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App SofN 6-25-43
Signed SEP 25 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES E. EARHEART, JR., U.S.NC,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a United States Navy anti-sabotage party aboard H.M.S. HARTLAND during entry into the port of Oran, Algeria, on November 8, 1942. After crashing boom defenses and facing heavy gunfire from hostile shore emplacements and anchored warships, the HARTLAND secured a throw line to a harbor tug to provide escape for wounded personnel and non-swimmers during abandonment of the damaged vessel. When the tug began to move and the lives of men on the line were jeopardized by an imminent break, Private First Class Earheart, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to swim out and halt the boat. Unhesitatingly leaving the ship while it was still under vigorous shelling, he exposed himself to a riddling blast of machine-gun fire and was instantly killed. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

a British warship

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cincinnati, Ohio

B - Cincinnati, Ohio 4-25-1913

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT QUENTIN V. EARL,
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, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. Voluntarily braving heavy enemy fire of all types, First Lieutenant Earl made a personal reconnaissance of an area to be assaulted by tanks and infantry and, after coordinating the attack, led the assault in his tank until the vehicle was struck by a high explosive shell which painfully wounded him. Steadfastly refusing evacuation at a time when his unit and surrounding infantry were receiving heavy fire from their front, he courageously led his platoon across an area known to be mined to reduce the source of this fire and then led an attack on the gun positions which covered his route of approach and succeeded in destroying the enemy fortifications. Still bleeding and in pain, First Lieutenant Earl persisted in the attack until success was assured and then directed the withdrawal of his platoon before accepting medical attention. His determined fighting spirit and leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

WMM L SULLIVAN

R-Portland, Ore.
B-Portland, Ore.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award
Serial 0478
Signed 30 17 1942

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLELAND E. EARLY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
in action while attached to the Second Marine
Raider Battalion during operations against enemy
Japanese forces at Asamana on Guadalcanal, Solo-
mon Islands, on November 11, 1942. Courageously
leading his platoon in the van of a surprise
attack on a numerically superior enemy force,
First Lieutenant Early, in the midst of battle,
suddenly realized that two wounded marines had
become stranded in front of our lines. Immediate-
ly leading an attack against the Japanese, he
neutralized the hostile fire in that sector and
then rescued his injured men. His great personal
valor, outstanding leadership, and heroic devotion
to duty were an inspiration to his men and contrib-
uted in a large measure to the success of our en-
gagement."

For the President

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Stinnett, Texas

B- Wigwam, Colorado.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM EARLY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 April 1945. Observing a squad of hostile troops pulling a heavy fieldpiece into the mouth of a cave, Corporal Early immediately left his squad and, despite the great danger involved, rushed forward alone in the face of heavy rifle fire to the mouth of the cave. After reaching the position, he succeeded in destroying the gun and its crew, thereby permitting the immediate continuation of the platoon's advance. Corporal Early's courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Holyoke, Mass.
B- Holyoke, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-18-45
Serial 12682
Signed MAY 10 1945

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN W. EASLEY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. When a large number of hostile troops launched a savage onslaught against the battalion command post, pinning down all personnel with intense machine-gun and small arms fire, Lieutenant Colonel Easley unhesitatingly exposed himself to a withering barrage from Japanese weapons and skillfully directed his units throughout the violent counterattack which followed, fighting with determined aggressiveness until he was fatally wounded by enemy fire. By his inspiring leadership and great personal valor in the face of grave peril, Lieutenant Colonel Easley enabled his men to annihilate the hostile force, 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,

/S/ JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Blairs, Va.
B--Pittsylvania, Va.

SSM, perm.cit. presented to the widow of the late Lt. Col. Easley, Mrs. John W. Easley, 906 St. Asaph, Alexandria, Va. Presentation made informally at Marine Barracks, 8th and Eye Sts., S.E., Wash., D. C., by C.O. at 11:00 - on 30 June 1945.

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Serial 13002
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HUBERT EASON,
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-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 18 June 1944. Although seriously wounded in both legs when his company was pinned down by concentrated enemy machine-gun and artillery fire during an attack against a vital ridge, Private First Class Eason gallantly continued to press the attack and, dragging himself to a more advantageous position for delivering return fire, steadfastly refused evacuation and kept his weapon in action until all other wounded had been removed from the ridge. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and cool and courageous action on behalf of others at great risk to his life, Private First Class Eason served as an inspiration to his comrades and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rossville, Georgia.
B--Bowden, Georgia.

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Cincpac
App. Soft 2-15-45
Serial 744
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

CORPORAL TRUMAN D. EASTIS, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine-gun Section while serving with the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 27 June 1944. Skillfully maneuvering himself into a strategic forward position when his platoon was pinned down by a devastating concentration of enemy fire during a general advance, Corporal Eastis fought tenaciously to free his companions from the merciless barrages and, attacking the enemy positions with resolute determination, persistently hurled powerful hand grenades until he succeeded in dislodging the Japanese troops. An indomitable fighter, Corporal Eastis, by his intrepid initiative, sustained aggressiveness and cool courage in the face of terrific opposition, enabled his platoon to reach its objective without undue delay, thereby contributing 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.

R--Brighton, Ala.

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M. perm. Cit. ltr fr CMC pres'd. by Cinc, USMC, DHIRS, Rm. 210 Farley
28 Brumham 3, Ala. on 30Aug45 to mother of the late Corp. Eastis,
S. Truman D. Eastis, 4310 Main St., Brighton, Ala. Informally at
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Serial 48903

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

CAPTAIN CLINTON B. EASTMENT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 16 April 1945. When his company came under intense mortar and machine-gun fire during an advance on enemy-held Mount Yaetake, Captain Eastment went forward to ascertain the direction from which the fire was coming and to adjust his mortar fire on the hostile positions. Although painfully wounded, he refused to be evacuated and continued to direct effective fire against the Japanese emplacements until his company could again advance, and then personally directed his company in a determined and vigorous attack which successfully dislodged the enemy from their strong position. After the objective had been seized, he permitted himself to be evacuated for treatment. His courageous leadership and indomitable fighting spirit reflect the highest credit on Captain Eastment and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Glen Cove, New York.
B--Glen Cove, New York.

