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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN RACHITSKY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 17 June 1944. Taking command of his unit when the platoon leader was wounded and evacuated during his company's relentless advance, Platoon Sergeant Rachitsky subsequently returned to the forward squads of his platoon after directing his reserve squad in destroying a sniper's nest and, finding the advance units engaged in a bitter fire fight, daringly reconnoitered the enemy position and deployed his men in a maneuver to wipe out the hostile emplacement. Although he was fatally wounded by Japanese sniper fire during this action, many of the enemy were killed and their position destroyed as a result of his direction. By his forceful leadership, superior tactical ability and indomitable fighting spirit, Platoon Sergeant Rachitsky contributed essentially to his company's continued advance and to the ultimate conquest of this vital Japanese stronghold. His cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Miami, Florida B..Brooklyn, N.Y.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres on the 14Sept45 to the sister of the late PlSgt Rachitsky, Mrs. Vera Helwig, Yeagertown, Pa. pres at Marine Bks NYd Phila., Penn., also parade here.



# THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

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

CORPORAL RAYMOND J. RACKOW UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Squad Leader, Company E, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division during operations against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 5 July 1952. During the early morning hours, the 3d Platoon conducted a raid on a Chinese-held outpost located on a hilltop in no man's land. Corporal Rackow and his squad entered the enemy trench line and engaged the enemy soldiers. After clearing the enemy from trench line, he carried two critically wounded Marines down the hill to a place of relative safety to await evacuation. Corporal Rackow and another Marine returned to the hilltop to recover the body of a Marine who had been killed in action, After returning once again to the hilltop, which was receiving enemy mortar fire, and finding no further Marine casualties or wounded enemy soldiers he could bring back as prisoners of war, he returned to the base of the hill where he found another critically wounded Marine. Due to wounds he had received in the initial engagement with the enemy, he was unable to move the Marine. After dressing the Marine's wounds, he moved toward his unit where he found a Hospital Corpsman who he led back to the wounded Marine. By his aggressive determination, untiring efforts, and loyal devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger, Corporal Rackow reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President, Secretary of the Mavy

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> Spot Award. Serial 829. Signed All6 27 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD A. RADIGAN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces in the Matanikau River Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 5, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Hadigan daringly made three successive trips to the front lines in his jeep under a hail of enemy artillery fire and evacuated wounded comrades to a place of safety. His grim determination and heroic 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,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cincinnati, Ohio.

B - Cincinnati, Ohio, 2-2-1924.

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FNF Pac SPOT Serial 58486 Signed

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

> PRIVATE KENNETH RADNITZER, UNITED STATES NARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Demolitions Squad of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against energy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Byukyu Islands, S May 1945. Volunteering with another Marine to reduce an energy machine gun position which had been causing heavy casualties and holding up the advance of his unit, Private Radnitzer dashed seventy-five yards to the mouth of the cave protecting the Japanese position and, despite intense machinegun fire, placed a demolition charge which resulted in the complete destruction of the energy explacement. By his initiative and courageous devotion to duty, Private Radnitzer contributed materially to the success of this prolonged operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Oak Park, Illinois. B-Oak Park, Illinois. 020163 DGP 2988 Navy FBB ComFerFmfPacSer 13017 Signed

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

> SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN S. RADWAY, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. With one of his mon severely wounded and lying in an open fire-swept area, Second Lieutenant Radway immediately directed his Platoon Sergeant to take charge of the unit and pressed forward alone to attempt a rescue. Boldly exposing himself to shattering machine-gun and mortar fire, he placed the helpless Marine on his shoulder and carried him to a defiladed position to administer first aid. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and grave concern for the safety of another at great personal risk, Second Lieutement Redway contributed to the saving of a man who otherwise might have perished and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy. 282405 DGP-298-eln CG, FMF, Pac App. SofN 5-3-45 Serial 18031 Signed 10 1 & 10 A

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

## SERGEANT MILTON J. RALSTON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Guide serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines. Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, 27 June 1944. Fighting with aggressive determination under the merdiless fire of Japanese guns. Sergeant Ralston led a platoon squad in a vigorous attack against a powerfully fortified enemy strong point which had held up the advance of a battalion for two days, Reaching a point within thirty yards of the hostile emplacement and with all his men pinned down by a relentless Japanese barrage, Sergeant Raiston continuously exposed himself in order to bring effective fire on the enemy. Mortally wounded in this heroic action, Sergeant Ralston, by his superb courage and unselfish efforts, had inspired all those with whom he served, 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,

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

## CORPORAL ROY L. RAMBERG, 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 I, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, 28 June 1944. Assigned the mission of gaining the crest of a sharp ellift defended by well-entremeted enemy forces, Corporal Ramberg led his mea up the precipies in the face of hostile grenade and rifle fire and, although wounded, refused evacuation and maneuvered his men into position to use grenades against enemy emplacements. After completing his assignment, he reorganized his squad and continued the advance until his wounds necessitated his avacuation from the lines. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Ramberg and the United States Neval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVER

R--Chinook, Montana., B--Chinook, Montana.

Secretary of the Nevy.

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

> PRIVATE FIRET CLASS MANUEL N. RAMIREZ, UNITED STATES HARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enery Japanese forces on Guas, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. When his company's advance was halted by hostile mortar fire during an attack against strongly-defended hostile positions, Private First Class Ramirez courageously proceeded alone over rugged terrain in the face of heavy energy small-arms fire and charged the Japanese emplacement. Completely surprising the energy, he destroyed the weapon and killed its crew, following the suicide of the officer in charge, thereby enabling his company to advance and seize the objective. By his daring initiative, gallant fighting spirit and devotion to duty, Private First Class Ramirez upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

BER L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Elgin, Tex. B-Quanha, Tex.

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

CORPORAL JOE S. RAMOS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity in action while serving with the Fourth Marine Division during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Hoi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 1, 1944. When his tank was directed to cover the advance of two other tanks against an enemy blockhouse, Corporal Ramos courageously exposed himself to hostile fire by looking out of the turget of his vehicle in order to observe the tanks ahead more clearly. Fully realizing the extreme danger of his perilous action he daringly remained in this position and covered the tianks ahead until mortally wounded. By his heroic action Corporal Ramos enabled his comrades to complete their mission unhindered, and his vallant spirit of self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Neval Service. He callantly gave his life for his country."

> For the President, JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

> CORPORAL ROBERT E. RAMP, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantly and intropidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Metonnaiasance Company, Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islanda, 2 June 1945. Assigned the point in a reconnaissance patrol to the front of the division lines, Corporal Ramp made contact with a well entrenched enemy force and valiantly directed his men against flores machine-gun and rifle fire from the Japanese emplacements to destroy two hostile positions with grenade and small-arms fire. Dauntlessly pressing home the attack against the remaining positions, he exposed himself continuously to maneuver his mon into covered positions for a reneved assault. carrying on with courage and aggressiveness until fatally wounded by enemy fire. Corporal Ramp's heroic actions and devotion to the fulfillment of his assignmenty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Neval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

> For the President JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

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

PRIVATE ANDREW RAMPULLA, 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 Rampulla 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..Haverhill, Massachusetts.

B..Haverhill, Massachusetts.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWIN R. RANDALL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Crewman in a Platoon of the Third Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Marine Division, in support of the Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. While transporting flame-thrower fuel from the beach to a front-line unit of Marines, Private First Class Randall observed an advance patrol immobilized by fire from an enemy strong point. Quickly manning a machine gun, he delivered effective fire on the hostile emplacement, thereby neutralizing it to the extent that the patrol could withdraw to a new position. Soon after opening fire, Private First Class Randall was seriously wounded by an enemy hand grenade but refused to be evacuated until his ammunition was exhausted. His prompt actions, 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..St. Joseph, Mich.

B..Benton Harbor, Mich.

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

> PRIVATE DOMINIC RANIERI, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrapidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company G, Second Battelion, Winth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against energy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1946. When his plateen was forced to withdraw and set up a defensive position one hundred and fifty yards to the rear. Private Ranieri courageously remained in a shellhole with a wounded courses who could not be evacuated. Isolated between friendly and enemy lines and constantly harased by heavy enemy machine-gun fire, as well as by shipers at-tempting to creep within hand-greaade range, he exposed himself to the severe fire and killed five of the advencing enemy. Remaining in this perilous position for a period of ten hours, he finally euccoded in bringing his wounded comrade back to our lines under cover of darkness. His coolness under fire and unselfish devotion to the welfare of a comrade were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navel Service.

For the President,

10HN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-W. Aliquippa, Pa. B-Bari, Italy 36962 DGP-298-rkz

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

> CORPORAL MERRILL C. RANNELLS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. Observing an extremely well camouflaged hostile position while leading his squad as the company point, Corporal Rannells instantly warned his men to take cover and, risking his life to advance within range of the enemy, hurled a hand grenade toward the emplacement at the same moment that a Japanese grenade was thrown at him. Although seriously wounded by the exploding missile, he succeeded in killing one enemy soldier and in wounding another and, steadfastly continuing to wage his oneman grenade attack, forced the remaining Japanese to expose themselves to our men who ultimately destroyed them. By his gallant initiative, steadfast determination and unfaltering devotion to duty, Corporal Rannells contributed materially to the success of the company's advance, and his valiant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lower Lake, California. B--Lower Lake, California. 452850 DGP-298-mvm

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

> CORPORAL JAMES A. RASCENTO, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Leading his squad during a withdrawal to consolidate positions for the night, Corporal Rascento crawled through intense enemy fire on two occasions and dragged wounded comrades to a place of safety. Then, rejoining his squad, he skillfully and courageously continued to direct its withdrawal. His inspiring leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. B--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 310972 DGP-298-bz

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LUTHER J. RASCHKE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces an Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 3, 1944. Although several unsuccessful attempts had been made to rescue his platoon leader who was severely wounded during a fierce attack across a jungle stream, Private First Class Raschke voluntarily made his way into the hazardous waters under withering enemy fire and, through his heroic endurance and complete disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded in carrying his stricken officer to cover. Private First Class Raschke's courageous initiative and selfless efforts on behalf of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Harvard, Illinois. B - Chicago, Illinois. 832297 DPG-298-Navy-RLC Cuicpac SPOT Serial-01489 Signed

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL J. RASHID, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 22 November 1943. With his com-pany pinned down and suffering heavy casualties from enemy fire emanating from a large bombproof shelter, Private First Class Rashid moved forward with four companions under intense enemy shellfire to a favorable position for providing cover for the advancing demolition squad. After the shelter had been partially demolished and approximately one hundred Japanese troops annibilated, he again advanced with his comrades as two bundred of the enemy emerged from the entrance firing rifles and light machine guns in an effort to withdraw and establish a new de- ' fense. Engaging the outnumbering force in close combat, he contributed to the success of bis unit in accounting for many more hostile troops, thereby enabling the battalion to advance and occupy the northeast section of the island. His courage and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Rashid and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

WHAL SULLIVAN

R-Girard, Ohio B-Youngstown, Ohio

Secretary of the Navy.

315904 AW-298-1na Spot Award, 1942 Serial 00192 Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDMOND J. RATZA, U. S. MARINE CORPS, for service as set forth in the following Reliased

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1942. During a Marine offensive west of the Matanikau River, Private First Class Ratza, when his platoon was being held up by heavy machine gun fire from its right front, seized an automatic rifle from one-of his comrades and proceeded to knock out hostile opposition. Following neutralization of the enemy emplacement, he crawled forward under continuous sniper fire in an attempt to capture the machine gun, but was thwarted in his efforts by a mortar barrage from our own troops. Later, seeing two members of his platoon cut off during a temporary halt for reorganization, Private First Class Ratza took up a sub-machine gun, engaged Japanese troops who were seeking to outflank them and, by his covering fire, enabled the two men to return safely to our lines. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Van Dyke, Michigan.

B..Chester Township, Michigan.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN F. RAU, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Forward Observer of Battery C, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, 21 and 22 June 1944. Moving into woods ahead of the battery's position to adjust artillery fire, Second Lieutenant has braved small-arms fire and grenades from counterattacking enemy forces to direct fire on the enemy throughout the night and, although wounded, led his forward observation party in fighting off enemy snipers and at the same time directed the evacuation of a wounded Marine despite darkness and enemy cross-fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Rau and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Hempstead, N. Y. B. New Orleasn, La.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

> SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. POWELL, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

OTTATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Reconstruction Company, Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 19 September 1944, When his platoon was left with both flanks completely exposed to withering enemy fire and subjected to a Japanese counterattack, Second Lieutenant Powell heroically directed the defense of his sector, steadfastly maintaining his platoon's defensive lines until ordered to withdraw. By his gallant leadership and courage in thefface of grave danger, he inspired his men to hold a position which was becoming rapidly untenable and, by his zealous devotion to duty throughout, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Burlington, N.C., B--Whiteville, N.C.

Secretary of the Navy.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT STEPHEN E. POWELL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Ammunition Company, Fifth Field Depot, Supply Service, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the initial phase of the re-capture of Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Exposing himself to hostile fire throughout the night, First Lieutenant Powell issued ammunition with the aid of a flashlight despite constant danger from enemy snipers. When a hostile demolitions party penetrated the outer defenses and threatened the ammunition dump, he organized and deployed his platoon to engage the Japanese troops and, by defeating them, averted destruction of vital supplies. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

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B..Orono, Me.

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

> SERGEANT CHARLES R. POWERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous callantry and intropidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 18 to 26 November 1943. As escort and body guard for the Regimental Catholic Chaplain, Sergeant Powers courageously remained with the assault troops at the front lines throughout the entire engagement, exposing himself continuously to intense enemy rifle, machine-gun, artillery and mortar fire while locating and aiding the wounded and protecting and assisting the chaplain in conducting last rites. On several occasions, he unhesitatingly proceeded beyond combat lines in a valiant attempt to locate the dead and wounded, subsequently guiding and assisting stretcher bearen's through dense jungle undergrowth in the evacuation of the casualties. On 25 November when the chaplain was attacked while evacuating a wounded Marine, Sergeant Powers succeeded in destroying the attackers. By his great personal valor and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire, he undoubtedly was instrumental in saving many lives. Sergeant Powers' actions throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

### For the President,

L S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.

