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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CARL C. GABEL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Quartermaster and Shore Party Commander of the Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. Landing with the advance elements of the Regimental Headquarters on 19 February, First Lieutenant Gabel found the supply and evacuation facilities of the Shore Party completely disrupted due to continuous enemy fire and, voluntarily assuming responsibility for the operation of the beach, initiated its immediate reorganization. Working for more than eighty-five hours without rest under conditions which made the entire beach practically untenable, he utilized inexperienced personnel and remnants of various units of the original Shore Party and conducted the numerous activities of the beach, thereby effecting adequate supply and efficient evacuation for his own Regiment and its attached units. Continuously exposed to hostile fire, he aided in saving the lives of many casualties and in providing all the vital supplies required for advancing the attack during its most critical stage. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Chicago, Illinois
B-Chicago, Illinois

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-398-eln

CG, FMF, Pac
App. SofN 5-3-45
Serial 13031
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK GABODA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 10 July 1944. During an attack against the last desperate pocket of Japanese resistance on the island's northern shores, Private First Class Gaboda effectively covered the platoon advance with his Browning automatic rifle, boldly moving ahead of the unit through terrain which afforded ideal cover to the enemy and personally accounting for at least twenty Japanese before he fell, mortally wounded by a sniper while leading his group across an exposed position. By his aggressive determination and courageous fighting spirit, Private First Class Gaboda had pressed forward an attack which contributed materially to the success of our vital mission on this island, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Linden, N.J.

RE: B-- "A" Gaboda's service record on 10 July 1944.
RE: Gaboda's unit and the fact that he was killed in action.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GUY L. GABALDON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Japanese Interpreter with Headquarters and Service Company, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 1 August 1944. Attempting to capture both civilian and military personnel throughout the entire campaign, Private First Class Gabaldon entered enemy positions in caves, pillboxes, buildings and jungle brush and, in the face of direct enemy fire, obtained vital military information and aided in the capture of over one thousand enemy civilians and military personnel. Working alone in front of the lines, he contributed materially to the success of the campaign and, through his efforts, a definite humane treatment of civilian prisoners was insured. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Gabaldon and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00420-45
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL RAYMOND E. GAGNON,
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan Point Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Voluntarily advancing one hundred yards beyond his own lines, Corporal Gagnon repeatedly exposed himself in an effort to draw enemy machine-gun and rifle fire and locate Japanese positions holding up an attack by his platoon. In addition, he assisted in directing the fire of his platoon, personally killing six Japanese with his rifle. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty, he enabled his platoon to seize the objective with heavy losses to the enemy, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Webster, Mass.
E-Worcester, Mass.

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 2-8-45
Serial 748
Signed [REDACTED]
JUN 11 1945

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

SERGEANT BENJAMIN F. GAHR, USMC,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, 20 June 1944. Displaying superb courage and complete disregard of his own safety, Sergeant Gahr heroically entered an ammunition dump during an explosion and resultant fire and strove desperately to isolate the flames threatening further large stores of dynamite, artillery and mortar ammunition until he was killed by a second explosion. Sergeant Gahr's valor and unselfish spirit in unhesitatingly risking his life in the performance of a dangerous duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Willowbrook, Calif.

B--St. James, Mo.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 28 July by R. Adm. E.M. Pace, USN, to the widow of the late Sgt. Gahr, Mrs. Benjamin F. Gahr, 2037 E. 124th St., Willowbrook, Calif. at combined ceremony at Naval Training School (radio), Naval Reserve Armory, Los Angeles.

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DGP-298-dmr

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Serial 48903

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

CORPORAL HOUSTON T. GAINES,
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, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 19 April 1945. When the platoon to which his squad was attached was ordered to withdraw after a bitter fire fight lasting approximately an hour, Corporal Gaines saw that his unit had been cut off from the platoon by enemy fire and separated from his company by a road which was covered by intense hostile machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire. Calmly and skillfully, he deployed his squad to the best cover available. Voluntarily crossing the road twice, Corporal Gaines reconnoitered a possible route of escape and, on the third crossing, led his entire unit, including three wounded men, to safety. By his initiative and courage, he averted possible heavy casualties, and his valiant leadership was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Camden, Ala.
B--Monrowville, Ala.

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DGP-298-vml

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Serial 22700
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

TECHNICAL SERGEANT TOM H. GAINES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of Company A, Corps Signal Battalion, Corps Headquarters Troops, Fifth Amphibious Corps, and serving with the Naval Gunfire Liaison Team of the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. When several men in his team were severely wounded and in desperate need of medical aid during an enemy night attack, Technical Sergeant Gaines left the security of his fox-hole and, braving the concentrated barrage of hostile fire, worked tirelessly in administering first aid. Inspiring other Marines to come to his assistance, he procured stretchers and directed the evacuation of the wounded to the collecting station, thereby saving the lives of his comrades. His gallant spirit of service, leadership and courage reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

←
R--Portland, Oregon,
B--Lehi, Utah.

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Serial 18638
Signed AUG 4 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LARRY R. GALE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Forward Observer, attached to the Third Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, 15 June to 8 August 1944. Directing the fire of his battalion with skill and accuracy, First Lieutenant Gale aided in repulsing two enemy counterattacks and in destroying three enemy batteries and several mortar positions as well as many enemy personnel. While on a reconnaissance of enemy-held territory on 10 July, he boldly stepped into the open to draw hostile fire away from a wounded man until he could be removed to safety. His superb courage and valiant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Gale and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

H - Marietta, Ohio
B - Newport, Ohio

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DGP 298 Navy rnh

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Signed _____

JAN 22 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MANTON L. GALE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 30 June 1944. With his platoon pinned down by heavy fire from two enemy machine guns, Private First Class Gale braved the intense fire to lead tanks to a position from which they could silence the hostile weapons. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Manette, Ark.
B. Leachville, "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial SPECIAL

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a 20-mm. Gunner with the Marine Detachment on board the U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Nansei Shoto, on 4 May 1945. When his ship was attacked by a hostile suicide plane, Corporal Galey remained at his gun to direct continuous fire against the attacking aircraft until it struck his vessel near his gun station. He then immediately proceeded to the scene of the damage. Quickly leading out a fire hose, he directed a stream of water on the resulting fire in less than a minute and aided materially in bringing the flames under control. Later, he entered the wreckage through a hole caused by the explosion and, despite the great personal danger involved, evacuated several wounded comrades. During the following twenty-four hour period, Corporal Galey worked tirelessly with repair parties in controlling damage, pumping out flooded compartments and clearing away debris. His daring initiative, determination and courageous devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-11g

CincPac.
Appel Soft 2-1-45
Serial 0231
Signed JUL 5 1945

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM E. GALLANT, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 18 September 1944. When the tank operated by his squad was found to be in an untenable position and unable to advance or withdraw under a sudden hail of enemy machine-gun fire, Sergeant Gallant, having detected the Japanese position, daringly climbed on the tank and opened fire, destroying the crew of the enemy machine gun. Subsequently, while still occupying an exposed position on the tank, he was mortally wounded by machine-gun attack from a nearby enemy emplacement. By his exceptional combat skill and cool, determined courage, Sergeant Gallant inspired the entire squad and aided materially in the fulfillment of his company's mission in an extremely difficult attack. His unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rumford, Maine

R--Rumford, Maine

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES A. GALLO, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 and 22 July 1944. After his own platoon had suffered extremely heavy casualties and had become disorganized during the initial assault on an enemy-held ridge on D-Day, Second Lieutenant Gallo collected and reorganized all the remaining able-bodied men of his platoon as well as the remnants of two other platoons and again charged the ridge in the face of a heavy concentration of enemy fire, tenaciously holding a portion of the ridge from sundown throughout the night despite the loss of all but twenty men and the continuation of enemy grenade and small-arms fire. Although suffering from concussion and hand grenade fragment wounds on the following morning, he led his men forward and succeeded in wresting the center of the crest of the ridge from the well-entrenched enemy. His indomitable fighting spirit, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Haverstraw, N. Y.
B-Haverstraw, N. Y.

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DGP-298-sps

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD W. GALUSKA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. Finding himself confronting an enemy machine gunner already going into action while he himself was displacing forward, Private First Class Galuska unhesitatingly went into action and succeeded in annihilating the Japanese gunner. Fired on by another hostile gun, he skillfully turned his fire on the other weapon and put it out of action. When his own machine gun was disabled by Japanese fire, he rushed forward through intense enemy fire, seized one of the abandoned hostile machine guns and directed it against the enemy, thereby assisting his company to advance. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Galuska and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Newark, N. J.
R - Newark, N. J.

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DGP-298-rtt

ComGenFMFPac Ser 98302
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. GAMBLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 5 May 1945. Realizing the necessity of capturing a ridge from which the enemy was directing extremely heavy fire on his company and adjacent units, Captain Gamble courageously led his men in an aggressive assault against the ridge and, boldly moving along the line, exposed himself to intense hostile fire to encourage and direct the members of his company. Although suffering from painful wounds sustained during the attack, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated and continued to lead the assault until the objective had been taken. By his able leadership, fortitude and determination, Captain Gamble upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- New Haven, Conn.
B- New Haven, Conn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-egc

App'd SofN 7-7-44
Serial 00772
Signed AUG 5 1944

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM C. GANDY, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of a rifle platoon serving with the Third Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces at Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 21, 1943. When his platoon was immobilized by intense hostile fire during an assault on strong Japanese emplacements, Private First Class Gandy unhesitatingly volunteered to make his way around the flank of the enemy to create a diversion by attacking from the rear and, reaching an advantageous position, accurately fired into the hostile emplacements, killing one of the machine gunners and disrupting the coordination of the enemy's fire. Although he was mortally wounded while carrying out this heroic mission, his inspiring conduct and great courage enabled the platoon to capture the Japanese position and reach the assigned objective. Private First Class Gandy's splendid initiative and vallant spirit of self-sacrifice contributed in a large measure to the success of the attack and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

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For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

R--Eustis, Florida
B--Lake Monroe, Florida

Secretary of the Navy

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT BAXTER U. GANN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. Operating well ahead of oncoming tanks supporting a strategic advance by his company against a fanatic enemy on Betio Island, Sergeant Gann fearlessly exposed himself to the shattering hostile fire to point out strongly fortified Japanese positions, in one instance personally leading the tanks forward of assault units against a heavy concentration of machine-gun fire to destroy a hostile pillbox retarding the advance of our forces. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and unwavering devotion to the completion of each perilous mission at great personal risk, Sergeant Gann contributed materially to the success of his unit in neutralizing many hostile strongholds during this period of fierce hostilities and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Davenport, Oklahoma
B--Adamsville, Tenn.

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT
Serial 00406
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT OTHO L. GARBER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Bomb Disposal Officer of the Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 10 August 1944. Demonstrating outstanding courage and determination, First Lieutenant Garber repeatedly rendered enemy mines, torpedoes and booby-traps safe, thus permitting the continued advance of the tanks and infantry. Moving forward under cover of a smoke screen on 26 July, he braved intense enemy fire to advance far beyond the infantry to clear an enemy mine field consisting of thirty-five mines which prevented the advance of our tanks. His heroism 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--Bridgewater, Virginia
B--Bridgewater, Virginia

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Cinepac
AppdSoft 8-21-46
Serial 0933
Signed JUN 26 1947

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

CORPORAL ERNEST GARCIA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving as Squad Leader in a Rifle Platoon of Company L,
Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine
Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the
Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 15
December 1943. Resolutely leading his men over difficult
terrain and coordinating their movements and fire in the
face of strong enemy opposition, Corporal Garcia moved
forward until an overwhelming concentration of Japanese
mortar and machine-gun fire made withdrawal of his squad
and evacuation of the wounded necessary. Remaining in
position, he valiantly protected his men during withdrawal
and evacuation operations until he was fatally struck by
mortar fire. Corporal Garcia's exceptional leadership,
great fortitude and gallant self-sacrifice were in keeping
with the highest traditions of the United States Naval
Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denver, Colorado

R--Trinidad, Colorado

CITATION & CMC ILL. FOR BEN RETURNED & CANCELLED 8-24-48.

IS REPLYING 1948.

DEARER, COJO. OF THIS OFFICE BY CABLED CHAIRMAN A. ESTEY ON
MORNING OF THE LATE CORP. ERNEST GARCIA, BY THE CMC MEMORANDUM
SERIAL/BEIR. CMC & CMC ILL. WAS BLESSED TO MR. GARCIA'S GARCIA.

D-B 201 Garden, Wendell N.
(Jan 47) 27 875 (U.S.M.C.)
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18 February 1947

Mr. Wendell N. Garden
Norfolk, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Garden:

I have the honor to inform you that you have been awarded the decoration indicated below:

Silver Star Medal for gallantry displayed in action on 13 April 1942, on Corregidor, Philippine Islands.

This decoration together with the citation will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Fifth Army, Chicago, Illinois. He will select an officer to present the decoration to you. The officer selected will communicate directly with you and will arrange the ceremony in accordance with your wishes and convenience.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

Commandant
United States Marine Corps
Washington 25, D. C.

CITATION FOR SILVER STAR

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

Approved by WD on: 21 Jan 47
Station: Corregidor
Present station: Inactive
Home address: Norfolk, Nebraska

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

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DGP-298-bz

GARDNER, Permit for SS
sent to Mrs. Catherine WAKANA
Gardner, 149-44 20th RD.,
Whitestone, Long Island, N.Y.
(mother)

Spot Award
Serial 0727 *Com Sec 4lt*
Signed OCT 9 1944

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ARTHUR B. GARDNER, JR., USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
attached to the First Marine Division during combat against
enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain,
January 2, 1944. When his platoon became pinned down at a
river crossing by heavy enemy machine-gun fire from well-
concealed emplacements which inflicted serious casualties,
Second Lieutenant Gardner unhesitatingly made his way
forward over difficult terrain to assist in extricating his
men. Courageously remaining exposed to hostile fire, with
utter disregard for his own personal safety, he succeeded in
withdrawing his command to a position of safety before he
himself was fatally injured. Second Lieutenant Gardner's
determined leadership and selfless devotion to duty in the
face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions
of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his
life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

OK ROW 10/3/44

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

Released Oct '44

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Serial 6112
Signed_____

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

SERGEANT GEORGE W. GARDNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 9 July 1944. Volunteering to assist his Platoon Leader on a hazardous mission, Sergeant Gardner courageously worked his way to an enemy-occupied strong point to rescue two Marine casualties. Although wounded himself during this encounter, he brought the men back to safety, thereby undoubtedly saving their lives. His courage, devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP-298vml

Cincpac
SPOT
Serial 12794
Signed 061 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JESSIE A. GARDNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forthin the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Courageously volunteering his weight to help correct a dangerous list on a landing craft loaded with a tank, Private First Class Gardner exposed himself to heavy hostile artillery fire falling between the craft and the beach. Fearless and determined, he sat at his perilous post instead of seeking the shelter of the hull, and was seriously wounded when an enemy shell hit the craft. His self-sacrificing efforts and gallant 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--Wichita Falls, Texas.,
B--Burkburnett, Texas.

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DGP-298-flm

Cincpac
Appd SofN 11-1-45
Serial 36951
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD P. GARDNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. Assigned the mission of storming the nose of a savagely-defended ridge, Private First Class Gardner courageously led his squad one hundred yards out on the ridge where he and his men were assailed by a tremendous volume of Japanese machine-gun and rifle fire as they maneuvered into position. When one of his squad fell, seriously wounded under the sudden barrage, Private First Class Gardner disregarded personal danger to pull his comrade to a place of comparative safety, but was himself fatally wounded by the intense enemy fire. His fearless initiative, aggressive fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Gardner and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Sioux Falls, South Dakota

B--Sioux Falls, South Dakota

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr forwarded via reg mail to the prnts of the late
P-- Gardner, Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Gardner upon their written request
(2 Nov 46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Sioux Falls, S.Dak.