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Serial 004325
Signed APR 3 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE E. EASTER, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Fire Group Leader of a Rifle Platoon serving with the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Fonte Hill, Guam, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. When a determined enemy counter-attack disorganized his platoon and forced it to withdraw to a defensive position, Private First Class Easter, with two members of his group, courageously remained in front of the lines to cover the withdrawal and prevent the Japanese from reorganizing for another attack. Despite intense, bitter opposition, he tenaciously held his ground and delivered accurate and effective fire on the enemy until mortally wounded. Private First Class Easter's splendid initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty under extremely perilous conditions greatly aided his platoon in establishing a strong defense 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--Birmingham, Alabama.

E--Armory, Mississippi.

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RS, Farley Bldg., 20th & 3rd Ave. N.
am, 3, Ala. to the parents of the

Easter, Mr. & Mrs. Lucullis Easter, 1132 W. 9th St., Birmingham, Ala.
private ceremony at Phillips High School, Birmingham.

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Serial 82465
Signed) FEB 27 1946

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

CORPORAL BURCHARD EBERHART,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Kume Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 5 July 1945. Abandoning the vehicle in which he and two companions were riding when they were ambushed by hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Eberhart courageously assaulted the enemy position alone and, although wounded by the hostile fire, killed a member of the Japanese crew and damaged the machine gun with accurate submachine-gun fire. Then, rushing the position, he annihilated the remaining member of the crew who was attempting to put the piece back into action and captured the Japanese weapon. By his determination, fortitude and initiative, Corporal Eberhart upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Toledo, Iowa.,
B--Toledo, Iowa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 52120
Signed MAR 17 194

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

PRIVATE LEE C. ECK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with a platoon of Company G, Tenth Marine Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa Ryukyu Islands, on 16 May 1945. With his platoon pinned down and suffering heavy casualties under a shattering barrage laid down by the enemy while maintaining a defensive position on the reverse slope of a steep hill, Private Eck unhesitatingly volunteered to dig a trench across the topographical crest to the forward slope where he could observe the Japanese. Fiercely aggressive, he worked for more than an hour under blistering shellfire, digging in the hard soil with an entrenching tool until he had cut a shallow passageway to the area. Concerned only for the safety of his comrades, he dauntlessly remained in the exposed outpost alone, constantly keeping his platoon informed as to the enemy movements and protecting it from counter-attacks until he was mortally wounded by a bursting shell more than two hours later. By his initiative, great personal valor and cool courage in the face of tremendous odds, Private Eck contributed to the saving of many lives and to the success of the battle fought Okinawa Campaign. His heroic conduct thoroughly reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Shamrock Station, Pennsylvania.

B..Shamrock Station, Pennsylvania.

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Serial 45500
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER H. ECKINGER, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Tank Liaison Team of Company A, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 3 March 1945. Proceeding well forward of our own lines in the face of enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, Private First Class Eckinger encountered and destroyed a hostile machine-gun emplacement and a mortar position and, completing his reconnaissance mission, returned to his lines with information which enabled tanks and infantry to make a substantial gain. 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--Canton, Ohio
B--East Canton, Ohio

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Serial 00420
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. EDDY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 25 and 26 July 1944. Promptly assuming the leadership of all his company's platoons when the other platoon leaders had been killed or wounded during the battle of Ponce Hill, First Lieutenant Eddy boldly proceeded along the lines of his own and adjacent units through intense hostile mortar, rifle and machine-gun fire and, directing and encouraging his men in the defense of their threatened position, succeeded in repulsing seven vicious Japanese counterattacks in his sector. With the last enemy assault rolled back by the gallant Marines, First Lieutenant Eddy led a patrol of sixteen men against the Japanese entrenched on a strategic hill vital to the maintenance of his company's lines, fighting furiously throughout the attack and recapturing the strongly fortified position with the few men of his patrol who survived the treacherous barrages of the defending hostile troops. By his fearless leadership, indomitable spirit and unswerving devotion to duty during combat with a ruthless and fanatic enemy, First Lieutenant Eddy contributed immeasurably to the success of our valiant forces on Guam. His courageous conduct reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

No correspondence received.

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Serial 98302

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FREDERICK EDENHARTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Squad Leader of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 31 May 1945. When his company's advance against strongly-defended hostile positions was halted by heavy fire emanating from well-concealed enemy positions which could not be located, Private First Class Edenharter volunteered to reconnoiter the ground forward of his company's position and, despite the extreme personal danger involved, courageously moved forward alone over fire-swept terrain for a distance of two hundred yards. After reaching a point within a few yards of the hostile defenses, he located the concealed machine-gun emplacements and, returning through enemy fire to his company's lines, enabled his unit to bring concentrated fire on the Japanese guns and continue their advance. Private First Class Edenharter's initiative, bravery 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--Reading, Pa.
B--Reading, Pa.

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Serial 44534
Signed MAR 1 1948

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

MAJOR JOHN B. EDGAR, JR.,
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,
Fourteenth 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 early
in the afternoon of 19 February, under intense
fire from hostile artillery, mortar and automatic
weapons, Major Edgar boldly established his Bat-
talion in a firing position and, by his cool judg-
ment and aggressive action, enabled his unit to
silence many enemy weapons firing on the beach
and on his position during the afternoon and night
of the first day. His relentless fighting spirit,
initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping
with the highest traditions of the United States
Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Memphis, Tenn.,
B--Memphis, Tenn.

Secretary of the Navy.

