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

SERGEANT JOHN V. LA BARBERA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Sergeant Guide of Company B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 26 and 27 September 1944. Leading the right flank of his platoon forward after his platoon leader had been killed by a burst of hostile fire, Sergeant La Barbera pushed ahead to secure the top of a hill commanding the area and, with the acting platoon leader, organized a strong defense of this vital sector. Subsequently driven down the forward slopes by enemy opposition, he again proceeded forward with the right flank of his platoon. Pinned down on an open flat by Japanese automatic rifle fire from a cave in the side of the hill, he directed the return fire of his squad against the hostile emplacement and, although seriously wounded in the hand and arm during the fierce fire fight, courageously continued in his gallant efforts until tanks and flame throwers were brought up and the enemy-held cave destroyed. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout, Sergeant La Barbera upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R_Brooklyn, New York
B-New York, New York

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

SERGEANT JACK B. LA BERGE,
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 Section Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 and 16 September 1944. When his rifle platoon was pinned down by intense hostile fire from forward Japanese pillboxes, Sergeant LaBerge skillfully maneuvered his section to an advantageous position to deliver extremely effective fire and neutralize the enemy positions, thereby making it possible for his platoon to move forward and evacuate casualties. Although wounded himself during this encounter, he continued to hold this precarious position until it became untenable. On the night of 16 September, still refusing evacuation, he held a position on the extreme left flank against a fierce enemy counter-attack and despite a second severe wound, remained at his post until the Japanese had been annihilated. 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--Detroit, Michigan
B--Saginaw, Michigan

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 16 July by OInC, USMCDHRS, Rm 411, FOBldg., Albany 1, NY
to the mother of the late PFC LaBombard, Mrs. John LaBombard, 30 Peru St., Plattsburg, NY.
informally without publicity.

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App. SofN 1-18-45
Serial 12899
Signed JUN 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN W. LA BOMBARD, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Gunner in a Machine-Gun Squad serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during the assault and occupation of enemy Japanese-held Saipan in the Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 12 July 1944. When his squad leader was killed by a sudden burst of Japanese machine-gun fire from a concealed position while investigating a series of caves in a cliff on 12 July, Private First Class LaBombard immediately ordered the remainder of the squad to a protected firing position and fearlessly advanced in the open toward the cliff until the enemy again opened fire. With the hostile position thus exposed, he directed his rifle fire against the emplacements and succeeded in killing three Japanese before he fell, mortally wounded. By his aggressive initiative and resolute spirit of self-sacrifice, Private First Class LaBombard enabled his squad to locate and overcome an obstinate point of resistance, thereby contributing materially to the crushing of the enemy's final struggles in this area. His personal valor and unwavering devotion to duty throughout a period of intensive combat operations 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--Plattsburg, N.Y.

B--

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

PRIVATE RAYMOND LACAVERA,
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 Rocket Launcher Team of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 June 1945. When his platoon was suddenly subjected to hostile rifle and mortar fire which inflicted three casualties during an attack over extremely rough terrain along a pinnacled ridge, Private Lacavera immediately ran forward through hostile fire to an advantageous position and delivered effective fire on enemy emplacements. After all his ammunition was expended, he ran to one of the wounded Marines, secured an automatic rifle and again brought fire to bear on the enemy, killing eight Japanese soldiers and neutralizing one mortar. By his coolness under fire and relentless fighting spirit, Private Lacavera enabled his platoon to continue its attack, thereby permitting his wounded comrades to be evacuated. 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-Crafton, Pa.
B-Bradford, Pa.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL HENRY W. LACINAK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. Advancing to place a demolition charge in an enemy emplacement which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his company, Corporal Lacinak proceeded through heavy hostile fire from the emplacement and, although wounded, continued his advance and placed the charge, thereby destroying the strong point. By his courageous efforts in neutralizing this Japanese position, Corporal Lacinak enabled his company to advance with light resistance, 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.

H--New Orleans, Louisiana.
B--New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Spot Award.
Serial 01052
Signed NOV 11 1943

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

CORPORAL FONNIE B. LADD, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fifth Defense Battalion, Reinforced, Fleet Marine Force, during the enemy Japanese bombing of Funafuti Island on April 22, 1943. Corporal Ladd, with complete disregard for his own safety and with bombs falling in the area, guided a group of Army personnel to an air raid shelter. He then entered the native church and induced some forty natives to leave the church and follow him to their village, where he dispersed them into slit trenches and along the ground just a moment before a direct bomb hit demolished the church. Returning to the Army area, he found two seriously wounded soldiers, applied tourniquets to stop their bleeding, and started with them for medical aid. Although fragments from exploding bombs damaged his vehicle, Corporal Ladd fearlessly continued on his mission and succeeded in delivering the wounded to the hospital. His great courage, perseverance, and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Washington, D. C.

B - Oakland, Mississippi.

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Spot Award
Serial 00817
Signed Oct 26 1944

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

CORPORAL DONALD E. LADURON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-Menominee, Michigan
B- " "

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT PAUL D. LA FOND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 13 to 15 June 1945. When the other platoon leaders of his company became casualties during the first hour of a night attack on a strongly-held enemy ridge, Second Lieutenant LaFond immediately assumed command of these platoons in addition to his own and, reorganizing the company in the face of fanatical Japanese resistance, continued the assault and seized the objective. During the next forty hours, he stationed himself on the most fiercely contested points of the line and, by his splendid example of leadership, inspired his men to repel every attempted counterattack. During the afternoon of 14 June, he went forward in the face of heavy hostile rifle and machine-gun fire to aid one of his men who had been wounded while forward of the lines, and succeeded in carrying the stricken man to a place of relative safety. By his outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant LaFond contributed materially to the success of his company's mission, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

B-Showhegan, Maine
R- Showhegan, Maine

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL LLOYD E. LA FONTAINE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. When a strongly-defended hostile fortification retarded his platoon's attack plans, Corporal LaFontaine volunteered to proceed alone fifty yards ahead of the front lines and destroy the obstructing position. After advancing under heavy Japanese machine-gun and mortar fire, he succeeded in firing a demolition charge which completely wiped out the site and killed several of the enemy, thereby making it possible for his platoon to continue the assault with a minimum number of casualties. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Champlain, N. Y.
B. Champlain, " "

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

ASSISTANT COOK WILLIAM J. LAHODA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery A, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 2 August 1944. Participating in hand-to-hand fighting with sabers and pistols, Assistant Cook Lahoda aided in repelling an attack on his machine-gun post by five Japanese soldiers and assisted in annihilating three of the enemy and in forcing the others to withdraw. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Ill.

B--Chicago, Ill.

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANK F. LAHR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of Underwater Demolition Team THREE, in action against enemy Japanese forces during a bombardment and assault in the Marianas Islands, from 17 to 21 July 1944. Cool and courageous in the face of persistent enemy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire, Second Lieutenant Lahr supervised important phases of beach reconnaissance and placement of high explosive charges which aided in the destruction of enemy underwater obstacles and beach defenses. By his expert leadership and gallant conduct throughout, he contributed materially to the ultimate success of the subsequent landing. His zealous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. St. Joseph, MICH.
B. Benton Harbor, Mich.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MIKE LAITAS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 21 June 1945. On two occasions, Private First Class Laitas boldly fired on enemy troops who were forming lines of resistance in front of his company's zone of action, although on both instances, upon discovering the enemy moving up, it was necessary for him to expose himself in full view of the enemy troops in order to open fire and prevent them from forming a stronger line of defense. Fearlessly moving from one position to another, he advanced and destroyed two hostile machine guns and their crews with rifle and grenade fire. By his courageous initiative, Private First Class Laitas contributed materially to routing the enemy forces in the last phase of the campaign, 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-Westville, Ill.
B-Westville, Ill.

SILVER STAR (Army) - Awarded by dispatch April 27, 1942. Filed on case 1740-55-65. Service at Ph. Ia.

The following is a copy of a copy of a recommendation attached to Fitness Reports dated 31 March 1942 and received in this office August 1942.

HEADQUARTERS
First Battalion, Fourth Marines.

28 March, 1942.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commanding Officer, Fourth Marines.
Subject: Recommendations for award of Silver Star.

1. On 25 March, 1942, when the barracks of the 92nd Coast Artillery (PS) were set on fire by a hostile bombing attack the below named officers and enlisted men, without regard for personal danger and while hostile planes were overhead, on their own initiative, outstandingly assisted in getting the fire under control thus preventing complete destruction of buildings and defense installations in the area. The explosion of small arms and other ammunition stored in the area greatly increased the hazardous fire fighting operations.

FANTONE, John S.		First Lieutenant, USMC
CALAYAG, Cesar G. B.	(Not a member of the Marine Corps)	Second Lieut., PA
LINVILLE, Bert S.	223548	Platoon Sergeant, USMC
WILLIAMS, Everett S.	278917	Sergeant, USMC
BAUM, Benjamin G.	265672	Corporal, USMC
PETERSEN, Melvin W.	273460	Corporal, USMC
FARNER, Robert P.	273003	Private First Class, USMC
HOOPS, James L.	290269	Private First Class, USMC
<u>LAKE, Donald E.</u>	<u>271842</u>	Private First Class, USMC
NELSON, George B.	279899	Private First Class, USMC
SWAHN, Berkley R.	279837	Private First Class, USMC

2. On 25 March, 1942, when the barracks of the 92nd Coast Artillery (PS) were set on fire by a hostile bombing attack Captain Paul A. Brown, U.S.M.C.R., without regard for personal danger and while hostile planes were overhead, directed members of his company in getting the fire under control thus preventing complete destruction of buildings and defense installations in the area. The explosion of small arms and other ammunition stored in the area greatly increased the hazardous fire fighting operations.

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Serial - 84993
Signed SEP 20 1946

Max Lakin

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

**PRIVATE ROBERT M. LAKIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Volunteer Litter-Bearer, serving with Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 6 March 1945. Caught with fellow litter-bearers in the cross-fire of hostile machine guns, Private Lakin observed a wounded Marine lying behind a rock directly in the line of enemy fire and, crawling to the wounded man, carried him on his back through the hostile cross-fire to safety where he then administered first aid. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

of the family of their leader.
of the family of their leader.

R.--St David, Ill.

B.--St David, Ill.

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Perm.cit. & cong.ltr. for SS
sent to: CG, 1st MarDiv., FMF

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Spot Award
Serial 0718 *ComSec 9lt*
Signed *9-14-44*

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

SERGEANT FRANK G. LAMB, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with an antitank unit of the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 27, 1943. While leading his antitank crew without its organic weapons or machine guns into the front lines, Sergeant Lamb was attacked by the enemy who broke through the defenses and threatened a position on his flank. With bold determination he rushed his section through intense hostile fire and over ground offering little cover until he reached a point twenty-five yards from two enemy machine guns. From this exposed position, lacking even the shelter of a foxhole or emplacement, he fearlessly directed the fire of his men until a serious chest wound forced his evacuation after an hour of desperate fighting. Sergeant Lamb's extreme bravery and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Richmond, Indiana.

B - Wadena, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Released 5 June '44

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

SERGEANT THOMAS E. LAMBE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Rifle Platoon Sergeant of Headquarters and Service Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 16 March 1945. Assigned the difficult task of filling a gap in the front lines at night, Sergeant Lambe led his men to their objective over unfamiliar terrain and, despite a terrific enemy barrage, succeeded in placing his troops in strategic positions and in repelling at least seven attempts by the enemy to penetrate our lines. Throughout the night, he repeatedly exposed himself to intense hostile fire to move among his men, reassuring them, distributing hand grenades and directing machine-gun and rifle fire in a bitter struggle to disrupt the attempted break-through. By his initiative, leadership and courage, he aided in the annihilation of over thirty Japanese and in holding a vital road until relieved by flanking troops. His heroic 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

B-Watertown, Mass
R-Dorchester, Mass

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE B. LAMBERSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company E, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands. 28 July 1944. When his platoon was cut off from the rest of the company during a series of fierce enemy attacks, First Lieutenant Lamberson braved heavy enemy mortar, rifle and machine-gun fire to inspire his platoon to continue the attack. Leading his men against a strongly defended enemy position, he regained contact with the company and, although seriously wounded during the latter part of the action, refused to be evacuated until his objective was accomplished and his platoon's position secure. His aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Lamberson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R- Clifton, N.J.
B-Clifton, N. J.

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Serial 032422
Signed OCT 14 1946

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH E. LAMBERT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Section Leader in a Demolition Squad of Company L, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 1 June 1945. Vigilant and aggressive as his squad moved in to reinforce a break in the line where the Japanese had infiltrated and occupied a heavily fortified cave, Corporal Lambert quickly armed himself with a satchel charge and voluntarily crept up to destroy the strategic hostile emplacement. Disregarding the surrounding heavy machine-gun fire, he succeeded in placing the demolition charge and in sealing the cave, thereby killing many of the enemy. Although wounded as he was returning to his unit, Corporal Lambert, by his daring initiative and courage in the face of grave danger, had contributed materially to the strength of his company's defense during a critical stage of the action. His inspiring conduct and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Popestem, West Virginia
B--Covel, West Virginia

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HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 418)

20 November 1943.

Awards of the Silver Star Section I.

L. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress Approve 9 July 1918 (Bull. 48, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officer and enlisted men:

WARREN M. LAMBUTH, (446523), Private, United States Marine Corps, Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 20 July 1943. He crawled to a point within twenty-five yards of the enemy lines to remove a wounded comrade to safety under exceptionally heavy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire. Home Address: 1448 East Orman Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

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-- Pueblo, Colorado
B-- Buelah, Colorado

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Serial 004434
Signed APR 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARTHUR E. LA MONTAGNE, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of an Artillery Forward Observation Party serving with the Second Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, 23 July 1944. Discovering at daybreak that a large number of enemy forces had broken through our front lines and were moving toward our positions from the rear, Private First Class LaMontagne, with his party, attempted to warn the infantry of the impending peril and, when attacked by a group of Japanese, killed three of the enemy and dispersed the remainder, thereafter proceeding under heavy small arms fire to the infantry lines. As the Japanese attacked from several directions, he fought courageously with rifle and grenades, materially assisting in repulsing the enemy, and subsequently, although struck by a mortar fragment while voluntarily accompanying casualties across an open area to the battalion aid station, steadfastly maintained his position and provided accurate and effective covering fire for his companions until fatally wounded by another mortar shell. By his inspiring conduct and unselfish efforts, Private First Class LaMontagne enabled the wounded to reach the aid station safely, and his indomitable fighting spirit throughout this hazardous period was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM & perm cit pres'd For the President,
on 5-9-45 by Capt. E.E. JAMES FORRESTAL
Grossman, USMCR., to parents
of the late PFC. LaMontagne, secretary of the Navy.

R--Syracuse, New York Mr. & Mrs. A. E. LaMontagne, Sr., 253 Mather
B-- " " " " St., Syracuse, N.Y., at their home.

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Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT J. LAMORE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Tank Platoon of Company A, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. While under heavy enemy machine-gun and artillery fire, Private First Class Lamore voluntarily and with utter disregard for his personal safety, walked out onto the reef on three different occasions to guide the tanks of his platoon over the hazardous reef and, by his gallant action, enabled them to reach shore in safety. His daring initiative, resolute courage and outstanding 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--North Adams, Mass.
B--Brockton, Mass.

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Signed _____

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 April 1945. When his company was temporarily pinned down by intense hostile mortar and small-arms fire, Private First Class Lamoreaux observed that two Marines had been wounded in front of the lines. Despite the hail of enemy fire, he went forward and succeeded in removing both casualties to cover. When another Marine was wounded, he again moved forward and carried him to safety. By his courageous initiative and unselfish devotion to duty, Private First Class Lamoreaux upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R- San Marino, Calif.