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

> SERGEANT DENNIS H. POWERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 April 1945. When counterattacking hostile forces occupied high ground to the right and placed his company in a hazardous position, Sergeant Powers was assigned the mission of driving the enemy from the high ground and securing the company's flank. Leading his squad up the spur and discovering the Japanese in the act of placing antipersonnel mines in the area, he immediately opened fire and charged the group, killing two and causing the remainder to set off a mine prematurely. Although wounded himself by fragments from the explosion of the mine, he continued to clear the ridge of all hostile forces. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Forrest Hill, Md. B--Devils Fork, W.Va. 286283 DGP-298-Navy-RDA CGFMFPac SPOT Serial 7394 Signed FEB 17 1948

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

> SERGEANT LAWRENCE K. RAUEN, 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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. As Acting Platoon Leader during continuous enemy counterattacks in force between midnight and dawn. Sergeant Rauen repeatedly exposed himself to enemy mortar, rifle and machine-gun fire to supply his men with desperately needed ammunition. When automatic weapons failed to function, he skillfully made adjustments and replaced parts in the dark, restoring the weapons to action during this critical period and continuing his gallant efforts until he was severely wounded by mortar fire. By his intrepid spirit and aggressive leadership, he contributed directly to the repulse of the enemy counterattack in his sector, and his devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Oklahoma City, Okla., B--Harrah, Okla.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy. .303472 DGP-298-rlb Cincpac Appd SofN 9-20-45 Serial 34920 Signed 1111 91946

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WARREN A. RAUSCE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Twenty-/ Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 and 20 February 1845. After landing on the heavily fortified beachhead on D-Day against fanatic hostile resistance, Private First, Class Rausch unhesitatingly volunteered to attempt to wipe out a series of Japanese pillboxes threatening the security of the Regimental Command Post and line of communications to the forward combat areas. Placing himself in the forefront of the attack. he fought his way through a withering hall of rifle, mortar and machine-gun fire and, launching a daring assault against each. inturn, assisted in the silencing of six emplacements with heavy enemy losses. Continuing his bold tactics, he directed his comrades to provide covering fire as he advanced alone in an effort to destroy the occupants of a seventh bunker and, while carrying out his perilous mission, was fatally struck down by a bursting mortar shell. By his courageous initiative, dauntless perseverance and indomitable fighting spirit maintained in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Rausch contributed materially to the success of our initial operations against this vital enemy stronghold and his valiant devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

UHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Denver, Colorado B.--Denver, Colorado

SSM, permanent citation and CMC's letter presented to parents of Rausch, Mr.&Mrs.Charles Rausch, 1452 S.York St., Denver, Colo., on 30Aug46 by OinC, USMC DHRS in recipients' home. Appropriate publicity.

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

## PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY G. RAY, 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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Ngesebus, Palau Islands, 28 September 1944. Going ashore in the initial landing, Private First Class Ray advanced inland with his company in the face of concentrated enemy machine-gun and mortar fire which inflicted serious casualties. When communications with the supporting tank company were disrupted, he braved the hostile fire to climb upon one of the tanks and communicate with the tank commander. Later in the day, under similar circumstances, he again established communications with the tanks and. despite the intense fire, completed his mission before he fell mortally wounded. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the success of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

IOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

S3Mw/perm. cit. & CWC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Mildred Loveless, mother of the late PFC. Ray on 4 Jan. 1948 at the Peschtree Christi**Bn-Vijauta' Geolda** OinC SERD, Atlanta, Ga. Appropi**B-+Vijauta'i Geolda** & given. 275052 DGP-298-ein Cinepae App. Softy 1-35-45 Serial 148 Signed JUI 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOBN B. RAY, IR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous galianity and intropidity as a Member of an Amphibian Truck Company serving with the Second Motor Transport Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan Island, Marianas Islands, 21 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese gans, Private First Class Ray rendered valiant service during the initial operations on this strategically important island. Taken under fire by enemy snipers while unloading ammunition for an artillery position, Private First Class Ray unhesitatingly volunteered to join a patrol assigned to wipe out the enemy pocket and worked his way to the front of the attack where he was fatally wounded during the ensuing fight. His unwavering devotion to duty and heroic fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country,"

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CinC, Los Angeles, Calif., 10-30-45 to the widow of the late PFC Ray, Mrs Ray of Mer resident, home, 1008 Madison St, Delano, Calif. Inf pres. JAMES FORRESTAI

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lavaca, Ark. B--Cuthbert, Texas. RAY, John F.

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 \*1-SILVER STAR(Army)Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65 for service at Philippine Islands.
 2-PURPLE HEART(ArmY) Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65 for service at Philippine Islands.
 3-LETTER OF COMMENDATION (Army) Awarded by despatch 4-27-42, filed on case 1740-55-65, for service at Philippine Islands.

Previous Awardes None

Born: 12-10-12 Somerville, Mass. Current Enl. 8-5-40 Seattle, Washington. Legal Residence: 306 First Avenue, West, Seattle, Wash. Next of Kin: Mr. Joseph H. Ray, (Brother) 52 First Street, Medford, Massachusetts.

#### HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND FORT MILLS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

GENERAL ORDERS )

Number.....24 )

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

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14 April, 1942.

EUGENE O. HAYNES, 279813, Corporal, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. Corporal HAYNES is authorized to wear the Oak Leaf Cluster with his Silver Star (awarded by General Orders No. 21, Headquarters Philippine Coast Artillery Command, 6 April, 1942), in recognition of the following act of gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Corporal HAYNES, without regard for his personal safety voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work. Place of residence: St. Joseph, Missouri.

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

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HOUSTON L. DAVIS, 219708, Platoon Sergeant, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in

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<u>JOHN R. BREEZE</u>, 203692, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. Then an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel cheltering a gun crew of the Olat Coast Artillery (PS), trapping men therein, Sergeant BREEZE, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in disging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bembs nearby during the rescue work.

<u>BEL 1. HUCKARAY, Jr.</u>, 268087, Sergeant, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Hills, F.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Const Artillery (98), trapping several men therein, Sergeant HUCKABAY, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distanance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the save-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. Furing all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

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5. The folloing-named colleted man is entitled to wear an Oak Leaf Cluster on the Parple Heart herebofore awarded him, for wounds received in action at Fort Hills, Philippine Islands, on April 14, 1942:

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OFFICIAL:

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

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

/ a/ L. J. BOWLER,

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

> SECOND LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN S. READ, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as an Artillery Forward Observer of Battery G, Third Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 7 November <u>1943</u>. Unable to locate the impacts of the artillery shells while registering the fire of our artillery in the enemy's defensive area, Second Lieutenant Read advanced beyond the front lines of the assault troops to a point almost within the hostile emplacements and, although continuously subjected to enemy fire, completed the artillery fire registration and conducted the firing of a barrage in preparation for the attack. Subsequently directing the artillery in delivering fire, he contributed directly to the success of his men in preventing the Japanese from turning the left flank of our advancing assault troops. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Read and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Williamsburg, Va., B--Palmer,Springs, Va.

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

#### THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, JULY 9, 1918, HAS AWARDED

#### A SILVER STAR

TO

CAPTAIN (then Warrant Officer) JOSEPH J. REARDON, (010107) UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

FORT MILLS, CORREGIDOR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 13 APRIL 1942 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER 1948.

Recorded in the office of the Adjutant General

> /s/ Secretary of theArmy.

<u>/s/</u> Major General The Adjutant General

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

AGPD\_B 201 Reardon, Joseph J. (3 Sep 46) USMC 26 September 1946

SUBJECT: Silver Star

To:

The Commandant US Marine Corps Washington 25, D. C.

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, a Silver Star was awarded by the War Department to Captain Joseph J. Reardon (formerly Warrant Officer), US Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1942 in the Philippine Islands.

2. The Commanding General, Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, has been directed to have a Silver Star medal appropriately engraved and forwarded to this office upon receipt of which, it will be transmitted to you for presentation to Captain Reardon. The official citation pertaining to this award is inclosed.

> /s/ H. B. LEWIS H. B. LEWIS Brigadier General · Acting the Adjutant General

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## CITATION FOR SILVER STAR

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

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Silver Star Medal and citation (Army award) with card signed by Secretary of War Patterson presented to Captain Reardon by the Commandant in his office 11-5-46 at 1400.

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

> LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALKER A. REAVES, UNITED STATES WARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain during World War II. Assigned the difficult mission of defending the left flank of an assault force which was attacking across a low coastal plain while his battalion's zone of action ran through a hilly, swasp-infested jungle, Lieutenant Colonel Reaves brilliantly led his men across the treacherous terrain in the face of concentrated enemy machine-gun fire from cleverly concealed pillboxes. Disregarding the constant hostile fire, he skillfully directed his assault formations effectively and employed supporting artillery and auxiliary weapons to maintain pace with the main body of troops. By his courageous leadership and professional ability, Lieutenant Colonel Reaves sided greatly in the ultimate success of a hazardous mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Navel Service."

For the President,

ANN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

> SERGEANT STANLEY REBUT. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twentyninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Group, 17 May 1945. Assigned the mission of assaulting a hill fiercely defended by well-entrenched enemy forces, Sorgeant Rebut led his men toward the objective with courage and skill until the squad was pinned down by heavy Japanese automatic fire. Alone, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he advanced through devastating hostile fire, attacked the machine-gun position with his carbine and grenades and succeeded in destroying it, thereby permitting his unit to capture its objective. His aggressiveness, indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty served as a constant insolration to his comrades and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navai Service,'

For the President,

JAMES FORHESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

E-Bedford, Massachusetts. B--Acushnet, Massachusetts. 017737 DGP 298 navy flw FMFPAC

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RUSKIN E. REDDOCH, 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, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Quickly organizing his platoon after landing on the beach, First Lieutenant Reddoch led his men in the assault of the high ground approximately eight hundred yards to the front despite intense enemy fire and, refusing to leave the field after sustaining a wound in this action, aided in the annihilation of four of the enemy. When his intermediate objective was taken, he paused long enough to receive first aid before leading his men in the successful assault on their final objective, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy who were well dug in on the high ground, thereby contributing materially to our success in this strategic campaign. His professional skill, 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. SULLIVAR

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 1 and 2 February 1944. Although sustaining painful wounds, Private First Class Rediske repeatedly exposed himself in order to maintain fire against the enemy. Unmindful of his own danger in his efforts to aid casualties lying in the field of fire, he fearlessly crawled forward under withering smallarms fire to bring one man back to safety, to aid another in returning to the beach and to direct corpsmen with stretchers in the evacuation of several others, thereby contributing materially to the saving of many Marines who otherwise might have perished. By his fortitude, dauntless spirit of self-sacrifice and steadfast devotion to duty, Private First Class Rediske rendered valiant service and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

MHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ryegate, Mont. B--Slayton, Mont. 282126 PFG-298-Navy-RLC Cuicpac SPOT Serial-0647 Signed

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

> PLATOON SERGEANT BRUCE REDMAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November <u>1943</u>, After becoming separated from his own company during landing operations on D-Day, Platcon Sergeant Redman was assigned with his 18-man unit to cover a demolition crew attempting to wipe out a series of Japanese pillboxes. Unhesitatingly leading his men through an open fire-swept area to an advantageous striking position, be personally directed them in delivering a relentless barrage. With the demolition crew pinned down by shattering machine-gun and grenade fire directly to their front, he courageously pressed forward, charged the emplacement with grenades and silenced the enemy fire. Repeatedly making a target of himself to locate well-concealed entrenchments, he continued his same daving tactics until seriously wounded while repairing the weapon of one of his mon in a dangerous front-line area. His inspiring leadership, daring initiative, and indomitable fighting spirit maintained throughout the bitter hostilities contributed materially to the success of the operation and reflect the bigbest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Redman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Colorado City, Texas B-Colorado City, Texas

MIN L. SULLIVAN

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

> PRIVATE FRED M. REDMAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Squad Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. Early in an attack against a fortified position, Private Redman assumed command of his squad when his sergeant was wounded. In the face of very heavy enemy machine-gun fire, he skillfully led an assault against a stone pillbox which was holding up the advance of his company and succeeded in destroying the hostile emplacement. When the captured position came under an immediate intense mortar barrage causing several casualties, Private Redman moved from one to the other to render aid, constantly exposing himself until he bimself was seriously wounded. His exemplary leadership, cool courage and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

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

> CORPORAL FRANK L. REED, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Tank Battalion, Company B, Fourth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Saipan, 15 June 1944. Starting ashore on D-Day in an LCM loaded with a tank, Corporal Reed voluntarily risked his life by offering his assistance in correcting a dangerous list observed in the lighter, and beldly exposing himself to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, took a position where his weight might aid in keeping the LCM from capsizing before it reached shore with the tank. His conduct and great valor reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Reed and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

> CORPORAL JACK K. REED, 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 with Company G. Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at two Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. With his squad leader seriously wounded by devastating hostile fire which had pinned down his platoon, Corporal Reed left his place of comparative safety, dragged the wounded man to the rear, and returned to lead the squad in a successful attack on a strongly defended enemy position built around several jnachine-gun emplacements. Leaving another man in charge, he ran back to his platoon leader with a report of the situation and led the reserve squad of the platoon to his right flank under heavy sniper and machine-gun fire. His courageous initiative and inspiring leadership reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Reed and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Richlands, Virginia, B--Dorchester, Virginia.

