other shells demolished the tractor. Finding his severely wounded crew chief in the water, he immediately improvised tourniquets and administered first aid despite persistent, concentrated hostile machine-gun and sniper fire and, completely disregarding his own personal safety, swam with the injured man for more than an hour in a heroic attempt to save his life. Captain Durand's splendid initiative, courageous conduct and unselfish efforts on behalf of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Junction, City, Kansas.,  
B--Junction City, Kansas.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

DURBIN, Lloyd T.

Private First Class

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

~~Previous Awards~~ - None.

GOWD. No. 13 dated 2-25-42. ✓

"For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, February 15, 1942. During the course of an enemy artillery bombardment on Fort Mills, Private First Class DURBIN, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter, and assisted in the removal of wounded Navy personnel from the South Dock, over ground exposed to enemy fire."

Born: 11-8-18 - Kilbourne, Louisiana.  
Current Enl.: 7-16-40 - Monroe, Louisiana.  
Legal Residence: 833 S. Chilton, Street, Tyler, Texas.  
Next of Kin: Mrs. Lillian P. Durbin (Mother)  
Kilbourne, Louisiana.

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App. SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 12714  
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

**CAPTAIN CHARLES R. DURFEE, USMC.,**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. Landing on Saipan in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Captain Durfee quickly reorganized the units of his rifle company and advancing inland secured the beachhead in his sector. When attacked by intense fire from enemy tanks and infantry, he effectively directed the defense of this position and then led his company in an offensive against Hill 790, where he encountered a hostile emplacement that seriously affected the consolidation of his position. Personally directing the close range fire of his supporting tanks against the enemy troops in holes and caves, Captain Durfee was mortally wounded by Japanese fire. By his superb leadership and great personal valor, he had contributed materially to the success of a vital campaign. His daring initiative and heroic conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

*H. Artemus L. Gates*

Secretary of the Navy.

*Acting*

R--Reeder, North Dakota.  
B--Morristown, South Dak.

, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by CinC, Denver, Colo., 9-25-45 to the  
parents of the late Capt. Durfee, Mr&Mrs. Aaron B. Durfee, Sundance, Wy.  
Inf. pres.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS R. DURHAM,  
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 I, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. Observing two wounded Marines exposed to hostile fire during an attack on a strongly-held enemy position, Private First Class Durham unhesitatingly ran out to assist them and, when several enemy soldiers attempted to attack and bayonet the wounded men, opened fire to kill four and force the others to retreat. Although painfully wounded by a hostile grenade during this engagement, he remained with the casualties and protected them until they could be evacuated. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Houston, Tex.  
B-Cromwell, Okla.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TIMOTHY J. DURMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When his platoon was halted by heavy hostile fire, Private First Class Durnan crept to a position well forward of the front lines and, by well-placed rifle fire and accurately thrown hand grenades, cleared out caves and trenches occupied by the enemy. By his courageous devotion and determination, he contributed materially to the successful advance of his platoon. 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-Jersey City, N. J.

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

CORPORAL EDMUND R. DUROCHER,  
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 Communication Observation Post in Company H, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on the island of New Britain, Bismarck Archipelago, on 30 December 1943. Throughout vicious and repeated early morning hostile attacks on friendly positions during which the Sergeant in charge of mortar fire observation was killed and his telephone seized, Corporal Durocher engaged the enemy in fierce hand-to-hand combat, killed several hostile troops, regained control of the telephone and assisted in maintaining the fire observation and communication with our guns. Despite painful leg and jaw wounds, he steadfastly remained at his position throughout the entire battle and aided directly in the final repulse of the hostile assault. His outstanding courage, daring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave danger reflect great credit upon Corporal Durocher and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Woodside, New York  
B-New York, New York

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DGP-298-rkz

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Appd SofN 11-21-45  
Serial 35575  
Signed ~~NOV 29 1946~~

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE S. DURRANCE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman in a platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. Volunteering to reconnoiter well-hidden hostile positions, Private First Class Durrance moved out with another Marine and, discovering a cave from which four Japanese soldiers were holding up the advance of his platoon, instantly attacked and annihilated three of the enemy. Observing the fourth soldier in the act of throwing a hand grenade in the direction of his fellow comrade, Private First Class Durrance unhesitatingly risked his life to distract the enemy's attention. Although killed instantly, Private First Class Durrance had saved the life of his comrade and enabled him to destroy the remaining Japanese soldier. His outstanding initiative, self-sacrificing spirit and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Durrance and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tampa, Florida.  
B--Tampa, Florida.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN M. DURRANT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company K, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Mount Chachao, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the early morning of 29 July 1944. When one of the Marines in his foxhole was killed and the other wounded as an enemy soldier armed with a grenade hurled himself into the foxhole, Private First Class Durrant met two more of the oncoming enemy at the edge of the position, gathered them into his arms and hurled them to the ground. Despite a painful wound in his leg, he held the two down until a Marine from a near-by foxhole arrived to annihilate them with a rifle butt. With his companion, he then met the two remaining Japanese and killed them at the edge of the foxhole. After assisting to bring his wounded companion to safety, he returned to the line, where he remained until forced to be evacuated for medical treatment. By his courage and aggressive spirit, Private First Class Durrant aided materially in repulsing the attack of the enemy, and 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.