B- Hoquiam, Wash.

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FMP, Pac
App. SofN 5-7-45
Serial 11511
Signed AUG 29 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD J. LAMSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 18 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, First Lieutenant Lamson led his platoon to its objective and, by his skillful direction of mortar and small-arms fire, successfully repelled several fierce counter-attacks. Utterly disregarding his own safety under heavy artillery and mortar fire, he bandaged the wounds of his men and moved them to protected areas and also skillfully directed the covering forces and removal or destruction of all abandoned equipment. Although seriously wounded by hostile fire while leading an assault on an enemy pillbox that was denying his battalion its objective, First Lieutenant Lamson had contributed materially to the ultimate success of the operations for this strategically important Japanese stronghold. His outstanding leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by For the President,
Condt, Boston Mass., on 11-20-45 to
the brother of the late 1st Lt Lamson, JAMES FORRESTAL
LtComdr Edward W. Lamson. Inf pres.

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lowell, Mass.
B-- " "

LANCASTER, Marion B.

Private First Class 280644

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

Previous Awards - None.

Born: 6-11-21 - Greenville, Mississippi.

Current Enl.: 1-13-40 - New Orleans, Louisiana.

Legal Residence: Greenville, Mississippi.

Next of Kin: Mr. Archie Lancaster (Father)
814 N. Broadway Street,
Greenville, Mississippi.

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Serial 00422

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN H. LANDEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Communications Officer of the Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Landing on Peleliu shortly after the assault waves, First Lieutenant Landen was engaged in reconnoitering the Battalion positions when his party came under fire from a well-concealed, hostile machine gun. Organizing a small group, he personally directed a tank against the enemy weapon and was responsible for the destruction of the hostile gun and its crew. Later, when enemy troops opened fire from a pillbox on the Battalion landing, he joined in the assault on this position armed only with a pistol and, despite wounds sustained during this action, continued to participate in the attack, thereby aiding materially in the destruction of the hostile entrenchment and in annihilating its occupants. His indomitable fighting spirit, efficient leadership and courageous devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit on First Lieutenant Landen and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Detroit, Mich.
R - Cincinnati, Ohio

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Appd SofN 9-20-45
Serial 34876
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANCIS B. LANE,
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 K, Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 21 to 24 February 1945. Courageously leading his platoon in a daring strike against the heavily fortified, deeply entrenched enemy on Motoyama Airfield Number Two, Second Lieutenant Lane boldly pressed forward against fanatic hostile resistance, fighting furiously despite the overwhelming odds and wiping out twelve Japanese pillboxes to extend the line of advance to the edge of the field. Undaunted by the continued shelling, he promptly reorganized his platoon and prepared to push the attack across the fire-swept airstrip and, constantly exposing himself to the withering barrage as he directed his men to the objective, staunchly continued his forward drive until fatally struck down by a bursting shell. Inspired by his forceful leadership, valiant spirit and unwavering zeal, Second Lieutenant Lane's intrepid men relentlessly laid down terrific supporting shellfire against the enemy flank, enabling the adjacent company to move forward and thereby contributing to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold. His fearless conduct and self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout the bitter engagement reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Lane and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Lenox, Massachusetts
B.--Lenox, Massachusetts

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Houston, Tex.
B-Chilton, Tex.

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Serial 01054
Signed NOV 29 1944

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

STAFF SERGEANT KEARY L. LANE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division as Senior Non-Commissioned Officer with a detail of Engineers at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on January 3, 1944. When the regular operator of a bulldozer was wounded during construction of a road vital to the advance of our tanks and infantry, Staff Sergeant Lane fearlessly defied concentrated Japanese fire to proceed into the cleared area and take charge of the bulldozer. Wounded in the shoulder by an enemy machine gun as he continued construction operations, he refused to withdraw, remaining to direct and participate in the work until the task was completed. Staff Sergeant Lane's prompt initiative, indomitable courage and coolness under intense hostile fire were important factors in the speedy accomplishment of an urgent mission, and his inspiring leadership and gallant conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hertford, N.C.
B--Edenton, N.C.

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Serial 45501
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VIRGIL L. LANE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by heavy hostile fire, Private First Class Lane crawled forward of the front lines to locate the exact position of the Japanese defensive positions and, upon finding them, returned to his platoon leader to suggest that tanks be used. When the tanks arrived, he entered one of them to guide the armored vehicles against the enemy emplacements and, although knocked out by a blast from the enemy that stunned the other occupants of the tank, he refused evacuation upon gaining consciousness and continued to direct the fire of the tank until all the enemy in the vicinity had been destroyed. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Lane and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Yakima, Washington
B--Lake Benton, Minnesota

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL HOMER G. S. LANEVILLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry while serving as Leader of a Rifle Platoon, of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Gusa, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 9 August 1944. When his platoon's defense line was attacked from both the front and rear by hostile forces on the night of 27 July, Corporal Laneville staunchly held his line and boldly exposed himself to enemy fire to investigate points of activity during the night. At daylight, he personally killed eight of the enemy and, during the subsequent advance of his unit, aided in destroying many more. When his platoon was ambushed on 9 August, he delivered effective fire which killed two Japanese and, although suffering from a painful leg wound, aided greatly in annihilating the enemy force. By his leadership, aggressive fighting spirit and unselfish devotion to duty throughout, Corporal Laneville upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

AGPD-B 201 Lang, Harry Cox
(22 Oct 46) USMC

22 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Silver Star

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

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, the Silver Star was posthumously awarded by General J. M. Wainwright, U. S. Army, to Major Harry Cox Lang, 04 0440, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action from April to May 1942.

2. An appropriately engraved Silver Star Medal and official citation pertaining thereto are inclosed for presentation to the next of kin.

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Citation

/2/ EDWARD F. WITSELL
EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General.

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CITATION FOR SILVER STAR

(POSTHUMOUS)

Major Harry Cox Lang, Commanding Officer, Company A, Fourth Marines, displayed conspicuous gallantry on Corregidor, Philippine Islands, from April to May 1942. Despite daily artillery bombardments and frequent air attacks, he courageously exposed himself in the course of his daily visits to all positions, thus contributing materially to strengthening of morale and esprit among his men to meet the subsequent landings on 5 May, when he met his death while directing the action. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Marine Corps.

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

CORPORAL ELMER T. LANGAN,
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 10 August 1944. During an advance to the objective on 21 July, Corporal Langan assisted in the destruction of approximately thirty of the enemy and, acting as a point for his squad near Finnegan on 3 August, helped to destroy a machine gun nest containing twenty-three Japanese. In the advance north of Salisbury Junction, on 8 August, he aided in annihilating twenty-two of the enemy and, throughout the campaign, contributed materially to the success of his platoon during the assault and occupation of hostile positions. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Hampshire, Ill,
B-Cedar Rapids, Neb.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 6-8-46
Serial 032113
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER E. LANGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 6 May 1945. Undaunted by torrential rains and heavy casualties, First Lieutenant Lange valiantly led his company through a fire-swept draw in a determined assault against a fanatically defending force of Japanese entrenched on a strategic ridge. Repeatedly exposing himself to intense concentrations of hostile fire as he skillfully coordinated the advance of his units, he inspired his heroic men to press forward, rout the enemy and achieve an objective essential for the continuation of the attack. His forceful leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon First Lieutenant Lange and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oakland, California.
B--Berkeley, California.

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

CAPTAIN JOHN P. LANIGAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 May 1945. Captain Lanigan courageously led his company to the assistance of the assaulting units which had been immobilized by heavy enemy fire during a pre-dawn attack across the Asa Kawa River. Crossing the river under heavy fire after the footbridge had been destroyed by the enemy, he executed an enveloping movement which restored the impetus of the attack. Often exposing himself to enemy fire while leading assault platoons, he was in large measure responsible for the success of his company in forcing the enemy from strongly defended positions and in seizing its objective. By his leadership, aggressive fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty, Captain Lanigan upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--London, Ohio
B--London, Ohio

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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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH G. LANKUS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 4 August 1944. When his platoon was suddenly brought under heavy enemy grenade and rifle fire from a cave, pinning down the advancing troops and inflicting several casualties, Private First Class Lankus approached the mouth of the cave in the face of heavy hostile fire and, armed only with demolition charges, succeeded in neutralizing the strongpoint and enabled stretcher bearers to evacuate the wounded. His courage, perseverance and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

PRIVATE EDWARD B. LARGEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 16 April 1945. Although painfully wounded while advancing with his company in an attack on a strongly held ridge, Private Largey courageously continued the advance up the precipitous slope in the face of heavy hostile fire and, using hand grenades, destroyed an enemy machine-gun emplacement, killing five enemy soldiers. By his heroic action, he assisted materially in the seizure of the hostile position, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Roslendale, Mass.
B-Co. Boston, Mass.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LOUIS R. LARGEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Corps, Medium Tank Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With three of his tanks destroyed by hostile shellfire and a fourth set afire and forced to return to the beach after an aggressive fight to gain a position well within enemy lines on D-Day, Second Lieutenant Largey immediately organized the crews of his disabled vehicles and successfully led them through Japanese infested territory back to his unit. Then, leading a group of men to a tank bogged down on a reef, he fearlessly countered shattering hostile shellfire to direct the salvaging of small-arms ammunition for an infantry unit and heavy caliber shells for the one remaining tank which otherwise would have been without ammunition for a number of hours. By his daring initiative, determined leadership and cool courage in the face of grave peril, Second Lieutenant Largey contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his tenacious devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Los Angeles, Calif.,
B--Brooklyn, N. Y.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 79496
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD C. LARKIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. When an Army tank passing through the company's sector was disabled by a direct hit from a concealed enemy anti-tank gun and was then subjected to intense hostile machine-gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Larkin observed that all but one of the tank crew members were successful in escaping and, crawling approximately thirty yards to the disabled tank, removed the wounded man and pulled him to safety. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tulsa, Okla.
B--Tulsa, Okla.

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Serial 56882
Signed _____

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL AUGUST LARSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer and later as Commanding Officer of the Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 17 May to 21 June 1945. Under heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Colonel Larson continuously conducted reconnaissances from front line positions and personally supervised reorganization of badly depleted units of the Regiment. On 9 June, he unhesitatingly proceeded from the Regimental Observation Post under heavy hostile fire to a forward position from which he directed the reorganization of a battalion and the assault on Hill 55. By this blow, he brought about the complete destruction of the Japanese in that area and enabled all units in the Regimental zone of action to advance and seize their objectives, and contributed materially to the further advance of the Division in its successful attack on Oroku Peninsula. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Colonel Larson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Sherburn, Minnesota.
B--Sherburn, Minnesota.

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21 December 1943.

Section.....II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

CORPORAL BERENT L. LARSON, USMCR. (468707)

CITATION

For gallantry in action at Vuru Village, Vangunu, Solomon Islands, on 1 July 1943. Separated from his platoon during an attack, he jeopardized his own security and sacrificed his life to operate a machine gun alone all night and protect a man who was pinned down by enemy fire. Although he could have exercised easily and safely his privilege of withdrawing with honor to find his unit, he refused to leave until he could take his comrade with him. While both were attempting a withdrawal, Corporal Larson was wounded fatally. Next of Kin: Mrs. Minnie L. Larson, Mother, 4914 Santa Ana Street, Bell, California.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON.

R-- Bell, California
B-- Winner, South Dakota 8-27-21

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Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CORWIN T. LARSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the landing on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Boldly facing withering enemy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire, First Lieutenant Larson unhesitatingly proceeded forward of his troops to reconnoiter the area and, although twice wounded, returned unaided to his position. Determined to remain in action, he had a corpsman dress his wounds, then continued to lead his men until he was killed by an enemy mortar shell. First Lieutenant Larson's aggressive leadership, valiant fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lakeside, Arizona
B--Holbrook, Arizona

SSm, perm. cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd on 5-6-45, by OinC, USMCDHI&RS, Phoenix, to parents of the late 1st. Lt. Larson, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace H. Larson, Lakeside, Ariz., at a formal gathering in the Latter Day Saints Church, Snowflake, Ariz.

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Spot Award
Approved sofn 4-22-43
Serial 648
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EVERETT F. LARSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the ~~Second Battalion, Fifth Marines~~, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 8, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Larson braved the intense fire of the enemy to swim the Matanikau River in a heroic attempt to rescue a wounded comrade. His valiant and self-sacrificing action, in which he lost his life, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Stamford, Connecticut.

B - Stamford, Connecticut.

*Release
7 Oct 43*

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Spot Award
Serial 0954 *Com Sec 4LT*
Signed SEP 23 1944

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

CORPORAL LAWRENCE H. LARSON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 9 and 10, 1944. Acting as a runner for the battalion commanding officer during a fierce battle with a strong enemy force, Corporal Larson carried messages to and from the assault lines, performing this and other hazardous duties courageously despite exposure to withering hostile fire. On two separate occasions he skillfully repaired breaks in vital communication lines and, during pitch darkness, led supply parties to every portion of the assault lines, delivering urgently needed ammunition and grenades to front line defense troops and contributing to the success of our forces in repelling five desperate counter-attacks by an enemy battalion during the night. Corporal Larson's daring action and fearless devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Muskegon, Michigan.
B - Muskegon, Michigan.

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Serial 14928
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT ROBERT E. LA SALLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Office of Strategic Services, Marine Detachment, American Embassy, London, England, during operations behind enemy Axis lines in the Savoie Department of France, from 1 to 31 August 1944. Completely realizing the hazardous risks involved, Gunnery Sergeant LaFalle volunteered to act as instructor to resistance forces in this sector and, although severely injured while parachuting from the plane to his area of duty, succeeded in fulfilling his mission. Risking the heavy concentration of hostile troops in this section, he assisted, until totally incapacitated, in the training of resistance forces who subsequently harassed the enemy with splendid results. By his courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout, Gunnery Sergeant LaFalle upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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R--Crystal, Mich.,
B--Crystal, Mich.

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

PRIVATE DARIUS W. LATCH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. When his platoon was viciously fired upon from a hostile trench-line several yards inland shortly after landing on D-Day, Private Latch unhesitatingly pressed forward despite the extreme danger and boldly engaged and killed a Japanese soldier. Breaking his weapon during the fierce action, he fearlessly continued his assault by leaping into the entrenchment and fighting the Japanese bare-handed until help arrived. By his extremely heroic action in disorganizing the enemy, Private Latch enabled his comrades to charge the emplacement and quickly overcome all resistance. His daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and indomitable fighting spirit throughout the bitter hostilities were an inspiration to those with whom he served and reflect the highest credit upon Private Latch and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Jessup Pennsylvania
B-Armstrong Springs, Ark.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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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 EUGENE W. LAUBER, U. S. MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Eleventh Marines, ~~First Marine Division~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 14, 1942. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private Lauber made repeated trips with his truck, over a road exposed to heavy machine gun and rifle fire, to the scene of the preceding night's battle and fearlessly assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. His courageous conduct reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy

R-Rome, New York
B-Rome, New York

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES LAUDERDALE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Rifle Squad of Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the attack on Foste Hill, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. When his squad leader became a casualty during a fierce Japanese counterattack against the right flank of his rifle company, Private First Class Lauderdale immediately assumed command of the unit and, in the face of heavy enemy mortar, rifle and machine-gun fire, skillfully maneuvered his squad across approximately thirty yards of open terrain to a raised roadway running parallel to the flank of the rifle company. Braving the enemy fire to place his men in the most advantageous position afforded by the roadway, he repulsed the enemy's fanatical charge, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese with minimum loss to his own unit. By his aggressive action, Private First Class Lauderdale aided materially in protecting the entire right flank of the rifle company from a breakthrough. His outstanding leadership and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fresno, California
B--Duncan, Oklahoma

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Appd SofN 1-18-45
Serial 12634
Signed MAY 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT G. LAUDERMAN, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a Scout Sniper Platoon serving with the Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. When a sudden vicious onslaught was launched against his unit's position and eight Japanese infantrymen infiltrated a vital sector of the line, Private First Class Lauderman immediately engaged the enemy soldiers in fierce hand-to-hand combat, fighting with determined aggressiveness until he was mortally wounded. By his daring initiative and great personal courage in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Lauderman was materially responsible for preventing a major break-through of lines at a strategic point, and his valiant conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Martinsville, Indiana

B..Henricks County, Indiana

SSM, perm.cit. 16 June by OinC, USMCDHIRS,
Rm 317, Kresge Bldg. 41 E. Wash. St., Indianapolis, Ind. to
the mother of the late PFC. Lauderman, Mrs. Mary White, 401 N.
Jefferson St., Indianapolis, at office of OinC.