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

BRIGADIER GENERAL MERRITT A. EDSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Assistant Division Commander of the Second Marine Division during operations against enemy Japanese forces on the Islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas Group, from 15 June to 1 August 1944. Responsible for the supervision and training of the Second Marine Division, Brigadier General Edson brought the regiments of his fighting organization to a high state of combat readiness in preparation for the Marianas Campaign. Landing at Saipan in the early afternoon of 15 June, he moved his men in under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, established communications with elements ashore and vigilantly maintained direct contact until the establishment of the Division Command Post ashore. Cool and courageous, he repeatedly risked his life to visit the front line units, rallying his men and providing expert tactical advice during critical stages of the battle as the Second Division forces pushed relentlessly against fanatic Japanese resistance to render valiant service during the assault and aid in the ultimate capture of Saipan on 9 July. Participating in the invasion of Tinian on 24 July, Brigadier General Edson again demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, military acumen and personal valor during the aggressive, sustained drive which resulted in the seizure of this second fiercely defended enemy base in the strategically important Marianas Group on 1 August 1944. Stouthearted and indomitable, Brigadier General Edson contributed substantially to the success of our offensive operations in the Pacific Theater and, his brilliant combat skill, unfailing judgment and iron determination in the face of tremendous opposition reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORREST

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0647
Signed 11 1948

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

CAPTAIN HARRY W. EDWARDS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. Courageously leading his company as the Assault Unit of the Battalion, Captain Edwards constantly remained in the front lines under intense, persistent enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, directing the combat operations of his men aggressively and with expert tactical skill and contributing materially to the expeditious defeat of the enemy and the capture of Betio Island. Captain Edwards' 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."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Jose, Calif.,
B--San Francisco, Calif.,

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5-18-43

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

CORPORAL RAY K. EDWARDS, U. S. MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of the First Marine Division, in action while operating a Naval Radio in the Island Base Command Net, Solomon Islands Area, on September 12, 1942. With courageous disregard for his own safety, Corporal Edwards steadfastly remained at his post during an intense enemy Japanese aerial bombardment in order to receive an important message coming in at the time. His fearless devotion to the performance of a vital task at the cost of his life was an inspiration to the remaining men of this command and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Acting.

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. Secretary of the Navy.

R- Chicago, Ill.

B- Chicago, Ill.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH G. EGAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. Assuming command when his Company Commander and Executive Officer became casualties, First Lieutenant Egan led his unit in the attack across Motoyama Airfield Number Three. With the company pinned down by devastating enemy fire from tanks dug in as pillboxes, he made a thorough reconnaissance of the fire-swept area and then summoned a platoon of tanks. Personally leading the tanks in addition to directing the infantry support, he launched a determined attack and succeeded in annihilating the hostile positions, thereby enabling his company to continue its advance. By his outstanding courage and determination in the face of intense enemy fire, First Lieutenant Egan contributed materially to the success of the operation. His leadership throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Queens Village, N. Y.
B-New York City, N. Y.

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Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT RICHARD N. EIDE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. Voluntarily attacking an enemy emplacement which was preventing the advance of his unit, Platoon Sergeant Eide was twice wounded while working his way to the rear of the hostile position. Courageously continuing until he reached his objective, he destroyed it with hand grenades. When his weapon failed to function while trying to bring down one of the enemy as he fled, he pursued him for approximately thirty yards despite his wounded leg and succeeded in killing the escaping Japanese with a hand grenade. His bold initiative and courageous fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-La Cross, Wisc.
B-La Cross, Wisc.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD I. EILAND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Communications Officer of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Although painfully wounded shortly after landing, First Lieutenant Eiland refused evacuation and, in the face of intense enemy fire, carried a heavy radio set over 300 yards to the battalion command post. Upon arriving at the post, he began coordination of the means of signal communication within the battalion and, when a radio operator was wounded, operated the set himself until a relief could be obtained. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Eiland and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Logan, W.Va.
B-Logan, W.Va.

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 WILLIAM P. EISELE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
First Loader of an Antiaircraft Gun while serving
with the Marine Detachment, U.S.S. CABOT, in action
against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of
the Philippine Islands, on 25 November 1944. Al-
though wounded during a heavy attack by hostile air-
craft, Private First Class Eisele valiantly remained
at his station and continued to supply his gun with
ammunition, leaving his station only when ordered
to do so by an officer. His initiative and courage
were in keeping with the highest traditions of the
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Scranton, Pa.,
B--Scranton, Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 36929
Signed ~~OCT 14 1946~~

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

CORPORAL OLE B. EKSTROM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Crewman, serving with Company A, Sixth Tank Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 12 May 1945. With his tank immobilized and the tank commander wounded during a fierce engagement with the Japanese, Corporal Ekstrom unhesitatingly exposed himself to the furious enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to carry the injured officer to another tank. Courageously disregarding the incessant barrage of hostile fire which surrounded the heavy vehicle as it moved forward to a defiladed position, he held the wounded man on the tank until he himself was struck down, mortally wounded by an enemy machine-gun bullet. His dauntless initiative and fortitude in the face of grave danger and his self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of his fallen commander reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Ekstrom and 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--Lake Forest, Illinois.
B--Stockholm, Sweden.

SSMw/perm.cit.&CMC ltr. was presented to the parents of the late Corp. Ekstrom, Mr.&Mrs. Philip Ekstrom on 27Dec46, by the CO, MB, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTER W. ELAM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. With his platoon subjected to rifle and machine-gun fire, Private First Class Elam placed himself in an exposed position in front of an enemy dugout and, opening fire with his automatic rifle, neutralized the machine gun in the dugout. Severely wounded in the leg and ordered to safety by his Platoon Leader, he held his position and refused to withdraw until all other wounded had been evacuated under his covering fire. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Elam and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- San Bernardino, Calif.
B- Chelsea, Oklahoma
4/30/1921

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed MAR 4 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS G. ELDRIDGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Executive Officer of Company A, First Battalion,
Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action
against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu
Islands, on 7 May 1945. When the success of an
attack by his company on a strongly defended ridge
was endangered by heavy casualties, Second Lieu-
tenant Eldredge volunteered to reorganize his com-
pany and, making his way forward through heavy
flanking machine-gun fire, established contact
between the depleted units and led a successful
assault on powerful enemy positions despite intense
enemy crossfire. His leadership, courage and de-
votion to duty were in keeping with the highest
traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Morenci, Mich.,
B--Morenci, Mich.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Cincpac
Appd SofN 11-8-45
Serial 36965
Signed Oct 16, 1945

W. F. Eldridge

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

**FIRST SERGEANT WILLIAM F. ELDRIDGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. With his company pinned down by heavy rifle, machine-gun and mortar barrages, First Sergeant Eldridge proceeded across open terrain under intense hostile fire to a more favorable operating position and, spraying an enemy emplacement with bullets and hand grenades, succeeded in destroying a Japanese machine gun and in killing its crew. When fierce hand-to-hand combat caused a shortage of the company's grenade supply, First Sergeant Eldridge again exposed himself to hostile fire in order to designate friendly troops to an ammunition party and was mortally wounded before he could regain his former position. His daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and heroic devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were important factors in the success of his company's mission and reflect the highest credit upon First Sergeant Eldridge and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chattanooga, Tennessee.