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B--American Fork, Utah

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JUSTIN G. DURYEA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 5 to 9 March 1945. When his Battalion Commander became a casualty, Lieutenant Colonel Duryea assumed command and, in the face of heavy enemy shellfire, courageously led his men until he was seriously wounded while on a reconnaissance in front of his own lines. By his able leadership, sound tactical judgment and tireless devotion to duty, he served as an inspiration to the officers and men of his Regiment and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Newburgh, New York.  
B--Newburgh, New York.

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

CAPTAIN JULIAN D. DUSENBURY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as ~~an~~ Commanding Officer, Company A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 15 and 16 September 1944. Gallantly leading his troops in the assault of the enemy-held beachhead on D-Day, Captain Dusenbury braved the concentrated enemy fire to direct his men in repulsing two enemy tank counterattacks, thereby destroying several tanks. Under intense artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, he led his assault company across fourteen hundred yards of open airfield and, although severely wounded by shell fragments after reaching his objective at the far side of the airfield, continued to direct his troops in driving the Japanese from strongly fortified positions until he was ordered by the Battalion Commander to return to the rear for treatment. By his aggressive fighting spirit and inspiring leadership under fire, Captain Dusenbury contributed materially to the success of his battalion and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-- Claussen, South Carolina

B-- Bishopville, South Carolina.

JAMES FORRESTAL

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Serial 18  
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

CORPORAL THOMAS W. DUSSAULT, U.S.M.C.,

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 Dussault 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 Dussault continued to hold his position in spite of intense opposition throughout the Japanese attacks."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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B...Little Falls, New York

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOBART G. DUZAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Mortar Ammunition Carrier of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. When his company suffered severe casualties during an attack upon a ridge line in the Naha-Shuri sector, Private First Class Duzan voluntarily crossed open terrain swept by all kinds of hostile fire and, making five trips, evacuated five wounded comrades to safety. By his bold initiative and coolness under intense enemy fire, he was instrumental in saving the lives of several casualties, and his courageous 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--Indianapolis, Indiana.  
B--Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Signed-----

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. DWYER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When intense hostile machine-gun and sniper fire halted the advance of his platoon, Corporal Dwyer crawled thirty yards under the fire of an enemy machine gun to aid a wounded Marine. After giving first aid to the wounded man, he worked his way toward the well-concealed enemy position and, courageously exposing himself to the intense fire, hurled grenades which silenced the Japanese position and enabled his platoon to renew the attack and seize the objective. His aggressive spirit and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

A-Ardmore, Pa.  
B-Bryn Mawr, Pen

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM J. DWYER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Parachute Battalion, First Marine Parachute Regiment, First Marine Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces east of the Torokina River, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 1 January 1944. Leaving a position of comparative safety, Private First Class Dwyer ran through heavy hostile fire, along with another Marine, and reached a spot where his wounded squad leader lay. After carrying the wounded man to an area where first aid could be administered, he took immediate charge of his squad and led it brilliantly throughout the remaining action. By his courage, outstanding leadership and steadfast devotion to duty throughout, Private First Class Dwyer upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Ardmore, Pennsylvania  
B-Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

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Spot Award, 1942  
Serial 18  
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

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

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
a member of the First Marines, First Marine Division,  
during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadal-  
canal, Solomon Islands, on August 18 and 29, 1942.  
When fires were started in the regimental munitions  
dump, Private First Class Dyar, unhesitatingly and on  
his own initiative, risked his life in the midst of  
exploding shells and burning gasoline to fight and con-  
trol fires, thus preventing the loss of many lives and  
much essential material. His courageous devotion to  
duty reflects great credit upon the United States  
Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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B...Detroit, Michigan

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LESTER E. DYER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. With the advance of his platoon halted by a concentration of hostile small-arms fire during an attack on an enemy position, Second Lieutenant Dyer went forward of the front lines to reconnoiter and then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, led his platoon to a position where fire could be directed upon the Japanese, directing his men in fighting the enemy until he fell, mortally wounded. By his fearless leadership, indomitable spirit and personal bravery, he gave encouragement to his men and contributed to the success of his platoon in advancing against the enemy, and his conduct throughout reflected the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Dyer and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

B--Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

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