SSM, perm.citation, CMC's letter presented to parents of late REED, Mr.&Mrs.Thomas J. Reed, Richlands, Va., on 29Aug46, with appropriate publicity, by Officer-in-Charge, USMC DHRS, Huntington, W.Va. 452413 DGF-298-ebg ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00436-45 Signed

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

> CORPORAL JOHN S. REED, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Marine Field Depot Assumition Company of the Fifth Field Depot, Supply Service, Fleet Marine Force, in action against energy Japaness forces on Guan, Marianas Islands, 5 August 1944. When a large stack of 185-mm. powder charges Was ignited during a fire fight following a hostile attack on our assumition company's outpost, Corporal Reed bravely volunteered to climb on the burning stack and, despite the danger from the burning powder and intense hostile fire, assisted in extinguishing the blaze by throwing out the flaming powder containers, thereby preventing a dangerous explosion and saving a large amount of vitally needed powder. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the hignest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

INNA L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Schooley's Mountain, N.J. B-Newton, N. J. 333861 DGB 298 Navy FBB FMFPac SpotSer 00437 Signed

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

> CORPORAL JOSEPH N. REED, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallentry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader of Company L, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Boachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Leading his men in the final assault on the company's first objective, Corporal Reed spotted a strong point of four enemy riflemen as yet unseen by the rest of the company and, picking up a wounded comrade's automatic rifle, rushed twentyfive yards across open ground in the face of heavy enemy rifle fire. Spraying the enemy's position as he advanced, he destroyed three of the enemy, then dashed back, procured another clip of ammunition and returned to wipe out the remaining foe, thereby preventing any casualties in his advancing company and enabling his unit to take the objective. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Pleasanton, Iowa B- Leon, Iowa 28 Nov 1921 For the President, JOHN L SULLIVAN

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 45784 Signed

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

SERGEANT PAUL B. REED, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tractor Operator of the Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 14 to 20 March 1945. Engaged in constructing tank roads and closing caves during this period, Sergeant Reed courageously operated an armored tractor with angledozer in front-line zones of action. On 14 March, after completing his assigned mission of building a road beyond the front lines, he voluntarily projected the road two hundred yards further although under intense mortar and small-arms fire, thereby enabling tanks and infantry to attack and seize many more caves and enemy positions and to advance to the next ridge line. His initiative, coolness under fire and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R..Neola, W. Va.

B..Neola, W. Va.

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> Spot Award Serial 00668 NOV 27 1944 Signed

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

CORPORAL RALPH D. REED; USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and inteopidity while serving with the Third Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 24, 1948. Courageously penetrating deep into enemy-infested territory while serving as scout for a reconnaissance pairol. Corporal Reed skillfully effected a thorough investigation, gathering valuable information on numerous japanese positions discovered by his patrol. When his party became pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun, grenade and rifle fire in an enemy bivouac area, he unhesitatingly advanced to within a few yards of a hostile gun emplacement and, with two comrades, flercely attacked and killed all seven Japanese occupants, enabling his patrol to extricate itself from the perilous position. Subsequently preceding his men in the hazardous return to our front lines, Corporal Reed fearlessly broke the trail through difficult swamp terrain and brought the others safe to their destination. His daring initiative and resolute devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Chicago, Ill.

B - Pampanga, Philippine Islands.

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> Spot Award. Serial 00451 Signed 111N 29 1943

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

> Reliant PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FOY M. REESE, USMC ...

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during combat against enemy Japanese surface forces in the Solomon Islands Area on the night of October 13, 1942. When incendiary shells from enemy ships exploded near the quartermaster storeroom tent in the bivouac area of his battalion, starting fires, Private First Class Reese, during a short lull in the shelling and later during the second phase of the action, worked tirelessly at the battery well pump until the fire was extinguished. His bravery and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

R - Hickory, North Carolina.

B - Hickory, North Carolina.

939548 DGP-298-Navy-RDA FMFPac SPOT Serial 86491 Signed

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

> PRIVATE MATTHEW J. REESE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

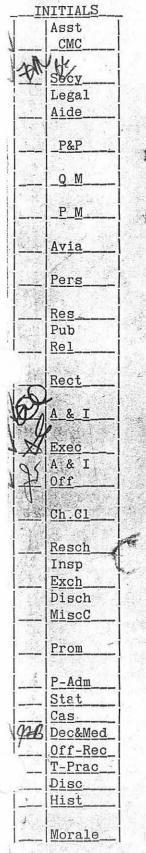
"For conspicuous callantry and intropidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. Assigned the mission of protecting the extreme right flank of his company during the defense of Sugar Loaf Hill, Private Reese remained steadfast at his position, although he was subjected to intense enemy fire from automatic weapons and mortars and his company was suffering numerous casualties. When he sustained serious wounds, he refused evacuation and, realizing the attendant danger of a corpaman attempting to reach him, would not permit one to be called. Throughout the night, he brought accurate automatic fire to bear on the enomy and, not until the last casualty had been removed and his unit had been ordered to withdraw, did he relinquish his position. By his steadfastness, courage and aggressive spirit, Private Reese aided materially in disrupting a strong Japanese counterattack and in the subsequent seizure of one of the most important terrain features of the island. His conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Minneapolis, Minn., B--Watertown, S. D.

JUNN L. SULLIVAN

340378 AV-2311-272



Spet Award 1943 Serial 656 Signed<u>APR 2.6 1943</u>

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

PRIVATE PIET SLASS CHARLES L. REEVEL, USHO.

for service as set forth in the following

Citation: -

"For complements gallentry and intropidity, while a sember of the <u>Third Battalion</u>. First Marines. First <u>Marine Elvision</u>, during action against enery Japanese forces in the Solemon Islands, October 29, 1942. Volunteering with five other Earlnes to accompany an officer on a patrol into territory where enery forces were known to be operating. Frivato First Class Reeves participated in the locating and putting out of action of two Japanese field pieces while under direct observation of heatile forces. His courageous conduct throughout the entire patrol contributed to the success of the mission."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

### SERGEANT CLAY V. REEVES. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Veepons Company, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jina, Volcane Islands, 13 to 19 March 1945. Cool in the face of heavy hostile fore on 19 March, Sergeant Reeves skillfully supervised bulldozer areas in constructing roads for use by tanks and, in addition, courageously exposed himself to energy bombardment to direct the fire of tanks in his platoon sector, thus enabling his company's left flank and the adjacent units right flank to continue their advance against the Japanese. Seriously wounded during his heroic action, he contributed materially to the success of his company during this poriod of operation, and his courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Oakley, Mich.

For the President,

B. Owasso, MIch.

IOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT HUGH D. REEVES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of the Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 10 and 11 July 1944. Fearlessly swimming ashopeto the enemy-held beach, Gunnery Sergeant Reeves participated, with great skill and daring, in a patrol to determine definitely and accurately the presence, location and nature of beach obstacles; the presence, location and characteristics of depths of water on reefs; the height and characteristics of cliffs and of the terrain inland from the beaches, and suitability of those beaches and inland terrain for invasion by our forces. Successfully executing the mission under the vigilance of Japanese patrols, soldiery, and fortifications, he, with the other members of the group, returned to his station with intelligence information of the highest value which contributed materially to the success of the subsequent landings on Tinian beaches. His courageous action, resourceful 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..San Antonio, Tex.

B..Naumee, Ark.

017741 DGP-298-em Cinepse App. SofN 1-25-45 Serial 288 Signed JUL 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT VEROL L. REGER, UEMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrapidity as Battalion Bomb Disposal Officer attached to the Second Battalion, Einsteenth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, al July 1944. Untiring and exceptionally skilled in the performance of a bazardous duty, First Lieutenant Roger directed the clearing of all types of mines and unexploded projectiles from the reef, the beach and the road in the Green Beach sector and thus made possible the rapid and safe unloading of supplies and equipment essential to our front line and rear area troops. Instantly killed when an anti-personnel mine exploded on 31 July, First Lieutenant Reger, by his valinat conduct, had fulfilled a vital mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Neval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

> For the President, JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

Re-Buffalo, N.Y.

ESM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres byCO, Washington, D.C. 11-15-45 to the widow of the late 1stLt Reger, Mrs Reger. Inf pres.

039646-2 DGP-298-pmb

FMFPac. SPOT Ser. 41635

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

> SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD L. REICH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battal-ion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. When all other of-ficers in his company were killed or wounded by a terrific enemy mortar barrage, Second Lieutenant Reich immediately assumed command and quickly reorganized the unit in order to continue the assault which had just begun. Despite the intensity of hostile mortar and small-arms fire, he fearlessly moved up and down the line to deploy his company and, during this action, sent forth one of his platoons which destroyed a number of Japanese installations, thus enabling the company to continue the advance. 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

B--Oklahoma City, Okla., Oklahoma City, Okla.

925119 DGP#298-g1 FMFPac SPOT Serial 58485 Signed\_\_\_\_

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH R. REICHENBACH, 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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 May 1945. When his company's assault on strongly-defended Dakeshi Ridge was hampered by extremely heavy machine-gun and mortar fire from Japanese forces in caves and entrenched positions, Private First Class Reichenbach crawled to an exposed position to throw grenades and to fire thirty-three rounds of rocket ammunition at hostile emplacements, thereby reducing several enemy strong points and contributing materially to the capture 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,

IONN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New York, N.Y. B--New York, N.Y. 290518 AW-298-1s Spot Award 1942 Serial 18 Signed MAR 18 1945

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

CORPORAL WALLACE J. REID, U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as gunner in a scout plane attached to Marine Aircraft Group Fourteen, on patrol over New Georgia Channel, October 8, 1942. Subjected to a devastating attack by an overwhelming force of enemy fighter planes as well as intense anti-aircraft fire, Corporal Reid maintained constant and effective fire against the superior opposition until his guns jammed. He then rendered valuable service by indicating to the pilot the course to steer in evading enemy fire. Largely as a result of his action, the pilot and the plane were saved."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R..St. Joseph, Missouri

B. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

015285 DGP=208-eln Cinepse App. SofN 1-11-45 Serial 11715 Signed APR 18 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LYMAR E. REIPSNYDER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while stisched to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines. Fourth Marine Division, during operations against energy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, 18 June 1944. When his plateon was subjected to a counding barrage of enamy rifle and machine-gun fire, First Lieutenant Reifenyder skillfully directed the necessary withdrawal of his aquada and, after making certain that retirement could be effected astely, voluntarily remained behind to care for the wounded. Coursecously making himself a target for Japanese riflemen, he tirelessly administered first aid until he himself was fatally struck down by a sudden burst of enemy fire. By his splendid leadership and daring initiative in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Reifsnyder was an inspiration to his men, 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."

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr. fr. GMO pres'd 29 May 1945 Spiciat, USMCDHIMRS, Em.L. P.O.Bldg, 4th Ave. & Smithfield St. Pittsburgh, Fa. to the parents of the late lst Lt. Heifsnyder, MrMMrs.Herman S. RelfFAMHE FORMESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

ResAltoona, Penna,

527150 DGP-298-flm Cincpac Appd SofN 1-10-46 Serial 35279 Signed MAR 3 1947

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT E. REIGNER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader in a platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against the enemy on Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 6 March 1945. When the Japanese inflicted heavy casualties and disorganized his platoon during an attack against a heavily fortified position, Private First Class Reigner located an enemy machine gun in a pillbox and, braving the merciless fire from the automatic weapon, made his way to the position and hurled two hand grenades. killing the occupants of the pillbox and silencing the enemy weapon. His cool courage and heroic performance of duty in the face of grave danger, enabled his platoon to reorganize and continue the attack and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Reigner and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springfield, Mass. B--Springfield, Mass. 304965 DGP-298-rf

> Serial 733 Signed AUG 17 1943

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH J. REILLY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the morning of October 26, 1942. While his company was under relentless attack by hostile forces, Corporal Reilly, although severely wounded and suffering great pain, continued to command his squad with cool courage and utter disregard for his own condition. By his grim perseverance and unyielding devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the success of a counterattack which drove Japanese troops from the advance position to which they had penetrated."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Scranton, Pennsylvania.

B - Scranton, Pennsylvania.

00384 DGP-208-egc

> Cinc Pac Appd Soft 1-18-45 Serial 11723 Signed MAY 1.0 1945

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

CAPTAIN CHARLES F. REINHOLD, USNCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. When a pounding barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire forced his company to debark at the water's edge. Captain Reinhold promptly organized his men and launched a vigorous assault against the hostile machine-gun emplacements as he boldly advanced toward Agingan Point. Subjected to a vicious enemy counterstick upon reaching the middle of the beach. he deployed his unit with outstanding tactical ability and destroyed the entire Japanese force then, skillfully reorganizing his company, continued the bitter assault against hostile gun positions and snipers, courageously moving from one platoon to another until he was mortally wounded by Japanese fire. Captain Reinhold's inspiring leadership and great personal valor 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,

Secretary of the Novy.

R--Denver, Colorado

SM, perm. Site itr if CMC pres'd 7 June 1945 by OinC, USMCDHIARS, Rm522, ed.Bldg. Cleveland 15, Ohio to the widew of the late Capt. Reinhold, Mrs. Darlow F. Reinhold, 3868, W.38th St. Cleveland, informally at station. 440767 DGP-298-eln Cincpac App. SofN 2-1-45 Serial 235 Signed JUL 1 0 1945

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

SERGEANT ROBERT J. REILLY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Squad serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 11 August 1944. Coolly disregarding his own safety despite continuous exposure to enemy machine-gun and rifle fire while operating as advance guard of a patrol, Sergeant Reilly skillfully led his squad in an attack on an enemy ambush and with courageous initiative succeeded in killing a large number of the hostile force. Ordered to withdraw when it became apparent that the patrol was greatly outnumbered, Sergeant Reilly, although severely wounded, personally conducted the retirement of his squad, expediting withdrawal over the difficult terrain by refusing to be carried and valiantly making his own way for two and one-half hours back to the base camp. where he succumbed to his wounds. By his vigilant aggressiveness and outstanding leadership, Sergeant Reilly protected his patrol from ambush and contributed to the annihilation of numerous Japanese troops. His unfaltering devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

R--Philadelphia, Fa. B--

For the President, JAMES FORRESTAL

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> ComSoPac Serial 00772 Spot Award DEC 28 1944 Signed DEC 28 1944

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH REINTHALER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, as Leader of a Rifle Platoon conducting a reconnaissance during the battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 21, 1943. Seriously wounded when his platoon was subjected to a devastating hostile machine-gun and mortar fire barrage upon approaching the Japanese lines, Sergeant Reinthaler immediately reorganized his men who had been forced to take cover during the bitter attack and skillfully led a successful flanking assault on the enemy entrenchments. Although barely able to walk, he refused to be evacuated and continued steadfast in command of the platoon for a period of four hours until he had completed the mission and had returned with his men to his own lines. Sergeant Reinthaler's fearless leadership, unflinching courage and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril contributed to the success of our forces in that area and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, IAMES FORRESTAL Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mount Vernon, N.Y. B--Munich, Germany 010802 DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac SPOT Serial 44532 Signed

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

> CAPTAIN ARAM S. REJEBIAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous callantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. When his Battalion became badly disorganized under heavy enemy shelling, Captain Rejebian moved forward from the Battalion Observation Post and found the center company decimated by casualties, including the Company Commander and Executive Officer. Undaunted by the intense hostile fire, he skillfully reorganized the company and, reestablishing contact with the remainder of the Battalion, successfully led the forward attack until the arrival of a relief Company Commander. His courageous leadership, determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVIAN

R--San Luis Obispo, Calif., B--Binghamton, N. Y.