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DGP-298-egc

Spot Award
Serial 0695 (Comd. Lt.)
Signed SEP 9 1944

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

PLATOON SERGEANT LOUIS GARGANO, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division during combat with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, from January 3 to 9, 1944. Courageously leading his men across a stream while subjected to withering hostile machine-gun fire, Platoon Sergeant Gargano skillfully directed his platoon throughout the ensuing attempt to gain heavily fortified enemy pillboxes, retarding the advance of the battalion. Displaying cool and aggressive leadership during a later strike against a hostile ridge, he enabled his men to capture and hold the enemy emplacement, with a minimum of casualties, fighting with unwavering determination until fatally injured while repulsing a hostile counterattack. Platoon Sergeant Gargano's heroic initiative and selfless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bayonne, N. J.
B--Phillipsburg, N. J.

039535
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 61533
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT SIDNEY B. GARLAND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 May 1945. Encountering heavy fire from an enemy-held ridge during an attack, Second Lieutenant Garland moved ahead and repeatedly exposed himself to the hostile fire to lead his men forward until the enemy position was overrun and destroyed. Observing that the leader of an adjacent platoon was wounded, he immediately took charge, skillfully organizing and directing the men to advantageous positions from which they could fire upon the Japanese. Shortly afterward, while pinned down by a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, he supervised the withdrawal of both units and constantly braved the hostile fire to assist in the evacuation of numerous casualties. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Eldora, IA
B..Elma, IA

416496
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 9466
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BETH T. GARNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 24 June 1944. With his Battalion in attack, Private First Class Garner led a unit which made contact with a counterattacking force of thirty Japanese. With all save one of his men killed during the ensuing fire fight, he exerted tremendous effort and, although painfully wounded by an enemy grenade, tenaciously held the line at that point. Killing the Japanese officer leading the counterattack, he succeeded in disorganizing the group and in frustrating their attempts to break through our lines, thereby contributing materially to the effectiveness of his Battalion's attack. Private First Class Garner's courage, initiative and devotion to duty in the face of strong opposition were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Colorado Springs, Colo.
B-Muldrow, Okla.

857800
DGP-298-Navy-jrc

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 44534
Signed FEB 27 1948

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

CORPORAL THOMAS H. GARNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 6 March 1945. After his platoon had advanced into an enemy pocket and was pinned down by severe hostile fire from a machine gun in an enclosed position, Corporal Garner attacked the position alone from the flank and, succeeding in reaching the strong point, placed the muzzle of his automatic rifle through the embrasure to destroy the enemy personnel and machine gun. By his courageous action, Corporal Garner enabled his squad to withdraw to a safe position, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Banto, California
B..Weiser, Idaho

GARRETT, Donald J.

Private First Class

279265

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

Previous Awards - None.

GOWD. No. 13, dated 2-25-42. ✓

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

Born: 5-3-20 - Mosca, Colorado.

Current Enl.: 12-16-39 - Denver, Colorado.

Legal Residence: Colorado. (Mosca)

Next of Kin: Mr. Sam G. Garrett (Father)
Mosca, Colorado.

420556
DGP-298-rkz

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 6683
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CORPORAL JAMES L. GARRETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 29 September 1944. When his tank was disabled by an enemy antitank mine directly in the line of fire of an enemy pillbox, Corporal Garrett unhesitatingly jumped from his own tank and, in the face of heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun fire from the pillbox and adjacent strong points, attached the towing cable of his tank to another tank which towed it to a safer area. By his initiative, courage and devotion to duty, he saved his tank from capture or destruction and aided materially in the successful support of the attack, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, California.
B--Colterville, Tennessee.

334563
DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award
Serial OCT 1
Signed 1943

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

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

CITATION:

Killed in action
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a member of a machine-gun squad with ~~the Second Marines, 2nd Marine Division~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, November 10, 1942. When one of his crew was killed by hostile fire and the others forced to abandon their task of preparing a machine-gun emplacement, Private First Class Garrett, disregarding his own personal safety, voluntarily manned the gun alone. Displaying outstanding skill and initiative, he courageously maintained his position, directing intense fire at the enemy until he received a shoulder wound. His heroic conduct and steadfast devotion to duty under extremely adverse conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hobbs, New Mexico.

B - Shidler, Oklahoma.

434722
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 56883
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH B. GARRETSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Intelligence Scout and Rifle Platoon Leader of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 29 February 1945. With his platoon pinned down by withering automatic weapon fire, Corporal Garretson immediately reconnoitered his zone of action and personally located the hostile position. Manning a flame thrower, he began to move forward to liquidate this position and, although wounded and no longer able to carry the flame thrower, daringly continued to advance in the face of constant enemy fire. Unarmed except for a knife, he cautiously crawled into the pillbox and succeeded in killing the Japanese machine-gun crew. Returning to his platoon, he then quickly reorganized his men to continue the attack before he was evacuated. His outstanding courage, fortitude and devotion to the completion of his mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Pitman, N. J.
B-Dolores, Colo.

F
467400
DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 00435

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM A. GARRON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Point of a Patrol, of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands on 14 August 1944. Courageously proceeding ahead of his patrol, Private First Class Garron voluntarily advanced toward an enemy ambush to draw their fire and force them to reveal their position. After locating their exact location, he boldly rushed into the ambush and succeeded in killing all five of the enemy. By his bravery, daring initiative and devotion to duty, Private First Class Garron upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Wellesley, Massachusetts

B--Wellesley, Massachusetts

467400
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

F
FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 50938
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM A. GARRON,
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-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. When a gap in our lines made it necessary to move reserves from an adjacent unit into position, Corporal Garron and a comrade skillfully acted as guides to the occupying unit during darkness. When several officers were wounded and the remainder of his column was forced to take cover from close-range enemy fire, he immediately gained the assistance of his companion and, assaulting the hostile positions, annihilated all five of the enemy, thereby enabling his column to continue its advance and occupy the gap in the lines. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Wellesley, Mass.,
B--Wellesley, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

350355
DGP-393-ein

Cincpac
App. SofN 2-1-46
Serial 0383
Signed JUL 5 1945

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

CORPORAL ROBERT F. GARVEY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader with the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 19 September 1944. Leading his group in support of a tank's advance into a low area where extremely poor visibility made location of targets impossible and rendered its gunfire ineffective, Corporal Garvey voluntarily left the protection of the tank and unhesitatingly pressed forward in a hazardous region to spot targets and direct the tank's gunfire. Successful in pointing out numerous Japanese-held caves, against which the tank was enabled to deliver devastating fire, Corporal Garvey vitally aided in the destruction of the entrenched enemy and their stronghold until he fell, mortally wounded. His cool, resourceful courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Corporal Garvey and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Penn.

B--

382594
DGP-298-film

FMF
SPOT
Serial 20914
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

SERGEANT JULIAN H. GARVIN, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, Marianas Group, 25 July 1944. Wounded by a mortar shell fragment which struck him over the eye during the initial assault of a Japanese counterattack, Sergeant Garvin, although temporarily blinded, refused evacuation and remained in the line to assist his platoon leader in directing the fire of the platoon and, personally occupying a gap in the line created by the evacuation of two wounded men, consented to leave only when the counterattack was completely broken and the situation secure. His heroism, perseverance and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Augusta, Georgia.
E--Augusta, Georgia.

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO #502

011116

15 February 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)

NO.....45)

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

* * * * *

ROY W. GARVIN, Second Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action on December 26, 1942, on Guadalcanal. Lieutenant Garvin, a member of an Artillery observation party of Marines supporting infantry of the Army, was pinned to the ground, with others, by machine gun and rifle fire while accompanying advance infantry elements to obtain observation well forward. Stretcher bearers were attempting to evacuate one of the casualties when they were also brought under fire. Lieutenant Garvin and two others voluntarily and in complete disregard of their own safety succeeded in evacuating the wounded men. Home Address: 500 South Sparta Street, Ruston, Louisiana.

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By Command of Major General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R - Ruston, La.
B - Evadale, Ark.

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3 ea officer and enlisted man.

06925
DGP-298-w1b

Spot Award.
Serial 0478
Signed 17 1943

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

CAPTAIN ALBERT VON K. GARY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Commanding Officer of Company A, Second Marine Raider Battalion, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on December 3, 1942. Leading his company as advance guard of the battalion, Captain Gary daringly engaged a strong enemy combat patrol at Mambula. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he moved to a position well forward, exposed to hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, and by voice and radio directed the units of his company so effectively that enemy resistance was swiftly overcome. His tactical skill, outstanding leadership, and conspicuous bravery were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Augusta, Georgia
B- Augusta, Georgia.

06925
DGP 298-Navy ELPK

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 44532
Signed _____

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

MAJOR ALBERT V. K. GARY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 March 1945. Assuming command of the Battalion after the evacuation of the Battalion Commander, Major Gary faced the task of seizing highly camouflaged and fanatically defended enemy positions with a fatigued Battalion reduced to less than half its full strength. Courageously moving among the front line troops in the face of intense and accurate hostile fire, he inspired both officers and men to a continuation of the offensive action and, by his aggressive leadership, initiative and determination, contributed materially to the Battalion's advance on this date and to the ultimate success of the operation. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Augusta, Georgia
B--Augusta, Georgia

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

08081
AW-298-1a

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18 MAR 18 1943
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN J. GATELY, U.S.M.C.R.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

referred
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
~~Commander of a Machine Gun Platoon, First Battalion,~~
~~Fifth Marines, First Marine Division,~~ during action
against enemy Japanese forces along the coast of Guadal-
canal, Solomon Islands, August 10, 1942. While pro-
ceeding through the dense underbrush in enemy-controlled
territory, Second Lieutenant Gately, several feet in
advance of his men, was seriously wounded by a Japanese
sniper concealed in a well camouflaged position. With
utter disregard for his own personal safety, he managed
to get to his feet after being struck down, and shot
and killed the enemy sniper. Persisting in his valiant
effort to carry out the orders of his superior officer,
he attempted to crawl to his platoon but collapsed from
the effort. His fortitude and courage at the risk of
his life reflect great credit upon the United States
Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R - West Roxbury, Mass.
B - Boston, Mass.

365027
AW-298-rf

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 00192 APR 2 1943
Signed _____

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

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

CITATION:

Released
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 13, 1942. As a member of a wire crew of the Headquarters and Service Company, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, Private First Class Gates assisted in laying a telephone trunk line to Headquarters after all others had been destroyed during heavy Japanese naval bombardment. During construction of the circuit, he and the other members of the crew were caught in the open and exposed to hostile bombing on five separate occasions. However, despite this hazardous distraction, at no time did the personnel scatter or suspend their activities. They were able to complete their mission before daylight and thus establish the only means of wire communication from Headquarters to the Base Radio and other important units. The heroic conduct displayed by Private First Class Gates on this occasion reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Anderson, South Carolina

B...Anderson, South Carolina

432610
DGP-298-egc

CG, FMF, Pac
Serial 12587
Spot Award
Signed AUG 18 1945

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

PRIVATE MIKE J. GATES, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 19 June 1944. Observing an officer attempting to evacuate a wounded Marine during a bitter fire fight waged against deeply entrenched Japanese troops, Private Gates, realizing that the merciless concentration of enemy fire would render the evacuation impossible, unhesitatingly exposed himself to the enemy's view in a valiant attempt to draw the hostile fire away from the others and upon himself and, delivering a steady stream of deadly bullets from his automatic weapon, effectively covered the rescue operation and succeeded in annihilating six of the enemy. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and determined aggressiveness in the face of extreme peril, Private Gates contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his undaunted courage and decisive conduct on behalf of others upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Yukon, Pa.
B-- " "

503848
DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Serial 004238
Appd SofN 1-4-45
Signed APR 3 1945

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

PRIVATE JOSEPH GATTO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman with the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 16 September 1944. While members of his platoon were evacuating their wounded to the rear from a tank trap in which they were pinned down by Japanese machine-gun fire, Private Gatto, unhesitatingly risked his life to crawl out of the trap through a devastating hail of bullets and, on his own initiative, silenced the hostile machine-gun nest with grenades and rifle fire. Although mortally wounded while performing his voluntary task, Private Gatto persistently refused to be evacuated and continued to harass the Japanese for forty minutes and, by his fearlessness and valiant determination, provided effective protection until the wounded had been removed to safety, succumbing to his own wounds a short time after his mission had been completed. His inspiring conduct and loyal spirit of self-sacrifice were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hawthorne, New Jersey
B--Paterson, " "

IM, permit, pres'd on 27 June 1945 by First Lt. George F. Cummings, Jr., USMCR
the mother of the late PFC. Gatto, Mrs. Josephine Gatto, 23 Columbus
e., Hawthorne, N.J. Pres'd informally at her home.

204 585
DGP-292-11g

CincPac
Appd Soft 1-18-45
Serial 12003
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOSEPH D. GATTO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island in the Marianas, on 22 June 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy Japanese machine-gun fire while carrying out a hazardous patrol deep behind enemy lines, Platoon Sergeant Gatto boldly advanced alone and, defying the unceasing Japanese barrage, singlehandedly destroyed one machine-gun position by approaching to a close range and killing the occupants with his carbine. Later, during the same action, he administered first aid to six of his men who had become casualties and coolly directed their evacuation while still under concentrated hostile fire. Platoon Sergeant Gatto's intrepid initiative, resolute fortitude and valiant devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

B--Brooklyn, New York

R -Brooklyn, New York

perm Cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by 1st Lt. Johnston Robinson, USMCR, MB, Yard, New York, N.Y. on 1 Sept 1945 to parents of the late Pl. Sgt. o, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gatto, 25 Devoe St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
mal pres at home.

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P-298-cmc

Cincpac
Serial 35371
AppdSofW 1-10-46
Signed APR 11 1947

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company M, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 7 March 1945. When his squad came under intense enemy machine-gun and ~~knee~~-mortar fire during an advance against a hostile pillbox, Private First Class Gatton unhesitatingly exposed himself to the devastating barrage in an effort to gain a more advantageous position for supporting his squad's attack. Moving his weapon to commanding ground and opening fire on the Japanese, he remained steadfast despite the enemy's concentrated efforts to drive him from his controlling position and, although grenades continued to explode throughout the area, maintained his fire against the attackers until they were forced to withdraw. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive determination in the face of overwhelming odds, Private First Class Gatton contributed to the success of his squad in destroying a knee-mortar and a machine-gun nest without casualty, and his valiant devotion to duty throughout the furious engagement reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Mt. Vernon, Ohio
B-- Lancaster, Ohio

celebrated at home by the people of the United States. The
Army of the United States has been honored by the presence of
this distinguished officer and his family in the United States.

469824
DGP-298-swb

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 29940 OCT 28 1947
Signed _____

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Fourth Engineer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, on the night of 6 July 1944. After enemy troops had occupied a building only twenty-five yards from our front lines and were effectively firing on our troops, and all other means to evict them had failed, Corporal Gaul courageously assisted in placing demolition charges in the building, thereby destroying the structure and neutralizing the position. As squad leader of an engineering assault squad employing flame throwers and demolitions, he personally led his men in numerous assaults on enemy-held pillboxes, caves and dugouts. His leadership, coolness under fire and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Penna.
B--Philadelphia, Penna.