B--Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Spot Award, 1942
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACK H. ELLENBERGER, JR.,
U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 3, 1942. While serving with Company B of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, Private First Class Ellenberger learned that his company commander had received orders to locate a possible crossing where the Malimbiu River could be forded. Well aware of the fact that hostile snipers were operating in the vicinity of the opposite bank, he voluntarily and on his own initiative, swam out to ascertain that a crossing at that point was not practicable. His courageous conduct in the face of imminent contact with the enemy was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Charleroi, Pa.
B..North Charleroi, Pa.

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

PRIVATE ALBERT C. ELLIOTT,
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. During an attack across fourteen hundred yards of open airfield continuously subjected to an intense hostile artillery, mortar and machine-gun barrage, Private Elliott bravely remained forward of his platoon and, leading the way for his comrades to follow, succeeded in crossing the open area. Discovering an enemy pillbox delivering intense fire on his platoon's left flank, he rushed forward directly into the path of the enemy fire and, throwing three hand grenades into the fortification, killed thirteen of the Japanese defenders and knocked out a machine-gun, thereby contributing materially to the successful accomplishment of his battalion's mission. 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-Dorchester, Mass.
B-Dorchester, Mass.

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Serial 43560
Signed_____

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

CORPORAL LEONARD R. ELLIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When the other members of his squad became casualties during a heavy enemy counterattack, Corporal Ellis personally defended the entire squad sector for the duration of the night. Despite heavy mortar and machine-gun fire and hand grenades thrown at his position, he remained in this isolated situation and covered the area with rifle fire and hand grenades, thereby greatly aiding his platoon in repulsing the counterattack. His cool courage, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Clarksburg, W.Va.
B--Shennston, W.Va.

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ComSoPac
Serial 4945
Spot Award
Signed JAN 29 1945

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM C. ELLIS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Parachute Battalion, First Marine Parachute Regiment, First Marine Amphibious Corps, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, January 1, 1944. When his squad was subjected to withering enemy automatic fire during a vigorous assault against hostile units east of the Torokina River, Corporal Ellis unhesitatingly crawled, with another Marine, to within a few yards of a prepared Japanese position and, when there was no further protection, fearlessly rushed the emplacement with pistols and grenades, killing the occupants before he himself was wounded. Corporal Ellis' daring initiative and gallant conduct in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Paragould, Arkansas
B--Hardy, Arkansas

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Signed _____

JAN 15 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM E. ELLISOR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Runner of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. When effective sniper fire inflicted heavy casualties on a demolition team attempting to destroy a hostile cave, Private First Class Ellisor volunteered to leave his place of safety and, after searching out the position, destroyed the Japanese strong point. On another occasion, he discovered another enemy machine gun located in a well-protected cave and, after courageously attacking the fortification, silenced the gun with grenades. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R. Houston, Texas.
B. Huntsville, "

Secretary of the Navy.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

ROY H. ELROD, Second Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action on January 15 and 16, 1943, on Guadalcanal. Serving with a Regimental Weapons Company attached to a Marine Battalion, he commanded a hastily formed platoon of thirty-two men. While attached to one company on January 15, he led his platoon against heavy machine gun fire, destroying emplacements and many enemy. Later on January 16, while attached to another company, he led his platoon against heavy machine gun fire, into a ravine to destroy two enemy machine guns and other emplacements. Home address: R.F.D. #1, Mule Shoe, Texas.

By command of Lieutenant General HARMON

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

OFFICIAL:

s/ William A. Lord, Jr.

t/ WILLIAM A. LORD, JR.,

Lt. Col., Inf.,

Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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R- Muleshoe, Texas

B- Muleshoe, Texas

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Signed AUG 11 1943

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

SERGEANT WALTER R. ELY, JR., U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Abilene, Texas.

B - Baird, Texas. 6-24-1913.

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Serial 13002
Signed SEP 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HENRY W. EMICH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. With his platoon pinned down during fierce hostilities against the enemy on D-Day, Private First Class Emich fearlessly exposed himself to the intense barrage to gain an advantageous firing position directly in front of the emplacement. Although mortally wounded during the bitter action, he continued drawing all hostile fire to himself and relentlessly engaged the enemy until his squad could flank and destroy the Japanese strong point. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and selfless devotion to the completion of an extremely perilous mission, Private First Class Emich 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.

-Bogota, N. J.

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Signed

MAY 23 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL V. EMANUEL, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Weapons Company, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 9 March 1945. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Emanuel rendered vallant service during operations on this strategically important island, repeatedly volunteering for front line duty at night and for work as a litter bearer during the day, in addition to his regular duties as a machine gunner. On 9 March, when a withering burst of hostile machine-gun and mortar fire severely wounded his fellow litter bearer while attempting to remove a casualty, Private First Class Emanuel fearlessly rushed forward despite the enemy's savage barrage and successfully evacuated both of the wounded men to safety. Later the same day, while participating in a bitter engagement with the fanatical Japanese, he was mortally wounded by hostile fire. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and great personal valor in voluntarily risking his life for others, Private First Class Emanuel saved the lives of two of his comrades who otherwise might have perished. His inspiring conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Harrisburg, Penna.
E- Gettysburg, Penna.