013193 DGP-298-egc

> ComSoPac Spot Award Serial 00519 27 1944 Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT M. RENNIE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Forward Artillery Observer attached to the Twelfth Marines. Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. Encountering violent enemy opposition while attempting to advance inland after landing with a parachute battalion, First Lieutenant Rennie courageously and skillfully assisted in conducting the fire of a 155-mm, artillery battery and of a destroyer, supporting the battalion's operations, throughout a fierce seven-hour battle. Exposing himself to hostile small arms and mortar fire, he moved about the hazardous area in order to optain observations and, during the withdrawal of the troops, continued to control and direct the fire of the supporting artillery with such ability and fearlessness that strateger. "cally located enemy machine guns and mortars were silenced. First Lieutenant Rennie's outstanding skill and valiant devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the Fresident, JAMES FORRESTAL Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Illinois

017350 DGP-298-dmr

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

> FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. RENNIE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Flatoon Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Twentieth Marines (Engineer), Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. Courageously crawling over hazardous terrain in the face of intense hostile fire, First Lieutenant Rennie went to the aid of a wounded man and, after administering norphine, further exposed hinself to the enemy fire to arrange for evacuating the casualty. Later, during a furious hostile night counterattack on Tinian. he maneuvered his engineer platoon into position to furnish infantry support to a rifle company whose defensed were being overrun by an enery charge. He personnlly led his sen through many hours of close in-fighting until the Japanese were repulsed and he had to be evacuated because of his wounds. By his courage, determination and devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Rennie unheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

MINN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-New Orleans, La. B-New Orleans, La. 389094 DGP-298-egc

> CincPac Appd SofN 1-11-45 Serial 07610 WAR 20 1945 Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LE ROY A. RENSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with a Machine-Gun Section of the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island in the Palau Group from 15 to 25 September 1944. Flanked by hostile tanks within ten yards of his position and with three of his squad seriously wounded during the enemy's fanatic tank-led opposition on 15 September. Private First Class Renson resolutely fought his gun and maintained his men at their posts throughout the fierce battle. Taking over as Section Leader during a furious offensive across an open airfield on the following day, he defied concentrated Japanese shellfire to lead his men in the execution of an extremely hazardous mission. Struck down by a heavy mortar barrage while holding his vital gun position in the face of shattering pointblank fire on the night of 25 September, Private First Class Renson, by his courageous initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant fortitude, was an inspiration to his comrades, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country,"

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSM & Perm.Cit. pres'd to widow,Mrs. LeRoy A. Renson, 228 Market St., Bristol, Pa., in Recrthg Office,New Custom House, Phila., 17 April 45 by Lt. Col. Donald L. Dickson, PR.Officer of E. Pro. Dive 06292-2 DGP-298-sps FMFPac SPOT Serial 6112

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

# MAJOR JOHN E. RENTSCH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the landing and subsequently operations on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 5 July 1944. When the Commanding Officer of his Battalion was wounded and evacuated, Major Rentsch immediately assumed command and skillfully led the unit in all action throughout this period. Exposing himself to mortar, machine-gun and small-arms fire on numerous occasions, he consistently placed himself and his men in positions where their firepower could be most effectively utilized, thereby contributing materially to the success of the campaign. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Sandusky, Ohio. B - Sandusky, Ohio. 802957 DGP-2998-eln FMF, Pac App. SofN 4-27-45 Serial 11742 Signed <u>NOV 13 1945</u>

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES H. RENTZ, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wilmington, Dela. B..Felton, Dela.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC presented to Mrs. P. E. Rentz, in her home on 25 March 1946.

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

> FLATCON GERGEART PETER J. RENZO, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

GITATION:

"For conspicuous gellentry and intropidity while serving as Assistant Flatoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guan, Marianas Islands, on 26 July 1944. When a numerically superior hostile force enveloped his position, Platoon Sergeant Renzo assisted his Platoon Leader in a fierce hand-to-hand struggle with the enemy and, after assuming command when his Platoon Leader was wounded for the third time, quickly directed the evacuation of the wounded despite his own injuries. Then, he continued to lead his platoon in defending his company's sector until has attack had been repulsed. After reorganizing his men, he led the platoon in combat against the enemy until the arrival of a relief three weeks later. By his daring initiative, leadership and devotion to duty, Flatoon Sergeant Renzo contributed to the successful repulse of the eneny and to the prevention of further hostile attacks, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

B - Des Moines, Iowa.

JUIN L SULLIVA

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Cincpae App. SofN 2-1-45 Serial 0406 Signed <u>SEP 4</u> 1945

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

CORPORAL STEPHEN P. RESSER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving in the Fadio Section, of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Levietion, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Pelelin Island, Palau Islands, 17 September <u>1944.</u> While his battalion was advancing against the enemy and terrific fire from japanese guns was making impossible the maintenance of constant communications, Corporal Resser volunteered to lay a wire to Company C. In the absence of wire team personnel, he courageously worked alone over an extremely difficult terrain which was infected with numerous hostile snipers until mortally wounded by enemy machine-gua fire. By his daring initiative and heroic efforts, Corporal Resser contributed materially to the ultimate success of a vital campaign cointing toward further victories over the japanese. His solf-sacrificing spirit and valiant conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his dountry."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Condt, Phile, Pa. on 12-9-45 to the parents of the late Corp Reeser, Mr and Mrs Frank Reeser, at Hungarian Hall in Allentown, Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Allentown, Pa.

027667 DGP-298-vml

ComSoPac Spot Serial 2776 Signed SEP 9 1045

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

> WARRANT OFFICER CHARLES 5. H. REVELS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

# CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Leader of a Reconnaissance Patrol of Regimental Weapons Company, Twentyfirst Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 30 to 23 December 1945. Attacked by Japanese troops while leading his patrol into hostile territory, Warrant Officer Revels fiercely engaged the enemy, killing one soldier and, after disengaging his men, resolutely proceeded deeper into the hostile stronghold to gather vital information. With the entire Japanese position alert the following day when a member of his patrol intercepted and killed one of the enemy, he succeeded in xilling two gunners with his pistol and in silencing a hostile machine gan, then skillfully directed and covered the withdrawal of his patrol. Remaining for twenty-three hours thereafter close to the enemy bivouac area, he obtained additional data before leading the survivors of his patrol back through the strong Japanese position to his own lines. An indomitable fighter, Warrant Officer Revels contributed materially to our success in the area and his gallant conduct throughout this extremely hazardous mission was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R--Bryn Mawr, Penn., B--San Francisco, Calif.

Secretary of the Navy.

013194 DGP-298-flm Cinepac SPOT Serial 2788 Signed OCT 6 1947

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

> FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY D. REYNOLDS, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Namur Island, Kwjalein Atoll, on 1 February 1944. When the advance of his company was held up by a Japanese-occupied blockhouse, First Lieutenant Reynolds valiantly directed an attack upon this formidable position and, in the face of heavy hostile rifle fire, led a vigorous and swift assault, putting to rout the resisting enemy troops. Although severely wounded when the forward echelon of his unit was pinned down by machine-gun fire, he skillfully organized a defense, refusing to be evacuated until he had insured that his men were safe from counterattack and he was ordered to the rear by his commanding officer. His brilliant leadership and indomitable fighting spirit contributed directly to the success of this important operation and reflected the h highest credit upon First Lieutenant Reynolds and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

# JOHN L. SULLIVAN

# Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mount Vernon, New York. B--Mount Vernon, New York. 013194 DGP-298-flm

FMF SPOT Serial 20913 Signed 1947

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

> FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY D. PEYNOLDS, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

# CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against energy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Group, on 6 July 1944. Boldly directing many assaults by units of his company and inspiring them by his aggressive spirit, First Lieutenant Reynolds fought in the forefront during an attack on a firmly entrenched enemy position in difficult terrain and although painfully wounded three times in this action, continued to lead his men and gallantly refused evacuation until the objective had been taken and all the other wounded had been cared for. His outstanding leadership, unselfish concern for others 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--Mount Vernon, N. Y. B--Mount Vernon, N. Y. 017352 DGP-298-vml

FMFPac SPOT Serial 41628 Signed NOV 14 1947

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

> FIRST LIEUTENANT MARION E. REYNOLDS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Assistant Platoon Leader of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. With the mission of supporting the advance of an infantry battalion, First Lieutenant Reynolds volunteered to act as forward observer with an assault rifle company to effect the destruction of a blockhouse in the company's zone of action. Approaching his objective under scattered enemy fire to a point well in front of friendly troops, he assisted in laying wire for communications and then, ordering the wiremen back to safety, adjusted the mortar fire upon the blockhouse. Under intense hostile fire and wounded by a fragment of one of the shellbursts, he remained at his post until the blockhouse was destroyed, thereby materially aiding in the advance of the battalion. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAM

Secretary of the Navy.

R--LaGrande, Oregon, B--LaGrande, Oregon. 364028 DOP-298-rlm

> Approved: S of N 4-30-43. Signed JUN 1 5 1943

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

PRIVATE MU COY REYNOLDS, U.S.M.C.R.

entont for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gellentry and intropidity while serving with the Eighth Marinos, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 25, 1942. Boldly advancing toward the crest of a hill with other members of his squad, Private Reynolds braved heavy machine gun fire to creep within twenty feet. of the enemy and throw two grenades into the emplacement, killing two Japanese gunners and destroying the gun. While moving to a more advantageous position from which to cover the consolidation of his squad, he was killed by an enemy sniper. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

For the President.

/S/FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

That portion of the above Citation underlined in red should not be given wither verbally or in writing without the permission of the officer in charge of the Decorations and Medals Division.

R- Mallie, Kentucky B- Pippapass, Kentucky 08887 DGP-298-Navy-RDA FMFPac SPOT Serial 001936 Signed

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

> CAPTAIN ROBERT G. REYNOLDS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Commanding Officer of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces off Ivo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 17 February 1945. In the face of extremely heavy and accurate enemy shore battery fire, Captain Reynolds courageously boarded a Naval craft with his reconnaissance party but was thrown from the bridge ladder to the deck below and painfully bruised and stunned when the vessel sustained a direct hit shortly after his arrival. Undaunted by his wounds, he insisted on continuing bis mission and, despite the sustained hostile shore battery fire, carefully observed, recorded and evaluated the beach defenses. Later, that same day, he took a detail of men aboard a small landing craft and proceeded to within three hundred yards of the western beaches under continuous accurate shore battery and machine-gun fire. His indefatigable courage and determined devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Chicago, Ill., B--Topeha, Kansas.

# JOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

08486-2 DGP-298-mvm

FMF SPOT Serial 46924 Signed

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

> CAPTAIN JACK R. RHOADES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORFS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of a 75-mm. Self-propelled Gun Platoon of Weapons Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Landing with his plateon in the sixth wave on the fire-swept beach, Captain Rhoades skillfully maneuvered his guns into position on the extreme left flank of the enemy where fire could be delivered against the enemy fortifications on Mount Suribachi and, racing back and forth between the guns, pointed out targets to the crews. His daring action contributed to the destruction of many of the enemy and aided materially to the neutralization of the fortifications, thereby enabling his Regiment to establish a beachhead. By his initiative and courageous devotion to duty, Captain Rhoades upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

WARN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Boulder City, Nevada B--Delphos, Kansas 454417 DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 8631 Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIS W. RHOADES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery E, Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. Voluntarily braving constant enemy shellfire, Private First Class Rhoades risked his life to follow his Battery Commander into an exploding and blazing ammunition dump set ablaze in the main dump, he then courageously aided in burying individual rounds which had been blown clear by the explosions. His bravery and gallant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Rhoades and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Lampson, Wisc. B..Withee, Wisc. 460292 DGP-298-g1 SPECIAL SPOT Serial Signed NOV 1.4 1947

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

> CORPORAL PETER RICCIUTI, 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 B, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. Guiding supporting tanks across an open field through heavy enemy fire, Corporal Ricciuti directed their assault upon enemy positions and, although once wounded, continued his mission until a second wound forced him down. Continuing to fire, he cover covered his platoon's front until they could move forward and permit him to be evacuated. 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--New Haven, Conn. B--New Haven, Conn. 444725 DGP-298-ein Cincpac App. SofN 1-18-45 Serial 004428 Signed JUN 1 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE H. RICE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against anomy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 20 August 1944. Pinnod down by withering hostile mechine-gun and rifle fire which wounded his squad leader and killed a companion, Private First Class Rice steadfastly held his ground and, despite his dangerously isolated position, boldly advanced upon the enemy troops, pouring automatic weapon fire into their ranks with deadly accuracy. Fearlosaly making himself a target for wellconcealed Japanese guns, he skillfully covered evacuation of the helpless leader and, although he himself was severely wounded, relentlessly maintained a steady stream of fire and permitted his squad to deploy and continue the agaault before he was fatally struck down. Private First Class Rice's daring initiative and great personal valor 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--East Beckley, West Va. B--Sprague, West Va.