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Cincpac
Appd SofN 10-4-45
Serial 35545
Signed SEP 20 1946

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

SERGEANT MARIO L. LAUDISIO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Guide, serving with Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during operations on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When his platoon sergeant and platoon leader became casualties, Sergeant Laudisio immediately took charge and ran from cover to cover under heavy enemy machine-gun and sniper fire, placing the men and machine guns in more favorable positions. Running to the aid of one of his squad leaders struck down by hostile machine-gun fire, Sergeant Laudisio dragged the wounded man into a shell hole and, although mortally wounded during this action, refused aid for himself until all efforts to save his companion had failed. His heroic spirit of self-sacrifice 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--Brooklyn, New York.
B--Brooklyn, New York.

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Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-29-46
Serial 52809
Signed JUN 11 1947

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM P. LAUGHTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Squad Leader in a platoon of Company C, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 June 1945. With his platoon pinned down by fierce and concentrated fire from well-concealed enemy positions while advancing toward its objective, Corporal Laughter fearlessly exposed himself to the savage barrage to proceed alone to a more strategic position and pour a steady stream of deadly fire into one of the camouflaged hostile emplacements, completely destroying the strong point and killing the ten Japanese within. Carrying on his determined assault despite relentless opposition, he unhesitatingly pressed forward to the top of the ridge and continued to deliver his accurate, effective fire into other enemy positions until he fell, fatally wounded. By his expert marksmanship, indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage under fire, Corporal Laughter had contributed materially to the success of his platoon in accomplishing their assigned mission and to the ultimate capture of this vital Japanese stronghold. His inspiring conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

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

R--Edna, Texas
B- Edna, Texas

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CincPac
Appd SofN *2-15-45*
Serial 1511
Signed AUG 18 1945

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

CORPORAL JOHN W. LAVEZZO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. Upon returning from a voluntary patrol to locate points of resistance in hostile territory, Corporal Lavezzo found that one of the men had been wounded and a tank stopped by heavy Japanese machine-gun and rifle fire. Unhesitatingly rushing into an open field under withering enemy fire, he dragged the wounded man to a position of comparative safety behind the disabled tank, gallantly remaining with his companion and the crippled tank to give covering fire until reinforcements arrived. Unselfishly disregarding his own safety throughout, Corporal Lavezzo was fatally wounded 2 August while trying to neutralize a cave. His intrepid courage under fire and his unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

B--Boston, Mass.
B--Boston, Mass.

SS.perm cit. ltr Fr. CMC pres. 1-28-46 by CO, MB, USNS, Boston, Mass. to the mother of the late Corporal Lavezzo, Mrs. Mary F. Lavezzo, 40 St., Edwards Road, East Boston, Mass. Informal pres. at home. Due publicity given.

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Serial 45500
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MELVIN C. P. LAVINE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Group Leader of Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 29 February 1945. During an assault on a strongly-defended hill, Private First Class Lavine braved intense hostile machine-gun fire and hand grenades to destroy a well-fortified enemy emplacement with only a rifle and hand grenades, killing the enemy therein and permitting his company to continue its advance. Upon completion of his mission, he returned to his fire group and organized it into an antishniper patrol. 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--Owen, Wisconsin
B--Tiffany Twp., Wisconsin

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN A. LAW,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Armored Bulldozer Operator of Headquarters and Service Company, First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. Assigned the mission of repairing a road for use by our tanks during a proposed advance later in the day, Private First Class Law courageously drove his bulldozer down into a valley which was an impact area for enemy mortar fire and which was under direct observation from an enemy gun firing down the valley. Moving beyond the furthestmost point penetrated by our tanks, he filled in tank traps and shell holes and, although drawing heavy automatic, small-arms and mortar fire, continued at his task until his assignment was completed. His courage and zealous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Vermillion, Kans.
E-Vermillion, Kans.

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DGP-298-egc

CinePac
Appd SofN 1-4-45
Serial 004249 MAR 22 1945
Signed

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

SERGEANT CARLETON W. LAWES, USMCR.,

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 the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 25 July 1944. When his platoon was suddenly pinned down by a withering barrage of enemy machine-gun fire on an exposed ridge, Sergeant Lawes unhesitatingly placed himself in the lead and encouraged his companions to continue the assault. Determined to reach his objective, he gallantly led his men forward but, upon reaching the Japanese position, was struck down by the enemy. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and fearless disregard of personal safety, Sergeant Lawes enabled his platoon to continue the assault, and his vallant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSM & perm cit sent via registered mail 27 April 1945 to parents of the late Sgt. Lawes, Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. Lawes, 613 Codifer Blvd. New Orleans, La., by the Comdt., 8th Naval Dist., New Orleans, La.

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CincPac
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Serial 2788
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANDREW F. LAWHON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Weapons Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, 1 February 1944. When his platoon was cut off and subjected to fire of increasing intensity from infiltrating enemy groups shortly after achieving the battalion objective, First Lieutenant Lawhon successively dispatched two runners to the rear for reinforcements. With each man killed in turn before traversing fifty yards, the vulnerability of his isolated position was emphasized, and the need for immediate assistance was imperative. Placing his second in command in charge of the platoon, he undertook the mission himself and, although surrounded by the enemy and under intense hostile fire, succeeded in reaching a landing team, where he obtained aid for his imperiled troops. His courageous fighting spirit and heroic devotion to duty were an inspiration to all with whom he served and reflected the highest credit upon first Lieutenant Lawhon and the United States Naval Service."

R--Verona, Miss.,
B--Verona, Miss.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award.
Serial 0069
Signed MIN 22 1943

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEONARD G. LAWTON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands for the period from October 31 to November 3, 1942. During the offensive action of his battalion, First Lieutenant Lawton displayed superb tactical skill in the handling of his company, both in the approach to and during contact with the Japanese. Ordered to move his company from its position on the left of the regimental assault line in order to cut off a hostile battalion which was holding up the right flank of his regiment, he maneuvered into position, cut the enemy's communication lines and secured the break by setting up a back-to-back defense on a two-hundred-yard front. When the Japanese, as a result, launched a strong counterattack from both east and west, First Lieutenant Lawton's company, with the aid of artillery and machine gun fire, successfully repulsed the assault and maintained its position until relieved. His outstanding leadership and courageous aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Orlando, Florida
B-Orlando, Florida

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Cincpac
App. SofN 2-8-45
Serial 239
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES W. LAWYER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic service while serving with the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during amphibious landings on the Japanese-held Gilbert Islands and on Saipan from 20 November 1943 to 15 June 1944. Operating his tractor expertly under formidable antiaircraft and mortar fire and in spite of adverse weather conditions, Private First Class Lawyer effected two assault landings during this period which contributed materially to the success of our operations in strategic areas. Skillfully maneuvering his vehicle through a high surf, over a treacherous reef and in the face of stubborn and relentless enemy resistance, Private First Class Lawyer repeatedly landed assault and reserve troops on Saipan on 15 June 1944, persisting in his vital mission until mortally wounded by a Japanese shell. His outstanding devotion to duty and cool courage under attack 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--St. Louis, Mo.

E--

958, perm. cit. & Mr. fr. CMC pres'd 8 June 1945 by Cinc, USMCDHRS, Rm108, U.S. Court & Custom House, 1114 Market St., St. Louis, Mo. to the widow of the late PFC Lawyer, Mrs. James W. Lawyer, Virginia & Meramec Sts., St. Louis, Mo. at DHRS informally with members of immediate family present.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL CLARENCE W. LEACH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 1 July 1944. When his acting Platoon Leader became a casualty, Corporal Leach assumed command of his unit and, after expertly reorganizing the badly depleted platoon, reconnoitered his section and led his men to the advance over a rocky, cave-infested cliff despite intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, maintaining complete control at all times. 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-Gadsden, Ala
B-Bessemer, Ala

338165
DGP-298-hgs

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Serial 9078 17 1943
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. LEARY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on December 3, 1942. When the leader of his platoon was gravely wounded during a fierce engagement with a large Japanese combat patrol, Corporal Leary, with utter disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of severe enemy machine-gun fire, hurried to his injured comrade and removed him from danger. Corporal Leary's great personal valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Burke, Idaho
B- Wallace, Idaho

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Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN J. LEARY,
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-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 4 and 5 March 1945. Acting on his own initiative when his Company Commander was wounded, Platoon Sergeant Leary took under his supervision and control the plan of night defense, accomplishing the mission under a heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage. On the following morning, he effected the relief of his company by another unit, personally moving through intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire to reconnoiter routes of approach for the relief troops and, in one instance, leading a platoon away from its front line position. By his courage and tactical skill, Platoon Sergeant Leary aided materially in completing a hazardous maneuver and his devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

B - Wallace, Idaho
R - Burke, Idaho.

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

SERGEANT CLAUD H. LEATH,
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, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Landing with the first assault wave during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Sergeant Leath fearlessly advanced under shattering machine-gun and sniper fire to within arms length of a strong reinforced concrete emplacement and, despite the extreme danger, accurately placed his explosive charges in position to neutralize the hostile fire and enable our forces to continue their inland advance. By his daring initiative, unwavering perseverance and cool courage in the face of extreme peril, Sergeant Leath contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Ozons, Texas
B- Bonham, Texas

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 721
Signed AUG 5 1943

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

PRIVATE JAMES P. LEAVY, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
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 with enemy Japanese forces at the mouth of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 27, 1942. Realizing that his corporal had been severely wounded and was unable to crawl out of danger, Private Leavy assisted in rescuing him from the river and, placing himself as a shield between the enemy and his injured companion, escorted him for a distance of fifty yards across an open sand pit, swept by enemy machine-gun fire, to the first aid station. By his great personal valor Private Leavy undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade who otherwise might have perished."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R - Monmouth, New Jersey.

B - Van Nuys, California.

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN OSBORNE K. LE BLANC,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company L, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Landing on the heavily fortified beachhead on D-Day under concentrated enemy mortar, machine-gun and antiboat fire, Captain Le Blanc promptly reorganized the remaining elements of two companies and directed a brilliantly executed attack to the south and east of the airstrip to form a battalion line covering the right flank of an adjacent battalion. Seriously wounded by hostile mortar fire during a bitter engagement on 22 November, he refused to seek medical aid until the balance of the eastern portion of the airfield had been secured then, temporarily leaving his command to have his wounds dressed, subsequently returned to form a secondary defense line for countering another reported Japanese onslaught. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, dauntless perseverance and cool and courageous action under fire, Captain Le Blanc contributed immeasurably to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-Abbeville, La.,

B-Abbeville, La.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT PAUL D. LE CLAIR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Ninth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. While under intense enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, Sergeant Le Clair voluntarily engaged in an attempt to evacuate twelve wounded Marines from behind hostile lines by amphibian tractor. After a hand grenade attack by eighteen Japanese soldiers was repulsed at extremely close range, the wounded were successfully loaded aboard the tractor which could only be backed out of the narrow defile in which it was lodged. Realizing it was necessary for someone to guide the vehicle operator in the backward movement, Sergeant LeClair unhesitatingly placed himself atop the tractor's bow and guided it a distance of one hundred yards until the terrain permitted it to turn and proceed to friendly lines where the wounded were given medical treatment. In addition to guiding the tractor which had become a target of opportunity for enemy artillery during its precarious trip, he killed several of the Japanese who attempted to disable the slow-moving vehicle with hand grenades. His initiative, resourcefulness and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Roundup, Mont.,
B--Delphia, Mont.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award: November 1942

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

FIRST SERGEANT BENJAMIN G. LEE, U. S. M. C.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extremely gallant and intrepid conduct as Control Officer of a 1.1 inch mount, while serving on board the U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO in action against enemy Japanese naval forces in the Solomon Islands Area on November 12 and 13, 1942. After enemy shellfire had put his mount out of action, First Sergeant Lee promptly reorganized his crew, administered first aid to the wounded and then, with several of his men, proceeded to the spaces below to fight raging fires. Although injured himself, he rendered valuable service in successful damage control and aided in the evacuation of numerous injured personnel. His valor and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy

R-Manteno, Illinois
B-Kansas City, Mo.

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

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

R-Independence, Kansas
B-Coffeyville, Kansas

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 FIRST CLASS EARL J. LEE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Scout in a Rifle Platoon of Company E, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 to 29 September 1944. Subjected to intense hostile artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, Private First Class Lee courageously advanced the entire fourteen hundred yards across an open airfield while directing our tank fire against numerous enemy pillboxes and installations, thereby contributing to the infliction of much damage on the enemy. Acting as a scout in a subsequent operation, he voluntarily crossed an open flat one hundred yards wide to draw fire from enemy cave positions and thus expose their locations. 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--Pensacola, Florida
B--Jay, Florida

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Serial 00267A

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD N. LE FAIVRE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in aerial flight as Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Marine Night Fighting Squadron FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 18 May 1945. Vectored by a ground control station to intercept an enemy plane nearing an important American base, First Lieutenant LeFaivre pursued the hostile bomber through friendly anti-aircraft fire, and continued his attack until the Japanese aircraft exploded and crashed into the water. Later, the same night, when vectored to intercept a hostile fighter, he destroyed it after three determined attacks. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy. ✓

R--Baltimore, Md.
B--Baltimore, Md.

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

STAFF SERGEANT JOHN M. LE FEVOUR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Navigator and Bombardier of a Patrol Bomber in Marine Bombing Squadron SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN in action against enemy Japanese forces on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, on 12 April 1945. When his aircraft was damaged by intense enemy fire and the co-pilot was seriously injured, Staff Sergeant Le Fevour extinguished a fire and then administered first aid to the co-pilot, thereby saving his life. After the plane crash-landed in the water, he endeavored to extricate a man trapped in the wreckage and, subsequently, stood guard over the wounded until they were rescued. 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, Ill.,
B--Chicago, Ill.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE CLIFFORD J. LEGER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. When hostile forces threatened to destroy a friendly machine gun section, Private Leger shifted his own position despite heavy enemy fire to protect the besieged section. After all the members of the machine gun crew had been killed or wounded, he manned the gun against the continuing hostile attacks and, although severely wounded, continued to deliver effective fire until evacuated at dawn. By his courage, daring initiative and unselfish devotion to duty, Private Leger upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B..Orange, Tex.