036198
DGP-298-rkz

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Appd SofN 11-21-45
Serial 37660
Signed MAR 3 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RODNEY F. GAUMNITZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. Determined to carry out the vital but hazardous mission of establishing a strong point on Sugar Loaf Hill, Second Lieutenant Gaumnitz led his men in a day-long assault against the fierce and continuous resistance of strongly-fortified Japanese positions. Fighting valiantly against the enemy's renewed attacks after attaining his objective, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to intense hostile fire to direct defense operations by which his platoon maintained the hill for about two hours. Remaining behind to cover the withdrawal of his troops, he was mortally wounded as he attempted to reach a place of safety. His courageous leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty were inspiring to his men and reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Gaumnitz and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

Mrs. Edwin W. Gaumnitz

SMW/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres to parents at home, on or about 16Apr47, by Cinc, CHRD, Chicago, Illinois.

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DGP-298-dmr

FMF, Pac
SPOT
Serial 00422

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

CAPTAIN JOE A. GAYLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. Leading an attack against a strategically important enemy position on the crest of almost perpendicular cliffs, Captain Gayle was knocked down by the concussion of a hostile artillery shell which burst in his immediate vicinity and, recovering himself immediately, boldly continued his advance along the crest of the ridge. Unable to establish communications with a supporting tank by other means, he exposed himself to intense hostile machine-gun and rifle fire in order to gain contact and, while thus engaged was seriously wounded. His tactical knowledge and skillful leadership were contributing factors in the successful advances made by the Battalion. His courageous devotion to duty in the face of grave peril reflects great credit on Captain Gayle and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

R--Lexington, Ky.
B--Lake Providence, La.

Secretary of the Navy.

331355
DGP-298-vm1

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SPOT
Serial 00368
Signed SEP 25 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN W. GEDDINGS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Marine Parachute Battalion during an attack against enemy Japanese forces on Choiseul Island, Solomon Islands, in November 1943. Encountering an ambush of approximately twenty Japanese while he was leading the point of a combat patrol, Private First Class Geddings attempted to open fire but found his weapon inoperative. Armed only with hand grenades, he used them with great effectiveness, doggedly holding his ground in the face of heavy fire and causing numerous casualties which contributed materially to the speedy rout of the enemy. His aggressive fighting spirit and cool courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mason City, Ill.
B--Dellsburg, Ill.

305170
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 780
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD J. GEISSINGER, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with ~~Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines~~, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 27, 1942. In the midst of tremendous fire from hostile machine guns and mortars, Private First Class Geissinger, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, carried his wounded Battalion Commander out of the danger area to a place of comparative safety. His heroic spirit of self-sacrifice in saving the life of another at great risk to his own was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Danbury, Connecticut.

B - Danbury, Connecticut. 12-29-19.

483771
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award
Serial 0058
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KEITH S. GENTRY, USMC.
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Parachute Battalion in action against enemy Japanese forces near Koi-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. When one of his comrades was severely wounded during a fierce engagement with numerically superior enemy forces, Private First Class Gentry unhesitatingly crawled directly into a hostile machine-gun fire lane to remove him and, observing that the injured man required immediate first aid, personally dressed his wounds while under continuous, heavy enemy fire and carried him to the battalion aid station. His splendid initiative and unselfish devotion to duty, maintained 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...Tulelake, Calif.

B...Portland, Ore.

279707
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ASSAD A. GEORGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. Observing a companion who was defenseless against attack by a Japanese soldier when his rifle failed to function, Private First Class George voluntarily risked his life to aid his comrade and, fearlessly exposing himself to a fanatic enemy, charged forward and rescued the helpless Marine. With his platoon pinned down by shattering hostile fire during an extremely perilous advance later in the action, he valiantly worked his way to the side of the entrenchment against the enemy's fierce opposition and, delivering his accurate, close-range rifle fire against the strong point, completely wiped out all resistance. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Private First Class George contributed materially to the eventual success of the campaign and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

286204
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FMFPAC
SPOT
Serial 45501 DEC 16 1947
Signed-----

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

SERGEANT NELSON "S" GERHART,
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. When
his unit was exposed to intense enemy fire and forced
to withdraw, Sergeant Gerhart braved the hostile fire to
move 150 yards to the right to contact a flame-throwing
tank and, leading the tank through heavy mortar and ma-
chine-gun fire, directed its devastating fire which en-
abled his unit to continue the advance. His courage and
devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant
Gerhart and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Stover, Mo.
B-Slater, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

474071
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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED H. GESSNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader with Company G, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 and 23 November 1943. Fighting furiously during this period of bitter offensive action, Private First Class Gessner fearlessly led his squad forward despite the enemy's fierce resistance and pressed home three successive determined attacks against heavily fortified pillboxes, contributing essentially to the silencing of hostile fire and to the sustained advance of our forces. Bravely facing terrific enemy fire during a later engagement, he unhesitatingly proceeded over difficult terrain to obtain vitally needed hand grenades for our troops. His daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage throughout were essential factors in the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Gessner and the United States Naval Service."

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

B- " " " " "
30 Nov. 1921

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

542597
DGP-298-ebg

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Signed _____

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner for an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Undaunted in the face of intense mortar and rifle fire, Private First Class Getz went forward of the front lines into an open fire-swept area and pulled three wounded men to comparative safety behind a cement wall within our lines. In the absence of a corpsman, he dressed their wounds and, while caring for them, observed and shot three enemy riflemen who were harassing our lines from the rear. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Getz and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

437480
DGP-208-Mg

CincPac
Appd BofN 3-1-45
Serial 91316
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALVIN P. GIBBS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 18 September 1944. Valiantly leading his demolition squad forward of our tanks, Private First Class Gibbs unhesitatingly faced intense, concentrated hostile fire to remove enemy mines impeding the advance of our forces proceeding toward the southwest tip of the island. Determined to complete his hazardous assignment, he continued to lead his men in clearing the way for our oncoming tanks, thereby enabling them to attain their objectives before he was mortally struck down by a ruthless enemy while carrying out his perilous mission. By his daring initiative, outstanding leadership and cool courage, maintained at great personal risk, Private First Class Gibbs contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this strategic Japanese stronghold, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CincPac For the President,
Buffalo, N.Y., 11-15-45 to the mother of
the late PFC Gibbs, Mrs Hazel L. Gibbs,
39 Elmwood Ave, Buffalo, N.Y. Inf pres.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Buffalo, N.Y.

R--Buffalo, N.Y.

336935
DGP-298-dmf

App. SofN 7-30-43
Serial 01177
Signed OCT 28 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES L. GIBBS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action
as member of a sniper unit serving with the First Marines,
First Marine Division, during an engagement with enemy Japa-
nese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November
20, 1942. While in charge of a group of men who volunteered
to dislodge the enemy from a strongly fortified machine-gun
position, Private First Class Gibbs made a survey of the
situation and decided that he would have a better chance of
carrying out the mission alone. With utter disregard for
his own personal safety, he courageously advanced toward
the enemy objective, but was seriously wounded. His initiative,
bravery, and heroic devotion to duty were an inspiration to
all those with whom he served and in keeping with the highest
traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

Released
Jan 4

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DGP-298-ebg

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Cinopac Spot Ser. 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT L. GIBSON,
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 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, Private First Class Gibson 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-Los Angeles, Calif.
B-Los Angeles, Calif.

289755
AW-298-nvw

Spot Award 1943
Serial 656
Signed Apr. 26, 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOE GIDDENS, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

Citation:

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

For the President

(Signed) Frank Knox

Secretary of the Navy.

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

C-O-P-Y

08841
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 829
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE B. GIERHART, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, during the month of October, 1942. Fighting with grim determination to defend a vital, tactical position protecting the airfield, Second Lieutenant Gierhart coolly and courageously exposed himself to the enemy in order to encourage his men and more efficiently direct the fire of his mortars and artillery. When his platoon had suffered numerous casualties, he assisted in manning a 37 mm. anti-tank gun with marked success. His heroic devotion to duty and inspiring leadership contributed to the repulse of the enemy attack and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Released

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Yonkers, New York.

B - Syracuse, New York.

328129
DGP-298-dmr

Appd SofN 10-4-48
4thMarDiv
Serial 14204

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

SERGEANT CHARLES S. GIFFIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Platoon Sergeant of Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 March 1945. Learning that his section leader had been wounded at a forward post, Sergeant Giffin immediately assumed command and reorganized the section. Moving forward through hostile small-arms and mortar fire, he located an observation post from which he skillfully directed and controlled effective rocket fire. After the mission was successfully completed, he risked his life to seek out the wounded officer and carry him to a position of comparative safety. By his initiative and conduct under fire, Sergeant Giffin upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Overbrook, Kansas
B--Centerville, Kansas.

322744
DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 0120
Signed APR 18 1945

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

PRIVATE JESSE H. GILBERT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 3 October 1944. Voluntarily establishing his machine gun in an uncovered position, Private Gilbert directed intense, accurate tracer fire against Japanese emplacements and, setting fire to one of the hostile positions, dislodged the enemy and enabled our forces to advance to a ridge providing effective protection. Courageously and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he again moved his gun forward into an exposed area from which he could cover a Japanese automatic weapon dominating his platoon's position, but was mortally wounded by enemy machine-gun fire. Private Gilbert's splendid initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cuthbert, Georgia

B--Bacon County, Georgia

Spec. cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 19 June
Bacon USMCDHRS, 411 Bibb Bldg.

to the sister of the late Pvt. Gilbert, Mrs. Charlie Lash, Rt1, Box 178
Ga. at Lee County Courthouse, Leesburg with Mayor Yeoman, American
and public attending.

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DGP-298-dmr

Appd SofN 9-16-48
Serial 2579

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN R. GILBO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Marine Service Squadron THIRTY-THREE, Marine Aircraft Group THIRTY-THREE, and serving as Air Base Fire Marshall of Kadena Airfield, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 8 May to 30 June 1945. When Japanese phosphorous bombs started fires east of Kadena Airstrip on the evening of 24 May, First Lieutenant Gilbo rushed to a pile of exploding ammunition on which one of the incendiary bombs had landed. Although the Airfield was under attack and antiaircraft fire was bursting directly overhead, he succeeded in extinguishing the dangerous blaze and led his crew in seeking out other serious fires. In the Second Marine Aircraft Wing area at Yontan Airfield where huge fires had been started, he was subjected to hostile shellfire, exploding ammunition and, on two occasions, to direct fire from Japanese troops who were annihilated by his crews or his own fire. Courageous and aggressive in the performance of duty, he was responsible for saving many pilots from serious injury or death as a result of crash fires, and for saving airplanes and ammunition which were critically needed at this stage of the Campaign. His tireless efforts and daring actions in the face of enemy fire were important factors in the success of the Okinawa Campaign and reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Gilbo and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tacoma, Wash.
B--Tacoma, Wash.

540469
DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 19613
Signed _____

FEB 10 1948

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

PRIVATE JOHN A. GILBOY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. Soon after his company had landed, Private Gilboy spotted a hostile machine gun crew attempting to set up their weapon and fire on incoming landing craft. Despite the extreme personal danger involved, he courageously and voluntarily went forward and, delivering accurate fire on the enemy with his automatic rifle, succeeded in annihilating the hostile crew. By his valiant action, initiative and devotion to duty, Private Gilboy upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Milwaukee, Wisc.
B. Mitchell, "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

300059
DGP-298-dmr

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 00422

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT GEORGE T. GILES,
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When a hostile machine gun temporarily halted his company's attack, Gunnery Sergeant Giles courageously worked his way forward in the face of intense fire to a wounded man who was lying in front of the friendly lines and carried him to a place of safety in the rear. Returning to his position, he led a small group of men in an effective attack against the hostile machine gun and succeeded in destroying the gun and killing four of the enemy. His coolness under fire, aggressive conduct and indomitable fighting spirit were contributing factors to the success of his company in quickly taking its objective. His courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit on Gunnery Sergeant Giles and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Raleigh, N.C.
B--Sampson County, N.C.

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Appd SofN 12-26-44
Serial 004028
Signed

MAR 20 1945

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

CORPORAL GEORGE C. GILL, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Fire Group Leader of a Rifle Squad serving with a company of the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Fonte Hill, Guam, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. Courageously leading his group in the face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to attack a cave-emplaced machine gun which was holding up the advance of his company, Corporal Gill was seriously wounded in the arm and forced to return to the company command post for medical attention. Although strongly advised to remain at the post, he insisted upon rejoining his fire group and, promptly reorganizing his men for a second assault on the hostile emplacement, successfully led them against the fierce resistance from the cave until he was mortally wounded. By his splendid leadership and courageous initiative, Corporal Gill contributed in a large measure to the complete destruction of the enemy gun position, and his inspiring valor throughout the action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Antonio, Texas
B-- " " "

SSM & Perm. Cit. Pres'd to father,
Mr. George C. Gill, Sr., in Office of
OinC, USMCS PD, Hdqtrs. I&RS, San Antonio,
Texas, with ceremony, Ltr. fr. OinC,
dated 4-10-45.

300187
DGP 293 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 45501
Signed FEB 17 1946

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

CORPORAL LLOYD W. GILL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Group Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. During an attack against enemy blockhouses and pillboxes, Corporal Gill led supporting tanks beyond the front lines and destroyed the resisting hostile emplacements and, later that same day when the platoon leader and non-commissioned officer of his platoon became casualties, assumed command of the platoon and continued the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Gill and the United States Naval Service."

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R. Boseland, La.
B. Bohver, La.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

349691
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 6887
Signed FEB 10 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BILL GILLETT,
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, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. Rallying the men about him when ammunition was low and relief and supply seemed hopeless during an attack on his battalion, Private First Class Gillett rendered valuable service and, armed with an automatic rifle, exercised excellent fire discipline to hold his fire until he was able to kill many hostile officers and non-commissioned officers. Though he was severely wounded during the last of three hostile attacks, he assisted materially in repelling this assault and, by his courage, initiative and zealous devotion to duty throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Maywood, Calif.,
B--Bell, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

351523
DGP-298-wlb

Cincpac Serial 909.
Approved S of N.
5-24-43
Signed AUG 20 1943

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

PRIVATE JOHN J. GILLIGAN, JR., USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during the attack against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. Realizing that his platoon leader was seriously wounded, Private Gilligan, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, rushed forward to his assistance, but was mortally wounded in the attempt. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

283908
AW-298-VGV

Spot Award, 1943
Serial 083
Signed MAY 16 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the Silver Star Medal to

CHIEF COOK ANGUS T. GILLIS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following.

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
aboard the U.S.S. HORNET while that vessel was
under tremendous aerial attack by enemy Japanese
forces in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz Islands
on October 26, 1942. Severely wounded by a bomb
explosion as hostile planes swept low to rake the
deck with cannon fire, Chief Cook Gillis, with
cool courage and utter disregard for his own
personal safety, stood gamely by his battle station
on board the carrier and manned an anti-aircraft
gun throughout the action. His heroic conduct
was in keeping with the highest traditions of the
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

That portion of the above
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verbally or in writing to
any person without the per-
mission of the officer in
charge of the Decorations
and Medals Division.

R - Chestnut Hill, Penn.

B - Nova Scotia, Canada.

230371
DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 24089
Signed _____ 8 1946

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT EARLE A. GIMBER,
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 21 September 1944. With enemy machine-gun and mortar fire from a fortified position endangering his unit, Sergeant Gimber secured a rocket launcher and, standing exposed on a ridge in the face of enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, succeeded in destroying the enemy position with two direct hits, thereby contributing greatly to the advance of his unit. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R. Philadelphia, Pa.
B. "

Secretary of the Navy.

172453
DGP-298-eme

Cinopac
Appd ofn 1-10-47
Serial 11349
Signed APR 8 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS IRWIN D. GINSBERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Runner, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 27 February 1945. Observing the desperate plight of his advancing platoon, pinned down by the merciless fire of the enemy and reduced in strength by many casualties, Private First Class Ginsberg volunteered to deliver urgently needed medical supplies to the wounded men after word was passed down the line that no corpsmen were present. Crossing open rain raked by enemy fire, he reached a point from which the supplies could be retrieved before sustaining mortal wounds. By his prompt actions, courage and devotion to duty, Private First Class Ginsberg was responsible for saving the lives of several of his comrades and his heroic conduct 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-- Tompkinsville, N. Y.
B-- Tompkinsville, N. Y.