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Serial 4715
Signed MAR 1 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT FELIX A. ENDICO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle 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 11 March 1945. During a night attack on 7 March, First Lieutenant Endico singlehandedly put a hostile tank out of action with hand grenades and, when his ammunition supply was expended, courageously engaged an enemy soldier in furious hand-to-hand combat before killing him with a blow from his carbine. Assuming command of a rifle company on 11 March, he gallantly led his company in two assaults which resulted in the destruction of two hundred enemy troops and the reduction of thirty-five caves and pillboxes. By his aggressive leadership, fortitude and determination, First Lieutenant Endico upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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

CORPORAL JOHN W. ENGEL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in actions against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 21, 1943. Despite painful wounds received when his reconnaissance patrol encountered a numerically superior Japanese force, Corporal Engel courageously moved forward to cover the remainder of his patrol. Unhesitatingly attacking an enemy machine gun, he momentarily silenced it with a hand grenade, thereby contributing to the evasive action of the patrol and enabling his comrades to continue on their mission before he himself was mortally wounded. Corporal Engel's splendid initiative 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,

/s/ JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Jersey City, N.J.

B... " " "

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLYDE E. ENGLAND,
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 Combat Patrol of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 30 July 1944. When his patrol was ambushed and encircled, two members killed and his leader severely wounded, Private First Class England remained with the helpless man until nightfall despite constant exposure to heavy Japanese fire. After removing him to a place of safety, Private First Class England made his way back to the company and guided a stretcher party back to effect his evacuation. His gallant conduct in aiding a companion at the risk of his own life and his unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

DAN A. KIMBALL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Indianapolis, Ind.
B - Indianapolis, Ind.

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Bd. Ser. 3475

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

QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT DALE C. ENGLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Parachute Battalion, First Marine 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 an LST, Quartermaster Sergeant Engle unhesitatingly went into the burning vessel and, despite the imminent danger of explosion and further attack, carried several wounded men ashore to safety. By his courage and devotion to duty, he contributed directly to saving the lives of these men and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Erie, Pa.,
B--Salisbury, Pa.

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Signed-----

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

PLATOON SERGEANT PAUL A. ENGLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of Company B, Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. When his tank received damaging hits and one crew member was wounded by fire from well-concealed enemy positions during an advance on a hostile strong point, Platoon Sergeant Engle engaged the enemy in a fire fight and kept his tank in action for a period of five hours to destroy four enemy tanks, several pillboxes and numerous fortified positions, retiring only after all his ammunition had been expended. His heroic actions and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Lewisburg, Pa.
B-Gowen City, Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT KENNETH J. ENGLERT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. Unhesitatingly volunteering to lead a patrol in an attack against a heavily fortified hostile emplacement retarding the advance of his company, Platoon Sergeant Englert fearlessly pressed forward under the intense barrage in a determined effort to wipe out the resistance. Seriously wounded when his platoon was pinned down before reaching the strong point, he pressed the attack alone, thereby enabling his men to maneuver to a more favorable striking position. Concerned only for the safety of his men, he steadfastly refused evacuation following the bitter engagement, remaining in the area until other wounded had been cared for and evacuated before submitting to medical treatment. By his daring initiative, persistent aggressiveness and outstanding fortitude in the face of tremendous odds, Platoon Sergeant Englert contributed essentially to the success of the engagement, and his selfless devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Lincoln, Calif.
B- Rich Hill, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 004436
Signed OCT 5 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ELMUTH D. ENGLISH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. Reporting the presence of a Japanese soldier upon whom he was unable to bring effective fire to bear, Private First Class English subsequently returned to the area with a group of men in an effort to track the aggressor down. As he located and approached the enemy's position, he saw a Marine from another unit shot down from ambush by the Japanese and, handing his carbine to one of his group, dropped to a prone position and started crawling to the side of the wounded man but was instantly shot and killed as he reached his comrade. Private First Class English's fearless initiative, aggressive determination and cool courage throughout a difficult and dangerous 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..Marshall, Kentucky.
B..Clay, Kentucky.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Louisville 2, Ky.,
12-8-45 to the mother of the late PFC English, Mrs. Nina
English., Inf pres at home.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEARL M. ENGLISH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. When his tank was destroyed by a land mine shortly after landing on D-Day, First Lieutenant English remained steadfast in the immobilized vehicle throughout the day, although it was repeatedly hit by hostile fire, to direct the progress of his platoon. On another occasion when the unit came under heavy enemy antitank fire while attacking the central airfield through an area mined and marked by shell holes, he ordered the balance of the group to withdraw to defilade while he directed his vehicle in battling the antitank weapons. Although his tank was stopped by repeated hits, First Lieutenant English and his crew continued their fire until they had destroyed at least one antitank gun and several mortar positions. Throughout the twenty-six days of relentless fighting on this Pacific stronghold, he continued to lead his platoon against the Japanese although several times his tanks were destroyed by enemy mines and guns. By his courage, leadership and aggressive fighting spirit, First Lieutenant English upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oceanside, Calif.
B--Rataliff, Texas

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

CORPORAL JAMES H. ENOCH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Supply Sergeant of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. When a platoon had suffered many casualties in an area where evacuation was impossible following a vicious fire fight with the enemy, Corporal Enoch volunteered to supervise the construction of a road which tanks could use to evacuate the wounded. Exposing himself to constant hostile fire, he directed an armored bulldozer in constructing the road and then guided a tank to the casualties who were all evacuated except one. Observing that it was impossible for the tanks to reach the remaining casualty, Corporal Enoch ran the rest of the distance across the fire lane to the wounded man where he himself was wounded by enemy fire and later evacuated. His initiative, courage and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Gassaway, W. Va.,
B--Bridgeport, W. Va.