R..Stowell, Tex.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD LEGG,
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, 15 June 1944. With his amphibian tractor disabled in an isolated, fire-swept area during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Legg boldly faced the enemy's shattering artillery and small-arms fire to man the vehicle's gun and, despite severe wounds received during the bitter action, fought gallantly on, directing a steady stream of intense, accurate shellfire against hostile positions to cover the disembarkation of his comrades and enable them to deploy without casualty. By his dauntless fighting spirit, his outstanding fortitude and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Legg contributed materially to the success of our operations against a fanatic enemy in this vital campaign and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Maywood, Calif.,
B--Chesapeake, W. Va.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARNOLD E. LEHMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Crewman of an Amphibian Tractor with the Ninth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. When the enemy counter-attacked and regained ground on which twelve wounded Marines were lying, Private First Class Lehman volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded by amphibian tractor. Crossing enemy lines in the face of intense fire, he effectively repelled immediate attack by enemy troops as he assisted in bringing the casualties aboard the tractor and returning them to our lines. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Lehman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Corwallis, Montana.,
B..Palmer, Neb.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARL H. LEIDECKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery F, Second Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 24 July 1944. When an ammunition dump suffered a direct hit from an enemy shell, Private First Class Leidecker fearlessly left the safety of his gun pit and, despite hostile mortar fire and the possibility of an explosion, worked tirelessly until the raging fire had been extinguished, thereby saving the lives of many of his comrades and a large portion of the ammunition. His initiative, courage and grave concern for the safety of others reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Leidecker and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--South Gate, California.
B--Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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Spot Award
Serial 1083
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HUGH D. LEIDEL, USMC^R,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the Eighth Marines, Reinforced, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from November 23 to 25, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Second Lieutenant Leidel, on numerous occasions, led his men up over an extremely dangerous ridge in the face of heavy Japanese machine-gun fire, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. By his outstanding bravery and indomitable fighting spirit, he inspired marines throughout his battalion with a desire to accompany him on these hazardous missions. During the last patrol under his charge, Second Lieutenant Leidel, although wounded, successfully attacked a hostile position, using captured hand grenades against the enemy, and seized a flag and valuable notebooks from Japanese who had been killed in foxholes along the line of his withdrawal. His aggressive and heroic leadership was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Washington, D. C.

B - St; Louis, Missouri

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Serial 5497
SPOT
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

CORPORAL CHARLES E. LEIGAN,
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 Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. Diligently repairing two tractors while awaiting further orders from the control boat on one of the beaches, Corporal Leigan was hit by enemy shellfire and, although severely wounded, continued in his work until the machines were in operation. Returning to his own tractor, he assisted fourteen wounded men aboard and skillfully maneuvered the vehicle to a hospital ship despite a damaged steering gear and, after aiding in unloading the men, refused medical attention until all of his passengers had been treated. His outstanding fortitude, courageous initiative and grave concern for the safety of others saved the lives of several men who otherwise might have perished and reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Leigan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Great Bend, Kansas
R--Webb City, Oklahoma

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WARREN A. LEITNER,
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 K, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Discovering that the leaders of two adjacent platoons had become casualties shortly after landing on the beach, First Lieutenant Leitner braved intense hostile artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire to make repeated trips from one end of the platoon sectors to the other reconnoitering both friendly and enemy positions. Reorganizing the depleted platoons, he led them in making a strong and effective attack which gained five hundred yards within an hour after landing, thereby contributing materially to the establishment of the beachhead. 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-Yemassee, S. C.
B-Yemassee, S. C.

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CRAIG B. LEMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. After the tremendous explosion of a Japanese position and intense small-arms fire from the enemy had caused most of his platoon and the adjacent platoon to become casualties, Second Lieutenant Leman unhesitatingly exposed himself to the enemy fire to rally his men and, organizing all available troops in the area, succeeded in grouping the remnants of three platoons and pressed forward the attack. By his aggressive actions in renewing the attack, he prevented the Japanese from launching a counterattack against a very weak spot in the lines. Although wounded in the action, he refused evacuation until his units were dug in for the night and a new leader had arrived. His resolute spirit and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicato Illinois
B--Chicago, Illinois

317687
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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ANDRE G. LEMAY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Supply Corporal of Company B, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 13 September 1944. When the regular stretcher-bearers became casualties during an attack in which his company suffered heavy casualties from hostile automatic weapons and mortar fire, Corporal Lemay quickly organized a party of stretcher-bearers and, repeatedly exposing himself to the rain of enemy fire, boldly led his men into the front line area to carry wounded Marines to an area of safety. Observing two casualties from another battalion lying in exposed positions about one hundred yards in front of the lines, he commandeered a tank and, advancing under the tank's covering fire, made his way through the fire-swept area to the aid of the two men. Discovering that one of the casualties was dead, he unhesitatingly picked up the second Marine and carried him across his shoulders back to the lines. Persisting in his heroic efforts to assist the wounded throughout the day, Corporal Lemay aided greatly in saving the lives of many comrades who might otherwise have perished. His fortitude, aggressive spirit and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0647
Signed Feb 27 1948

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

CORPORAL ROBERT J. LENNON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With his squad pinned down by shattering hostile machine-gun and rifle fire during an advance against the fanatic Japanese, Corporal Lennon voluntarily risked his life in a valiant effort to wipe out the enemy emplacement and, pressing home a lone, determined attack, completely destroyed the position with his well-placed grenade fire. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of extreme peril, Corporal Lennon contributed to the saving of many lives and enabled his squad to press forward in a sustained advance against this heavily fortified stronghold. His outstanding 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-Tacoma, Washington
B-Tacoma, Washington

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SPOT
Serial 20090
Signed SEP 18 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIARD H. LENOX,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Demolitions Man in a Rifle Squad of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Though wounded while attempting to plant a demolition charge in a cave which served as a vantage point from which enemy forces were raking our troops with fire, Private First Class Lenox engaged the enemy in a hand grenade duel until members of his squad could work their way to the opposite side of the cave and clear out the enemy. His courage under fire, unselfish concern for others 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--Winchester, Ind.
E--Muncie, Ind.

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Serial 0850
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PLATOON SERGEANT ROBERT F. LENT; USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Sergeant serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 14, 1944. Constantly subjected to devastating fire from concealed hostile positions while proceeding up a steep and well-defended incline, Platoon Sergeant Lent successfully gained the crest of the hill in advance of his men and, braving the bitter enemy opposition, placed his command in an advantageous position enabling them to direct their fire so skillfully and effectively that the Japanese guns were quickly put out of action. Platoon Sergeant Lent's gallant fighting spirit, outstanding fortitude and unrelenting 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 - Huntington, New York.
B - Huntington, New York.

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13 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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*Commut. Adv.
sent out 4-7-44*

Awards of the Silver Star.....II
Section

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

JOSEPH LENZI, (395343), Private, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in working his way forward over ground swept by enemy automatic weapons fire to silence the weapon with a hand grenade, thus enabling his squad to resume its patrol and accomplish its mission on 8 July 1943. Home Address: Farrell, Pennsylvania.

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 - Farrell, Pennsylvania
- B - Farrell, Pennsylvania.

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Serial 34869
Signed Aug 20 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH W. LENZI,
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 G, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. Observing a group of Japanese troops approaching his company area from the rear, Private First Class Lenzi leaped from his foxhole in full view of the enemy to attack with his automatic weapon. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he engaged the outnumbering hostile group and succeeded in killing five of the enemy before he fell, mortally wounded. By his presence of mind, initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, he alerted his comrades and enabled them to repulse the enemy, and his unwavering devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Lenzi and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R- New Haven Connecticut
B- New Haven Connecticut

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the parents of the late PFC Lenzi, Mr & Mrs. Diamond Lenzi on 20Oct46 at their home in an informal ceremony by the CO, MB, USNSB, New London, Conn.

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Serial 004
Signed AUG 18 1945

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The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to
FIRST LIEUTENANT JULIAN E. LEONARD, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Grote Peninsula, Guam, on 28 July 1944. With his platoon pinned ^{down} by intense hostile mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire during an extremely hazardous advance against the enemy, First Lieutenant Leonard repeatedly pressed forward of our lines in the face of the withering barrage to locate the heavily fortified, deeply entrenched hostile emplacements. Then, making his way back to his own lines, he boldly led his platoon in vigorous, intensive attacks against fanatic and fiercely determined enemy resistance until fatally struck down by hostile fire. By his inspiring leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Leonard contributed essentially to the success of our sustained drive toward the recapture of this vital 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,
JAMES FORRESTAL

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R--Seaside, Oregon
B--San Francisco, Calif.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 41646
Signed DEC 16 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH P. LEPKOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands on 12 March 1945. After his platoon's attack was halted by heavy fire, Second Lieutenant Lepkowski conducted a personal reconnaissance of the hostile position and, skillfully maneuvering his men, destroyed the automatic weapons and inflicted heavy casualties on the defending forces. When the unit on his left was unable to come abreast of his position because of heavy fire, he successfully covered the gap with heavy machine-gun fire and tenaciously held this precarious position against two desperate counterattacks. As the advance was held up a second time by hostile fire, he exposed himself to sniper and machine-gun fire to lead his platoon in the destruction of ten hostile pillboxes and two heavy mortar positions. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 86000
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TONY Z. LERMA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 June 1945. During this company's attack on a hill well defended by entrenched enemy forces, Private First Class Lerma discovered four wounded comrades lying exposed to enemy fire from caves to the rear. While giving cover fire to a medical corpsman who was rendering aid to these casualties, he detected several of the enemy approaching and, retrieving an automatic rifle from one of the casualties, subjected the hostile force to accurate and intense fire, thus killing five Japanese. When again attacked from another direction by fifteen of the enemy, he bravely held his position, killing seven of the second attacking force. Thereafter, he remained at his position, giving cover fire to medical corpsmen and litter bearers until all the wounded had been treated and evacuated. By his aggressive fighting spirit and unselfish devotion to duty, Private First Class Lerma rendered heroic service in combat, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

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

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 25, 1942. When the forward observing party of Battery B, First Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, occupied a position in the front lines of the south defense sector of the Guadalcanal airfield, they came under heavy fire from an enemy machine gun which had been deeply emplaced the night before. Since our own small arms were ineffective against the weapon and its proximity rendered employment of artillery dangerous to our own troops, Private First Class LeRoy and another Marine, armed with hand grenades, crawled toward the hostile gun while it was still firing over their heads and succeeded in silencing it. His courageous initiative, maintained at great personal risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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...New York City, N.Y.

B...New York City, N.Y.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL DICK M. LESEMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

R- Prescott, Wisc.
B- " "
26 Sept. 1923

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 13003
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH G. LESKO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twentieth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan Island in the Marianas, on 21 June 1944. Discovering that seriously wounded Marines were lying helpless in a Japanese ammunition and explosives dump, Sergeant Lesko fearlessly advanced into the danger area in a resolute effort to evacuate the men and, working with courageous determination despite the imminent danger of additional explosions, succeeded in rescuing a fellow Marine. Painfully wounded while carrying out his hazardous mission, he was subsequently killed in the same operation. By his persevering initiative, unwavering fortitude and great personal valor, Sergeant Lesko contributed materially to the safety of others, and his loyal spirit of self-sacrifice throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Youngstown, Ohio.

SSM, perm. cit. & 'ltr fr CMC' pres'd 23 June by CinC, CRD, Rm522 Fed'l Bldg Cleveland, to the mother of the late Sgt. Lesko, Mrs. Mary Lesko, 85 So. Prospect St., Youngstown, Ohio, informally at Sub-District HI&RS of Youngstown.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALEXANDER R. LESIAK,
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 1 July 1944. When heavy fire from a hostile machine gun located in a cave and protected by five riflemen hindered his platoon's advance, Private First Class Lesiak voluntarily joined another Marine and, advancing across an open fire-swept area which was the only route of approach, made his way to the cave to silence the gun. Despite heavy enemy fire, he reached the emplacement and assisted in the annihilation of the gun crew and riflemen, thereby permitting his platoon to resume its advance. By his initiative and coolness under fire, he contributed materially to the success of his platoon. His courageous conduct reflects the highest credit on Private First Class Lesiak and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Ann Arbor, Mich.
B - Detroit, Mich.

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CincPac
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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALAN G. LESLIE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company C, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines, (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Undaunted by the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire, First Lieutenant Leslie boldly proceeded to the beach with his group of scout snipers in advance of the initial assault wave on D-Day and landed on the edge of the large pier at Betio Island. Fearlessly advancing down the top of the pier, he charged the emplacements with his flame thrower and succeeded in neutralizing several of the enemy who were firing relentlessly on our troops as they advanced through the water to the beach. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and cool and courageous action in the face of tremendous odds, First Lieutenant Leslie served as an inspiration to his men and contributed essentially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold. 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

R--Milwaukee, Oregon.,
B--Vancouver, Canada.

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 the Second Silver Star Medal to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALAN G. LESLIE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Second Engineer Battalion, Second Marine Division, as a Member of an Underwater Demolition Team in a daylight reconnaissance of Saipan Island beaches, on 14 June 1944. Although assigned as Liaison Officer, First Lieutenant Leslie personally made a reconnaissance through a prolonged and heavy concentration of mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire and, fearlessly penetrating a dangerous sector, obtained valuable information for the landing force. By his outstanding leadership, perseverance and zealous devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Leslie contributed materially to the success of our operations in this strategic area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Milwaukee, xWx Ore.
B. Van Couver, ~~USA~~

Canada

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDISON L. LESTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery A, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. When his machine-gun post was attacked by five of the enemy, Private First Class Lester engaged in a fierce hand-to-hand fight with sabers and pistols, aided in killing three of the Japanese and forced the other to withdraw, His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Lester and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

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

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Spot Award
Serial 00164
Signed SEP 14 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN J. LESTER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as a member of an artillery forward observation party serving with the First Marine Parachute Battalion in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the Empress Augusta Bay Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. Despite heavy enemy mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Lester assisted in establishing and maintaining radio communication with the artillery which was attacking a Japanese-held position. Although emplaced near the hostile line of fire and lacking protection of any kind, he gallantly remained at his post for a period of seven hours in order to direct friendly artillery fire against the enemy and cover the withdrawal of the battalion. Private First Class Lester's extreme courage and unswerving devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 00437
Signed _____

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN S. LETCHER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. When a number of enemy troops infiltrated a 15- cation about thirty yards from the Regimental Command Post in order to attack positions within the beachhead, Lieutenant Colonel Letcher organized a counterattack with the available officers and men at the command post and, by his prompt action and leadership, contributed materially to the destruction of seventeen Japanese and to the capture of one light machine gun, thereby preventing possible capture of the Regimental Command Post and destruction of our guns which were located two hundred yards further to the rear. His professional skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Lexington, Va.,
B--Lexington, Va.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 1-4-45
Serial 004321 MAR 22 1945
Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN M. LEUVER, 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 at Guam, Marianas Islands, the afternoon of 25 July 1944. With his platoon disorganized and forced to withdraw following a relentless, determined enemy counterattack, Private First Class Leuver steadfastly remained in the front lines with two other members of his fire group to prevent the Japanese from reorganizing for another strike. Boldly facing the withering hostile barrage, he delivered effective fire against the Japanese, covering the withdrawal of his platoon to a position approximately 100 yards to the rear and enabling them to set up a defensive position for the night. Although mortally wounded during the fierce action, Private First Class Leuver, by his fearless determination and vallant fighting spirit, had contributed materially to the success of our forces in this area, and his dauntless courage in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Illinois

B--

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 27 May 1945 by OinC, CPD, U.S.Courthouse
Bl'g. 225 S.Clark St. Chicago, Ill to the parents of the late
PI Leuver, Mr&Mrs. Thomas F. Leuver, 10643 S.Bell Ave.,
Chicago, Ill. informally at home.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH L. LEVERINGTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 27 September 1944. When his tank was rendered out of action by a Bangalore torpedo explosion and heavy automatic fire during an assault on a well-fortified ridge, Private First Class Leverington moved forward alone and turned his flame thrower directly into the entrance of a cave fortification, thereby saving the lives of many of his comrades. Although wounded when a demolition explosion from an adjacent cave blew him completely off his feet, he ran back to get another flame thrower and returned to bring additional fire to bear on the cave. 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--Waterloo, Iowa
B--Oelwein, Iowa

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

CAPTAIN MARTIN LEVIT, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the Third Marine Raider Battalion during a landing on Puruata Island, Solomon Islands, November 1, 1943. Informed that two severely wounded Marines were lying in an enemy position, Captain Levit promptly organized a rescue party and, although fully aware that this area would soon be fired upon by friendly artillery, proceeded into the hazardous zone. Unhesitatingly advancing under fire, he succeeded in evacuating the man who had not yet succumbed to his injuries. Captain Levit's great personal valor and courageous initiative in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Chicago, Illinois

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES F. LEVY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of an Assault Unit of Underwater Demolition Team FOUR, during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Theater, from 17 to 21 July 1944. Participating in the assault and capture of an enemy-held island, Second Lieutenant Levy braved enemy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire to prepare the way for the operations of combat troops and, by his courage and skill, contributed materially to the success of this hazardous mission. His fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Houston, Texas.,
B--Deland, Florida.