M, perm.cit. & ltr. fr. CMC sent: The OinG, DHI&RS, Cabell County Court use, Huntingtonl, West Va.Presentation awarded the mother of the late PFC. Rice, Mrs. Ancil G. Rice, 310 Worley Road, East Beckley, W. Va. Presentation made informally on 25 June 1945. Newspapers were informed. 06660 DGP-298-Navy-RDA



CincPac SPOT Serial 0647 Signed

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

> MAJOR HOWARD J. RICE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Isolated from his Battelion in the strongest hostile defensive sector on the beach following landing operations on D-Day, Major Rice immediately organized all available personnel in his vicinity into an effective force and established a successful defense in the immediate area. Then, organizing liaison between the remnants of two battalions and the Regimental Commander, he maintained communications and skillfully coordinated the activities of these units throughout two days and nights of bitter offensive action. With his unit depleted by heavy casualties and his Battalion Commander killed during a fierce engagement, be gaain conducted a reorganization of remaining personnel into a strong fighting force for carrying out sustained operations against the Japanese. By his forceful and determined leadership, his daring aggressiveness and cool and courageous action in the face of grave danger, Major Rice contributed essentially to the success of the campaign and his unvavoring devotion to duty tbroughout was in keeping with the bighest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

IONN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

RICE, Kenneth V. Private First Class

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(Army)

Silver Star -Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65 For Service at Philippine Islands.

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

Previous Awards - None.

Born: Elizabeth, New Jersey 2-15-20 Current Enl. Chicago, Illinois 4-24-39 Legal Residence: Bad Axe, Michigan Next of Kin: Aunt - Mrs. George Ginter Bad Axe, Michigan

530801 DGP-298-rtt ComGenFMFPac Ser 45500 Signed

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES H. RICHARDS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CETATION:

ASST CMC SECY INL PERF DEC & MED "For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving as a Radion Operator with a Shere Fire Control Farty of the Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Two Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February 1945. After the Naval Cunfire Spotting Officer and his assistant had been evacuated as casualties, Private First Class Richards assumed the duties of Naval Gunfire Spotter and, in the face of intense mortar and machine-gun fire, repaired breaks in the wire line leading to the radionstation in communication with the firing ship. Maintaining communication and spotting fire, he enabled the support ship to continue firing during the advance of the Fattalion, thereby aiding in covering the consolidation of the ground gained. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Nevy.

449240 DGP-298-rkz Cincpec Appd SofN 1-17-46 Serial 52125 Signed NOV 2 9 1946

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

> CORPORAL JAMES Z. RICHARDS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepicity while serving as a Fire Group Leader in a platoon of Company G. Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sisth Marine Division, during action against enemy lavanese forces at Okinawa in the Ryukyu Chain. on 31 May 1945. When his own and an adjoining plateon were temporarily halled in an advance up the clope of a ridge by enemy mortar fire emanating from the reverse side, Corporal Richards voluntarily moved around the end of the ridge to reconnoiter the area and, finding the hostile forces exposed, fired directly into their midst, killing twelve, wounding several others. and routing the remainder to enable both units to press forward and capture their respective objectives. Sustaining fatal wounds in the furious action, Corporal Richards, by his dountiess perseverance, indomitable fighting spirit and courageous initiative in the face of tremendous odds, had contributed to the success of his company's mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dalton, Kentucky. B--Dalton, Kentucky. 08591 DGP 298 Navy FBB Com7thFltSptSer 001093 signed

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

> CAPTAIN ROBERT M. RICHARDS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION :

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as After Sky Control Officer of the U.S.S. ST. LOUIS when that vessel was attacked by six enemy Japanese planes in the vicinity of Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands, on 27 November 1944. The first to sight the approaching planes, Captain Richards immediately initiated a warning to the Task Group Commander and, by his courage and skill in controlling the automatic weapons battery in the face of furious and relentless dive-bombing attacks, contributed directly and materially to the success of the U.S.S. ST. LOUIS in destroying four of the enemy craft. When his ship was struck by an enemy plane, he quickly and efficiently reorgainized his gun crews, directed the repair of his damaged equipment and restored communications. By his vigilance, aggressive determination and devotion to duty, Captain Richards upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.'

For the President,

R- Camden, S. C. B- Kershaw, S. C. 9 July 1918

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

501361 DGP-298-1fg CincPac Appd SofN 1-25-45 Serial 12622 Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS E. RICHARDS, USMCR,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 4 July 1944. Courageous in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Richards landed on Saipan during initial operations on this strategically important island and immediatly requested and received permission to act as company aid man with an assault rifle company, faithfully performing his extremely hazardous duties with exceptional skill and courage. Voluntarily leaving his covered position on 4 July, Private First Class Richards daringly proceeded under heavy sniper and machine-gun fire to the aid of a wounded officer and a corpsman and was killed by hostile sniper fire while administering first aid. His selfsacrificing spirit and determined efforts in behalf of others reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Richards and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy Acting

R..Massillon, Ohio B..Braddock, Ohio

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Buffalo, N.Y. 11-15-45 to the father of the late PFC Richards, Mr. Thomas H. Richards, P.O. Box #24, Ithaca, N.Y. Inf pres. 911097 DGP-298-ec FMF Pac SPOT Serial 45500

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

> CORPORAL ARUNDEL C. RICHARDSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving as a Tank Driver of Company A, Fifth Tank Esttalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 6 March 1945. Then his tank was disabled after striking a mine forward of our front lines, Corporal Richardson dismounted from the vehicle despite intense hostile small-arms fire and armed with a machine gun, succeeded in pinning the enemy down, thereby impairing the accuracy of their fire and enabling the remaining members of his crew, one of whom was wounded, to escape from the tank. 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--San Juan, Puerto Rico

B-Santo Domingo City, Dominican Republic

403391 DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac SPOT Serial 01101 Signed

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALVIN G. RICHMOND, 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 Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, 23 November 1943. With his platoon pressing an assault against a bitterly defended Japanese pillbox, Private First Class Richmond boldly made his way through intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to a location behind the hostile fortification, voluntarily assuming station there in order to prevent the escape of any member of the enemy force. Covering the rear exit of the emplacement with his ready weapon, he succeeded in killing more than twenty Japanese attempting to flee as the frontal assault of their philbox increased in intensity. His daring initiative, heroic conduct and unswerving devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were inspiring to those with whom he served and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Richmond and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Grandin, Mo. B--Ripley County, Mo.

No Correspondence Received.

457331 DGF-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00420-45 Signed

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

CORPORAL EARL L. RICHMOND, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

GITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving as an Antitank Grenadier and Rifle Squad Fire Group Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against energy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, SL July 1944, Closely following the lead scouts of his platoon in attack when they were halted and pinned down by machine-gun firs from an energy tank, Corporal Richmond fearlessly exposed himself to the energy fire and, from a position only twenty yards from the vehicle, loaded and fired four antitank grenades, putting the tank out of action. Then after throwing three grenades at an energy group in the brush, he picked up a seriously wounded comrade and carried him approximately thirty yards to a place of comparative safety, subsequently rejoining his squad in the attack. His cool courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IDHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Lamont, Iowa B-Lamont, Iowa The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

MAJOR HAROLD T. A. RICHMOND UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous sallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Borgen Bay Area, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 22 and 23 January 1944. Placed in command of a reinforced company and assigned the mission of occupying and defending the Natamo Point Area, Major Richmond directed his troops in maintaining a defensive position and in securing the ground gained during the day after his company's advance along the coast was held up on the first evening by heavy hostile mortar and machine-gun fire. With a small patrol of volunteers, he advanced inland to pass around the enemy's left flank and, after hours of tedious maneuvering, led his patrol into the midst of hostile defenses to observe the positions of the Japanese as well as the number of personnel. Withdrawing by the same route, he initiated an aggressive attack on the following morning and destroyed the enemy, thereby securing the west side of Borgen Bay. By his leadership, courage and devotion to duty, Major Richmond contributed materially to the success of our operations against this heavily fortified Japanese stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

/s/ John L. Sullivan Secretary of the Navy

R-Yonkers, New York B-Yonkers, New York

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

MAJOR HAROLD T. A. RICHMOND, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 15 to 29 September 1944. Leading a combat patrol of two companies (reinforced) against a numerically superior enemy situated in well-fortified mutually supporting caves, Major Richmond repeatedly exposed himself to hostile machine-gun and rifle fire in a determined effort to crush enemy resistance. Inspiring the men under his command by his skillful and aggressive leadership, he contributed materially to the successful conclusion of an extremely hazardous mission. His outstanding initiative, cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty throughout this period were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTNENS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Yonkers, New York B-Yonkers, New York 337560 DGP-298-bgj Cincpac App. SofN 3-22-45 Serial 101538 Signed <u>SEP 17 1945</u>

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAY RICKLES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. When a heavily fortified, deeply entrenched hostile pillbox retarded the advance of his battalion, Private First Class Rickles, onhis own initiative, boldly charged the emplacement despite the enemy's fanatic resistance and, by a brilliantly executed strike, succeeded in neutralizing the Japanese position. By his daring initiative, fearless determination and outstanding devotion to the completion of an extremely perilous task, Private First Class Rickles contributed materially to the success of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Seattle, Washington. B..New York, New York.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, Seattle, Wash, on 11-18-45 to the mother of the late PfC Rickles, Mrs. Rebecca Rickles, 3111 E. Cherry St., Seattle, Washington. Inf Pres. 476128 DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac SPOT Serial 0647 Signed

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

-MR--Hot Springs, New Mexico., B--Kerriville, Texas.

JOHN L. SHLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy,

934666 DPG-298-Navy-RLC FMFFac SPOT Seria 1-58486 Signed

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD L. RIDGLEY, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company B, First Eattalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 29 May 1945. Observing a large hostile patrol approaching his position, Private First Class Ridgley beld his fire until the enemy came within close range, in order to achieve the greatest effect. When his gun jammed after disposing of five of the Japanese, he closed in hand-to-hand combat and used his rifle as a club until his comrades entered the fire fight against the enemy force. By his initiative, presence of mind and courageous devotion to duty, Private First Class Ridgley contributed materially to the annihilation of forty-two of the Japanese, and uphold the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Beauerton, Oregon B-Omaho, Mebraska

INAN L. SULLIVAR Secretary of the Navy.

402583 DGP-298-bz

> 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 WAITE H. RIEDER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"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, 1948. Despite heavy enemy mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire. Private First Class Rieder 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 valiantly 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 Rieder'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,

TAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. B - Tuttle, Oklahoma. 335015 DGP-298-dmf

> CinCPAC Serial 919 App. Soil 3-84-44 Signed 1.2.1944

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

CORPORAL MARVIN R. RIGDON, USMC., for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity in action as member of the scout sniper platoon of the Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during the invasion of enemy Japanese-held Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20-21, 1943. /Working tirelessly and without sleep for a night and two days under the most strenuous battle conditions, Corporal Rigdon with his unit destroyed a large number of hostile emplacements in the central sector of Betic Island. Fearlessly erawling under the intense hostile fire to an enemy gun port, he skillfully destroyed it with grenades and demolitions and then entered the emplacement and killed the remaining Japanese troops. Later, while his unit was attacking another hostile position, he courageously exposed himself to the eneny in order to give more effective fire support to his comrades, but was hit by Japanese riflemen and instantly killed. Corporal Rigdon's great personal valor, cool initiative and unswerving devotion to duty were an inspiration to his convades 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.

B - Ashland, La.
R - Cotton Valley, La.

342601 DGP-298-rf

> Spot Award Serial 733 Signed <u>AUG</u> 17 1943

> > Release

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT D. RIGGLE, USMC., for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 8, 1942. In the face of tremendous fire from hostile mortars and machine guns, Private First Class Riggle, with courageous disregard for his own personal safety, worked his way forward and rescued a wounded comrade who had fallen in a dangerously exposed area. His heroic conduct in saving the life of another at great risk to his own was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

NOTE: That portion of the above oitation underlined in red should not be given either verbally or in writing

- R- Woungstown, Ohio
- B- Youngstown, Ohio

296448 DGP-298-bgj Cincpac App. SofN 3-22-45 Serial 01536 Signed <u>OCT 25 1945</u>

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT THOMAS P. RIGNEY, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

"For conspicious gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu and Ngesebus Islands, Palau Group, on 15 and 28 September 1944. When a heavily fortified hostile antitank gun emplacement retarded the advance of his company on 15 September, Gunnery Sergeant Rigney fearlessly crawled to an advantageous position on the flank and, after directing a steady stream of withering fire against the stronghold, temporarily confusing the enemy, closed to short range and silenced the position, killing all personnel manning the weapon. On 28 September, with a member of his company wounded while attempting to neutralize a Japanese position deeply entrenched in a cave, he again braved fierce resistance to pour intense fire into the area and hurl hand grenades to cover the withdrawal of the wounded man to safety. Determined to clear the cave of the enemy, he boldly charged the emplacement but was fatally struck down by hostile shellfire. His daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and aggressiveness on behalf of his company's wounded were an inspiration to his comrades, and his self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant Rigney 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 York, New York. B..New York, New York.

SSM w/perm. cit. pres. to brother of late Sgt. Rigney via reg. mail on 14Jan.47 by the CO. USMC Nav. Shpyd. Nav. Base, Brooklyn, N.Y. 298376 DGP-298-ebg ComGenFMFPac Ser 00597-45 Signed

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

SERGEANT ROBERT W. RILEY, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. When repeated enemy counterattacks drove a wedge between two Marine Battalions and both his Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant became casualties, Sergeant Riley immediately assumed command of the platoon and, after reorganizing it while still under devastating cross-fire from newly emplaced enemy automatic weapons, placed himself at the head of his men and dislodged the enemy from the sector in hand-to-hand combat. Still continuously subjected to hostile fire, he organized the ground which had been gained and reestablished contact between his company and the adjacent battalion, after which he gathered stretcher-bearer teams and exposed himself in order to cover, by fire, the withdrawal of the wounded to positions of comparative safety. Throughout the night, Sergeant Riley continued to conduct defensive action from a point well forward of the front lines and, by his aggressive fighting spirit and cool courage under enemy fire, aided materially in overcoming a desperate situation. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Newark, N.J.