344894
DGP-298-ebg

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FMFPac Spot Ser. 79499

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND F. GLADING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Company of the First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 14 March 1945. When his company was forced to withdraw temporarily from intense hostile fire during an assault against heavily fortified installations on a ridge to its front, Private First Class Glading observed a seriously wounded Marine unable to move. Boldly leaving his position, he crept forward to the front lines in the face of heavy automatic fire until he reached the wounded man. After cutting the radio from his comrade's back, he quickly threw four or five grenades which silenced a Japanese machine gun emplacement and, during the enemy's momentary confusion, began dragging the wounded man toward friendly lines. When he had carried the casualty as far as he could, Private First Class Glading stealthily crawled away and fearlessly exposed himself to draw enemy fire on himself, thereby enabling others to move the wounded man to safety. He then aided in rendering first aid and in procuring a litter team before returning to his gun. By his courageous initiative and unselfish concern for the life of another, Private First Class Glading upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

06405
DGP-298-vml

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 101474

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

MAJOR WILLIAM T. GLASS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 8 to 10 March 1945. Assuming command of the First Battalion which had been depleted by casualties to twenty-five percent of its effective personnel, Major Glass reorganized it while in contact with the enemy and launched a pre-dawn attack on the following day. Ordered to execute a sweeping flank movement with his Battalion and clear the way for further advance on 10 March, he personally reconnoitered terrain which was continually swept by hostile fire and led the advance of his troops. Surprising the Japanese and effectively penetrating the hostile lines, he insured a continuation of the advance of assault troops with a minimum of casualties. By his aggressive leadership and courageous conduct throughout, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the enemy in a strategic stronghold, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Galveston, Texas.,
B--Galveston, Texas.

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16 November 1943.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR. Section
I.

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

WILLIAM R. GLEASON, First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in maintaining his position in a native canoe with a light at the mouth of an anchorage to guide landing boats despite shells from enemy batteries which ranged on his light during the night of 4-5 July 1943. Home Address: Osseo, Wisconsin.

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 ... Osseo, Wisconsin.
B ... Cumberland, Wisconsin.

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Appd SofN 9-20-48
4th MarDiv
Serial 14594

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL GLEMBOSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman in a Rifle Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 14 March 1945. When heavy enemy fire stopped his platoon's advance, Private First Class Glemboski voluntarily went forward to high ground where he directed accurate and effective counterfire. Although wounded by hostile fire, he remained at his position and continued to support his platoon until the Japanese positions were overrun. By his initiative, skill and coolness in the face of intense hostile fire, he inspired the members of his platoon to their highest endeavor, thereby contributing to the successful advance of the platoon. His devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on Private First Class Glemboski and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springville, Pa.
B--Lathrop, Pa.

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DGP-298-ec

F
FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 00436

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GERALD C. GLENN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 25 September 1944. When intense machine-gun fire from a hostile pillbox retarded his company's advance during an attack on a strategic hill, Private First Class Glenn boldly worked his way up the side of the incline within approximately twenty feet of the fortification to operate his flame thrower, thereby effectively destroying the enemy position and contributing materially to the advance of his company. Although two of his comrades had been wounded later in the day while attempting the rescue of a Marine casualty, he voluntarily climbed to the crest of the hill and pulled the Marine out of fire range. His outstanding courage, devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Salt Lake City, Utah

B--Salt Lake City, Utah

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT
Serial 79496
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL GERALD C. GLENN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolitions Man of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 6 May 1945. When a strong enemy counterattack forced his platoon to withdraw leaving several casualties in the previously held position, Corporal Glenn realized the critical situation of his wounded comrades and, unhesitatingly leaving a covered position, went forward to where the casualties lay. While under a concentration of enemy mortar and small-arms fire, he dragged the wounded to the comparative safety of a shell crater and threw smoke grenades to cover their further evacuation to the platoon's new position. By his outstanding courage in the face of great danger, Corporal Glenn contributed materially to saving the lives of several comrades, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Salt Lake City, Utah.
B--Salt Lake City, Utah.

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QB4-HBY
3 December 1943

End--2 to
Sgt. Maj. Harry Glenn,
USMC., (ret.) ltr.
dated 23 Nov. 1943.

From: The Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Application for the award of a decoration in the case
of Sergeant Major Harry Glenn, USMC., Retired.

1. The Board has considered the basic case such consideration based exclusively upon official records now on file in the Navy Department. In conformity with the second proviso of section 10 of Act of Congress (S2456) approved 7 August, 1942, the Board recommends that Sergeant Major Harry Glenn, USMC., Retired, be awarded the Silver Star Medal in lieu of the special letter of commendation in recognition of service performed in Samar, P. I., in 1901, addressed him by the Secretary of the Navy under date of 19 March, 1934.

A. E. WATSON

End--3
APPROVED: DEC 6 1943

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The Secretary of the Navy

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CC: Bd of Dec & Medals
USMC

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CincPacSpot Ser 0647
Signed

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

CORPORAL LEO K. GLINKMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 and 22 November 1943. Assigned the hazardous task of replenishing ammunition for his machine gun platoon which was operating with forward assault companies in the center of the island, Corporal Glinkman constantly exposed himself to intense hostile machine-gun and sniper fire to cross the exposed airstrip, repeatedly making his way between his forward position and the battalion dump on the north coast. With his carrying party suffering casualties on each mission, he steadfastly continued his task of transporting vitally needed supplies, constantly inspiring his men to maintain their valiant efforts despite the tremendous odds. His dauntless perseverance, outstanding fortitude and cool courage in the face of grave danger contributed immeasurably to the success of the engagement and reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Glinkman and the United States Navy Service."

For the President,

R- Klamath Falls, Oregon
B- Princeton, Kansas

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0560 SEP 25 1944
Signed

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

PLATOON SERGEANT RAYMOND GLOEDE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Amphibian Reconnaissance Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Marianas Islands Campaign, on 10 and 11 July 1944. Exercising skill and daring while serving with a unit performing particularly hazardous reconnaissance missions, Platoon Sergeant Gloede swam ashore at enemy-held Tinian Island on two occasions despite the grave risk of detection and expertly assisted in obtaining important intelligence information, thereby contributing materially to the success of the landings on Tinian by our assault forces. His resolute courage, initiative and unswerving devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Gloede and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Evanston, Illinois
B - Evanston, Illinois

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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Serial 44534
Signed FEB 27 1946

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT STANLEY A. GLOGOWSKY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Gunnery Sergeant of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 6 March 1945. After his Platoon Leader was wounded when the unit was pinned down by severe hostile crossfire while advancing into a pocket of enemy resistance, Gunnery Sergeant Glogowsky immediately assumed command and, maneuvering part of his unit to a more advantageous position, laid down a covering fire under which several of the wounded were evacuated. Undaunted by the hostile fire, he then went back into the pocket of resistance and worked tirelessly until all casualties from his and the adjoining platoon were withdrawn from the area. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty throughout this trying period were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Lincoln Park, MI
B..Lincoln Park, MI

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD J. GLOVER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 9 July 1944. With his squad pinned down on three separate occasions by intense fire from well-concealed enemy emplacements, Private First Class Glover fearlessly exposed himself to the shattering barrages in order to locate the strong points and, unhesitatingly pressing forward across open terrain, singlehandedly destroyed each position with well-placed grenades. By his daring initiative, forceful and determined leadership and dauntless courage in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Glover served as an inspiration to his comrades during this and subsequent bitterly fought engagements during the campaign, and his constant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Kent City, Mich.,
B--Ferry, Mich.

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AW-298-eb5

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18 MAR 18 1943
Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JESSIE R. GLOVER, U.S.M.C.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
while a member of the Second Battalion, Second
Marines, Reinforced, while scouting an area on
Tulagi Island on August 8, 1942. Courageously
leading a group of twenty volunteers into a house
from which enemy snipers were firing, Platoon
Sergeant Glover skillfully threw a hand grenade,
killing three Japanese. In addition, he fear-
lessly entered a cave, then under fire, where
snipers had just killed two Marines, discharged
his hand grenades and killed two more Japanese.
His valiant fighting spirit and loyal devotion
to duty reflect great credit upon the United
States Naval Service."

For the President,
FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Gaston, South Carolina

B...Gaston, South Carolina

300062
AW-mdeg

Spot Award, 1948
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH C. GOBLE, U. S. MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
during action against enemy Japanese forces on
Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 9, 1942.
Acting as Platoon Sergeant of the Third Platoon,
Company B, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First
Marine Division, who were fiercely engaged in battle
at a point west of the Matanikau River, Sergeant
Goble observed that his company was receiving heavy
mortar and Machine gun fire from a wooded draw to
the right of his position. With utter disregard
for his own personal safety, he stood up on a bare,
exposed ridge and courageously directed the fire of
the rifle grenadiers of his platoon until the guns
of the Japanese position were silenced. Later, during
the same action, he rushed forward across a heavily
shelled area and received a severe wound while drag-
ging a seriously injured comrade to a place of safe-
ty. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the high-
est traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Statesville, N.C.

B...Statesville, N.C.

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DGP-298-RTT

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE P. GODERRE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a War Dog Handler of Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, Third Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 26 July to 22 August 1944. When his dog detected the presence of hostile forces on two separate occasions, Private First Class Goderre promptly fired on the enemy group and personally killed seven of the Japanese. By skillful handling of his animal as a point while voluntarily leading numerous patrols during this period, he saved the patrols from hostile ambush and contributed to the execution of successful scouting operations. By his initiative, courage and devotion to duty throughout, Private First Class Goderre upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Gardner, MA
B..South Ashburnham, MA

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SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 28 July by R. Adm. E. M. Pace, USN, to the parents of the late R. C. Godfrey, Mr. & Mrs. John C. Godfrey, 595 2d St., San Pedro, Calif. at combined formal ceremony at Naval Training School (radio), Naval Reserve Armory, Los Angeles.

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Appd SofN 1-11-45
Serial 07875
Signed APR 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM F. GODFREY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Scout serving with the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 and 16 September 1944. Courageous and alert in the performance of his duties during an enemy tank-led counterattack, Private First Class Godfrey cautiously waited until the enemy was within ten yards of his position then, boldly exposing himself to intense hostile fire, aimed his automatic weapon with deadly accuracy and succeeded in killing two Japanese soldiers riding on top of the tank. On the following day during an attack across 1400 yards of a mortar, machine-gun and artillery fire-swept airfield, Private First Class Godfrey gallantly braved the withering barrage to assist in directing friendly tank fire against Japanese pillboxes which were inflicting casualties to our troops, but was himself mortally wounded while performing his hazardous task. His exceptional fortitude, valiant fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to the fulfillment of a vital mission reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Godfrey and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Pedro, California
B-- " " "

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AppdSofN
6thMarDiv.
SERIAL 7034
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT M. GOEGLEIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine-Gunner of Company A, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 April 1945. When his machine gun squad and a rifle squad were cut off from the rest of their platoon by a group of about twenty hostile troops during an attack down a series of small ridges, Private First Class Goeglein picked up his machine gun and, firing from his hip, delivered an intense and accurate volume of fire which killed fifteen of the enemy and silenced four automatic weapons, thereby reopening a route of contact with his platoon. Although wounded by a Japanese grenade during this action, he refused treatment or evacuation until the situation was completely stabilized. By his skilled marksmanship and cool courage under fire, he contributed materially to the success of his company in routing the enemy. His unhesitating devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on Private Goeglein and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Berkley, Mo.
B--Olney, Ill.

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DGP-298-bgj

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App. SofN 4-19-45
Serial 13002
Signed *Jan 11*

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES W. GOFORTH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

of "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16, 20 and 22 June 1944. With his commanding officer a casualty during a heavy fire fight with the Japanese on 16 June, First Lieutenant Goforth promptly assumed command and, immediately reorganizing his men under the enemy's concentrated barrages, skillfully led them in a brilliantly executed attack. Continuing his same daring tactics, he directed his company in pressing home a successful strike against Hill 500 on 20 June and, on 22 ^{June} again faced fierce hostile resistance to lead his assault units in wiping out a heavily fortified ~~enemy~~ ^{the enemy} pocket, killing a large number of ~~Japanese~~ ^{the enemy} ~~troops~~ before he himself was mortally wounded. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, great personal valor and unrelenting devotion to the completion of each perilous mission, First Lieutenant Goforth contributed essentially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Louisville, Ky.
B--Butterville, Ind.

293025
DGP-298-f1

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SPOT
Serial 0851
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

CORPORAL ALBERT E. GOGUEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company M, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 14 January 1944. Climbing an exceptionally steep hill covered with dense jungle undergrowth, Corporal Goguen led his machine gun section against a determined and well-entrenched enemy and, on one occasion, moved in front of a line of our forces who were momentarily pinned down by hostile fire. When his gunner was wounded on reaching the top of the hill, Corporal Goguen manned the weapon and kept it in action until another gunner reached the position and, by his heroic initiative and aggressive determination, succeeded in establishing and holding a position from which his section was able to gain fire superiority over the enemy. His inspiring leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Somerville, Mass.
B..Somerville, Mass.

No correspondence
received.

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DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 24093

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD R. P. GOHEEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Officer in Charge of a Rifle Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Taking charge of a rifle platoon after the leader was wounded and evacuated, Second Lieutenant Goheen reorganized the platoon and, under heavy enemy fire, led it against a determined foe. On 28 July, leading his platoon in a bold flanking movement to close a gap between the lines of two rifle companies, he prevented what might have been a major breakthrough, and, accounting for many enemy casualties, forced the opposition from their strong point. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New York, N. Y.

B--Venguala, India

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 45500
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT HOWARD W. GOINS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When the enemy pinned down our front line troops by using a disabled tank for a registration point for their artillery fire, Sergeant Goins supervised the repair and removal of the vehicle in the face of intense hostile fire and, saving the tank from falling into enemy hands, contributed materially to resolving a situation critical to the mission of our forces. 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-Marysville, Kans.
B-Lowry City, Mo.

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DGP-298-egc

App'd SofN 5-13-44
Serial 2013
Signed AUG 5 1944

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

CORPORAL MARVIN F. GOINS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 22, 1943. Operating under terrific enemy fire, Corporal Goins unhesitatingly risked his life by crawling to a Japanese emplacement which had been holding up the advance of his platoon and put it out of action with TNT blocks and bangalore torpedoes. In subsequent action on the same day he was fatally wounded. His courageous fighting spirit and outstanding fortitude in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Kemp, Texas
B--Lampasas, Texas

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Appd SofN 11-15-45

Serial 34764

Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT IRA GOLDBERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as the Leader of a Rifle Platoon of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. Waging an attack against a heavily fortified enemy position, First Lieutenant Goldberg was ordered to move his platoon forward to fill a gap in the company front which was open to hostile counterattack. Pinned down with his platoon by withering rifle and machine-gun fire as he initiated an advancing maneuver, he unhesitatingly moved forward of his men and, defying the intense concentration of gunfire, led his forces into a strategic position, thereby enabling them to fill the gap. Although fatally wounded during the fierce exchange of hostilities, First Lieutenant Goldberg, by his valiant leadership and devotion to duty, had contributed materially to the success of the attack and his unfaltering courage in the face of tremendous odds 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.--Yonkers, New York

B.--Yonkers, New York

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 11-8-45
Serial 36928
Signed NOV 29 1946

Over Book

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

CORPORAL DONALD G. GOLAR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine Gun Section of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Group, 14 May 1945. Blanketed by a terrific concentration of enemy fire which inflicted heavy casualties during the advance platoon's assault on Sugar Loaf Hill, Corporal Golar was ordered by his platoon leader to withdraw from a temporarily established machine-gun position. Requesting and receiving permission to select certain men and remain on the line covering the withdrawal of the remnants of the platoon, he fought a valiant battle and, after an orderly withdrawal had been effected, courageously insisted on standing by with the platoon leader to cover the retirement of the last few machine gunners. Maintaining a steady stream of fire against the Japanese until he fell, mortally wounded, Corporal Golar materially assisted in the evacuation of his platoon from the field of battle and, by his heroic actions and self-sacrificing devotion to his comrades, valiantly 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.