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 C. ENRIGHT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine-Gun Squad of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 15 May 1945. During a desperate enemy counter-attack against his company's defense on Sugar Loaf Hill, Corporal Enright was ordered to move his squad into a front line position to reinforce the defense. Undeterred by darkness and intense enemy fire, he led his squad into position and placed his machine gun in action. Harassed by enemy grenade and mortar fire throughout the night, he remained at his post with his gun crew and repulsed numerous enemy attempts to penetrate his company's defense, thereby materially aiding his company in withstanding the numerous counter-attacks. By his outstanding leadership and courageous conduct throughout, Corporal Enright upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Chicago, Ill.,
B--Colfax, Washington.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 17648
Signed NOV 19 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES F. ENSMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Wire Team serving with the Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Ensmann rendered valiant service during initial landing operations on Saipan Island. Under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he assisted his wire team in finding and repairing a break in the telephone lines used for sending fire commands between artillery regimental headquarters and one of the battalions. Before returning to the unit, the team was caught in an enemy artillery concentration and Private First Class Ensmann was severely wounded. His heroic spirit and outstanding technical skill contributed materially to the success of this vital campaign and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. EPPERSON,
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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. When his company's right flank became exposed to hostile counterattack during the initial assault against enemy-held positions, First Lieutenant Epperson acted on his own initiative to lead a section of machine guns across open ground to a position from which he could best protect his unit. Twice, driven back by hostile fire, he persisted in his mission, returning both times to deliver furious counterfire with his own weapons and killing or dispersing the Japanese threatening his company. Constantly under enemy fire while rallying his men, First Lieutenant Epperson was fatally wounded. His courage, inspiring leadership and aggressive fighting spirit throughout this action reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. First Lieutenant Epperson gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. posthumously awarded the late 1st.Lt. Epperson, USMCR., was presented by Captain Fred J. Gilhuly, USMC, OinC, USMC MRD, HD of Kansas City, Kansas City 6, Mo. informally at the home of the parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Epperson, on 19 September, 1948. The parents requested that no ceremony, other than the informal presentation, be held and that no publicity be given.

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

CORPORAL VAHAN ERANOSIAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Wire Team Chief of Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. When our assaulting units gained the center of the airstrip during the early morning following furious battle with a fanatic enemy on D-Day, Corporal Eranosian boldly led his wire team across the fire-swept area and expeditiously established and maintained the only wire communication from the Forward Assault Companies to the Battalion Command Post and the 81-mm. Mortar Platoon, tirelessly carrying on despite tremendous odds during our sustained drive across the landing field to the south coastline of the island. By his daring initiative, his dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Corporal Eranosian enabled the forward elements to direct accurate, determined fire of the mortar platoon against the Japanese and contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout the fierce hostilities was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- San Mateo, Calif.
B- Belmont, Calif.

For the President,

PacFlt BdAwdS Ser 47 of 23 Feb 1944 JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Our Book

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Signed MAK 3 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DEWEY A. ERICKSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to a Reconnaissance Company of the Headquarters Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. After crossing a fire lane covered by heavy sniper and machine-gun fire as he was leading his platoon forward to fill a gap between two assault battalions, Second Lieutenant Erickson halted to encourage the members of his unit in their attempt to negotiate the hazardous crossing. When his runner was wounded by a burst of enemy fire as he started across the opening and fell to the ground in the open fire lane, Second Lieutenant Erickson immediately braved the withering machine-gun fire, and ran to his runner's side, took him in his arms and started to carry him to a covered position where he could administer first aid. Mortally wounded by another burst of enemy fire as he moved across the opening with the wounded man, he fought to remain conscious until he had successfully carried his runner to safety before he himself collapsed and died as a result of his wounds. Second Lieutenant Erickson's gallant act of self-sacrifice inspired his men to heroic efforts in the successful accomplishment of their mission and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

--Ramona, Oklahoma.
--ElDorado, Kansas.

SSW/perm cit ltr fr CMC presented to parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Erickson, on or about 22 May 1947, by C1nC, SHRD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Due publicity given presentation.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO 516

AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1318), a Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to

GUNNERY SERGEANT HARRY P. ERICKSON, USMC.,

"For gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 9 July 1943. Personally manning a gun whose crew members had been pinned down by enemy fire Gunnery Sergeant Erickson aggressively maneuvered it into a position from which he disposed of an enemy machine gun and killed its entire crew. As a result of this courageous action he enabled friendly troops to continue their advance on the objective. In so doing Gunnery Sergeant Erickson sacrificed his life."

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 ... North Stonington, Connecticut.
B ... Norwich, Connecticut.

Official Copy.

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Signed 8-29-45

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

PRIVATE HERBERT ERICSON, Jr., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Rifleman with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, from 5 to 7 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific Japanese opposition, Private Ericson repeatedly volunteered as scout for his platoon during cleaning-up operations on isolated points of enemy resistance behind the front lines. Although mortally wounded on 7 July while preceding the others into a thickly wooded area, he steadfastly refused medical aid and accurately pointed out the exact location of the enemy weapon to his platoon leader. By his outstanding initiative and resolute devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, Private Ericson contributed materially to the success of a vital mission. His unselfish spirit and valiant conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Bayshore, Mich.
B..Petoskey, Mich.

SS perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 2-7-46 by CO, MTD, NTS, Dearborn, Mich. to the Sister of the late Pvt. Ericson, Mrs. Mary M. Willis, Petoskey, Michigan. Informal pres. at home with family and friends attending.

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Serial 1155
Signed 7-19-45

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH Z. ERLICK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of the Engineers Platoon serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Erlick rendered valuable service during initial operations on this strategically important enemy stronghold. Stationed in a fox-hole several yards from the point of his battalion command post under attack on 2 August by approximately one hundred and fifty Japanese, he immediately delivered such a devastating volume of fire from his automatic rifle that many of the enemy were killed and others were delayed long enough to permit the establishment of an adequate defense line. Daring to leave the comparative safety of his fox-hole in the face of intense hostile machine-gun and rifle fire in order to obtain a better vantage point, Private First Class Erlick stood in an open roadway down which the enemy was advancing and continued to fire until he was mortally wounded. By his inspiring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty, he undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and contributed materially to the ultimate success of this vital campaign. His heroic fighting spirit was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

3 with cit ltr fr CMC pres For the President,
-25-46, by CO Marine Barracks, JAMES FORRESTAL
. S. Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn,
.Y. to the Mother of the late
FC Erlick, Mrs Andrew Erlick, Secretary of the Navy,
7 Sumner St., Middletown,
Conn.