B..Newark, N.J.

011612 DGP-298-dmr FMFPac SPOT Serial 79496

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

# CAPTAIN FRANCIS D. RINEER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B. First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Leading his company in an assault against an extremely well-defended enemy ridge line. Captain Rineer succeeded in reaching his objective after a prolonged and intensive attack against bitterly resisting hostile forces. When a Japanese counterattack developed and the enemy reached positions on the reverse slope of the objective, he unhesitatingly crawled forward to an advantageous observation post despite intense hostile machine-gun and grenade fire and, from this exposed position, directed elements and coordinated fire of his company to completely annihilate the enemy forces. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, IOHN L SULLIVAN

> > Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lancaster, Pa. B--Lancaster, Pa. 289779 DGP-298-dmr

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

> SERGEANT ARNOLD O. RINGGOLD, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 22 June 1944. Observing his platoon pinned down by fire from a hostile bunker, Sergeant Ringgold immediately led four men through a barrage of enemy sniper and machine-gun fire and around the left flank of the hostile position and, by engaging the Japanese and drawing their fire, enabled his companions to withdraw to a better position. Coolly and capably directing his group, he succeeded in leading them from their hazardous position without loss and in rejoining the platoon. His initiative, leadership and aggressive devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Ringgold and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cabot, Arkansas. B--Cabot, Arkansas. 328478 DGP-298-Navy-RDA CincPac SPOT Serial 0647 Signed

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROY L. RINNAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company H, Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Terawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. With e mechine gun section virtually annihilated during a bitter engagement with the fanatic Japanese. Private First Class Rinnan, on his own initiative, immediately effected a reorganization. Although wounded in both hands and arms, he expeditiously obtained guns and men from other units and commanded them throughout the furlous battle with outstanding skill and daring, contributedg materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital bostile stronghold. By his bold initiative, fearless leadership and dauntless perseverance in the face of grave danger, Private First Class Rinnan served as an inspiration to others in the area, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Klamath, Ore.., B--Newport, Oregon.

JOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed-----

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

> FIRST LIEUTENANT HECTOR G. RISIGARI-GAI, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Leader of a Reconnaissance Platoon of the Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volceno Islands, 4 March 1945. Voluntarily leading a reconnaissance party eight hundred yards inside Japanese lines to secure vital information for his Regiment, First Lieutenant Risigari-Gai penetrated terrain not yet covered by our forces and, constantly exposing himself to enemy observation, moved to points of vantage to secure the necessary information. Through his skill and leadership, he successfully completed his mission without a single casualty and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-New York N.Y. BpMelrose, Mass For the President,

KOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SERGEANT JACK R. RISLER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while performing Specialized Duties in enemy controlled territory, from 1 August 1944 to 27 April 1945. After parachuting into Southeastern France, Sergeant Risler participated in numerous dangerous reconnaissances, the last of which resulted in surrender to the enemy, to which he unselfishly agreed in order to spare the towns-people of Centron from German reprisals. Subsequently imprisoned and subjected to numerous interrogations, Sergeant Risler refused to divulge information. His heroic conduct and unwavering devotion to duty throughout an extremely hazardous and important mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Davenport, Iowa., B..Davenport, Iowa. 404670 DGP-298-bgj No objections to Publication For Naval Security Reasons OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, U.S.NAVY Security Review Section No objections to App. SofN 3-22-45 Serial 01452 Signed <u>11-14-45</u>

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

CORPORAL PETER M. RITSEMA, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the island of Peleliu in the Palau Group on 19 Septem-With all wire teams vitally engaged in ber 1944. maintaining constant communications throughout the battalion's position during a furious assault on a strongly entrenched enemy position in the southwestern sector, Corporal Ritsema voluntarily undertook the extremely hazardous mission of repairing frequent breaks in the communication lines of a company fiercely beset by continuous, devastating barrages of enemy machine-gun and rifle fire. Pushing his way over difficult terrain in an area heavily infested with Japanese snipers, he engaged in his vital task and, working skillfully and with tenacious determination, steadfastly continued his valiant efforts until mortally wounded by a savage burst of hostile machine-gun fire. By his fearless initiative, unfailing technical ability and cool decision in the face of fanatic opposition, Corporal Ritsema contributed materially to the success of our operations against this important Japanese stronghold, and his indomitable courage throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Kalamazoo, Mich. B..Kalamazoo, Mich.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Bowers, MCR, 1-11-46 to the parents of the late Corp Ritsema, Mr. and Mrs. Clause E. Ritsema, 2122 Lakeway Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich. Inf pres. 409107 DGP-298-egc

> CincPac Appd SofN 1-1-45 Serial 11068 MAR 22 1945 Signed

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH V. D. RIVARD, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Radio Operator of a Forward Observer Party serving with the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 25 June 1944. Although wounded by a withering barrage of enemy mortar fife, Corporal Rivard courageously remained at his radio set and continued to maintain a vital communication system until our assault was completed and the hostile mortars silenced. St eadfastly refusing to be evacuated, he discharged his essential duties with outstanding technical skill until a sudden burst of Japanese fire inflicted a second critical wound which later proved fatal. Corporal Rivard's great personal valor and resolute 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--Fitchburg, Mass.

SSM, perm.clt. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 29 May 1945 by Major Thomas M. Downes, CO, MB, NYd, Boston, Mass. to Mrs. Joseph V.D.Rivard, 15 Snow St., Fitchburg, Masa, widow of the late Corp. Rivard, at informal delivery at home. 04044 DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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

> LIEUTENANT COLONEL PRESLEY M. RIXEY, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, and as Artillery Officer for the Commander of the Assault Forces, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarava, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Landing on the heavily forti-fied beachhead during the initial stages of the assault on D-Day, Lieutenant Colonel Rixoy bravely faced the enemy's concentrated, fierce barrages to direct the landing and ultimate employment of his Battalian. Working tirelessly to complete the disembarkation of guns under cover of dark-ness that night while the area was still being swept by bostile fire, he had all units under bis command randy for delivering devastating, offective fire against the Japanese the following morning and, throughout the remainder of the operation, coordinated and directed the artillery barrages which enabled encoming infantry to press forward through almost impassable defenses. By his brilliant and forceful leadership, his daring combat tactics and cool and courageous action in the face of extreme peril, Lieutenant Colonel Rixey contributed to the success of our sustained drive against a fanatic enemy in the Pacific War Area, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Alexandria, Va., B--Yokohama, Japan. For the President,

IGHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy. 01(307 DGP-298-eps FNF, Pac SFOT Seriel 43156 Signed APR 8 19/

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

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CAPTAIN PHIL E. ROACH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gellantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Landing on the beach in one of the initial assault Marws, Captain Roach braved intense mortar, artillery and machine-gun fire to lead his company in a daring frontal attack across the island and destroy numerous enemy fortifications and emplacements. Although severely wounded during This assault and unable to walk, he continued to direct the attack from his command post, refusing to be evacuated until ordered by the battalion commander to retire for treatment later that afternoon. By his staunch leadership, courage, and fighting spirit, Captain Boach served as an inspiration to the sen under his command and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Navel Service."

For the President.

IAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Fort Worth, Texas. B-- Cileste, Texas. 012505 DGP-298-egc

Special Appd Softy 3-27-45 Signed JUN 1 1 1945

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

CAPTAIN EUGENE S. ROANE, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in charge of the Air Section, Corps Artillery, Reinforced, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, which was attached to the XXIV Corps, U.S. Army, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Buri Airfield, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 7 and 8 December 1944. Gallantly assuming command of all personnel at the airfield after an attack by hostile parachute troops, Captain Reane unhesitatingly exposed himself to Japanese fire in order to coordinate and strengthen his position, personally leading a combat patrol under intense small arms fire outside the defended perimeter and effecting the destruction of four enemy troops and the recepture of a machine gun. Upon the arrival of reinforcements late on the afternoon of 7 December, Captain Roane established contact with the infantry Commander and coorperated in the defense of the airfield by holding the right flank of the friendly position with his force until the afternoon of 8 December, repulsing one hostile counterstinck and killing six of the enemy during this period. Eis daring and forceful leadership and his couragoous fighting spirit were effective measures in preventing the enemy from capturing or destroying the aircraft and related equipment on the field and reflect the highest credit upon Captain Roans and the United States Naval Service.

> For the President, JAMES FORRESTAL Secretary of the Nevy.

R--Richmond, Va.

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Cincpac Appd SofN 9-20-45 Serial 35153 Signed AUG 20 1946

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

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# CORPORAL CLAYTON ROBBINS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 23 February 1945. When his company suffered heavy casualties and corpsmen were unable to care for or evacuate the wounded under the blistering shellfire laid down by the fanatic Japanese, Corporal Robbins voluntarily risked his life in an attempt to cover the advance of the rescue party. Undaunted by the terrific barrage, he seized his light machine gun and crawled steadily forward to an elevated area for training his devastating fire upon the enemy and, remaining steadfast in his exposed position, showered the Japanese with his deadly bullets while corpsmen and stretcher bearers brought four of the men to safety. Fatally struck down by a hostile sniper's bullet shortly thereafter, Corporal Robbins, by his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and unselfish concern for others in the face of almost certain death, had contributed to the saving of many lives and upheid the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC 1tr presented to the prnts of the late Corp. Kobbins, Mr.&Mrs. Edgar Robbins at an informal ceremony at the Robbins home on 24Sep46 by the OINC, USMC JA DHRS, Nashville, Tenn.

For the President,

JAMES FURNERIAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Detroit, Michigan. B.--Livingston, Tennessee. 433097 DGP-298-Navy-RDA FMFPac SPOT Serial 48443 Signed

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

> CORPORAL FRANKLIN G. ROBBINS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 1 March 1945. On 23 February, when his platoon was under heavy fire from a cave on a ridge, Corporal Robbins worked his way to the top of the ridge until he was directly over the cave entrance and, placing a demolition charge in the mouth of the cave, destroyed the enemy and the cave. When his company was again under intense fire from a well-camouflaged pillbox on 1 March, he led a tank into position to fire upon the Japanese strong point and, although painfully wounded, contributed directly to the destruction of the pillbox. His courage and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Robbins and the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R..Connellsville, Pa.,

B..Keisterville, Pa.

433097 DGP-298-Navy-RDA CincPac SPOT Serial 2788 Signed

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

> CORPORAL FRANKLIN C. ROBBINS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Company D, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, on 1 February 1944. After valiantly leading a successful grenade and bayonet assault upon a series of connecting Japanese trenches, Corporal Robbins led and exhorted others to follow in a vigorous attack up the northern beach of Manur. When his unit was finally pinned down by hostile machine-gun fire, he stood upright with another Marine and delivered a fusillade of deadly rifle fire, killing several of the enemy and preventing the organization of a counterattack. Although severely wounded, , he stayed in the fight until fresh troops arrived to reinforce his gallant unit. His courageous fighting spirit, keen initiative and heroic devotion to duty throughout this bazardous period reflect the bighest credit upon Corporal Robbins and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Connellsville, Pa., B--Keisterville, Pa.

10HN L Southing Secretary of the Navy. 336431 DGP-298-eln Cincpac App. SofN 1-18-45 Serial 12651 Signed \_ AUG 3 1945

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

### CORPORAL MARION G. ROBBINS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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 at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 8 July 1944. Valiantly risking his life when a member of his squad was seriously wounded by hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Robbins fearlessly braved the withering barrage to proceed to the side of the helpless Marine and, after administering first aid, succeeded in evacuating him to a safe area before he himself was fatally struck down. By his fearless initiative, great personal valor and cool courage in the face of grave peril, Corporal Robbins saved the life of a man who otherwise might have perished and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

> For the President, /s/ Artemus L. Gates Secretary of the Navy. Acting

R..Pawnee, Illinois.

B..Paris, Kentucky.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Louisville, Ky, 10-4-45 to the father of the late Corp Robbins, Mr. Joseph T. Robbins. Pub cer. at Amer Legion Mem Bldg. Paris, Ky., made in presence of menbs. DLA-298-eh 402518

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLAYTON L. ROBERTS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. When his mortar section was harassed by a group of hostile snipers, Private First Class Roberts volunteered to search a dangerous area for the snipers. Wounded while clearing the area of the enemy, he refused to remain in the rear area aid station and, returning to his platoon, resumed his duties until ordered to be evacuated. His cool courage in the face of hostile opposition and his devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private First Class Roberts and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr pres'd to widow in a formal ceremony on 13 July 1951.