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Signed_____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED G. LEWIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Scout of Company B, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 4 July 1944. Discovering an enemy concentration forward of the lines, Private First Class Lewis braved intense grenade and rifle fire to rout the concentration and annihilate eight of the enemy before sustaining serious wounds. By his skill and aggressive fighting spirit, Private First Class Lewis contributed materially to the advance of his company, and his devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Borger, Tex
B-Mexia, Tex.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BENJAMIN E. LEWIS,
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 B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 26 September 1944. When a Japanese officer and seven men attempted to crawl out of a nearby cave and infiltrate behind our lines by throwing grenades, Private First Class Lewis courageously killed six of them less than ten yards from his emplacement and, failing in the attempt to repair his rifle after it had failed to function as the last two of the enemy were emerging from the cave, immediately threw the stock of the rifle at them. Temporarily delaying the two Japanese, he ran to a comrade in the next foxhole and, grabbing his rifle, promptly killed the two remaining enemy. 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

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B-Linden Ala

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Signed _____

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT BERRY K. LEWIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Fourth Pioneer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. As a member of the shore party, Gunnery Sergeant Lewis landed on D-Day amidst natural obstacles and enemy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire which precluded moving supplies inland and caused congestion on the beach, preventing proper disposal of accumulated supplies of artillery, ammunition and gasoline. When a shell added on the beach dump during an enemy barrage, starting a fire and exploding the ammunition, he ignored the hazard of the explosions and the continuing enemy artillery fire and, mounting a tractor-dozer, pushed sand on the flaming and exploding ammunition, thereby efficiently bringing the fire under control to save vital supplies and reduce the danger to personnel in the area. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Gen. Del. Gerty, Okla.,
B--Gerty, Okla.

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

SERGEANT BOBBIE D. LEWIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a Rifle Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 1 May 1945. Observing two of his men wounded and lying in exposed positions, Sergeant Lewis braved intense enemy sniper and machine-gun fire to crawl to their sides and administer first aid. Although wounded in this action he disregarded his own extreme pain and carried his wounded comrades through the heavy fire to safety. His coolness under fire and his courageous actions reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Lewis and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. GULLIVANT

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Grass Valley, California
B--Ottawa, Kansas

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

CAPTAIN DAVID H. LEWIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. Leading his company in a hazardous assault on a strongly-fortified hill north of Motoyama Airfield Number Three, Captain Lewis braved enemy machine-gun and mortar fire to make a detailed reconnaissance of the terrain and to place supporting tanks in the most advantageous firing positions. Employing a radio and working from an exposed observation post in close proximity to the tanks, he then directed the tanks in destroying five large-caliber Japanese guns, thus enabling his men to cross the airfield and gain a foothold on the objective with a minimum of casualties and without the loss of a single tank. Still exposed to heavy enemy fire, he skillfully directed the subsequent action of his assault units, moving from one platoon to another to contact the Platoon Leaders, until seriously wounded by hostile machine-gun fire. By his outstanding leadership and coolness under fire, Captain Lewis served as an inspiration to his men and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT JOHN R. LEWIS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Guide of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. When a patrol of about twenty Japanese approached his platoon from the rear, Sergeant Lewis courageously fired on it in order to warn his comrades of the enemy's presence despite the certainty that his own position would be over-run by the superior number of hostile troops. Although wounded by a grenade during the ensuing struggle, he fought fiercely against a Japanese who attacked him with a bayonet and succeeded in throwing the enemy to the ground and strangling him. By his courage and disregard of personal safety in giving warning, he enabled his platoon to destroy the enemy patrol, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Cleveland, Ohio
B-Cleveland, Ohio

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Signed DEC 26 1947

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

CORPORAL LAWRENCE LEWIS,
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 on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. When an enemy machine gun opened fire about fifteen yards from his platoon's night defensive position, Corporal Lewis braved the intense barrage to lay down a burst of machine-gun fire, silencing the enemy weapon. As the Japanese repeatedly tried to establish a machine gun in that area, he exposed himself to repulse them, accounting for the destruction of four machine guns and their crews. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Lewis and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Panama, Okla.,
B--Tahona, Okla.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 35741
Signed APR 7 1947

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

SERGEANT LELAND LEWIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. Suddenly encountering heavy machine-gun and mortar fire from near-by caves and pillboxes as he was leading his squad forward against a heavily fortified enemy emplacement, Sergeant Lewis immediately informed his platoon leader and, despite the intense hostile fire from all directions, proceeded forward alone toward a Japanese blockhouse which seemed to be preventing his squad's advance. Cool and determined, he persevered in his attempt to neutralize this obstructing fire until he was struck down while throwing a hand grenade. By his aggressive tactics, great initiative and extreme bravery under fire, Sergeant Lewis effectively contributed to the successful assaulting and final elimination of the enemy stronghold. His courageous conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Coarsegold, California
B- Madera, California

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Serial 44965
Signed AUG 10 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD G. LEWIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Island, 22 February 1945. When his platoon and supporting tanks became pinned down during an attack against a strong enemy force entrenched on commanding ground, First Lieutenant Lewis promptly advanced to the exposed area in front of the tanks and, in the face of hostile anti-tank, mortar and artillery fire, successfully directed the continuation of the attack. By his aggressive leadership and skill under fire, First Lieutenant Lewis contributed materially to the complete destruction of the Japanese positions. His courage throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Post Falls, Idaho
B.--Pullman, Wash.

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Serial 13002
Signed Dec 11 1945

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

SERGEANT THAD Q. LEWIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. With his unit pinned down by withering hostile fire from a heavily fortified bunker, Sergeant Lewis fearlessly braved the enemy's concentrated machine-gun and sniper fire to gain a favorable attack position and, boldly charging the emplacement alone, succeeded in destroying the bunker and killing all Japanese troops in the immediate area. By his inspiring and determined leadership, daring initiative and outstanding fortitude, Sergeant Lewis contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-Canetoe, N. C.
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SSM. perm. cit. ltr. fr. CMC pres by CG, Camp Lejeune, N. C. 2-4-46 to the mother of the late Sgt. Lewis, Mrs. Edith O. Lewis, Conetoe, N. C. Informal pres. at home. Sisters and brothers attended. Due publicity given

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Serial 0055
Signed MAY 8 1944
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN R. LEYDEN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on November 1, 1943. During the landing attack of the Third Marine Division, Reinforced, at Puruata Island, Gunnery Sergeant Leyden was in charge of a five-man combat team detailed from his platoon to clear the trees of hostile snipers. After the platoon had passed through an area under severe mortar barrage, he remained behind with his combat team, courageously directing his men in attacking and killing snipers stationed in that zone. Although he successfully accomplished his mission in the face of a terrific shelling by Japanese mortars and automatic rifles, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His courageous action in clearing the area of snipers was a major factor in the securing of our beachhead and reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTA,
Acting,

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Signed AUG 11 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NORBERT E. LIBBY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,
FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Marquette, Michigan.

B - Marquette, Michigan. 5-15-1922.

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Signed ~~JUN 29 1949~~

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

CAPTAIN ALFRED M. LICHTMAN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity in action while in command of Company I, First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on the eastern bank of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the nights of October 21 and 23, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of severe fire by overwhelming enemy forces, Captain Lichtman, by his superb leadership, skillful use of weapons, and fearless devotion to duty, turned back the hostile tanks and infantry and prevented the enemy advance. His extreme courage and inspiring command maintained the highest morale and fighting spirit of his men, and were in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Acting.

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Syracuse, New York
B- Utica, New York.

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

SERGEANT FRANK D. LILLY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Sergeant of a Rifle Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 May 1945. When the advance of his platoon was held up by heavy fire from a hostile strong point during an attack against an enemy objective, Sergeant Lilly courageously and voluntarily moved forward in the face of the heavy fire and, pressing home an attack alone against the position with a sub-machine gun, destroyed the emplacement and killed five of the enemy. By his heroic action, he enabled his group to advance and seize their objective and, by his fortitude and devotion to duty, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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R--Erie, Pa.,
B--Edenboro, Pa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 44965
Signed _____

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of an Assault Squad of Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. Assigned the mission of clearing antipersonnel mines from the front lines, Sergeant Lilly went forward of his lines into an area which was under heavy mortar and rifle fire. When one of his men was wounded while working in an adjacent area, he rushed to the man and carried him to safety. Resuming his mission under hazardous conditions, he efficiently cleared the area of mines and enabled our troops to continue their advance. While returning to his own lines, he was wounded by a rifle bullet. His skill, initiative and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Becker City, Ill.,
B--Becker City, Ill.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial - 34990
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH L. LIMPERT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Group Leader while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 26 February 1945. Determined to fill the gap between two front-line companies whose advance had been held up by an enemy fortification strategically located on high ground to the front, Corporal Limpert skillfully maneuvered his men forward until blocked by intensive fire from the hostile pillbox. Undeterred by the enemy's blasting, he relentlessly advanced alone beyond the lines, attacked and destroyed the pillbox with hand grenades, sacrificing his own life but enabling his men to close the gap for further assault. A courageous and resolute leader, Corporal Limpert, by his bold initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, 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--St. Louis, Missouri

B--St. Louis, Missouri

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr pres to the prnts of the late Corp. Limpert, & Mrs. George L. Limpert, St. Louis, Mo., with appropriate ceremony Oct46 by the OinC,USMC DHRS, St. Louis, Mo.

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Mine Removal Team of the Sixth Engineer Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 12 June 1945. When the tanks to which he was assigned were halted by a mined area forward of friendly lines while his team was clearing lanes through mine fields, Corporal Lindbeck voluntarily led his team forward across fire-swept terrain to open a passage for the advance of the tanks. As the increasing intensity of hostile fire interfered with the work of his unit, he deployed his men in effective firing positions with the result that three of the enemy and several automatic weapons were destroyed. Resuming his task, he continued removing mines until the mission was completed, thereby enabling the tank to advance and destroy strong enemy fortifications on the reverse slopes of knolls in the Croku Area and contributing materially to the advance of the infantry with comparatively few casualties. His initiative, skillful leadership and courageous conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

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

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

CORPORAL CHARLES W. LINDBERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company E, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 1 March 1945. Repeatedly exposing himself to hostile grenades and machine-gun fire in order that he might reach and neutralize enemy pillboxes at the base of Mount Suribachi, Corporal Lindberg courageously approached within ten or fifteen yards of the emplacements before discharging his weapon, thereby assuring the annihilation of the enemy and the successful completion of his platoon's mission. As a member of the first combat patrol to scale Mount Suribachi, he courageously carried his flame thrower up the steep slopes and assisted in destroying the occupants of the many caves found in the rim of the volcano, some of which contained as many as seventy Japanese. While engaged in an attack on hostile cave positions on March 1, he fearlessly exposed himself to accurate enemy fire and was subsequently wounded and evacuated. By his determination in manning his weapon, despite its weight and the extreme heat developed in operation, Corporal Lindberg greatly assisted in securing his company's position. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Grand Forks, North Dakota
B-Grand Forks, North Dakota

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed John L. Sullivan 12 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EARL F. LINDER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Crewman, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February 1945. Cut off from his unit when his company suffered heavy casualties during a desperate attempt to hold its objective and forced to withdraw for reorganization, Private First Class Linder remained steadfast and calm despite the extreme danger and, instantly setting up a defense with the assistance of two companions, protected his position throughout the night and well into the following day. Although situated three hundred yards in advance of his own lines and under incessant hostile attack as well as artillery, tank and machine-gun fire from friendly forces, he cared for a seriously wounded Marine in his sector with superb skill and intrepid courage throughout the perilous period, bringing him back safe when he finally succeeded in reaching his own unit twenty hours later. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and aggressive determination in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Linder served as an inspiration to his comrades and his heroic conduct reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

John L. Sullivan

(Acting) Secretary of the Navy.

R--Pottsville, Pa.

B--Cressona, Pa.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NO. 387)

11 November 1943.

E X T R A C T

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

PRIVATE FRED C. LINTON (381105)
United States Marine Corps

For gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 10 July 1943, in killing one of the enemy who attempted to wrest a Browning Automatic Rifle from him, and then continuing the advance and destroying several more of the enemy until he was seriously wounded.

By command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL

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

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

ALBERT E. BENSON,
Major, U. S. Marine Corps,
Assistant Personnel Officer, DoFP.

Lebanon, Indiana

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. LINTON, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Language Officer of the Intelligence Section of the First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 10 October 1944. Voluntarily requesting and gaining permission to enter fiercely-defended enemy territory in order to obtain the surrender of a large number of Koreans reported to be in caves in front of our lines, Second Lieutenant Linton risked ambush by entering and exploring two caves of great depth. Encountering two groups of Koreans who could have cut him off from aid if they had chosen to attack him, he employed his fluent command of the Korean language and, through skillful persuasion, effected the surrender of both groups. Conducting the entire group of forty-nine back through our lines, Second Lieutenant Linton obtained information from these prisoners which proved to be of material intelligence value to our forces. His skill, initiative and courageous devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger reflect great credit on Second Lieutenant Linton and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

B - Kunsan, Korea
R - Decatur, Ge.

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 V. LINTZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Discovering a wounded Marine lying in a trench which was enfiladed with enemy sniper and machine-gun fire, Private First Class Lintz administered first aid and moved the stricken man to a safer position. Perceiving that the man was in need of immediate medical attention, he went in search of medical aid and, after guiding corpsmen through intense hostile fire to the casualty's position, aided in evacuating him. His outstanding courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Clarkston, Mich.,
B--Birmingham, Mich.