Secretary of the Navy.

H--Long Beach, California.
B--Heines, Alaska.

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DGP-298-rlb

Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-20-45
Serial 35271
Signed JUN 19 1946

Over book

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

PRIVATE DANIEL A. GOLDBLATT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Company Runner, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 13 March 1945. Courageously disregarding his own shrapnel wounds, Private Goldblatt directed the removal of wounded Marines from an advanced area swept by terrific Japanese mortar and sniper fire and, leaving the litter team safe in the defiladed area, again crawled forward to the front. Quickly locating additional casualties, he was returning to the litter team when struck a second time by hostile sniper fire. Fully aware of his serious condition, he managed to work his way back to his unit where, fighting unconsciousness and ignoring his mortal wounds, he explained to his men the safest route of advance and how best to evacuate the wounded. By his fortitude, outstanding courage and valiant leadership throughout this critical period, Private Goldblatt contributed materially to the saving of many lives and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Minneapolis, Minn.
B.--Minneapolis, Minn.

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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 721
Signed AGG 5 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JULIUS E. GOLDBLATT, USMCR,,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during combat with enemy Japanese forces at the mouth of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 27, 1942. During an operation in which Second Lieutenant Goldblatt's platoon was acting as point, one of his men was seriously wounded and another who attempted to rescue him was also shot down by the strongly entrenched enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Second Lieutenant Goldblatt unhesitatingly crawled across an open area, swept by heavy Japanese fire, to the place where the men were lying, and brought them to safety. His great courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
FRANK KNOX
Secretary of the Navy.

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R - Lawrence, Massachusetts/
B - Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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Appd SofN 1-25-45
CincPac Ser. 12877
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

CAPTAIN JOSEPH T. GOLDING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Landing on the beach in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Captain Golding, although wounded, immediately reorganized his men and drove inland, passing through assault units that were disorganized as a result of heavy casualties. Constantly exposing himself to enemy fire, he moved among his units despite the danger and, by his outstanding leadership and courageous conduct, quickly consolidated the beachhead in his sector before he was mortally wounded. His valiant devotion to duty and determined initiative were contributing factors in the success of a vital campaign 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,

Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

R--San Francisco, California
E-- " " "

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, San Francisco, Calif., 10-6-45 to the parents of the late Capt Golding, Mr and Mrs. Joseph Golding. Inf pres at U.S. Naval Training and Dist. Center. Treasure Island, Calif.

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Spot Award
Serial 00451
Signed JUN 29 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND P. GOLDING, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Battery H, Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during combat against enemy Japanese surface forces in the Solomon Islands Area during the early morning of October 16, 1942. While enemy ships delivered heavy gunfire upon his position, Private First Class Golding, hearing an explosion, then falling trees and cries for help, unhesitatingly left cover and rushed in the direction of the calls for assistance. Finding four men buried in a hole covered with trees and debris, he, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, worked alone to extricate the victims until the gunfire ceased and additional help arrived. By his quick and brave initiative, Private First Class Golding probably saved the lives of three of the imprisoned men, who otherwise might have been killed. His conspicuous courage in the face of grave danger was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

Released 7-15-43
R - Detroit, Michigan.

B - Greenfield township, Michigan.

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Appd SofN 9-20-45
Serial - 032108
Signed *Jul 24 1946*

See book

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NATHAN GOLDSTEIN,
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 Stretcher Bearer with Company L, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 9 May 1945. When our forces sustained heavy casualties during an attack against a fiercely defended enemy deeply entrenched on a heavily fortified, rock-studded ridge, Private First Class Goldstein unhesitatingly risked his life in a vallant attempt to rescue Marines who had been wounded during the fierce action and, voluntarily penetrating a valley swept by shattering mortar, artillery and machine-gun fire, assisted in carrying the wounded men over a steep cliff and back to safety. Stout-hearted and constant, he repeatedly organized new teams when stretcher bearers were struck down by the blistering shellfire and, courageously returning over the same route, continued his selfless efforts until he himself was fatally wounded by a sudden burst of machine-gun fire. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of others in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Goldstein contributed to the saving of many lives and his vallant 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,

INFORMALLY OBTAINED BY DUNCAN DUNN, CHICAGO, ILL. ON 30 AUGUST 1946. 2344-BIRM CTF & CMC TFL FORMULATED TO THIS DATE 3-25-46, WHEN

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Ill.

B--Chicago, Ill.

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Serial 8418
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID GOLDWATER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a 37-mm. Gun Platoon Leader, attached to the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on the night of 31 July and morning of 1 August 1944. Despite hazardous terrain and heavy casualties from opposing fire, First Lieutenant Goldwater skillfully and efficiently reorganized his platoon and coordinated their efforts against the enemy. Although wounded, he refused to leave his platoon and, assuming the positions of wounded crew members when they were no longer able to remain in action, continued to direct the unremitting fire of his guns until the fierce counterattacks of the Japanese had been repelled. His leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Reno, Nevada,
B--San Francisco, Calif.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT LAURENCE GONZALES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 March 1945. Courageously dismounting from his tank approximately one hundred and fifty yards beyond friendly lines, Sergeant Gonzales courageously adjusted tow cables on a disabled tank stranded in a narrow defile flanked by cliffs from which Japanese were throwing hand grenades. Despite intense hostile small-arms fire and grenades, he coolly moved back and forth to secure the tow lines and towed the disabled vehicle for fifty yards until the cable broke. Leaving his tank again, Sergeant Gonzales fastened two more cables to the disabled vehicle and towed it to a position which permitted evacuation of the crew. His boldness, initiative and presence of mind in the face of great danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Sierra Madre, Calif
B- Escondido, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

Citation only

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Serial 45784
Signed _____

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

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

Asst CMC for service as set forth in the following

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CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company A, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. On this date, Private First Class Good was working alongside and guiding a tractor in constructing a tank road through a narrow gulch which contained several enemy caves and strong points. When he had directed the tractor about half way through the gulch to a point thirty yards in front of our lines, the enemy in one of the caves threw several satchel charges of explosives at the tractor. Although knocked down and stunned by the explosion of these charges, Private First Class Good quickly regained his feet and, with complete disregard for his own safety, continued to direct the operation of the tractor until the road was completed. Again assaulted by enemy hand grenades while directing the withdrawal of his vehicle following completion of its task, he remained at his post and efficiently guided the tractor back to safety. His indomitable courage and initiative throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

Arada
R--Arada, Va.
B--Jacksonville, Fla.

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F
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SPOT
Serial 00422

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN W. GOODE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 27 September 1944. When his platoon encountered a strong enemy force on a heavily-defended hill, Second Lieutenant Goode braved heavy hostile machine-gun and rifle fire which had already caused the death of one of his men and wounded two others, to bring forward a machine-gun section. Accurately spotting positions for the guns, he brought direct fire to bear upon the enemy with the result that twenty of the enemy were killed and the platoon was allowed to advance. Pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun and rifle fire from a strong enemy position later that same day, he again braved hostile fire to return to his support squad for assistance and, courageously leading this group to an effective position, directed accurate fire on the enemy's flank, thereby forcing them to withdraw. His coolness under fire, initiative and daring leadership were contributing factors in the annihilation of many of the enemy and in saving the lives of many of his men. His gallant devotion to duty reflects great credit on Second Lieutenant Goode and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

BK--San Antonio, Texas.
ER--Austin, Texas.

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS
Secretary of the Navy.

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 54919
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE ROBERT D. GOODE,
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 Flame Thrower Operator of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 21 February to 1 March 1945. Despite difficulty presented by the extreme weight of the flame thrower and the heat encountered in operation, Private Goode repeatedly exposed himself to hostile grenades and machine-gun fire to advance and neutralize pillboxes in a series of fortifications at the base of Mount Suribachi, continuing this aggressive method of attack until his platoon's sector of action had been secured. As a member of the first patrol to scale Mount Suribachi on 23 February, he courageously climbed the precipitous slope and assisted in neutralizing the many caves found in the rim of the volcano, some of which contained as many as seventy Japanese. Sustaining painful wounds which necessitated his evacuation while neutralizing a well-entrenched enemy cave position in the northern sector of the island, he returned to duty on 3 March, and carried on his courageous attack against the enemy until seriously wounded on 10 March, while endeavoring to destroy the hostile cave positions in the vicinity of the battalion's final objective. By his aggressive fighting spirit, fortitude and unwavering devotion to duty throughout, Private Goode upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Sacramento, Calif.,
B--Cotati, Calif.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award.
Serial 0069
Signed 8 1943

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD K. GOODMAN, USMCR.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of Company M, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on November 3, 1942. While temporarily attached to a battalion launching an assault against the enemy, First Lieutenant Goodman, in the face of heavy machine gun and mortar fire, led his platoon in three successive bayonet and hand grenade charges against the Japanese. By his outstanding leadership and courageous aggressiveness, he contributed to the annihilation of a hostile strong point of about one battalion, with minimum casualties to his own troops."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R-New York City

B- Trenton, N.J.

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Serial 1113
Signed DEC 4 1943

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

CORPORAL GEORGE F. GOODSPEED, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy forces during the invasion of Japanese-controlled territory in the Solomon Islands Area from August 7 to 9, 1942. Undaunted by withering blasts of hostile weapons, Corporal Goodspeed fought with skill and daring against the well-entrenched foe during the hazardous initial landing on Tanambogo, continuing his aggressive action until he and his comrades were ordered to withdraw and proceed to Gavutu. While attempting to effect a precarious landing in the face of tremendous opposition by the enemy ashore, Corporal Goodspeed maintained his courage and determination throughout long periods in the water under intense fire before he and the other marines finally succeeded in gaining the beach. His valiant devotion to duty throughout this hazardous period was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - New Orleans, Louisiana.

B - New Orleans, Louisiana.

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App. SofN 3-1-44
Serial 0056
Signed MAY 2 1944

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

SERGEANT IGNATIUS J. GORAK, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during an attack along the Numa Numa-Piva trail, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 7, 1943. Skillfully maneuvering the machine-gun section under his command for maximum striking power, Sergeant Gorak led his men through difficult jungle terrain and, despite heavy enemy automatic weapon fire, assisted materially in the progress of the assault. Although suffering from fatal wounds in the hip and stomach, he steadfastly continued to direct the fire of his guns, preventing the Japanese from penetrating the lines of his company. Sergeant Gorak's brilliant leadership and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Acting.
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Bergholz, Ohio
B - " " "

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App. SofN 2-22-45
Serial 1296
Signed AUG 18 1945

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

SERGEANT GEORGE W. GORBALL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 1 August 1944. When members of an assault engineer mine reconnaissance patrol sustained serious casualties as a result of intense enemy fire, Sergeant Gorbali unhesitatingly volunteered to assist in removing the wounded and, fearlessly braving the terrific barrages from powerful automatic weapons, picked his way through dangerous minefields to the exposed position where men lay helpless. Fatally wounded while administering aid to one of the Marines, Sergeant Gorbali exhausted his fast waning strength to care for his companion, persisting in his heroic efforts until he collapsed. By his outstanding courage in the face of extreme peril, his exceptional initiative and his unwavering devotion to duty, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Cinc. For the President, Salt Lake City, Utah, 12-26-45 to the parents of the late Sgt Goball, Mr and Mrs JAMES FORRESTAL Carroll E. Gorbali at the Rec Office.
Inf pres, due publicity given.

R--Saratoga, Wyo.
B--Ranchester, Wyo.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE H. GORDON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company C, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. After his automatic rifle was struck by hostile bullets and rendered useless when his platoon encountered heavy enemy opposition consisting of a well-entrenched machine gun surrounded by many supporting rifleman, Private First Class Gordon unhesitatingly continued his advance through the undergrowth in the face of heavy hostile fire for a distance of about fifty yards until he reached a position close to the enemy machine gun. Throwing two grenades, he rendered the gun useless and killed the four men of the gun crew. By his courageous actions, Private First Class Gordon made it possible for his platoon to flank and destroy another enemy position and carry out its assigned mission of relieving a Battalion Command Post which was undergoing an attack by hostile troops. His outstanding coolness, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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SECY

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& MED

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R- Winnetka, Ill.
B- Evanston, Ill.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial-35932
Signed SEP 4 1946

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

PRIVATE LEON D. GORDON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. With his platoon endangered by friendly tanks maneuvering into position to attack the enemy with flame throwers, Private Gordon unhesitatingly exposed himself to intense Japanese barrages in order to change the tanks' fire and direct it against hostile targets. His courage, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Gordon and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
SEP 4 1946

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Inkster, North Dakota,
B--Gilby, North Dakota.

SSMw/perm.cit.&OMC ltr. was forwarded via registered mail to the widow of the late Pvt. Gordon, Mrs. Leon D. Gordon, General Delivery, Inkster, N.Dakota by the Cinc, USMC DHRS Fargo, North Dakota on 6Feb47.

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Serial 16072
Signed Oct 28 1947

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

SERGEANT ROBERT F. GORDON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 28 June 1944. While a member of a party of four studying Japanese fortifications, Sergeant Gordon participated in an encounter with the Japanese in which two of his comrades were wounded. Unable to remove the more seriously wounded man from the trench in which he was resting due to the expected renewal of enemy action, he assisted the other man, who was partially blinded, to a field hospital and then proceeded in search of relief and medical assistance, traveling six miles to the headquarters of the Northern Troops and Landing Forces in spite of dusty, congested roads and the confusion incident to military operations, where he obtained an armed patrol and medical corpsmen and led them to the scene of the action. His courage, tireless initiative and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Gordon and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

1944 L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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R--Altadena, Calif.
B--Pasadena, Calif.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN J. GORMLEY,
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 2 May to 19 June 1945. Operating at all times from forward observation posts and exposed areas frequently under heavy hostile small-arms, mortar and artillery fire, Lieutenant Colonel Gormley successfully directed his Battalion against determined, well-entrenched Japanese forces. Despite adverse weather conditions which made supply, movement and communications extremely difficult, he maintained outstanding control of his troops in the assault on the heavily-defended Dakeshi and Kunishi Ridges and in the pursuit of the enemy from the Kokuba River to Kunishi Ridge. By his courageous determination and outstanding tactical skill, Lieutenant Colonel Gormley served as a constant source of inspiration to his officers and men and contributed materially to the destruction of the enemy in the Regimental zone of action. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chevy Chase, Md.,
B--Washington, D. C.