945365 DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac SPOT Serial 65546 Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ERMON D. HOBERTS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gellantry and intropidity while serving as a Grewman of the Ninth Amphibian Tractor Eattalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. When the enemy counterattacked and regained ground on which twelve wounded Marines were lying, Frivate First Class Roberts volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded by amphibian tractor and, crossing Japanese lines in the face of intense fire, effectively repelled immediate attacks by the enemy as he assisted in bringing the casualties aboard the tractor and returned them to our lines. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Frivate First Class Roberts and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

TORN L CHILIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Clark, Mo. B--Clark, Mo. 016404 DGP-298-sg ComSoPac. SPOT Serial 00370 Signed\_NOV 1 4 1947

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

MARINE GUNNER FREDERICE T. ROBERTS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. After engaging a large body of Japanese troops in a fire fight as a member of a patrol operating beyond our lines, Marine Gunner Roberts and his group were ordered to break off the action with the numerically superior force. Finding it impossible to signal a machine-gun crew of the intention to withdraw because of heavy jungle growth and the noise of combat, he courageously braved heavy rifle, mortar and machinegun fire to traverse the exposed beach and, although wounded by a mortar shell fragment, succeeded in readhing the gun position and informed them of the withdraval. Despite the pain from his wound, he continued to assist the patrol leader in the withdrawal until our lines were reached. His initiative and intrepid spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the Fresident,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Washington, D.C., B--Clearmont, Wyoming. 303828 DGP-298-rlb

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

> STAFF SERGEANT JAMES C. ROBERTS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, serving with Company B, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action on Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. While leading one of the squads of his platoon to assault several well-defended caves, unapproachable because of the terrific fire, Staff Sergeant Roberts rushed to the entrance of one of the caves and succeeded in neutralizing it with hand grenades. Although sustaining wounds which later proved fatal, he had enabled his squad to place several charges, destroy the position and allow the infantry to advance. His great personal bravery and courageous leadership reflect the highest credit upon Staff Sergeant Roberts and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

TAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Ocilla, Georgia B.--Irwin County, Georgia

SSMw/perm.cit.& CMC ltr. were forwarded by the CinC,USMC DHRS, Macon, Ga. on?Dec46, by registered mail to the parentsof the late StfSgt.Reberts, Mr. Mrs. John G. Roberts, Rt#2, Box#289, Ocilla, Ga. 470067 DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac SPOT Serial 0647 Signed

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Com-pany, 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 com-bat against a deeply entrenched enemy in the central sector of Betio Island, Private First Class Roberts 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, be 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 annibilated the remaining personnel. Again risking his life in a subsequent engagement, he fearlessly exposed bimself to withering bostile fire to gain an advantageous position for covering the advance of a companion to the entrance of a Japanese-beld 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 bighest credit upon bimself and the United States Neval Service."

For the President,

R--Bristol, N. H., B--New Hampton, N. H.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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#### III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

\*\*\* \*\*\* <u>MILTON J. ROBERT, JR.</u> (433842), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 20 July 1943, in aggressively crawling forward under heavy hostile fire to within twenty yards of an enemy machine-gun emplacement where he hurled hand grenades, silencing the weapon and killing two of the enemy. He eliminated one other with his automatic rifle. Home address: 713 Foucher Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

M. B. KENDRICK, Major, A. G. D., Asst. Adj. Gen. 06133 DGP-298-Navy-RDA



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

> LIEUTENANT COLONEL ELIOTT B. ROBERTSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Engineer of the Sixth Marine Division during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Okinava from 1 April to 24 May 1945. In order to permit rapid preparation of plans for the necessary engineering developments, Lieutenant Colonel Robertson voluntarily made repeated reconnaissance missions into enemy sniper-infested areas, frequently into areas infantry units bad not yet patrolled. During operations in the southern portion of the Island, he planned and supervised the erection of a Bailey bridge over the Asakawa estuary, voluntarily exposing himself to enemy sniper and artillery fire to insure the proper and rapid emplacement of this important structure. In the face of beavy enemy fire be reconnoitered the vital Asato river for possible bridge or by-pass sites and, although wounded while doing so, managed to complete his reconnaissance and outline plans for bridging the tactically important river. His outstanding skill and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Bethesda, Md., B--Bethesda, Md. ADHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy. 018522 DGP-298-fl CinCPac Appd SofN 1-10-45 Serial 52143 Signed MAY 2 1947

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 24 May 1945. Courageously leading his platoon toward the objective through a barrage of enemy fire, First Lieutenant Robertson skillfully dislodged the Japanese from a vital hill and, fighting furiously against tremendous opposition, vigorously supported the aggressive advance of his company despite casualty losses. Mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire in an attempt to evacuate his wounded men, First Lieutenant Robertson, by his valiant leadership, courage in the face of grave danger and valiant devotion to duty, served as a constant inspiration to his men 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..Oakland, California

B. .Youngstown, Ohio

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Miss Wendy Robertson, daughter of the late 1st Lt. John D. Robertson Jr. on 12July47 by CO USNAS, Alameda, Calif. informally.

ComGenFMFPac SPOT Ser 00598 Signed

296733 DGP-298-sps

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

> PLATOON SERGEANT JAMES E. ROBERTSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of the Third 155-mm. Howitzer Battalion, Third Corps Artillery, Third Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 3 October <u>1944</u>. Quickly leaving his covered position when a hospital corpsman was wounded and fell in the path of enemy sniper fire while attempting to reach a casualty in a machine gun position, Platoon Sergeant Robertson rushed to the machine gun post and assisted the Corpsman to cover within this position. Pinædd down by hostile rifle fire, he stayed with the corpsman during the remaining daylight hours and then, covering the wounded man from enemy fire with his own body, carried him to a safe position as darkness approached. His courage under fire and devotion to the welfare of others reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Robertson and the United States Naval Bervice."

For the President,

ATTACK C. SALANAS & SALAS

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Piedmont, W. Va. R - Washington, Pa.

442281 DGP-298-cbh

Cincpac Appd SofN 8-16-45 Serial-031105 Signed MIN 19 Phis

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

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CORPORAL ARMAND J. ROBIDOUX, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

# CITATION:

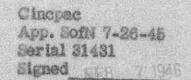
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of an Advanced Reconnaissance Team, serving with the Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 17 February 1945. Assigned the hazardous mission of obtaining information concerning landing beaches and shore installations, Corporal Robidoux unhesitatingly set about the task in the face of welleri withering barrages of hostile artillery and automatic weapons fire and, boldly carrying out the reconnaissance despite grave hazards, succeeded in gaining valuable data and information of the landing beaches which aided materially in saving the lives of other Marines during the assault landing. By his determined perseverance, cool courage and outstanding ability. Corporal Robidoux contributed immeasurably to the success of his team in the fulfillment of an important mission and his unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered to the prnts of the late Corp. Robidoux, Mr.&Mrs. For the President, Joseph F. Robidoux, on 23Jul46 at the JAMES FORRESTAL Mayor's office, Plainville, Conn., by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Hartford, Conn. Due publicity was given.

Secretary of the Navy.



R-Plainville, Conn. B-Plainville, Conn. 492589 DGP-298-bgi



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

FIELD COCE TRACY L. ROBIE, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Field Cook while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on two Jima, in the Volcano Islands, on 2 March 1945. Resolute and determined during a fierce night battle, Field Cook Robie repeatedly carried urgently needed hand grenades to front line platoons to ald in stopping an enemy counterattack. Subsequently while attempting the rescue of a Marine companion from the forward lines during a hazardous action, Field Cook Robie was mortally wounded. His daring courage and loyal devotion to duty in the face of grave danger and his selfless conduct in risking his life to save that of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

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R--Woodsville, N. H. B--

For the President.

MES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

> CORPORAL CHARLES M. ROBINSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Tank Platoon of Company A, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during the landing on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. After disembarking from an L LCM into water approximately five feet deep, Corporal Robinson unhesitatingly risked his life to make his way to a wounded Marine and, despite constant danger from heavy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, reached the man and courageously carried him to safety. Upon reaching the beach and discovering that a tank commander had become a casualty, he immediately volunteered to replace the wounded commander and continued in this capacity for the following three days of the attack, thereby rendering valuable service. His utter willingness to serve, courageous initiative and unflagging devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Robinson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IGTH I SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Montezuma, Georgia B.--Montezuma, Georgia 449937 DGP-298-tes

FMF Pac SPOT Serial 00420

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

> CORPORAL EDWARD R. ROBINSON 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. Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 5 August 1944. When his assault platoon was pinned down by Intense fire from an enemy machine-gun position, Corporal Robinson voluntarily assaulted the hostile empladement with an automatic rifle, singlehandedly annihilating the entire gun crew of six. His courageous initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Maval Service."

For the President,

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Secretary of the Navy.

R-Richmond, Ind. B-Richmond, Ind. 322787 DGP-298-hgs



App. SofN 7-7-43. Signed\_\_\_\_\_. AUG 30 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACK C. ROBINSON, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division against enemy Japanese forces in the Matanikau River Area on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 23, 1942. During a night attack, when major wire lines had been destroyed by hostile artillery fire, Private First Glass Robinson risked his life, in the continued heavy firing, to repair the damaged wire. Carrying out his mission with resourcefulness and skill, he succeeded in reestablishing invaluable communications, but was mortally wounded by shell fragments during the operation. By his dauntless courage and cool determination, Private First Class Robinson contributed materially to a vital defensive action of our forces on that occasion. His unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R-Blue Ridge, Georgia. B-Blue Ridge, Georgia. 9-22-1922 08493 DGP-298-eln

> ComSevFlt Spot Award Serial 0855 Signed 1944

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

CAPTAIN JAMES M. ROBINSON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Tapanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, during the period from December 27, 1943, to January 3, 1944. During eight days and nights of continuous fighting in dense jungle and broken terrain, Captain Robinson commanded his company with such splendid efficiency and inspiring courage that every attack was repulsed with severe losses to the enemy. On numerous occasions, he reorganized his positions under intense hostile fire and personally led daring counterattacks which were in a large measure responsible for the success of these important operations. Captain Robinson's superb leadership and unflinching 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 - Honolulu, Hawaii. B - Santa Ana, Calif. 08493 DGP-298-rkz

FMF SPOT Serial 7786 <u>Signed Aug 18 19</u>47

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

CAPTAIN JAMES M. ROBINSON, 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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 18 to 20 September 1944. Leading his company against strongly-held and well fortified Japanese caves and emplacements while under heavy machinegun, rifle and mortar fire and handicapped by intense heat and precipitous and broken terrain, Captain Robison, maintaining effective control of his command, enabled his men to inflict heavy losses on the enemy and to gain six hundred yards of vital ground and secure a commanding ridge. Again on 3 October, he led his company up a steep ridge which had previously resisted all attacks and advanced his men along the summit while constantly exposed to enemy fire. When a platoon, ex-tending to occupy the last sector of the ridge, was cut off and pinned down, Captain Robinson braved withering fire to cross a dangerously exposed ledge where several Marines had just been killed or wounded and despite wounds sustained during the advance, remained with his company and continued to supervise their efforts until the ridge had been completely occupied. His inspiring leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and sound tactical knowledge were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, /s/ James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Honolulu, Oahu, T.H. B--Santa Ana, Calif. 877772 DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac SPOT Serial 45500 Signed

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN K. ROBINSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

# CITATION:

"For conspicuous saliantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Tank Liaison Team of Company A, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Voluntarily leaving his shelter and proceeding across the open beach in the face of intense enemy small-arms, mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Robinson personally led the tanks across the beach, through and around numerous mines and up the terraces to the infantry lines. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

## For the President,

STHRE L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cadillac, Michigan B--Cadillac, Michigan 349198 DGP-298-mft

Spot Award. Serial 0478 Signed 11 17 1943

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

PRIVATE JOHN N. ROBINSON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- West Lafeyette, Indiana

B- Brookston, Indiana

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00420-45 Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD M. ROBISON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner of Company L, Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Advancing with the assault elements of his platoon under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire on D-Day, Private First Class Robison discovered an enemy-held cave containing a fieldpiece with a crew of one officer and four men engaged in delivering enfilading fire on the amphibious vehicles approaching from the left of the beachhead. Braving the rifle fire from the position, he entered the cave alone and annihilated two of the enemy with rifle fire before sustaining grenade wounds himself. His indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R..Frankfort, Ind.

B..Frankfort, Ind.

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WAYNE B. ROBISON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 November 1943. Determined and courageous throughout the fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Robinson fearlessly braved the enemy's shattering machine-gun and sniper fire to carry vitally needed supplies to flame throwers operating in the front lines, thereby enabling his platoon to continue its successful attacks against the Japanese during the initial stages of the furious battle. Fighting boldly throughout a three-day period of bitter offensive action, he repeatedly exposed himself to intense hostile shellfire to provide close-in cover and assist assaulting flame throwers moving into position for sustained operations against a fanatic enemy. By his daring initiative, his dauntless perseverance and outstanding devotion to duty throughout, Private First Class Robinson contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

. For the President,

R--Oakley, Calif. B--Algona, Iowa.

IOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

801973 DGP-298-bgj CG,FMF,Pac App.SofN 4-19-45 Serial 13002 Signed Dec 11, 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PHILLIP E. ROBITAILLE, 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 Salpan, Marianas Islands, on 19 June 1944. Volunteering as member of a demolition party assigned to destroy a heavily fortified hostile pillbox retarding the advance of his unit, Private First Class Robitaille fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy's withering barrage in an effort to draw all fire action, valiantly continued to engage the enemy in combat while his comrades closed in and wiped out the hostile emplacement. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and extremely heroic conduct, Frivate First Class Robitaille contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold, and his self-sacrificing 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 FORPESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Hartford, Conn. B- "

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

MAJOR MARTIN F. ROCKMORE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Operations Officer of the First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure and occupation of Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, December 28 and 28, 1948. When an assault company was planed down by concentrated hostile machine-gun fire from entrenched pillbozes, Major Rockmore courageously advanced with three tanks and, assisted by infantrymen, completely overcame Japanese resistance. Fearlessly leading his infantrymen and two tanks to the front when the company's advance was again retarded by bitter hostils opposition, he daringly pressed forward under intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, charged the Japanese positions, and completely destroyed all troops in that area. Major Rockmore's brilliant leadership, aggressive fighting spirit and inspiring devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R - Brooklyn, New York. B - Brooklyn, New York. For the President, RALPH A. BARD

Secretary of the Navy. Acting RODDA, Perm cit SS Medal sent to (wife) Mrs Edward L. Rodda R.Rl#1-Box88, Dawson, New Mexico



Approved SofN 5-26-44 Serial 2542 Signed 7/29/99

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

CORPORAL EDWARD L. RODDA, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Twenty Courth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on February 1, 1944. Landing with an isolated boat group and pushing toward the initial landing team objective, Corporal Rodda courageously carried out alert and aggressive reconnaissance missions, making timely discoveries of Japanese positions and forcing the enemy to retreat in the face of his prompt, accurate fire. Upon reorganization of his group on the battalion objective, he unhesitatingly made his way forward in an attempt to assist two wounded Marines to the rear of the front lines and, after dragging one of them a short distance back, was returning to aid the other when he was instantly killed by a Japanese sniper. Corporal Rodda's great personal valor and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of the helpless men were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

Released

For the President, JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Lubbock, Texas. B - Raton, New Mexico. 425 407 DGP-298-1fc

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

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GENE RODENBUSE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader of a Light Machine-Gun Squad serving with the Second Bottation, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. Although himself greatly weakened by loss of blood from serious wounds and with his entire squad incapacitated under the fury of an enemy counterattack, Private First Class. Rodenbush maintained his station steadfastly until he had exhausted his supply of ammunition, and then he continued to assist in the requise of the enemy by throwing several hand grenades. By his unwavering devotion to duty and his heroic fighting spirit, Private First Class Rodenbush, singlehandedly, destroyed nineteen of the Japanese troops. His gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

SS, perm cit, itr fr CMC pres by ExOfficithe Fielders, Mo., 1-7-56, to t father of the late PFC Rodenbush, Mr. Harry S. Rodenbush, 208 So. Jackson St., Benton, JAMES FORRESTAL Inf pres.