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

CORPORAL GEORGE J. LINZENBOLD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 6 July 1944. Acting as Platoon Leader when his unit suffered heavy casualties during an extremely bitter fire-fight with the enemy, Corporal Linzenbold, despite a serious wound received during the early stages of the action, applied a battle dressing and returned to the fight. Determined to carry out the mission, he fearlessly led his men through heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to an advantageous striking position and, delivering a devastating attack, personally accounted for twelve of the Japanese. By his outstanding initiative, dauntless courage and aggressive leadership, Corporal Linzenbold contributed essentially to the success of the engagement. His selfless 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--Clifton, New Jersey.
B--Clifton, New Jersey.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE J. LINZENBOLD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Landing on a beach which was subjected to a blanketing barrage of hostile mortar, rocket, artillery and machine-gun fire, Second Lieutenant Linzenbold immediately reorganized his platoon and courageously led it through devastating machine-gun fire to its assigned position. After learning that all officers in his company senior to him had become casualties, he assumed command under the most hazardous conditions of combat and, handicapped by the loss of his radio, made his way across fire-swept terrain to the command post of an adjacent unit where he communicated information concerning the tactical situation to his commanding officer. After returning to his company, Second Lieutenant Linzenbold personally led his men in an assault against a large hostile pillbox which had been delivering fire which impeded the advance of his landing team and, although painfully wounded, continued to lead the company until the enemy position was destroyed and its occupants killed. His leadership, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Clifton, New Jersey
B- Clinton, New Jersey
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JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 12200
Signed AUG 15 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT RUSSELL W. LIPPERT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Sergeant of a medium Tank Platoon of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian Islands, Marianas Group, from 15 June to 1 August 1944. Leading a section of three medium tanks in support of an infantry battalion, Platoon Sergeant Lippert contributed materially to the success of the forces during this phase of the campaign and, through careful observation, aided directly in the location and annihilation of many fortified enemy positions. Although wounded on one occasion when his own tank was destroyed by hostile fire, he resolutely changed vehicles and continued to press the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Lippert and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Santa Ana, Calif.
B.--Jamestown, N. Dakota.

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT NATHAN A. LIPSCOMB,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. When contact was lost with an adjacent battalion during an enemy night attack and the assault platoons were suffering heavy casualties under a fierce concentration of hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, Second Lieutenant Lipscomb organized a group of nineteen men from the 61-mm. mortar platoon to fill the gap. Leading his men forward in the dark, exposed to both enemy and friendly fire, he skillfully deployed his small force, reestablishing contact in sufficient time to repel a strong enemy infiltration attempt. Although repeated fanatic Japanese counterattacks during the night seriously depleted his small command and caused the loss of contact again with friendly flank elements, Second Lieutenant Lipscomb stoutly maintained his position until dawn, when he cleared his sector of the enemy and consolidated his line with friendly forces. By his courageous initiative and leadership, he contributed materially to the neutralization of enemy resistance in that zone of action, and his diligent devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Grandfield, Okla.
B-Dexter, Tex.

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

CORPORAL JOHN S. LISSNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolitions Squad Leader of the Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. Participating in an attack against a strong enemy force entrenched on a ridge honeycombed with caves, Corporal Lissner led his demolition squad through difficult terrain under intense hostile fire. He then proceeded to blow up five caves from which enemy fire was being placed upon our lines, thereby enabling the company to continue the attack and gain the top of the ridge. 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--San Antonio, Texas.,
B--Houston, Texas.

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SPOT
Serial 11816
Signed _____

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Cannoneer of Battery K, Fourth 105-mm. Artillery Battalion (Howitzer), Corps Artillery, Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. When a fire, started by enemy shelling, broke out in the Battery ammunition dump, Private First Class Lister bravely assisted in extinguishing it, thereby preventing a dangerous explosion in the congested Battery area and contributing materially to the saving of many lives and much vitally needed ammunition. His outstanding courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Lister and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-Shamrock, Texas
B-Shamrock, Texas

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

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

CAPTAIN BONNIE A. LITTLE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Subjected to enemy fire at close range as the assault wave disembarked on a strongly fortified Japanese beachhead, Captain Little daringly pressed forward with his platoon, directing his tractor machine gunners in destroying the enemy emplacement. Although his driver and crew chief lost their lives during the intense action, he fearlessly carried on, personally driving the tractor to an effective landing on the beach before he himself was killed. His great personal valor, prompt action and heroic self-sacrifice in the face of grave peril contributed immeasurably to the success of our forces in that area and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Geneva, Illinois
B - " " "

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Serial 8745
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT GEORGE A. LITTLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 29 June 1944. When his Battalion was pinned down by machine-gun and mortar fire from enemy key installations approximately two hundred yards distant, Sergeant Little immediately organized a seven-man patrol and, repeatedly exposing himself to hostile gunfire, led an attack against the enemy stronghold, contributing in large measure to the destruction of twenty enemy personnel, four machine guns and one mortar without loss to his own patrol. By his courage and leadership, Sergeant Little was instrumental in enabling his Battalion to carry out its mission, and his devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Concord, N.C.
B--Concord, N.C.

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James Little

CG, FMF, PAC
App. SofN 4-26-45
Serial 21354
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

SERGEANT JAMES R. LITTLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. When a well-concealed hostile machine gun suddenly fired upon his platoon during reorganization in a front line area, Sergeant Little fearlessly risked his life in a valiant attempt to locate the Japanese emplacement. Pressing forward through enemy-infested territory and under constant hostile shellfire, he skillfully reconnoitered the area, located the weapon and was responsible for the eventual destruction of the heavily fortified strong point. Later succumbing to wounds received during his perilous mission, Sergeant Little, by his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, had contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chandler, Oklahoma.
B--Alabama City, Ala...

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Serial 07434
Signed _____

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HOMER L. LITZENBERG, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Executive Officer of the Twenty-fourth Marines,
Fourth Marine Division, prior to and during action
against enemy Japanese forces on Roi-Namur, Kwaja-
lein Atoll, from 7 October 1943 to 2 February 1944.
Supervising and coordinating the work of all staff
sections and attachments during the planning phase,
Lieutenant Colonel Litzenberg contributed materially
to the success of this Combat Team in its initial
action against the enemy. When the absence of
tracked landing vehicles on D-Day, threatened to
prevent his regiment from landing on schedule, he
personally assembled all available landing craft
for the regimental team and later landed with his
unit in the face of intense mortar and machine-
gun fire. Throughout the two-day battle, he dis-
played complete coolness under fire and was an
inspiration to all with whom he came in contact.
His professional ability, courage and devotion to
duty reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant
Colonel Litzenberg and the United States Naval Service"

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-
B-Steelton, Pa.

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AppdSofN 9-27-45
Serial 35189
Signed **JUL-24** 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL J. LIX,
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 E, Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. When his platoon was taken under a withering barrage of hostile mortar fire while patrolling forward of friendly lines, Private First Class Lix unhesitatingly left his protected position to aid one of the Marine casualties and, although wounded by shrapnel, valiantly disregarded the overwhelming volume of enemy fire in a determined attempt to remove his comrade from the danger area, continuing his efforts until himself mortally wounded by the shattering mortar fire. His inspiring actions and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of terrific odds reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Lix and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Penn.
B--Philadelphia, Penn.

(perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the parents of the late Pfc. Lix as the widow has remarried, at a parade by the CO, MB, USNB, Phila., 13Sep46.

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Spot Award
Serial 2761
Signed DEC 22 1943

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RUSSELL LLOYD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, on January 24, 1943. When the right flank company of his command encountered intense and determined enemy resistance and was unable to advance during a fierce attack westward toward Hill 99, Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd, realizing that the battalion's entire campaign was threatened by these conditions, maneuvered his troops through the dense tropical jungles with such great courage and excellent tactical skill that the enemy's strong point was outflanked and completely destroyed. His battalion succeeded in killing 155 of the hostile forces and in capturing four 77mm. field guns with a quantity of ammunition. Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd's heroic conduct and valiant devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions contributed materially to the success of this vital mission and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chatham, New Jersey

B..New York City, New York

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Signed

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

CAPTAIN WARREN F. LLOYD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. Braving intense hostile artillery, mortar and small-arms fire, Captain Lloyd led his company in the assault on an enemy-held ridge and, when forced to withdraw due to heavy casualties, immediately reorganized his company and led his men over rugged open terrain in an assault that enabled them to capture and destroy the enemy position. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Quantico, Virginia

B- Parris Island, S. C.
21 July 1920

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award.
Serial 829.
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALBERT C. LOCKE, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with B Battery, Special Weapons Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese tank forces at the mouth of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 23, 1942. In the face of terrific enemy fire and with two of his comrades wounded, Private First Class Locke and the remaining members of the crew steadfastly remained at their post and continued to keep the 37mm. anti-tank gun in action until the enemy attack was completely repulsed. His skill, tenacity, and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Canaan, Vermont.

B - Canaan, Vermont, 1-28-1919.

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Serial 12138
Signed SEP 18 1947

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

SERGEANT JOEN L. LOCKWOOD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a member of Company B, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. When his LCT developed a dangerous list to port upon approaching the beach, Sergeant Lockwood unhesitatingly volunteered to take a position on the lighters starboard gunwhale despite the danger from heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire falling between the lighter and the beach. Steadfastly maintaining his stand until seriously wounded by an enemy shell, he gallantly risked his life in an effort to keep the craft from capsizing. His cool courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Evanston, Illinois
B--Evanston, Illinois

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2-20-56
Bd. Serial - 867

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WALLACE G. LOFTIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 May 1945. While leading his platoon in an assault against a fanatically defended enemy position on commanding ground, Second Lieutenant Loftis was rendered unconscious and painfully wounded by an enemy mortar shell. After recovering consciousness, he continued the attack and led his men up to the right flank of the enemy, accounting for the death of the defenders and securing the position. Ordered then to assault the left flank of the ridge, he reorganized his platoon and led his men forward in the face of almost continual enemy fire. Skillfully directing his own fire and the fire of his men, Second Lieutenant Loftis materially aided in destroying the enemy force and in seizing the entire ridge, thereby contributing greatly to the success of friendly forces in the Okinawa operation. His gallant leadership and outstanding courage throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

presented to MAJ Loftis on 26
7 by MAJ Roy M. Kinsey, CO,
Co, USMCR

For the President,

W. L. ...
U.S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Durham, N. C.
B - Alton, Va.

From Department & Medal Branch, USMC to:
- Bureau of Naval Records
- Bureau of Information
- Marine Corps Gazette
- Marine Corps Bulletin
- Marine Corps Bulletin
- Division of Liaison

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Serial 6685
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM W. LOGAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
a Platoon Leader in Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth
Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against
enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands,
26 June 1944. After assuming command of a rifle
platoon, Second Lieutenant Logan led his men in an
assault against a strongly organized, well-concealed
enemy position and, when his platoon was engaged
on its flank and received casualties, braved enemy
fire to reorganize his men. Effectively deploying
his platoon while under a continuous barrage of fire,
he outflanked, charged and annihilated the enemy
without further casualties to his unit. His courage
and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon
Second Lieutenant Logan and the United States Naval
Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Sturgis, Ky.,
B--Sturgis, Ky.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT GEORGE R. LOHMILLER, 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 18 and September 12, 1942. When fires were
started in munitions and gasoline dumps, Sergeant
Lohmiller, unhesitatingly and with utter disre-
gard 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 min-
imum the damage inflicted by enemy bombs and
naval shell fire, and in saving many lives and
much valuable equipment."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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to any person without
the permission of the
officer in charge of
the Decorations and
Medals Section.

R...West Medford, Massachusetts.

B...Baltimore, Maryland,

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Serial 4020
Signed ~~ESD~~ 27 1948

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

CAPTAIN LYLE K. LONDON,
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-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in
action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian,
Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. Although painfully
wounded by an enemy rifle bullet, Captain London
refused evacuation and, remaining with his men,
directed his company in forcing the enemy from their
strongly defended positions. Despite the painful
nature of his wound, he continued in command of his
men throughout the operation. His courage and devo-
tion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain
London and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Cop
R-San Antonio, Texas
B-Ardmore, Okla

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 44534
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THEODORE H. LONEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

q "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Fourth Pioneer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When a Marine accidentally fell into deep water while disembarking from a landing craft with a broken ramp and, encumbered by his equipment, was being dragged seaward by the surf, Private First Class Loney unhesitatingly swam from the beach where he was serving with the shore party to the drowning man's aid. Although struck and stunned by a boat backing off the beach, he still managed to support the incapacitated Marine until further aid could be obtained. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty at a time when the beach was under enemy fire was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Marion, Kansas.,
B--Broughton, Kansas.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

Officer # 040199
Enlisted # 356909
DGP-298-ebg

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT CHARLES E. LONG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 22 June 1944. With his platoon leader a casualty during an extremely bitter fire fight against the enemy, Sergeant Long immediately assumed command and, after assembling his men who had been scattered over a wide area by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, directed a skillful withdrawal. Although seriously wounded during the fierce action, he refused evacuation and promptly reorganized for a second attack. Fearlessly leading his men through bitter hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, he fought gallantly against tremendous odds, contributing to the route of the enemy from the area and to the success of his platoon in seizing the assigned objective. By his forceful and determined leadership, his outstanding fortitude and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, Sergeant Long served as an inspiration to his comrades and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-South Hadley, Mass. Secretary of the Navy.
E-Holyoke, Mass.

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Signed NOV 14 1948

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. LONG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When his platoon came under heavy enemy mortar, rocket, artillery and machine-gun fire, Second Lieutenant Long reorganized his men and led them to a more advantageous position to continue the assault. Leading his unit up the difficult ascent, in the face of machine-gun and sniper fire, to seize the high ground from which enfilade enemy fire was being received, he skillfully deployed his men to neutralize the hostile fire. Voluntarily assuming command of an adjacent platoon whose leader had been killed, he consolidated the two platoons into an effective force which repulsed repeated enemy attempts to regain the commanding positions. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--South Hadley, Mass.,

B--Holyoke, Mass.

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Spot Award.
Serial 724
Signed ~~AUG 11 1943~~

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD F. LONG, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,
FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Chicago, Illinois.

B - Chicago, Illinois.

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Serial 41646
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT FLETCHER LONG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon Leader of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When a faulty round of ammunition exploded in one of his mortar tubes causing heavy casualties and setting fire to two large ammunition dumps, First Lieutenant Long quickly administered first aid to a wounded comrade within thirty yards of the burning piles and, although wounded himself, evacuated the man to safety. With shrapnel falling over the entire area, he supervised his men in fire-fighting, thereby averting disaster by preventing the blaze from spreading to other ammunition piles. Immediately after the explosions ceased and the fires were extinguished, he reorganized the platoon to direct it to a new firing position. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN E. SULLIVAN

R--Augusta, Ark.,
B--Augusta, Ark.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award
Serial 002710
Signed AUG 5 1944

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

SERGEANT GLENN E. LONG, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Ninth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, operating against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on July 26, 1943. One of three Marines who volunteered to tow a tank to our lines after it had been disabled by a magnetic mine in enemy territory, Sergeant Long unhesitatingly ran into the open, courageously exposing himself to fire from hostile snipers, machine guns and mortars, in order to help attach a towing cable to the crippled tank. As a result of this gallant action in which he was seriously wounded by enemy sniper fire, Sergeant Long was instrumental in returning the tank to our lines and in preventing the Japanese from using it against our forces. His heroic conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Martin, South Dakota.
E...Weubay, South Dakota.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JESSE E. LONG, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. Despite heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Long was successfully operating an armored dozer forward of the front lines through a deep ravine leading to a heavily-fortified Japanese position when a landslide caused his vehicle to slip too far over an embankment. Although it was impossible for him to move either forward or backward, he climbed out of the cab and, in the face of the heavy hostile fire, ran back to a supporting tank, unfastened the tank's tow cable, carried it forward and attached it to his dozer, thereby saving his vehicle and completing his dangerous task which enabled tanks and infantry to advance. His ingenuity and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

B - Tener, Ala.
R - Athens, Ala.