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Serial 79496

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MORTIMER K. GOSLINE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 June 1945. When his company was pinned down by sniper and machine-gun fire from a fortified enemy position, Private First Class Gosline rushed forward and, using his flame thrower, reduced the hostile emplacements which were offering resistance. When, as his company continued over the top of a small hill, hostile forces on the reverse side opened fire which caused many casualties and held up the company on the crest of the ridge, he unhesitatingly advanced over the ridge and, after charging the enemy, annihilated many of them with his flame thrower, thereby disorganizing the remainder and enabling his company to advance and make the penetration in the enemy's defenses. Thereafter, he continued to advance with his company until he received two serious wounds. 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--Worcester, Massachusetts

B--Worcester, Massachusetts

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE M. GOSPODAREK,
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 Wire Team of Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. When our assaulting units gained the center of the airstrip during the early morning following a furious battle with the fanatic Japanese on D-Day, Private First Class Gospodarek fearlessly accompanied his wire team across the fire-swept area and assisted in the expeditious establishment and subsequent maintenance of the only wire communication from the forward assault companies to the Battalion Command Post and the 81-mm. mortar platoon, tirelessly carrying on despite the tremendous odds during our sustained drive across the landing field to the south coastline of the island. By his daring aggressiveness, indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Private First Class Gospodarek contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Monitowac, Wisc.,
B--Monitowac, Wisc.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEO J. GOTTSPONER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Bat-
talion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division,
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa,
Ryukyu Islands, 4 June 1945. Directing the at-
tack of his company over very difficult terrain
against fanatically defended enemy fortified po-
sitions, First Lieutenant Gottsponer courageously
led his men against Japanese cave emplacements,
exposing himself to heavy enemy fire, to initiate
a relentless attack. Although wounded in the
leg by hostile mortar fire, he refused to be evac-
uated for treatment and continued to coordinate
the attack of his platoons during the fierce action.
By his aggressive leadership and untiring devotion
to duty, First Lieutenant Gottsponer contributed
materially to the success of his company in gain-
ing its objective and upheld the highest tradi-
tions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Little Rock, Ark.,
B--St. Vincent, Ark.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 13000
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Automatic Rifleman serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 19 June 1944. Locating and attacking alone a strongly held enemy position concealed in a cave, Private First Class Gould unhesitatingly entered the dugout and, although wounded and without hope of assistance, fearlessly continued to fire his weapon until he was fatally wounded. By his heroic and daring effort which resulted in the destruction of numerous entrenched Japanese, Private First Class Gould contributed essentially to the success of his battalion's mission on this strategically important island, and his selfless, unfaltering devotion to duty at the risk of his own life was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, permanent citation & CMC ltr presented by CO, MB, USNBase, Bremerton, to widow of late GOULD, Mrs. William J. Gould, Eaglesdale, Port Blakely, Wash on 9Aug46 in a formal review for which presentation appropriate publicity was given.

R--Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
B-- " " "

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Serial 004202
Signed **MAR 20 1945**

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD A. GRABOWSKI, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. With a number of his platoon wounded when his landing craft sustained three direct hits from an enemy anti-boat gun 150 yards from shore, Private First Class Grabowski promptly assumed command and directed the remaining effectives to continue to the assault beach. Valiantly remaining in the disabled craft, he worked tirelessly, administering first aid to casualties and evacuating them to a control vessel. Then salvaging a weapon, he gallantly proceeded to the beach and, discovering that the others had advanced inland, pressed forward through enemy infested territory until he reached his platoon at the first company objective. Private First Class Grabowski's aggressive leadership, his dauntless courage and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril contributed materially to the success of our forces in this area and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Jersey City, New Jersey
B-- " " " " "

SS, perm cita & ltr fr CMC pred'd with appro. ceremony by OinC, USMCHIARD, New York at Marine Barracks, NaYd, New York to father, John Grabowski, 27 April 1945.

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App. SofN 3-27-45
Serial 2276
Signed JUN 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES J. GRADY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Wireman serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 18 June and 8 July 1944. Although wounded and suffering from shock as the result of an explosion of an enemy ammunition dump, Private First Class Grady steadfastly refused to be evacuated and unselfishly aided in the removal of casualties, later insisting upon standing his regular watch. On 8 July, during the fierce, bitter fighting at Marpi Point, he succeeded in maintaining effective telephone communications between an observation post and his platoon despite intense enemy fire and the movement of friendly tanks which repeatedly cut the lines. Private First Class Grady's indomitable courage and tenacious devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Clinton, Mass.
B-- " "

SSM, perm. Cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. 11 Aug 45 by CO, MB, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
son of the late PFC Grady, James J. Grady Jr., 19 Plain St., Clinton,
Mass. Formal ceremony at MB, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-11-45
Serial 004320
Signed APR 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EARL C. GRAFF, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle for Nidual River Pass on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by withering fire from an enemy machine gun emplaced in a cave guarding the approaches to the Pass, Private First Class Graff unhesitatingly crawled for a distance of fifteen yards through an intense barrage from Japanese weapons in a valiant effort to destroy the hostile position. Although seriously wounded by an enemy grenade, he steadfastly continued his advance and, fighting with forceful determination, succeeded in killing two of the Japanese and in silencing the hostile weapon before he was mortally wounded by a second enemy hand grenade. By his daring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class Graff enabled his platoon to free the Nidual River Pass of enemy opposition and to secure the commanding heights flanking this strategic portion of the beachhead. His selfless efforts throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 5/18/45 by Cinc, USMCDHI&RS, 172 Federal Office Building, Washington & 2d Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn., to the parents of the late PFC. Graff, Mr&Mrs. Carl A. Graff, 2504 Dupont Ave., N. Minneapolis Minn., informally.

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Minneapolis, Minnesota
B--

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Serial 55501 DEC 10 1947
Signed-----

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

SERGEANT JACK GRAHAM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving as a Platoon Guide of Company F, Second Battalion,
Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action
against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands,
24 February 1945. When his company was pinned down and
halted by heavy enemy mortar and small-arms fire, Sergeant
Graham guided three supporting tanks ahead of the lines
and into position to fire on the enemy. Maneuvering
through heavy cross-fire, he enabled the tanks to complete
their mission, thereby permitting his company to advance.
His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit
upon Sergeant Graham and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Kearney, Nebraska
B-Arnold, Nebraska

JOHN L. HAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 61803
Signed_____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLIFFORD C. GRAMER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Engineering Officer of Company B, Sixth Engineer Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, during operations against Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 June 1945. Executing his mission under a torrential downpour, First Lieutenant Gramer courageously led his men under heavy enemy rocket, machine-gun and cannon fire to complete the construction of a Bailey bridge linking Naha to Ona Yama Island in accordance with operational plans to take high-ground positions beyond the site. Despite casualties and the loss of military vehicles through enemy action during this operation, he succeeded in providing a vital supply and evacuation route for assault regiments, thereby contributing materially to the success of our forces in this area. His exemplary leadership and inspiring 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--Evanston, Illinois
B--Wyanet, Illinois

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DGF-298-ebg

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN J. GRANA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, 24 June 1944. Fearlessly risking his life to attempt the rescue of a fallen Marine, Private First Class Grana unhesitatingly crossed the open fire-swept area and administered first aid to his wounded comrade, then, working tirelessly and with cool courage, carried him up a steep hill to a safe area. Subsequently returning with an automatic weapon, he delivered a steady stream of shattering fire against hostile positions, remaining steadfast at his gun until seriously wounded. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and fearless determination in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Grana saved the life of a man who otherwise might have perished, and contributed to the success of our operations against the enemy in this vital war area. His zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Signed _____

FEB 10 1946

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

PRIVATE RICHARD P. GRANIER, SR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company C, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 9 March 1945. Volunteering to go to the aid of two Marines who had been seriously wounded by an enemy land mine, Private Granier dashed across one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain in the face of heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and succeeded in bringing one of the men back to the safety of the lines, thereby saving his comrades life. His heroic concern for the welfare of another at the risk of his own life was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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B. Vacherie, "

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE EARL D. GRANT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ambulance Driver of Company B, Fourth Medical Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 28 June 1944. While making a trip to the front lines to evacuate casualties, Private Grant observed a wounded man lying in an unprotected area forward of the front lines and, on his own initiative, procured a stretcher from his vehicle and carried it to the side of the casualty. While attempting to evacuate the wounded man, he was himself critically wounded by heavy rifle fire. His coolness under fire and courage reflect the highest credit on Private Grant and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Oshkosh, Wisc.
B-Marion Twp-Wisc.

09693
DGP-298-rkz

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 6683
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CAPTAIN HAROLD E. GRASSE,
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 17 to 20 September 1944. Personally leading his company in assaults against well-fortified caves and emplacements, through intense heat, over precipitous coral terrain filled with entangled ravines and confusing ridges, Captain Grasse seized over six hundred yards of strategic ground, inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese and securing the commanding ridge which was his objective. Although his company had been greatly reduced by heavy casualties from the intense hostile mortar and grenade barrages and heavy machine-gun and rifle fire encountered throughout the action, he deployed his small forces skillfully upon seizing his objective on 19 September, and held the ridge despite continued heavy enemy fire until reinforcements arrived. His courageous leadership, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Miami, Florida.
B--Ansonia, Connecticut.

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Appd SofN 10-30-45
Serial 082470
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

CAPTAIN HAROLD E. GRASSE,
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against the enemy Japanese on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. Participating in an attack against a strong Japanese force entrenched on extremely rugged and commanding ground and heavily armed with mortars, grenades, and automatic weapons, Captain Grasse courageously led his company to the battalion objective and, by frequently going in front of his own lines to direct the fire of tanks, enabled his company to seize and hold the commanding ground in the vicinity of Dakeshi. While accomplishing this dangerous mission, he sustained wounds which later became fatal. His outstanding valor and unfaltering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain Grasse and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ansonia, Connecticut
E--Ansonia, Connecticut

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Spot Award
Serial 721
Signed AUG 5 1943

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

PRIVATE ERNEST A. GRAUSGRUBER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 28, 1942. In the face of Japanese rifle and machine-gun fire and without supporting fire from his comrades, Private Grausgruber waded across the Matanikau River and upon reaching the opposite shore, worked his way forward and with exceptional coolness and daring, threw hand grenades into enemy-occupied trenches, returning to his base with vital information concerning disposition of hostile forces. His brave defiance of danger and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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in order to maintain the confidential status of the specific B - Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.
portions underlined.

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Spot Award
Serial 17648
Signed Oct 25

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEO P. GRAVELINE,
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, during 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 Graveline rendered valiant service during initial landing operations on this strategically important 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, thereby contributing materially to the ultimate success of this vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. His heroic spirit and outstanding technical skill reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Graveline and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Three Rivers, MA
B..Three Rivers, MA

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL BENTON R. GRAVES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Section Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 May 1945. When his company was ordered to withdraw to a more favorable position, Corporal Graves voluntarily moved forward alone under heavy hostile fire and set up a light machine gun in an exposed position in order to cover the displacement of his company. Although under constant heavy enemy fire, he succeeded in neutralizing two hostile machine guns and in killing several enemy riflemen and, by his courageous efforts, aided materially in the successful withdrawal of his company with a minimum of casualties. His aggressive fighting spirit and untiring 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-Fountain, Tenn.
E-Sumner County, Tenn.

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD W. GRAVES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner of Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 and 22 November 1943. With one member of his machine gun squad killed and another seriously wounded while operating in an exposed forward position in a front line area, Private First Class Graves remained steadfast at his weapon for hours under the enemy's shattering machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, constantly keeping abreast of our advancing infantry to gain and hold fire superiority over a fanatic, determined enemy. Fighting furiously against tremendous odds, he succeeded in providing excellent support throughout the entire bitter engagement, contributing materially to the destruction of many heavily-armed pillboxes and dugouts and to the eventual capture of this vital Japanese stronghold by our forces. His daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and zealous devotion to the completion of a perilous mission reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Graves and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed AUG 18 1945
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Appd SofN 2-22-45
Serial 1290

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD R. GRAY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines,
Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese
forces on Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Is-
lands, 28 July 1944. During an attack by his rifle company
against fierce enemy opposition, Private First Class Gray
voluntarily climbed onto tanks on four separate occasions
to direct fire against definitely located hostile positions.
In one instance, he boldly climbed up and tapped on the
pistol port to communicate with the crew and skillfully
directed its fire, thereby aiding in the neutralization of
a hostile machine gun. His aggressive determination and
gallant fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon Private
First Class Gray and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

SS.permeit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 1-19-46 by Cinc
R-Winchester, Ky. USMCDHRS, Louisville 2, Ky., to the parents of
B-W Carlisle, Ky. the late PFC Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Edsel F. Gray,
Route #1, Ewing, Ky. Informal pres. at home
with the immediate family and friends of the late
PFC Gray attending.

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Serial 6112
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MAX L. GREATHOUSE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 9 July 1944. When the advance of his company was halted by hostile riflemen emplaced in three caves commanding the beach, Private First Class Greathouse voluntarily exposed himself to intense enemy fire to lead and direct a flame thrower tank forward of the front lines, thereby contributing materially to the destruction of the three caves and fifteen defending Japanese soldiers. Subsequently directing the vehicle to a cave in an adjoining company area, he eliminated the opposition which was halting that company's advance. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tule Lake, Calif.
B--St. Louis, Okla.

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Serial 34323
Signed JUN 3 - 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MELVIN GREATHOUSE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Amphibian Truck Driver serving with the Fifth Amphibian Truck Company, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. Assigned the hazardous mission of unloading artillery ammunition and a fieldpiece, Private First Class Greathouse unhesitatingly set about the task in the face of terrific enemy artillery and mortar fire and worked steadily despite the grave hazards until his truck was hit by hostile fire and he was seriously wounded. Disregarding the intense pains of his wounds, he remained steadfast at his post of duty and continued unloading the urgently needed ammunition from his burning truck until struck down, mortally wounded by a second hit from enemy mortar fire. By his determined perseverance, cool courage and unswerving devotion to duty in the performance of a vital task, Private First Class Greathouse upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to mother of the late PFC Greathouse at an informal ceremony at office of USMC DHRS, Birmingham, Ala., on 29 Aug 46.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Warrior, Alabama
B.--Birmingham, Alabama

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT MICHAEL V. GRECO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Fighting furiously against fierce Japanese resistance immediately after landing on D-Day, Sergeant Greco expertly directed the effective mortar fire of his platoon against heavily fortified Japanese emplacements and, in addition, organized strong rifle positions to hold the established beachhead line until reinforcements arrived. Promptly assuming command of his entire company when its officers became casualties, he calmly and efficiently directed his intrepid men throughout numerous brilliantly executed attacks, contributing essentially to the success of his unit in establishing a firm foothold during the first day of action for further sustained operations against this strategic island. His daring initiative, forceful and inspiring leadership and valiant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Greco and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Berwyn, Ill.,
B--Berwyn, Ill.

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Signed OCT 6 1947

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

MAJOR BERNARD W. GREEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 22 July 1944. When his battalion was engaged in holding an extremely difficult front of twelve hundred yards in the Mount Alifan sector, Major Green kept his command post in operation even after a fanatical enemy attack broke through the line and succeeded in overrunning the post. Successfully employing a reserve company and a platoon of tanks sent to his assistance, he directed an attack which killed three hundred of the hostile force and reestablished the line. By his outstanding ability in controlling his battalion, he contributed materially to the subsequent seizure of the beachhead and the continuance of the attack on the following day. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Major Green and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Glen Riddle, Pa.,
B--Delaware County, Pa.,

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Signed FEB 27 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DAVID J. GREEN,
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 80-mm. Mortar Squad of Company C, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 April 1945. Observing a wounded comrade lying helpless on a dangerous hillcrest exposed to the enemy's incessant fire, Private First Class Green unhesitatingly climbed the precipitous trail to evacuate the stricken man and, while assisting him to safety through the hazardous terrain, was mortally wounded. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and unselfish concern in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Green served as an inspiration to the men of his company and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 20833
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM K. GREEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Machine Gun Squad of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Reaching the initial objective after landing on the beach on D-Day, Private First Class Green encountered bitter hostile resistance and, realizing that a machine gun was urgently needed at the objective, returned sixteen hundred yards to the beach and with a companion located a heavy machine gun and ammunition. Braving intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he and his comrade carried out three successful trips to the beach, placed the machine gun in a firing position on the front line and, during the night, killed at least nine of the Japanese and were largely instrumental in repelling a determined hostile counterattack and in holding the beachhead. By his courage and bold initiative, Private First Class Green contributed materially to the success of our operations against this heavily fortified Japanese stronghold, and his indomitable fighting spirit throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, California.
B--Venice, Illinois.