Informal Pres. at home.
B-- " "

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Our book

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Serial 35602
Signed JUL 9 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WENDELL A. ERSKINE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Machine Gun Platoon Leader, attached to Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Advancing on the beach in the face of intense mortar and machine-gun fire from camouflaged hostile pillboxes, Second Lieutenant Erskine defied the concentration of enemy fire power, which was inflicting severe casualties on his company during the initial assault, to move forward of the front lines with an advancing tank and, taking up a highly vulnerable position on the uncovered slope, supervised the direction and adjustment of fire power by infantry-tank telephone and made possible the destruction of two hostile pillboxes before he himself was instantly killed while advancing on a third. By his brilliant tactics and outstanding devotion to duty during this critical period, Second Lieutenant Erskine had inspired his men to continue the relentless attack until they had overrun the enemy positions. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Danville, Illinois
B.--El Paso, Illinois

W/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the widow of the late 2dLt. ne, Mrs. Wendell A. Erskine, 107 Voorhees St., Danville, Ill., at the DBRS, Chicago, Ill., by Capt. E.L. Patrow on 20Sep46.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM W. ERVIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Although wounded himself and separated from his platoon during intense artillery barrages directed against the assault waves and beach areas, Private First Class Ervin courageously exposed himself to the continuing fire to render first aid to the wounded and conduct the seriously wounded men to the beach for evacuation. On one occasion, he lifted an unconscious man to his shoulders and, braving heavy artillery fire which had pinned down all others in the area, carried him to a position of comparative security. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Alexandria, Madison Co, Ind.
B--Elwood, Indiana.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed JUN 19 1946

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

CORPORAL LEBORIE ESPOSITO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Fire Group Leader, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 20 February 1945. Detecting a strategically located bunker manned by several enemy riflemen, Corporal Esposito, boldly led his group forward across open terrain in an assault through intense and withering hostile fire and, moving to the flank of his target, directed a continuous barrage of grenades and rifle fire upon the hostile emplacement until it was annihilated. A valiant fighter, Corporal Esposito by his cool and courageous leadership under fire and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout this operation inspired the men of his platoon 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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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES ESSARY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT HARRY K. ESTELLE,
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 B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When a hostile patrol attacked and wounded several defenders of the Company Command Post, Gunnery Sergeant Estelle crawled from his foxhole, proceeded toward the enemy through an area where both friendly and hostile grenades were falling and, rushing the enemy position, killed three Japanese riflemen. Proceeding around to the rear of the Command Post toward the 60-mm. mortar position where a renewal of the fire fight had attracted his attention, he killed another member of the hostile patrol and, still unsatisfied that the enemy had all been killed or had withdrawn, continued to search through the entire area before reporting back to the Command Post. His outstanding initiative and courageous devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Red Bank, N.J.
B..Long Branch, N.J.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT ALBERT J. ESTERGALL,
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 6 July 1944. Although painfully wounded by hostile fire during an attack against the enemy entrenched in a heavily wooded area, Sergeant Estergall courageously led his squad throughout the assault, closing in on the enemy and annihilating hostile troops in their foxholes. His gallantry, leadership and disregard for his personal safety reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Estergall and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT ROBERT B. ETTENBOROUGH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Parachute Regiment during action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, December 9, 1943. While leading one of the squads of his platoon into position, Gunnery Sergeant Ettenborough, with cool courage and complete disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly exposed himself to heavy fire from hostile snipers and machine-gun emplacements in order to maintain control of his men in the dense underbrush. When his squad was finally pinned down by enemy fire, he boldly advanced to a point within dangerous proximity to Japanese positions and silenced two machine guns with hand grenades, thereby enabling his squad to accomplish its mission. His inspiring leadership and heroic aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Bremerton, Wash.
B-Seattle, Wash.

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

SERGEANT WERNER H. EUBANKS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine Gun Section 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 26 July 1944. When the enemy penetrated the lines in several places and inflicted heavy casualties in his section during a coordinated Japanese night attack against the entire beachhead, Sergeant Eubanks replaced a wounded gunner and personally manned a machine gun against continued hostile attacks. With this position becoming untenable as the enemy advanced, he skillfully withdrew his section a short distance to the rear and persevered in his fight against the Japanese until all except three of his men became casualties and both guns of his section were put out of action by hostile mortar fire. With the three remaining men, Sergeant Eubanks reported to the nearest rifle platoon and, at dawn, voluntarily served as an Automatic Rifleman in the counterattack which restored the lines. His courage under fire and inspiring leadership 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--Jacksonville, N.C.
B--Onslow, N.C.

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Serial 00817
Signed OCT 26 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLYDE R. EUDY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. When an infantry battalion was subjected to intense hostile fire during unloading operations, Private First Class Eudy unhesitatingly volunteered to advance beyond the beachhead and attempt to silence the enemy gun emplacements. Despite a withering hail of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, he courageously proceeded beyond the foremost elements of combat troops and, with several comrades, attacked and destroyed seven vital enemy positions, killing fourteen Japanese and driving out numerous others. By his daring initiative, he and his companions were able to capture hostile documents containing valuable military information for our forces. Private First Class Eudy's aggressive fighting spirit and valiant conduct in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Albemaree, N. C.
B-- " " "

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

CORPORAL RUSSELL J. EUGGINO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine Gun Section, in a platoon of Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 4 May 1945. When his assaulting rifle platoon suffered severe casualties and was forced to withdraw to a more favorable position, Corporal Euggino quickly realized the necessity for providing a smoke screen to facilitate evacuation and, when the wind and proximity of friendly troops made the use of artillery or mortar smoke impossible, voluntarily left his covered position and made a valiant attempt to cover the withdrawal by throwing smoke grenades. Fearlessly braving a devastating barrage of machine-gun, mortar and sniper fire when his supply was exhausted, he ran up and down the line, securing more grenades from the wounded men and covering their evacuation until he himself was fatally struck down by the enemy. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of others, Corporal Euggino contributed to the saving of many lives, and his selfless conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