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 JOHN H. LONG,
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 E, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the landing on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Although rendered momentarily unconscious from a scalp wound sustained while his craft was en route to the beach, Private First Class Long remained his gun as soon as his wound had been treated. Sustaining a second wound as his craft reached the beach, he remained at his gun and skillfully covered the debarkation of troops and supplies from his craft by neutralizing an enemy machine-gun which had been firing at point blank range. 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--Bandon, Oregon
B--Bandon, Oregon

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App. SofN 4-15-44
Serial 0555
Signed JUN 16 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PHELPS W. LONG, JR., USMOR.,
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 in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on December 18, 1943. Courageously volunteering with another man to carry a stretcher out to a dangerous position in front of his lines and bring back a wounded pharmacist's mate, Private First Class Long made his hazardous way forward in the face of hostile fire and, under extremely difficult conditions, succeeded in placing the injured man on the stretcher. Subsequently, raising himself slightly to move to the rear of the stretcher and pick it up, he was mortally wounded by Japanese sniper fire. Private First Class Long's self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of the helpless corpsman and his great personal valor were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Tallahassee, Florida.
B - Memphis, Tennessee.

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App. SofN 2-1-45
Serial 0380
Signed Jul 5 1945

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

CORPORAL CLIFFORD, C. LONGACRE, USMCR .,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Driver of a Half-Track while serving with the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peieliu Island, Palau Group, on 3 October 1944. Expertly covering the night withdrawal of the half-tracks and accompanying troops from a perilous area, Corporal Longacre courageously drove his vehicle into the face of intense enemy mortar and small-arms and steadfastly carried out his vital and hazardous task until mortally wounded by Japanese fire. Corporal Longacre's heroic determination and fearless 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-Billings, Montana
B- Jackson, Missouri

SS, perm. Cit, ltr fr. CMC pres'd. 16 Aug 1945 by OinC, USMC, DHIRS, Room 230-244 Federal Bldg, Salt Lake City, Utah to mother of the late Corp. Longacre Mrs, Maude E. Hamlett, 3312 Second Ave., North Billings, Montana, informally at home relatives present Newspapers and radio publicity put out by Public Rel. Sgt at DHIRS, Salt Lake City.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WELDON M. LONGBOTHAM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Machine Gun Officer of Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 16 to 18 September 1944. Voluntarily taking charge of a tank and an assault demolition squad, First Lieutenant Longbotham conducted an attack against a series of enemy antitank guns and machine guns entrenched in a coral ridge and, although the advance of the tank drew devastating fire from hostile automatic weapons, courageously rode behind the tank turret to direct accurate fire which demolished the enemy pillboxes. By his brilliant tactics, First Lieutenant Longbotham permitted the further advance of his company and held casualties from the intense enemy fire to a minimum. An aggressive and inspiring leader throughout, he served with distinction until severely wounded on 18 September. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

/s/ Francis P. Matthews

Secretary of the Navy.

R. Hermleigh, Texas
B. Hermleigh, Texas

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. LOONEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese installations on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 13 September 1944. Organizing remnants of several squads into a small platoon, First Lieutenant Looney maneuvered to the left flank of the battalion, destroying two hostile machine guns inflicting casualties on our troops. When another platoon leader was badly wounded, he assumed command, reorganizing the unit despite opposing fire. He directed a night counterattack which resulted in the capture of two machine guns and the successful defense of our position. Constantly risking his life throughout this hazardous mission, First Lieutenant Looney contributed to the destruction of numerous Japanese troops with a minimum loss to our forces. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Chicago, Ill.
B- " "

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 35427
Signed JUL 24 1946

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

WARRANT OFFICER CLAUDE E. LOONEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Platoon of 37-mm. Guns, Weapons Company, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 4 March 1945. When a devastating barrage of hostile fire emanating from heavily fortified, well-concealed pillboxes and caves pinned down his entire battalion, Warrant Officer Looney boldly charged forward under the blistering shellfire and, directing one of his guns to an elevated position for training against the emplacements, delivered a deadly rain of fire to destroy four cave entrenchments, three pillboxes and a large caliber dual-purpose gun. Then, placing himself at the head of the infantry, he courageously led them forward, at the same time pointing out targets of opportunity for his own gunners and preventing them from firing on advancing friendly troops. Fatally struck down by a vicious shellburst as he continued his daring tactics, Warrant Officer Looney, by his forceful leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and steadfast determination in the face of tremendous odds, had served as an inspiration to his men in overrunning the positions and enabling his unit to reach its objective in the sustained drive to capture the island. His valiant devotion to duty throughout the bitterly fought campaign reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R.--Quantico, Virginia
B.--Catlettsburg, Kentucky

Acting

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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PLATOON SERGEANT OLIVER DOPER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Battery B, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, 21 November 1943. While awaiting arrival of the remainder of his unit, Platoon Sergeant Loper observed that reinforcements being landed were sustaining heavy casualties from enemy beach positions. Working his way forward under intense hostile fire, he reached a position from which he was able to engage an attacking machine gun crew with his carbine and maintain neutralization of the emplacement until it was overrun by our advancing tanks and infantry despite exposure to fire from mutually supporting Japanese pillboxes and snipers. His cool courage under fire, determination and great personal valor were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Picayune, Miss
B- Kiln, Miss

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GORDON R. LOPEZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of an unarmed and unarmored Artillery-Observation Plane of Marine Observation Squadron TWO, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands from 19 June to 9 July 1944, and on Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 16 to 31 July 1944. Spotting a friendly disabled tank while on a mission over enemy territory, First Lieutenant Lopez skillfully maneuvered his plane in such a manner as to frighten the hostile troops away, thereby saving the tank and its occupants. Undaunted when enemy troops infiltrated Aslito Airfield before dawn on 27 June and successfully fired two parked aircraft, he executed a take-off under the blazing guns of Japanese marksmen. Subsequently wounded while flying over enemy-held territory, First Lieutenant Lopez doggedly completed his mission, returned to his base and successfully landed his plane. His skill, courage 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,

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

John L. Sullivan

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 12705
Signed Aug 18 1945

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

CORPORAL MANUEL R. LOPEZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 8 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Corporal Lopez rendered valiant service during operations on Saipan. When at dawn on 8 July 1944, the enemy attempted to infiltrate the lines and seriously wounded a Marine of his platoon in front of the position, Corporal Lopez unhesitatingly faced heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to rescue his comrade and was himself mortally wounded. His self-sacrificing spirit and daring initiative in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Lopez and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-Tucson, Arizona
B-Tucson, Arizona

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC parents of the late Corp Lopez, Mr and Mrs Manuel B. Lopez, at their home, 922 S. Tyndall Ave., Tucson, Ariz, inf pres.

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Serial 41635
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH E. LO PRETE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Leader of an Assault and Demolitions Platoon of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. Demonstrating outstanding ability, First Lieutenant Lo Prete directed his platoon in the destruction of many fortified positions which confronted his Battalion during its advance and, on 21 February, led a demolition squad against a bunker which was holding up the advance. Although two men were killed by hostile small-arms fire while moving toward the bunker, he continued to lead his men forward and, successfully destroying the bunker, aided his unit in the advance. After his Battalion sustained many casualties among the officers, he assumed command of a rifle platoon on 7 March, and, realizing the necessity for immediate action when the Battalion was held up on 16 March, by a pocket of Japanese who were inflicting severe casualties among the Marines in this area, led his men against this group and annihilated it. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 032098
Signed JAN 15 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCIS P. LORDEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 5 May 1945. Quickly estimating the tactical situation when his entire fire team was struck down as they moved toward a vital enemy position, Private First Class Lorden determined that evacuation of the wounded was imperative before covering fire in support of the planned assault could be effected and voluntarily crawled forward alone to rescue his helpless comrades. Crossing the open terrain three times, he carried his men to safety, thereby enabling his company to bring accurate covering fire to bear and subsequently to overrun the hostile strong point. By his cool courage, resolute fortitude and unflinching devotion to duty, Private First Class Lorden contributed to the saving of many lives and to the success of an important mission. His gallant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--North Attleboro, Massachusetts

B--North Attleboro, Massachusetts

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Signed SEP 18 1947

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH F. LORETTE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 9 July 1944. Defying intense and accurate rifle and machine-gun fire from hidden caves and rock crevices during the final enemy resistance, Corporal Lorette bravely volunteered to evacuate wounded personnel lying in exposed positions. Constantly in the line of enemy fire and faced by many problems in carrying the wounded over jagged coral rock and up a precipitous cliff, Corporal Lorette, assisted by others in his group, completed this difficult task after five hours of hazardous and painstaking labor. His gallant conduct, courageous initiative and resolute fortitude throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--East Swanzey, N.H.
B--Keene, N.H.

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Serial 12614
Signed JUL 30 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to
SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN J. LOUGHREY, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944; and on Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 24 to 29 July 1944. When in the face of Japanese artillery airbursts and mortar fire, during the invasion and occupation of Saipan, the First and Second Battalions were sustaining heavy casualties, Second Lieutenant Loughrey directed his platoon in neutralizing these devastating points of resistance. Through his exceptional ability to employ his platoon and his effective use of grenades, rifles, machine-gun fire, and a flamethrower, he successfully completed the entire mission without loss to his personnel. While moving forward with his scouts to attack enemy emplacements on 29 July, during the Tinian operations, Second Lieutenant Loughrey was killed by Japanese fire. His valiant spirit of self-sacrifice and steadfast devotion to the accomplishment of a dangerous mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

W. D. Ladd

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

R-- Ardmore, Pa.
B-- Wynnewood, Pa.

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Serial 032589
Signed NOV 29 1946

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

FIELD COOK LEONARD J. LOTKA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Stretcher Bearer with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Coolly alert as he exposed himself to continuous and relentless hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, Field Cook Lotka skillfully directed the evacuation of wounded Marines from the fighting area to a forward aid station. Then, observing six men lying wounded and helpless on a dangerous ridge, he unhesitatingly pressed forward in disregard of all personal danger and, throwing smoke grenades in the face of the enemy, succeeded in covering the removal of the stricken Marines until all six were carried to safety. Fatally wounded while descending the ridge, Field Cook Lotka, by his resolute fortitude, vallant leadership and unwavering devotion to duty during a critical phase of the fierce action, had rendered vallant service and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

HEAVY DEPT. OF NAVY, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
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Serial 753
Signed SEP 25 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CONLEY S. LOUIS, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

rack "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area, October 23-24, 1942. When the enemy launched a night tank supported by heavy machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Louis, driving one of the half-track tank destroyers, operated his vehicle with keen initiative and excellent judgment against three hostile tanks in front of his position and one that had escaped to the rear of his lines. Despite great difficulties imposed by darkness, smoke, and dense jungle growth which restricted the maneuverability of the half-track, Private First Class Louis, by his dauntless courage and rare professional skill, enabled his crew to bring effective fire against the enemy, thereby contributing materially to the destruction of all the tanks. His exemplary conduct and unswerving 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 - Oswego, New York

B - Detroit, Michigan 2-20-14

LOUVIERE, Walter Joseph. Pvt. 369992

SILVER STAR (Army) - Awarded by CG, USA Forces in the South Pacific
on 3-9-43. General Orders # 56. Service Guadalcanal 1-22-43.

HEADQUARTERS, USAFISPA
APO # 502

9 March 1943.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

WALTER J. LOUVIERE, (369992), Private, United States
Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action on January 22, 1943,
Guadalcanal. While the company of which he was a member was
hit by enemy machine gun fire, Private Louviere continued to
use his automatic rifle until the enemy machine gun was silenced.
Private Louviere was wounded in the arm during this action, but
his results from his display of courage aided in the advance of
his company. Home Address: Route #1, Box # 14, Bell City, Louisiana.

III. *****

By Command of Major General Thompson

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

OFFICIAL:

WILLIAM A. LORD, JR.,
Colonel, Inf.
Sg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

R - Bell City, Louisiana.

B - Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Appd SofN 2-8-45
Serial 751
Signed APR 28 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOREN E. LOVE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Regimental Weapons Platoon attached to the Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 and 16 June 1944. With his platoon units disembarked at various points on the heavily fortified beach, First Lieutenant Love boldly faced concentrated enemy artillery, machine-gun and mortar fire to reorganize his men and, fearlessly proceeding across fire-swept areas, personally guided them to a designated area. Immediately leading his platoon into action, he fought valiantly against a fanatic enemy, contributing essentially to the success of the landing and the expeditious establishment of the beachhead. When Japanese forces launched a counterattack against the sector held by his unit the following day, First Lieutenant Love skillfully deployed his men for maximum effectiveness and, accurately directing their gunfire, succeeded in repelling the vicious onslaught. Despite serious wounds received during the action which subsequently proved fatal, First Lieutenant Love, by his brilliant leadership and indomitable fighting spirit, had served as an inspiring example to all members of his platoon, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R..Colville, Washington

JAMES FORRESTAL

B..Connell, Washington

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC pres'd on 3 July 1945 by The OinC, Western Procurement Division, Hq. Induction and Recruiting Dist of. Spokane, Rooms 321-323, New Rookery Bldg., 14 N. Howard St., Spokane, Wash, to the mother of the late 1st Lt. Love, Mrs. John M. Love, N. Maple St., Colville, Wash. Presentation was made informally at her home in Colville, Washington.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MELVIN D. LOVE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Forward Observer in a Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Exposing himself to enemy fire, Private First Class Love crept forward of the front lines to observe the hostile artillery fire which was inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. Observing the fire of enemy guns from his hazardous position, he skillfully directed mortar fire on the Japanese artillery and succeeded in destroying it. By his skill, courage and unselfish devotion to duty, he undoubtedly saved the lives of many Marines, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Brazil, Ind.,
B--Brazil, Ind.

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Serial 357
Signed JUL 9 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE T. P. LOVELACE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of an Artillery Spotting Plane in Marine Observation Squadron ONE during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 6 August 1944. Flying twelve miles behind the Japanese lines in an unarmed and unarmored plane, First Lieutenant Lovelace located an enemy concentration and, dropping to an altitude of seventy-five feet, determined the presence of seventy-five trucks, three tanks and numerous hostile troops. Defying intense ground fire, he continued to fly over the area until artillery fire could be directed on the target and, by his accurate direction, enabled the artillery to destroy sixty trucks, two tanks and numerous installations and to annihilate over four hundred of the enemy. His airmanship, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Lovelace and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Cape Girardeau, Missouri

B..Lovelaceville, Kentucky

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL NORMAN B. LOVELACE,
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, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 November 1943. Fearlessly proceeding with his assault battalion in a relentless drive against the enemy during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Corporal Lovelace bravely faced the enemy's concentrated shellfire to attack and destroy two heavily fortified strong points. Fighting valiantly despite the tremendous odds, he continued to perform his duties skillfully and with unremitting courage until wounded in the right shoulder by a bursting Japanese shell and forced to evacuate the area. By his dauntless perseverance, outstanding fortitude and steadfast devotion to the completion of each perilous mission, Corporal Lovelace contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R--Ann Arbor, Mich.
B--Ypsilanti, Mich.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD O. LOVETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

For service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer) Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Landing a bulldozer tractor with the assistance of another Marine during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Lovett skillfully drove to the beach despite the enemy's shattering machine-gun and sniper fire and boldly pressed forward to crush heavily fortified enemy positions during the initial stages of the battle. Continuing his same daring tactics later in the action, he fearlessly countered bitter hostile resistance to pioneer enemy infested roads, effect repairs for our advancing forces and transport sleds of vital ammunition to our troops on the opposite side of the fire-swept airstrip. By his dauntless perseverance, unwavering determination and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Private First Class Lovett contributed materially to the success of our operations against this important Japanese stronghold and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Cincinnati, Ohio
B-Harlan, Kentucky

Harlan

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD O. LOVETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 1 August 1944. When all efforts had failed to remove four wounded members of an engineer reconnaissance patrol pinned down by hostile machine-gun fire, Private First Class Lovett bravely drove a bulldozer into this area which he knew was heavily mined and, skillfully working his way through intense fire from enemy automatic weapons, furnished vitally needed cover for the wounded men and the rescue party. His courage 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--Cincinnati, Ohio.
B--Harlow, Ky.