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Serial 1039
Signed NOV 29 1944

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ELLIS N. GREENE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, December 16, 1943. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy fire from two hostile machine-gun emplacements and unable to continue the advance, Platoon Sergeant Greene voluntarily went forward alone in the face of intense opposition and, repeatedly attacking the enemy position with hand grenades, finally succeeded in silencing both Japanese guns and destroying the crews. Platoon Sergeant Greene's great personal bravery and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dorsey, Mississippi
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Serial 12662
Signed NOV 14 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ELLIS N. GREENE,
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 the First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during the occupation of enemy Japanese-held Guam Island in the Marianas, on 25 July 1944. Undaunted by the merciless rain of bullets when his unit was temporarily slowed down by a sudden concentration of shattering machine-gun fire, Platoon Sergeant Greene unhesitatingly placed himself in the lead with his platoon guide and shouting encouragement to his men as he fearlessly defied the deadly volleys from concealed Japanese positions, continued the bold assault over a dangerously exposed strategic ridge commanding the Asan-Adelup beachhead. Forging ahead in the face of the pounding enemy barrage, he succeeded in reaching his objective before he fell, mortally wounded by a savage burst from a Japanese gun. An indomitable fighter, Platoon Sergeant Greene, by his forceful leadership, determined aggressiveness and great personal valor throughout five days of bitter combat on this fiercely contested base, contributed essentially to the ultimate reconquest of the vital stronghold, and his unwavering devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself, his brave comrades and 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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r CMC pres by CinC, Jackson, Miss
1-26-45 to the parents of the late
Sgt Greene, Mr&Mrs Marvin R.
Greene, Route 1, Dorsey, Miss.
on pr R-Dorsey, Miss.
B-Dorsey, Miss.

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Serial 56881
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD F. GREENE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Marine Rifle Platoon of Company E, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 3 April 1945. When intense enemy small-arms fire from a concealed position killed his group leader and held up his company, which was operating as a combat patrol in densely wooded mountainous terrain, Private First Class Greene unhesitatingly ran forward to locate the emplacement and, in the face of hostile fire, destroyed the enemy with hand grenades. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R. Odanah, Wisc.,
B. Red Cliff, Wisc.

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Serial 19652 1947
Signed

NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN R. GREENE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Forward Observation Section of Battery G, Third Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 6 July 1944. Boldly and expertly taking over his duties when the scout observer of his section had been evacuated as a casualty, Private First Class Greene advanced forward of the front lines in order to cover the forward observer officer who was conducting a fire mission, killing two enemy snipers and neutralizing others until the mission was completed. On 23 June, he assisted in organizing a skirmish line to cover the exposed flank of an infantry battalion withdrawing under heavy fire. While under intense hostile rifle and machine-gun fire on 5 and 6 July, he directed artillery fire on enemy troop concentrations. His complete disregard for his own safety, superb determination and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Greene and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--^aJamica Plain, Mass.,
B--Boston, Mass.

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS N. GREENE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while acting as Forward Observer of the First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 23 November 1943. Separated from supporting infantry troops during fierce hostilities on D-Day, First Lieutenant Greene carried on valiantly despite the enemy's shattering machine-gun and sniper fire for a period of two days and nights. With his Scout Sergeant killed during a bitter action, he dauntlessly continued calling for and spotting effective ship-to-shore gunfire against heavy Japanese troop concentrations threatening annihilation of depleted friendly assault units. By his daring initiative, his outstanding professional ability and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Greene contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed_____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS N. GREENE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer, attached to Battery C, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 23 June 1944. Voluntarily accompanying a six-man infantry patrol to a ridge in front of the lines in order to select an observation post for controlling artillery fire and observing hostile activity, First Lieutenant Greene reached the objective in Japanese territory and held it until friendly troops arrived the following day. Gaining and holding the vantage point despite heavy enemy fire, he was able to observe hostile mortar positions firing into the battalion command post and, by his accurate direction of artillery fire, contributed materially to the silencing of the enemy guns and to the success of our forces in carrying out their attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Greene and the United States Naval Service."

R--Mason, Michigan,
B--Los Angeles, California.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Fort Mills, P. I.

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7 February, 1942.

Awards of Silver Star

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, War Department, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, for gallantry in action to the following named officers and enlisted men of the United States Army Forces in the Far East:

CHARLES R. GREER, Private First Class, Fourth Marines. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands, on December 29, 1941. Early during a severe aerial bombardment and strafing attack by a large force of enemy aircraft, two men wounded by bomb fragments were loaded into a truck for dispatch to the hospital, and abandoned by the driver when another wave of enemy bombers appeared overhead. Observing the hazard to which the wounded men were exposed, Private First Class Greer promptly volunteered to drive the truck to the hospital. Disregarding falling bombs and hostile aerial machine gunning enroute and concerned primarily with the completion of his volunteer mission, the wounded were delivered to the hospital forthwith, and medical officers made available. The gallant and prompt action of this marine, accompanied by an officer and another marine, saved the two casualties from the likelihood of additional injuries and possible death.

By command of General MacArthur:

R. K. SUTHERLAND,
Major General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

CARL H. SEALS,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,
Adjutant General.

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

R.....Hughson, California.
B.....Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

Next of kin: Mr. Steven M. Greer, (father)
Box #178
Hughson, California.

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Serial 00597
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT KENNETH B. GREGORY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 29 September 1944. When the supply to and evacuation from the company had become impossible due to enemy fire from caves which wounded several men, Sergeant Gregory volunteered to ride on a tank and direct its fire into the caves. Despite hostile fire, he rode on the outside of the tank and directed effective fire which neutralized the enemy positions. By his courageous action, Sergeant Gregory enabled the supply route to be reopened and the wounded men evacuated, and his conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Shinnston, West Virginia
B--Shinnston, West Virginia

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SPOT
Serial 00436

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

CORPORAL THOMAS R. GREGORY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on the morning of 12 October 1944. When a well-armed Japanese soldier penetrated our defenses during a strong hostile attack, Corporal Gregory immediately attempted firing his weapon although seriously wounded and, when the gun failed to discharge, bravely charged the armed Japanese, struck him over the head with his gun, and threw him over the cliff. Attacking another of the advancing enemy with his bare hands, he succeeded in knocking him over the cliff also, before collapsing from loss of blood which necessitated his evacuation from the battlefield. 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--Shennston, W. Va.

B--Shennston, W. Va.

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Signed FEB 13 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JUDSON C. GREY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 9 July 1944. Sighting a wounded Marine lying in an exposed area during a bitter engagement with the Japanese, Private First Class Grey fearlessly braved the enemy's concentrated machine-gun and rifle fire to attempt a rescue and, while carrying out his perilous mission, was himself seriously wounded by a bursting Japanese shell. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and grave concern for the safety of another at great risk to his life, Private First Class Grey upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Hollister, Calif.
B. Paso Ribles, "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

HEADQUARTERS, USAFISPA
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GENERAL ORDERS)

NO. . . . 434)

24 November 1943.

Awards of the Silver Star. Section
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1. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

ROY M. GRIER (471755), Private, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands. While acting as the point of a reconnaissance patrol he aggressively fired a burst of sub-machine-gun fire into an enemy patrol killing an officer, wounding a member, and dispersing the remainder of the patrol on 25 July 1943. Home Address: Lumpkin, Georgia.

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.

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Spot Medal
Serial 0058
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LONNIE J. GRIFFIN, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the ~~First~~ First Marine Parachute Battalion in action against numerically superior enemy Japanese forces near Roi-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. Although severely wounded while his platoon was under heavy enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, Private First Class Griffin voluntarily returned to his post on the front line immediately after receiving medical attention and remained in his hazardous position throughout many hours of continuous, intense fighting. His valiant conduct and unselfish devotion to duty under extremely difficult conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...McGehee, Ark.

B...Lake Village, Ark.

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Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

PRIVATE ROBERT K. GRIFFIN, U.S.M.C.R.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, between August 16 and September 12, 1942. When fires were started in munitions and gasoline dumps, Private Griffin, unhesitatingly and with utter disregard of flying shell fragments from exploding ammunition, assisted in fighting and controlling the fires in the face of sustained enemy assault. His cool and courageous action in a critical situation was instrumental in reducing to a minimum the damage inflicted by enemy bombs and naval shellfire, and in saving many lives and much valuable equipment."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Centerville, AL
B..Centerville, AL

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

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Serial 35561
Signed JUL 24 1946

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT EARL W. GRIFFITH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Gunnery Sergeant with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by an enemy gun emplacement firing canister, Gunnery Sergeant Griffith crawled forward of his lines alone across open terrain through withering hostile machine-gun fire, located the gun and placed a twenty-pound demolition charge, destroying the gun and killing the enemy crew. Rather than wait for his company to advance to his position, he attempted to rejoin them to assist in the attack but was killed by Japanese cross-fire before reaching his objective. His courageous fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own personal safety reflect the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant Griffith and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered to the widow of the late GySgt. Griffith by registered mail in line with the expressed wishes of ~~the~~ Mrs. Griffith on 4Sep46.

R--Warren, Ohio
B--Butler, Pennsylvania.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

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App. ScfN 2-1-48
Serial 101
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAY A. GRIFFITH, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Rifleman with the Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Ordered with two comrades to scale a precipitous cliff and cover the advance of the company in its mission of seizing high ground commanding the northern beaches, Private First Class Griffith proceeded under hazardous enemy rifle fire and succeeded in reaching the summit. Valiantly holding his ground alone after the other two men were wounded by fire from a hostile observation post, he returned fire in a counterattack which killed several of the enemy and drove the remainder away from the cliff. Subsequently, Private First Class Griffith covered the advance of his company in the conquest of vital terrain, thereby contributing essentially to the successful seizure of the strategic beachhead. His aggressive fighting spirit, cool and selfless courage and determined devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Salem, Ohio.
R--Canton, Ohio.

A, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Cinc, Cleveland, Ohio, 10-25-45 to the parents of the late PFC Griffith, Mr and Mrs Ralph T. Griffith, 810 Spring St., Salem, Ohio. Inf pres at the home of the parents.

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Appd Sofn 1-18-45
Serial 004421
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CALVIN E. GRIGGERS; USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21-22 July 1944. With his rifle platoon advancing in an attack against a ridge above a high vertical cliff on 21 July, Private First Class Griggers fearlessly climbed over the top of the cliff despite the fact that the scout immediately in front of him had been killed by hostile shellfire and, delivering withering fire against an enemy position threatening the advance of his platoon, enabled them to press forward and seize the vital terrain. Continuing his same bold tactics the following day, he was mortally wounded while courageously exposing himself to direct enemy artillery fire in a valiant attempt to carry out his hazardous mission. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and great personal valor, Private First Class Griggers contributed immeasurably to the success of our forces in recapturing this important Japanese stronghold, and his tenacious devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

15/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.

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R-Ben Hill, Georgia
B-Macon, Georgia

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY A. GRIMES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner in an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. Assuming a post as a gunner of a captured Japanese machine gun located at a control point on our lines, Private First Class Grimes inflicted heavy casualties on the on-charging enemy during three Japanese counterattacks waged over a forty-eight hour period. Although twice wounded by shrapnel, he refused evacuation and remained at his post until the last enemy had been killed and he was ordered to the rear for medical attention. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Grimes and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--East Liverpool, Ohio

B--Wellsville, Ohio

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SPOT
Serial 13002
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE BRUCE B. GRISSOM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Fighting gallantly in the face of tremendous odds during an attack against Hill 500, Private Grissom located a heavily-fortified Japanese cave at the base of the ridge and, despite a serious wound in his right eye, boldly charged the emplacement, killed the occupants and completely destroyed the position. By his daring initiative, dauntless courage and unwavering perseverance at great risk to his life, Private Grissom contributed essentially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his valiant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mantachie, Mississippi
B--Saltillo, Mississippi

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD A. GRISWOLD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Replacement Officer of the Second Battalion,
Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in
action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima,
Volcano Islands, from 3 to 13 March 1945. When
all the officers of a rifle company became cas-
ualties, Second Lieutenant Griswold assumed com-
mand in the face of strong hostile resistance
and, by his constant presence in the front lines
and coolness under fire, encouraged his men in
renewed assaults against the Japanese forces.
Leading his company in attack after attack on
an almost impenetrable defense on 12 March, he
inspired his men to break through the enemy po-
sitions. His indomitable fighting spirit, deter-
mination and devotion to duty were in keeping
with the highest traditions of the United States
Naval Service."

For the President,

R₂¹-Exeter, Mo.,
B--Targo, N. Dak.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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App. SofN 1-25-45
Serial 188
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FAUST L. GROCCIA, US MDR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 18 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Groccia rendered valiant service throughout the invasion and occupation of this strategically important island and, by his technical skill and outstanding conduct contributed materially to the success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. On 18 June 1944, his company suffered severe casualties and was forced to withdraw slightly, leaving several wounded men at the front. Despite heavy machine-gun fire, Private First Class Groccia volunteered to take a stretcher and evacuate the wounded Marines but, returning with the first man, was killed by a Japanese rifleman. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty and heroic fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,

Walter L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

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

4, perm cit, ltr fr GNC pres'd. by CO, NS, Navy Yard, N.Y. on 12 Sep 1945
20 prints of the late PFC Groccia, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Groccia, 1331
69th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. Appropriate ceremony at NS, Navy Yard, N.Y.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL NORMAN E. GROMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Squad Leader of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 March 1945. When a wounded Marine fell forward of his position in a completely exposed and open area, Corporal Groman voluntarily left his covered position to run to the aid of the man and drag him to a partially defiladed position. After administering emergency aid until a corpsman arrived to finish the treatment, he picked the wounded man up and traversed twenty-five yards of open terrain under enemy machine-gun fire to take the man to safety. On at least two other occasions, he again risked his own life to rescue wounded men under heavy hostile fire. 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--St. Louis, Mo.,
B--Grove City, Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED M. GROTTAGLIO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Machine Gunner in an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. When his gun was destroyed by enemy fire and the rest of the squad had become casualties, Private First Class Grottaglio voluntarily assisted in manning a captured Japanese heavy machine gun at a central point in our lines and, maintaining his position during a four hour enemy counterattack, aided directly in repulsing the enemy although his position bore the brunt of the attack. Mortally wounded during the fierce action, he refused to be carried from his post and resolutely continued to give battle until the Japanese were annihilated and he was ordered to be evacuated. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Grottaglio and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Long Island City, N.Y.
B--Astoria, N.Y.

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Serial 929
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CLAUDE L. GROUT, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company B, First Battalion, ~~Second Marines, Reinforced~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, December 19, 1942. While in charge of a point on a company patrol south along the Matanikau River, Second Lieutenant Grout, with courageous skill and utter disregard for his own personal safety, led his men to a position within fifteen feet of a hostile force of about eighty. Taking the enemy by complete surprise, he and his point moved in stealthily, knocked out four machine guns, killed thirty-seven Japanese, and withdrew without a single casualty. His inspiring leadership and persistent devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Tonasket, Washington

B - Ferndale, Washington

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the ~~BIG~~ ^{LEGION} OF MERIT STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DEWEY J. GROVE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. While his squad was maneuvering into position to assault one entrance of a hostile pillbox, Private First Class Grove suddenly observed a group of twelve Japanese, led by an officer brandishing his saber, rush from another entrance of the pillbox toward the exposed flank of the squad. Quickly standing up, he opened fire with his automatic rifle and succeeded in annihilating the entire group, thereby saving the lives of many of his comrades and contributing materially to the annihilation of a determined and strongly-entrenched enemy. His quick-witted initiative, skill and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private First Class Grove and the United States Naval Service."