CORPORAL CARL D. EVANS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Leader of a Machine Gun Section of Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 20 June 1945. Voluntarily going to the aid of two wounded members of his platoon, Corporal Evans made his way to an exposed reef and despite accurate sniper fire succeeded in carrying the more seriously wounded man to safety. In addition, he further exposed himself to enemy fire in order to draw the enemy's attention away from the second wounded man, thereby making it possible for him to make his way to safety. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Midway, Ohio
B-Portsmouth Ohio

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed SEP 19 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARL R. EVANS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. During a fierce, tank-supported enemy counterattack which rendered his position extremely dangerous, Private First Class Evans valiantly remained at his machine gun, firing until his weapon ceased to function and then directing fire of an anti-tank gun which resulted in the destruction of a hostile tank. Subsequently securing another machine gun at the company command post, he unhesitatingly returned to his position to continue the fight. By his daring initiative and tireless vigilance, Private First Class Evans aided materially in the successful stemming of the enemy's devastating counter-attack, and his tenacious devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Troup, Texas
B--Troup, Texas

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 777
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

PRIVATE CECIL H. EVANS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Release "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a heavy machine-gun crew in ~~Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division,~~ during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 24 and 25, 1942. When his squad leader and the remainder of his crew were killed or wounded during a mass frontal attack by hostile forces, Private Evans, manning his rifle from a dangerously exposed position, prevented hostile troops from overrunning the gun position until the disabled weapon could be replaced. His heroic conduct, maintained at great personal risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Leeton, Missouri

B - Leeton, Missouri, 1-24-24.

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

CORPORAL CHARLES W. EVANS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Lakewood, Ohio.,
B..Glen Rock.

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22 February 1943.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

* * * * *

DONALD L. EVANS, (403382), Private, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action on January 23, 1943, at Guadalcanal. While a member of an anti-sniper patrol along a road, Private Evans attempted, above and beyond his particular duties, to evacuate three wounded Marines and a wounded hospital corpsman from the road to a place of safety. While so doing he was under extremely accurate sniper fire and was severely wounded by a bullet through the chest. Home address: 1807 East 76th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

s/ William A. Lord, Jr.

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

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B- Kansas City, Missouri

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Signed APR 16 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY L. EVANS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 12 April 1945. While patrolling with his company, First Lieutenant Evans observed that another company of the battalion approximately seven hundred yards distant was receiving intense mortar and machine-gun fire and was unable to evacuate its numerous casualties without assistance. Obtaining permission to lead an evacuation party into the front lines, he quickly organized a thirteen-man group and removed many casualties in spite of the continued enemy fire, personally evacuating three wounded Marines and, in one instance, walking to the rear and carrying a Marine through machine-gun and sniper fire. Upon returning to the battalion command post, he bravely led a thirty-man evacuation party back to the scene of action and continued to direct evacuation activities until all the wounded had been removed to a place of safety. His heroic conduct, unfaltering devotion to duty and courageous spirit of self-sacrifice resulted in saving the lives of many of the wounded and reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Evans and the United States Naval Service."

For the President
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R--San Rafael, Calif.
E--San Francisco, Calif.

SSW/pern cit ltr fr CMC presented to widow, Mrs. Harry L. Evans, with appropriate informal ceremony at home, on 21 May 1947, by an officer of MB, NBTI, San Francisco, California.

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Serial 51256

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

MAJOR HOLLY H. EVANS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 25 February 1945. In preparation for a coordinated infantry-tank-artillery attack against high ground northeast of Motoyama Airfield Number Two, Major Evans thoroughly reconnoitered the entire Division zone of action under heavy hostile fire and, on the basis of that reconnaissance, submitted detailed recommendations for the employment of his Battalion. Undaunted by fierce enemy action, he courageously moved forward with his assault units in order to direct and control the progress of the advance. Sensing at the most critical phase of the attack the necessity of prompt and vigorous action to prevent the attack from stalling and to reorganize the remaining shattered forces, he moved on foot to the most forward tanks in the face of intense hostile fire and made an effective and timely reorganization of those tanks still on the field. By his outstanding courage and initiative, Major Evans inspired his officers and men to continue the advance despite the almost invulnerable defenses of the Japanese, 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

E--Texas City, Texas.
B--Pawnee, La.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed JAN 17 1947

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

CORPORAL ROBERT EVERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 8 June 1945. When his platoon became pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun fire from concealed positions, Corporal Evers and another Marine voluntarily moved out into the open to a vantage point from which the hostile emplacements were visible. Returning to his platoon leader and informing him of the location of the stronghold, he again volunteered to adjust tank fire upon the positions and, heroically exposing himself, directed devastating fire which destroyed the hostile forces. By his initiative, courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Corporal Evers contributed immeasurably to the successful advance of his platoon, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. EVERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February 1945. When intense enemy automatic and mortar fire suddenly swept his company in an attack from the north edge of Motoyama Airfield Number Two, pinned down his left platoon and caused many casualties among vital personnel, Captain Evers personally advanced along his assault line from one unit to another, rallying his men as he directed their fire and movement. Inspiring his company to advance against tremendous opposition, he continued to risk his life under hostile fire until, while reconnoitering on the left, he was struck by enemy small-arms fire and killed instantly. A courageous leader, Captain Evers by his heroic example and skillful direction of his company's fierce onslaught had succeeded in inflicting severe casualties upon the enemy and in weakening the main line of Japanese resistance on Iwo Jima so that friendly troops subsequently took the vital ground with comparative ease. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Hudson, New York
B.--Easton, Pennsylvania

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD L. EWERS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Regiment as a machine gunner on the outpost line of resistance around Bougainville beachhead, Solomon Islands, December 9, 1943. While Private First Class Ewers and two other marines were operating a machine gun during a crucial period of the action, an enemy hand grenade exploded within the emplacement, killed his two comrades and demolished the gun tripod. In order to maintain uninterrupted resistance, Private First Class Ewers picked up the weapon and, although it was necessary to expose himself, kept up a vigorous stream of fire from his hip. Despite painful burns on both hands, he held out with grim determination until an adjacent platoon was able to re-organize its position effectively. His relentless fighting spirit, maintained at great personal risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Denver, Colo.
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