Harlan

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Serial 35223
Appd SofN 10-25-46
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

SERGEANT KENNETH J. LOWE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Guide and Acting Platoon Sergeant, serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese held Iwo Jima, 10 March 1945. Assuming the duties of the platoon hospital corpsman when he became a casualty during an assault on hostile emplacements, Sergeant Lowe administered first aid to the corpsman and continued to lead the attack as well as care for the wounded under his command. With his platoon pinned down by murderous machine-gun and mortar barrages, he proceeded under the intense cross-fire to a wounded Marine lying forward of the front lines, rendered medical assistance and carried the helpless man to a place of safety. Although wounded while rescuing his comrades, he led an aggressive attack against the enemy and later rushed into a machine-gun fire lane to help three more seriously wounded men. Refusing medical attention for himself when he sustained a second wound, Sergeant Lowe continued to care for the others, struggling until he died saving the lives of his fallen comrades. His extreme courage, heroic concern for the welfare of others and self-sacrificing devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Lowe and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Ankeny, Iowa,
B..Ankeny, Iowa.

SSM w/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the father of the late Sgt. Lowe, Mr. Raymond K. Lowe, Ankeny, Iowa, with appropriate ceremony on 12Dec46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Des Moines, Iowa. Publicity was given.

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Serial 00421
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL EULICE L. LOWERY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Medical Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. Finding his bivouac area under attack by a large number of enemy troops who had entered our lines early in the morning, Corporal Lowery stood his ground and although exposed to hostile fire and observation, shot and killed one enemy officer and five soldiers. Through his courageous action, he impeded the hostile attack sufficiently to be of material assistance in providing time for the establishment of a defense to cover the evacuation of patients from the nearby Division hospital and, when ordered, retired to a prepared position and continued the defense of the hospital. His outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Alamo, Georgia
B--Laurens Co. Georgia

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOE V. LOWERY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Scout of an Assault Squad of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Area between Finnegan and Mount Barrigada, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 13 August 1944. When his patrol was fired upon by enemy machine guns, rifles and mortars from well-entrenched enemy positions, Private First Class Lowery crawled about thirty yards in the face of enemy opposition to deliver fire on the hostile weapons and, locating a machine gun and several Japanese riflemen, directed the fire on his comrades upon the enemy emplacement. Detecting another enemy machine gun and mortar, he aided in wiping out the crews, personally accounted for seven of the twenty-one Japanese who were annihilated in both actions, thereby contributing materially to the resumption of the advance by his platoon. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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B-Holly Bluff, Miss.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOE V. LOWERY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Scout of an Assault Squad of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Area between Finnegan and Mount Barrigada, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 13 August 1944. When his patrol was fired upon by enemy machine guns, rifles and mortars from well-entrenched enemy positions, Private First Class Lowery crawled about thirty yards in the face of enemy opposition to deliver fire on the hostile weapons, and locating a machine gun and several Japanese riflemen, directed the fire of his comrades upon the enemy emplacement. Detecting another enemy machine gun and mortar, he aided in wiping out the crews, personally accounted for seven of the twenty-one Japanese who were annihilated in both actions, thereby contributing materially to the resumption of the advance by his platoon. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

JOHN H. CHAFEE

Secretary of the Navy

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Serial 00598

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HURON J. LUCAS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Scout in a Rifle Platoon of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands 24 July 1944. When his platoon was halted by enemy machine-gun fire during an advance through a ravine, Private First Class Lucas crawled ahead of the front lines and threw several hand grenades into a cave from which the enemy was firing. Failing to silence the hostile fire completely, he returned to his own lines and, although wounded, obtained another supply of hand grenades and again moved forward to the cave to complete the destruction of the enemy within. By his courage under fire and perseverance in the completion of his mission, Private First Class Lucas materially aided his platoon to continue its advance. 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---Buffalo, New York

B---Buffalo, New York

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT
Serial 45784
Signed

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

CORPORAL KEITH W. LUCE,
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 Tractor Operator of Company A, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. When the attack of an infantry battalion was held up by enemy fire from well-concealed positions, Corporal Luce constructed a road from rear areas to a point beyond the front lines with a heavy tractor, thus enabling the infantry to use tanks in support. Working under frequent enemy artillery barrages, he continued to extend the road as the infantry advanced although attacked several times by Japanese armed with demolition charges. By his skill and courage under fire, Corporal Luce contributed materially to the continuation of the attack. His devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Presque Isle, Maine
B--Augusta, Maine

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-4-45
Serial 004319
Signed APR 18 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH P. LUCIAK, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. With his platoon pinned down in a tank trap by intense, concentrated enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Luciak voluntarily risked his life to carry an important message through a two-hundred yard open area to the rear company command post. Boldly exposing himself to the withering barrage, he unhesitatingly pressed forward but was mortally wounded while carrying out his perilous mission. His daring aggressiveness, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Leechburg, Pa.

B--

cit & ltr fr CMC pas'd 14 July by OinC, USMCDHIRS, Rm 1, Old PO Bldg. withfield Sts., Pittsburgh, Pa. to the sister of the late PFC. Luciak, Trude Scando, 10 Canal St., Leechburgh, Pa., informally at home.

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4 December 1943.

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Awards of the Silver Star Section 11.

11 AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

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

RAYMOND L. LUCKEL, First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, while leading his company skillfully and aggressively against key positions of the enemy's main line, thereby accounting for fourteen hostile machine guns and disposing of eighteen of the enemy on 1 July 1943. Home address: 3010 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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Appd SofN 10-23-45
Serial 35740
Signed JUL 24 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD J. LUDWIG, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. With the advance of his platoon halted by an enemy machine gun well protected by other gun positions in the vicinity, Private First Class Ludwig went forward alone to take up an exposed firing position and deliver fire on the hostile emplacement, thereby permitting his platoon to advance to its objective. Killed by sniper fire during this action, Private First Class Ludwig, by his courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

Form cit & CMC ltr delivered to the
of the late Pfc Ludwig, MR. & MRS. Edward For the President,
g, Sr., informally at their home on
inasmuch as they declined a formal
ation. Pres made by the OinC, USMC DHRS, JOHN L. SULLIVAN
ville, Pa.

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Kelsey, Florida
B.--Kelsey, Florida

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT TINY F. LUINTRA,
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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. When a number of the enemy infiltrated his company lines during the night, Sergeant Luintra, on his own initiative, boldly advanced alone to the penetration and, delivering a bold, determined attack against the Japanese at perilously close range, succeeded in destroying the position with his accurate rifle fire. By his daring initiative, his indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Sergeant Luintra contributed to the saving of many lives and to the repulse of subsequent counterattacks by a fanatic enemy. 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--Laverne, Okla.
B--Ethel, Nebr.

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

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ALEXANDER J. LUKE, 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 the night of August 7-8, 1942. When a hostile counterattack was directed against his company's position, Platoon Sergeant Luke, after realizing that one of his machine gunners had been killed, immediately rushed to the gun and put it back in action, although he, himself, was under heavy enemy fire and mortally wounded. His grim determination and great personal valor assisted materially in 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 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

B - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4-16-1916.

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Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT BENJAMIN F. LUKEHART,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Platoon Leader of Company B, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 May 1945. Rendered unconscious when his tank struck a large hostile mine well during an assault against a heavily-fortified enemy position forward of our lines and turned partially over on its side, Platoon Sergeant Lukehart regained consciousness to find that the crippled tank had become a vulnerable target. Steadfastly refusing evacuation despite heavy enemy antitank fire, he ably directed the fire and movements of other tanks in his platoon until the objective had been taken. After the successful completion of his platoon's mission, he skillfully planned and executed the safe evacuation of his crew. By his coolness, determination and leadership, Platoon Sergeant Lukehart upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-Marshalltown, Iowa
B-Marshalltown, Iowa

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Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 0230
Signed JUL 5 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WENDELL E; LUNA, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 23 September 1944. Observing that one of his comrades had been wounded and was lying in the open, exposed to intense and merciless enemy artillery and small-arms fire, Private First Class Luna unhesitatingly rushed to his aid and was killed in his heroic attempt to carry the wounded Marine to cover. His unselfish disregard for his own personal safety, his daring courage and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private First Class Luna and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Frankewign, Tenn.

R--Frankewign, Tenn.
cit & letter from the president 3 Aug. by
DHIRS, US Court House Bldg., Nashville
to the mother of the late PFC Luna,
Mrs N. Luna, Rt. 1, Frankewing, Tenn.
by at home. Minister and reporter

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT GEORGE D. LUNDBERG,
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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. Discovering at sundown that the right flank platoon of the unit on his left had suffered heavy casualties during the assault on Mount Suribachi and that a dangerous gap had occurred in the Battalion line, Sergeant Lundberg courageously moved out under heavy enemy fire to reconnoiter the gap despite active hostile infiltration and to determine the location of the remnants of the adjacent platoon. Returning alone through the Japanese-infested area, he led his depleted squad across the rugged terrain and, although receiving a barrage of grenades and machine-gun fire from both front and rear positions, re-established the line on both flanks. Maintaining his position throughout the night, he alleviated a serious threat to the Battalion and closed a serious gap in the line. By his leadership and determined fighting spirit, Sergeant Lundberg upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARVIN O. LUNDEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in a Platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 June 1945. With his platoon suffering heavy casualties and pinned down as a result of intense knee-mortar fire from the forward slope of a ridge during his company's attack on a strongly-defended enemy position on Oroku Peninsula, Private First Class Lunden voluntarily armed himself with grenades and, moving forward through the heavy hostile automatic fire which seriously wounded him, succeeded in destroying the Japanese mortar, thereby enabling the platoon to attain its objective. His indomitable fighting spirit, 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--Tacoma, Washington
B--Port Angeles, Washington

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DGP-298-eln

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App.SofN 1-11-45
Serial 004306
Signed Apr 11 1945

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. LUNSFORD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Demolition Team serving with the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 18 September 1944. Landing with the first wave of troops in the face of heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Corporal Lunsford observed an assault platoon being held down by a concentrated barrage from two enemy pillboxes immediately to their front. Making a quick reconnaissance of the strongly defended approach to the hostile positions, he defied the terrific defensive fire, leading his demolition team in a rush assault and advancing with determined aggressiveness until struck down by the enemy. Corporal Lunsford's fearless initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty under the most dangerous conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navy Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-Lexington, Ky.
B- " "

SSM, perm.cit. & Ltr. fr. OinC, pres'd 17 June by OinC, Heyburn Bldg., 4th and Broadway, Lexington, KY. to the mother of the late Corp. Lunsford., Mrs. Kate L. WHITE 616 South Short ST., Lexington, Ky. Pub Ceremony held in Phoenix Hotel in Lexington. Relations and friends, members of the Am. Legion Man "O" War post & MC League attended.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE LUSIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of an Artillery Forward Observation Party of Battery F, Second Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 26 July 1944. Observing that enemy troops had broken through to the rear of the Marine lines, Private First Class Lusia moved forward in the face of heavy enemy rifle fire to warn the infantry of an impending attack from the rear and then chose to fight with the infantry while the attack was repulsed. Volunteering to protect the wounded while walking back to the aid station, he returned heavy enemy fire to enable the casualties to proceed safely to their destination and, when one of the men with the Forward Observation Party was mortally wounded by mortar fragments, assisted in dragging his wounded comrade one hundred fifty yards through intense enemy fire in an effort to save him. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Bristol, Conn.
B-Westfield, Mass

For the President,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0069 1943
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL GEORGE F. LUTCHKUS, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Headquarters Company, First Parachute Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on September 13, 1942. In addition to fighting continually for nearly three hours, Corporal Lutchkus, under tremendous hostile fire, repeatedly removed wounded personnel from the scene of battle when medical assistance was unavailable and, on his return trips to the firing line, brought back hand grenades and ammunition. With spontaneous shouts of encouragement and inspiring conduct in the face of great danger, he carried on tirelessly throughout the night until eventually he, himself, was wounded and had to be evacuated. His cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of Navy.

R - Coaldale, Pennsylvania.

B - Lost Creek, Pennsylvania.

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Signed FEB 10 1946

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

CORPORAL VERNON P. LUTZ,
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 L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 27 June 1944. Wounded by fire from a well camouflaged enemy machine gun when his assault rifle platoon was pinned down by the hostile fire, Corporal Lutz exposed himself continuously to reconnoiter a position from which his machine gun could bring fire on the Japanese. Selecting commanding ground, he skillfully maneuvered his squad from under the enemy fire and up a defiladed route of approach, silenced the hostile weapon, and enabled the riflemen to reorganize and continue the attack before he submitted to treatment for his wounds. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL DAVID J. LYNCH,
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 with Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 19 September 1944. When intense fire from hostile machine guns strongly entrenched behind a causeway to the front hit his company during an advance through a swamp, Corporal Lynch volunteered to lead stretcher bearer teams through fire-swept areas to search for the many wounded. Fearlessly exposing himself to the enemy to draw their fire throughout a one-hour period, he insured the evacuation of all casualties to a position of comparative safety. When he was blinded and wounded by a Japanese mortar shell, he ordered his men not to come to his aid because of the heavy fire. By his fortitude, coolness and unselfish devotion to duty, Corporal Lynch upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Shepherd, Michigan
B--Ithaca, Michigan

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Serial 0064
Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS F. LYNCH, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a 75-mm. Gun Crew serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 3-4, 1944. When his battalion was heavily fired upon by enemy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire from strongly fortified hostile positions during an attempted night river crossing, Private First Class Lynch directed and controlled his gun through unfamiliar, tangled jungle, bringing the weapon to a position from which it was fired at point blank range, destroying enemy emplacements and guns and enabling the battalion to advance. Private First Class Lynch's daring aggressiveness and inspiring courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dorchester, Mass.
B--Somerville, Mass.

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. LYNCH,
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 A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. During an attack against coral cliff strongly fortified by entrenched hostile troops, Corporal Lynch's company boldly charged across the open slopes and received deadly enemy cross-fire which inflicted heavy casualties and forced his company to withdraw to a covered area. Instead of falling back with the others, Corporal Lynch courageously rushed his squad forward in a desperate attempt to neutralize the hostile fire and, from a position half-way up the ridge, delivered effective fire which enabled his company to reorganize and advance to its objective with a minimum number of casualties. His daring initiative, coolness and aggressive fighting spirit under heavy 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-Upper Darby, PA
B-Ardmore, PA

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Signed _____

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

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

CITATION:

Ronald

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
a member of the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Rein-
forced, during action against enemy Japanese forces on
Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 10, 1942.
During an engagement in the Matanikau and Poa Rivers
Area, Private First Class Lyons led his squad through
heavy hostile machine gun fire in order to reach his
position. Later, with cool courage and utter disre-
gard for his own personal safety, he crossed a grassy
knoll which was dangerously exposed; twice to rescue
wounded comrades, and a third time to carry water to
them from a hole which was under continuous Japanese
fire. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the
highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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