R - Fax Township, Ill.
B - Newton, Ill.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed: _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JEROME L. GRUMMEL,
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 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, Private First Class Grummel 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-Milwaukee, Wisc.
B-Milwaukee, Wisc.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ERNEST W. GRUNDY, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. Serving with an Assault Squad during the attack against a formidable coral ridge when the right flank platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire from caves and concrete emplacements on the ridge, Private First Class Grundy braved the heavy volume of fire directed at him and, fully aware that his assault team could not cover him, moved forward to an exposed position at the mouth of the forward cave and brought his flame thrower into action, inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese and wiping out three strong emplacements. By his outstanding courage and aggressive fighting spirit, Private First Class Grundy enabled his company to complete its mission, and his conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--arlington, Mass.,
B--Somerville, Mass.

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Serial-13017
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN CARL O. J. GRUSSENDORF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. Seriously wounded during initial landing operations on D-Day, Captain Grussendorf steadfastly refused to be evacuated and, gallantly carrying on in the face of the enemy's unceasing barrages, led his company through a critical stage of the attack. Subsequently evacuated for medical treatment, he returned to his command after a short period of convalescence and continuing to fight valiantly throughout the remainder of the operation, directed his officers and men to a successful conclusion of the campaign. His forceful and determined leadership, his daring aggressiveness and zealous devotion to duty throughout the fierce hostilities reflect the highest credit upon Captain Grussendorf and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Grand Rapids, Minnesota
B-Hill City, Minnesota

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN CARL O. J. GRUSSENDORF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. When his company was assaulting the heavily fortified and defended Hill 382 which had withstood the attacks of other units for three days, Captain Grussendorf skillfully utilized tanks, artillery, rockets and automatic weapons to enable his unit to advance more than four hundred yards in the face of intense enemy opposition and occupy this key terrain feature commanding a view of the northern portion of the island. With his company reduced to half its original strength during the period from 6 to 11 March, he again conducted a sustained assault over extremely difficult terrain, and enabled his unit to become the first to reach the sea, thereby securing the zone against fierce enemy opposition and counterattack. By his outstanding leadership and determination despite two wounds sustained during the course of the operation, he served as a genuine source of strength and inspiration to his men. His indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Grand Rapids, Minn.,
B--Hill City, Minn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP#298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT
Serial 61534
Signed FEB 27 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE S. GRZESKOWIAK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company I, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 4 to 6 May 1945. Braving hostile machine-gun fire which was holding up the advance of his platoon, Private First Class Grzeskowiak crawled forward under the most hazardous conditions and destroyed the Japanese weapon and its five man crew. On another occasion, when his company was receiving deadly fire from an enemy machine gun, he led his fire team forward and, after other units had failed to eliminate the strong point, attacked the position and annihilated the defending riflemen. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cicero, Ill.,
B--Cicero, Ill.

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AW-298-1na

Spot Award, 1943

Serial 00192

Signed _____

APR 2 1943

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

CORPORAL FRANK V. GRZECZKOWSKI, JR., U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 13, 1942. As a member of a wire crew of the Headquarters and Service Company, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, Corporal Grzeczowski assisted in laying a telephone trunk line to Headquarters after all others had been destroyed during heavy Japanese naval bombardment. During construction of the circuit, he and the other members of the crew were caught in the open and exposed to hostile bombing on five separate occasions. However, despite this hazardous distraction, at no time did the personnel scatter or suspend their activities. They were able to complete their mission before daylight and thus establish the only means of wire communication from Headquarters to the Base Radio and other important units. The heroic conduct displayed by Corporal Grzeczowski on this occasion reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Niagara Falls, N.Y.

B...Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT NICHOLAS J. GRZETICH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of Company B, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 5 May 1945. When another tank in his vicinity far in advance of friendly lines became disabled and heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire prevented its crew from evacuating, Sergeant Grzetich unhesitatingly maneuvered his own tank into a towing position and, dismounting, attached a towing cable to the disabled vehicle. Although wounded in the head and chest by hostile shell fragments while engaged in this task, he disregarded his wounds and directed the removal of the crippled tank to a place of safety before submitting to medical treatment and evacuation. By his courageous efforts, Sergeant Grzetich saved the crew of the disabled tank from a precarious position and prevented the certain destruction of critically needed equipment. His unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Joliet, Ill.
B-Joliet, Ill.

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DGP-298-d mf

Spot Award
Serial 1083
Signed OCT 1 1943

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

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

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with ~~the 11th Marine~~ ~~Reinforced~~, during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from November 18 to 20, 1942. When his patrol temporarily withdrew to the Matanikau River, leaving three seriously wounded marines behind, Private Guarnett with two comrades voluntarily remained to protect these men. Under continual fire of the enemy, he assisted on the following night in dragging the injured and helpless men to comparative safety. Trapped approximately 400 yards in front of the Army's main line of defense, Private Guarnett and his companions cared for the injured marines until a rescue party arrived on the morning of the 20th. His great personal courage and sincere devotion to his comrades were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Brinkley, Arkansas.

B - Hunter, Arkansas.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser 79499
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE ALBERT GUERRERO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. During an attack along the beach in the northwestern sector of the island, Private Guerrero's company was pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire which inflicted heavy casualties. The Japanese, strongly entrenched along the beach, held the high ground on the company's right flank and the situation necessitated the use of tanks to aid his company in its attack. After the tanks arrived, Private Guerrero volunteered to guide the vehicles to a position from which they could fire on the enemy and, despite the extreme danger involved while exposed to heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire, boldly proceeded alone to an area in front of the tanks and skillfully directed their fire on the hostile emplacements, thereby aiding greatly in their destruction. By his cool and heroic action, he contributed materially to the success of his company in continuing the attack, and his aggressive fighting spirit and initiative reflect the highest credit upon Private Guerrero and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

488702
DGP-298-eln

ComSoPac
Spot Award
Serial 00494
Signed MAR 3 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MANUEL V. GUERRERO, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a company of the Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 19 November 1943. When his company was ordered to withdraw from its position during an engagement with enemy troops, leaving a wounded Marine behind, Private First Class Guerrero obtained permission to return to the bank of the Piva River in an attempt to evacuate his injured comrade. Abandoning all equipment except three hand grenades, he braved intense hostile machine-gun fire and proceeded to the wounded man's position. Removing him to a relatively safe place, he administered first aid but was unable to effect evacuation without help. With his comrade menaced by an enemy machine-gun nest, he fearlessly advanced, throwing grenades and probably destroying the weapon before returning to his own lines for assistance. A loyal and indomitable fighter, Private First Class Guerrero demonstrated extreme bravery, splendid initiative and a vallant spirit of self-sacrifice in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
/S/ RALPH A. BARD

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R--Dallas, Texas.
B--Rosebud, Texas.

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DGP-298-swb

Cinopac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 52174
Signed APR 7 1947

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

CORPORAL ALFRED W. GUICHARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Mortar Observer serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 30 May 1945. Seeking an observation post from which to direct the fire of our mortars to bear upon the enemy, Corporal Guichard moved to the only practicable point from which observation could be effected but was soon subjected to intense enemy sniper and knee mortar fire. Refusing to avail himself of protective cover near by, he remained in his exposed position and continued to call down the accurate fire of our mortars until mortally wounded. His cool courage in the face of great danger, tenacious devotion to duty and indomitable fighting spirit, resulted in the silencing of one Japanese machine-gun emplacement and in lessening the general effectiveness of the enemy fire, and reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Guichard and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Nashua, New Hampshire.
B--Nashua, New Hampshire.

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DGP-298-ebg

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FMFPac Spot Ser. 45784

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Engineer Officer of the Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. Ordered to construct a road which would permit tanks to support the advance of an infantry company halted by hostile rifle and machine-gun fire, First Lieutenant Guild made a personal reconnaissance of the area and then returned for an armored tractor. Working under constant enemy fire, he personally supervised and directed the construction of the road and, although wounded by the Japanese, persevered in his mission and refused to be evacuated until the job was completed and the road made suitable for the use of tanks. By his outstanding courage and determination, First Lieutenant Guild contributed materially to the success of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Evanston, Wyo.
B-Diamondville, Wyo.

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CinCPac
Appd SofN 1-17-46
Serial 52823
Signed MAR 17 1947

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

SERGEANT STANLEY E. GUILD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a 37-mm. Antitank Gun Section Leader, serving with Weapons Company, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. Undeterred by the fanatic opposition encountered while moving up a steep, shell-pocked hill, Sergeant Guild unhesitatingly led his section through intense enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire to augment his company's firepower by bringing his heavier guns to bear on the stubbornly resisting Japanese securely entrenched in caves and other strong points. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he exposed himself repeatedly to supervise the rapid construction of three gun emplacements, and then, moving from gun to gun, directed devastating fire which quickly neutralized several caves and other hostile fortifications. Sergeant Guild's heroic initiative and unflagging devotion to duty were vital factors in his company's successful assault and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lowell, Michigan.
B--North Star, Michigan.

SSMw/perm cit ltr fr CMC forwarded to father, Mr. Herman Guild, via registered mail, on 29 Apr 1947, by Cinc, CHRD.

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SPOT
Serial 15351
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LOY L. GULLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Scout serving with the Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian Islands in the Marianas, from 15 June to 2 August 1944. While returning to the regimental interpreter on Tinian with an answer to the message he had delivered to a company command post, Private First Class Gulley was separated from another scout in extremely heavy undergrowth. Fearlessly proceeding alone to a point within 35 yards of his goal, he encountered eleven Japanese soldiers who attacked him with sabers, rifles and hand grenades. Although seriously wounded and greatly outnumbered, Private First Class Gulley successfully fought his way through the enemy, reached and warned the interpreter and other scouts and delivered his message. By his heroic action and alert initiative, the group of hostile soldiers was located and destroyed and the lives of numerous Marine personnel saved. His cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty throughout were responsible for the success of his vital mission and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Big Spring, Texas
B - Big Spring, Texas

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DGP-298-eln

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Spot Award
Serial 0850
Signed OCT 26 1944

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. GUNN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Intelligence Corporal serving with a company of the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 27, 1943. When devastating hostile fire was holding up the supply of ammunition to a heavy machine-gun section and imperiling our defensive positions against repeated, determined enemy attacks, Corporal Gunn promptly assumed command of the ammunition-carrying party and, despite a driving rain, courageously led them through the extremely dense enemy-infested jungle. Although severely wounded during the advance, he urged and inspired the men to continue the dangerous task until the vitally needed supplies were delivered to our guns. By his daring initiative, brilliant leadership and selfless devotion to duty, Corporal Gunn enabled our forces to repulse the bitter Japanese attacks. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R - So. Weymouth, Mass.
B - Brookline, Mass..

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Serial 11679
Appd SofN 1-11-45
Signed APR 10 1945

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

CORPORAL LYALL W. GURITZ, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Driver of a Medium Tank serving with the Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. With his tank badly damaged by repeated direct hits of hostile artillery fire during a perilous advance against the Japanese, Corporal Guritz steadfastly continued to operate the vehicle in a determined effort to complete his mission. Finally forced to abandon the disabled vehicle, he fearlessly assisted other members of his crew in entering a rescue tank, but was himself fatally wounded by enemy machine-gun fire while attempting to climb aboard. His dauntless courage, valiant fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

SSM, perm.cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 5/18/45 by CinC, USMCDNI&RS, 172 Federal Office Building, Washington & 2d Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn. to the parents of the late Corp. Guritz, Mr. & Mrs. Emil Guritz, Rural Route #3, Jackson, Minn., informally

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Jackson, Minnesota

B--Middleton Township, Minnesota

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CincPac

Appd SofN 1-1-45

Serial 11087

Signed

MAR 22 1945

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT JAMES C. GUSEMAN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. Realizing that a dangerous gap had been created in the infantry line by bitter enemy machine-gun and artillery fire, Gunnery Sergeant Guseman immediately moved his 37-mm. platoon forward to fill the weakened position until help could arrive in the threatened area. When he discovered that a Japanese fieldpiece was retarding the advance of a nearby regiment, he courageously maneuvered one of his guns into a direct line of fire from the hostile weapon and, skillfully aiming at point-blank range, destroyed the Japanese gun and thereby secured the advance of the regiment. Gunnery Sergeant Guseman's indomitable fighting spirit and resolute devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Brownsville, Pa.

B--Pittsburgh, Pa.

SSM, perm. cit. & let in USMC pres'd 20 June by CO, MB, NYd, NY, N.Y. to the widow of the late GySgt. Guseman, Mrs. James C. Guseman, 24 E. Columbia Ave., Palisades, NY. at appropriate ceremony on post.

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SPOT
Serial 06682

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

MAJOR JOHN H. GUSTAFSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Ngesebus, Palau Islands, on 28 and 29 September 1944. After careful formulation of his plans, Major Gustafson personally assumed charge of the assault waves to lead the attack from exposed positions and, although wounded by shrapnel and subjected to severe hostile fire during this engagement, continued directing his Battalion's movements in rapid advancing drives to crush the heavy enemy resistance. His outstanding courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Las Cruces, N. Mex.,
B--Las Cruces, N. Mex.

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Appd SofN
Serial 568882

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GLYNN H. GUTZEIT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Gun Crewman of Battery F, Second Battalion, Fifteenth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 April 1945. When severe enemy mortar fire ignited ammunition dumps, set fire to the Command Post and put several howitzers out of action, Private First Class Gutzeit voluntarily assisted in the displacement of guns and in the evacuation of the wounded. Although burned and shocked by exploding ammunition, he continued to work until he collapsed and was evacuated. His initiative and courage in the face of hostile mortar fire and exploding ammunition reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Gutzeit and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP-298-wlb

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

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

PRIVATE EDWARD E. GYATT, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during the seizure of Tulagi, Solomon Islands, from enemy Japanese forces, on the night of August 7-8, 1942. Assigned to duty in a listening post to the right flank and forward of his company's position, Private Gyatt reported the approach of a hostile counterattack to his platoon commander and then, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, remained at his post, inflicting a heavy toll upon the infiltrating Japanese until he was killed by an enemy hand grenade. By his skill, courage, and indomitable fighting spirit, he contributed to the eventual repulse of the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Syracuse, New York.

B - Syracuse, New York, 9-4-1921.

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DGP-298-vm1

Serial-35793

Cincpac
AppdSofN-9-20-45
Signed AUG 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEPHEN J. GYLES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Sergeant of a Combat Patrol Squad of Headquarters and Service Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 16 March 1945. Assigned with his squad to wipe out a by-passed pocket of hostile resistance retarding the advance of friendly forces, Private First Class Gyles unhesitatingly placed himself at the head of his men and, courageously leading them to a position within fifteen yards of the strong point, prepared to launch an attack. Repeatedly exposing himself to blistering machine-gun, rifle and grenade fire emanating from a series of caves deeply entrenched in the rocky cliffs, he moved from place to place to locate the enemy and direct the fire of his squad, at the same time vigorously hurling his grenades into the emplacements and firing his automatic weapon at the Japanese as they emerged, personally accounting for eight of the enemy and three emplacements during the bitter fire fight. Fatally struck down by a sudden shellburst later that same day while attempting to neutralize a heavily fortified cave entrenchment, Private First Class Gyles, by his forceful leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive determination maintained in the face of tremendous odds, had served as an inspiration to his comrades and contributed materially to the sustained advance of our forces against the Japanese on Iwo. His selfless devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.