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Christopher, Ill. B-West Frankfort, Ill. 354728 DGP-298-ec FMF Pac SPOT Serial 00396

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

> CORPORAL JAMES J. RODERICK, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

OITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Fire Team of Com-pany K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 and 16 September 1944. Prepared for any sudden enemy move after counterattacking Japanese had moved into a defiladed area approximately thirty yards from our lines on the night of 15 September, Corporal Roderick instantly went into action when the enemy opened fire with small mortars at dawn, and, boldly stood in the front lines on a rock which afforded superior visibility and threw hand grenades into the defiladed area. Staunchly waging his fierce grenade assault in full view of the enemy, he steadfastly refused evacuation when wounded by an enemy grenade and continued to hurl his deadly weapons with aggressive determination, thereby contributing directly to the destruction of the enemy in the defilade before he was ordered to be evacuated in the early morning. His ready initiative, unfaltering courage and devotion to duty under enemy fire reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Roderick and the United States Navel Service."

### For the President,

JUHN L SULLIVAR

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cambridge, Mass. B--Cambridge, Mass.



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> Spot Award. Serial 99485 1943 Signed SEP 6 1943

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. RODGERS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, during the period September to Decem-ber, 1942. On the night of October 24, despite continuous and dangerous assaults by a numerically superior Japanese force which was attempting to destroy the Lunga defense lines, Captain Rodgers daringly commanded his men in devastating counterattacks and, by his great personal valor and disregard for his own safety, contributed to the rout and virtual annihilation of an entire Japanese regiment. Throughout the entire period that his company was in direct combat with the enemy, Captain Rodgers' indomitable fighting spirit and grim determination served as an inspiration to the men under his command and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

B - Monessen, Pennsylvania

480785 DGP-298-hmg Cincpac Appd SofN 1-1 -46 Serial 36950 Signed MAY 23 1947

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

SERGEANT SANTOS D. RODRIQUEZ, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 May 1945. Quick to act when his platoon was pinned down by an overwhelming volume of hostile mortar and machine-qun fire, Sergeant Rodriquez voluntarily reconnoitered the fire-swept area to locate strategic gun positions from which effective return fire could be brought to bear on the besieging enemy guns. Finding no cover for the crews and very little concealment for the weapons in available positions, he determined to establish counter-fire despite the difficulties and hazards involved and ordered the guns to be brought forward and set up. Maintaining close control of the unit as the battle raged, he unhesitatingly defied the increasing fury of Japanese gunfire when two of the gunners sustained serious wounds, dashing forward and pulling the dazed men out of the hostile lane of fire to a covered position, then returning to man a machine gun himself. Aggressive and indomitable, he directed a steady stream of deadly fire on the enemy positions until he had effected their complete destruction. By his fearless initiative, cool decision and dauntless fighting spirit, Sergeant Rodriquez contributed materially to the effectiveness of his battalion's operations against this vital outpost of the Japanese Empire and his unfaltering leadership in the face of tremendous odds upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

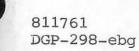
R...Sterling, Illinois.

JAMES FORRESTAL

B. .Forney, Texas.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Higinio Rodriquez, parents of the late Sgt. Santos D. Rodriquez on 15 Sept. 47 by the OinC USMCDHRS, Chicago, Ill. at their home. Newspaper publicity was given.



ComGenFMFPac Ser 6881 Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARLAN G. ROE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 23 September 1944. As a member of a party clearing ravines and ridges of snipers hidden in caves, Private First Class Roe courageously assisted in removing four wounded comrades from the mouth of a cave which was receiving heavy enemy cross-fire from concealed installations. While acting as a guide for an Army antisniper patrol on 24 September, he boldly exposed himself to enemy fire to go to the aid of three men who were hit and while acting as a stretcher-bearer in evacuating one of the casualties, he was wounded by a hostile sniper. By his bravery, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty throughout, Private First Class Roe upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R..Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

B. Akron, Ohio

460813 DGP-298-ec FMF Pac SPOT Serial 00436

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN F. ROE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallentry and intrepidity while serving with the Intelligence Section of the Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 28 and 29 September 1944. 01. serving the enemy attempting to make a landing on the flank of one of our companies, Private First Class Poe immediately braved the intense small-arms, rachine-gun and mortar fire to swim from his forward observation post to amphibian tractors approximately one hundred yards offshore. Directing the vehicle's fire against the enemy after his arrival, he contributed materially to the success with which the attack was broken up. Working his way to the side of a wounded com-rade the following day, he succeeded in carrying him to safety under heavy Japanese machine-gun fire. His outstanding courage, devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Evenston, Ill. E--Oshkosh, Wisconsin 512991 DDGP 298 navy rmb

FMFPac Spot Ser. 44534 Signed

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

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SERGEANT ROBERT E. ROEDER, 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-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Two Jims, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. When his Platoon Leader became a casualty, Sergeant Roeder assumed command and led his men in an attack against strong enemy machine-gun emplacements, personally killing several of the enemy in the ensuing hand-to-hand combat. Although painfully wounded, he remained with his platoon throughout the operation. His leadership and courageous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Maval Service."

#### For the President,

R. Emmaus, Pa. B. Lyons, Station, Pa. Secretary of the Navy.



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

CAPTAIN PHILIP C. ROETTINGER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:



"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Executive Officer of the Weapons Company, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in the landing on the beach at Cape Torokina, Bougainville, Island, on November 1, 1943. In the face of intense enemy opposition, Captain Roettinger led his boat team in a daring charge through the hostile defenses to a position in the rear and started a reconnaissance to establish contact with other units. Discovering that the left and center companies of the battalion were widely separated and that three heavily defended Japanese bunkers between them were delivering flanking machine-gun and grenade fire on the disorganized center company, he courageously approached the bunkers close enough to study them and arrive at a plan for their destruction, then returned to his boat teams, organized them into fire units and conducted them to strategic positions from which to attack the bunkers. Constantly in the line of hostile fire, he coolly walked about among his men, directing their efforts and coordinating the attacks until grenadiers and submachine gunners were enabled to rush in and kill the enemy in the bunkers, thereby eliminating the flanking fire which seriously endangered the center company and threatened to prevent the junction of the left company with the remainder of the battalion. Captain Roettinger's inspiring leadership and expert tactical skill throughout this vital engagement were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal Secretary of the Navy

R-Wyoming, Ohio B-Cincinnati, Ohio

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EVERETT J. ROGERS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Indianapolis, Indiana.

B..East Peoria, Illinois.



## ENCLOSURE (A)

## HEADQUARTERS WESTERN TASK FORCE A.P.O. # 758

30 December, 1942.

GENERAL ORDER ) NUMBER 28 )

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR - Announcement of the award of the Silver Star for gallantry in action to Major W. F. ROGERS, (SN Unknown), United States Marine Corps. Medal No. 20572.

Major Francis M. ROGERS, (SN Unknown), United States Marine Corps, at that time attached to the staff of Admiral H. K. HEWITT, United States Navy, displayed outstanding gallantry in action when, on the afternoon of November 8, 1942, he drove a commandeered automobile for the Chief of Staff, Western Task Force, from Fedala through the enemy lines to Headquarters French Military District in Casablanca, thence to Headquarters French Naval District, thence returning to Red Beach 2, at Fedala. Although fired upon several times by small arms fire and in spite of the fact that the French Naval-Military District at the time of the visit to Headquarters, that District was under severe bombardment from American bombers, Major Rogers drove boldly forward with utter disregard to his own safety. His calmness, courage and boldness contributed materially to the successful completion of the trip.

By Command of Major General PATTON:

HOBART R. GAY, Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ W. G. Caldwell W. G. CALDWELL, LtCol, A.G.D., Actg Adjutant General

ENCLOSURE (A) TO SFFWIF 1tr. P15, (205), dated 2 JAN 1943

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

CORPORAL JOHN D. ROGERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

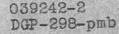
#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. Heedless of his own wounds, Croporal Rogers calmly and efficiently reorganized his casualty-depleted squad and, rallying his shaken men to greater efforts, valiantly led his unit through the shattering hostile fire to drive the fiercely fighting Japanese from their strategic hill positions. Tenaciously holding his ground in the face of determined enemy counterattacks, he skillfully directed his men in repulsing the desperate onslaughts, permitting his evacuation only after the lines had been stabilized for the night. By his aggressive leadership, inspiring example and indomitable fighting spirit, Corporal Rogers contributed materially to the success of the mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President JAMES FORRESTAL Secretary of the Navy

R...Salem, Oregon.

B..Los Angeles, Calif.



FMFEac. SPOT Ser. 79496

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

> SECOND LIEUTENANT LOUIS D. ROGERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer of Battery E. Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 June 1945. Armed with a sub-machine gun, Second Lieutenant Rogers made his way alone through heavy hostile fire to the pinnacle of a strongly-defended enemy ridge needed for an observation post and killed three of the Japanese in clearing the position. From this point of observation, despite heavy hostile sniper and machine-gun fire, he directed supporting fires until the mission of his Battalion was completed. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

HOMM L. SULLIVAN

R--Bourg, La., B--Bourg, La.

Secretary of the Navy.

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FMFPac SPOT Serial 79496

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

> CORPORAL PAUL H. ROGERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

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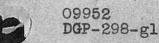
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Crewman of Company A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 16 June <u>1945</u>. From a position well forward of friendly lines, Corporal Rogers voluntarily rode on the back of his tank through intense enemy mortar and small-arms fire in order to protect two wounded Marines who were being evacuated, using his own body to shield them while administering first aid and covering them by fire from his weapon until the safety of an aid station was reached. By his courageous devotion to duty and spirit of self-sacrifice, Corporal Rogers was instrumental in saving the wounded men's lives, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

TOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Coolidge, Ariz. B--Ada, Okla.



FMFPac SPOT Serial 12879 Signed NOV 14 1947

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

> CAPTAIN/ ROBERT H. ROGERS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

\*For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 8 July 1944. After his company had been considerably disorganized on land-ing, Captain Rogers succeeded in reorganizing it despite intense mortar and artillery fire and, skillfully executing a ninety-degree change in direction. pressed the attack parallel to the beach. Although his company's supporting tanks were forced to withdraw by the heavy concentration of hostile artillery fire after his unit had reached an isolated position. he valiantly held this ground during the night and renewed the attack the following morning to the initial objective. Captain Rogers' inspiring leader-ship, tactical judgment and zealous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Geneva, New York, B--Geneva, New York. 351964 DGP-298-rf

> Spot Award Serial 891 Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VIRGIL R. ROGERS, USMC., for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. Isolated from his company during a night attack and trapped on three sides by Japanese counterattacking forces, Private First Class Rogers, against great odds, remained at his post and personally destroyed three of the enemy before he was wounded. Despite the seriousness of his injuries, he pleaded with his superiors to be allowed to continue in action, thereby contributing materially to the ultimate defeat of the enemy counterattack. His valiant courage and outstanding devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

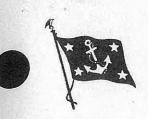
For the President,

TANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hemple, Missouri

B - Plattsburg, Missouri 5-5-1917



# THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEON E. ROGGI UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Platoon Scout of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division Marianas Islands on 21 July 1944. Courageous in the face of heavy machine-gun and mortar fire during his Company's advance in this area, Private First Class Roggi was the first to reach the high ground along the objective ridge where he captured a hostile machine-gun and killed two of the enemy who had been directing the fire. Although wounded during this action, he steadfastly remained in his precarious position to employ the captured gun against retreating Japanese forces, holding his ground until an additional wound neccessitated his evacuation. By his bold courage, boundless initiative, and selfless devotion to duty, Private First Class Roggi reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEON E, ROGGI, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

GITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Scout of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guas, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Coursgeous in the face of heavy machine-gun and Mortar fire during his company's advance in this area, Private First Class Roggi was the first to reach the high ground along the objective ridge where he captured a hostile machine gun and killed two of the enemy who had been directing the fire. Although wounded during this action, he steadfastly remained in his precarious position to employ the captured gun against retreating Japanese forces, holding his ground until an additional wound neccessitated his evacuation. By his boldness, initiative and devotion to duty, Private First Class Roggi upheld the highest traditions of the United States Navel Service."

For the President,

ICHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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B---Italy

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

# CAPTAIN RICHARD E. ROHRER, 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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. During an assault on a strongly-held enemy ridge, Captain Rohrer assumed personal leadership of a small patrol to spearhead the assault of his company. After a hostile counterattack stopped the company short of its objective and caused heavy casualties and disorganization, he took control of an assault element, reorganized his forces and, in the face of heavy hostile mortar and small-arms fire, led his company in seizing its objective. By his outstanding courage and determination under fire, Captain Rohrer contributed materially to his company's success and enabled other units in the regimental zone of action to advance. His unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ John L. Sullivan Secretary of the Navy.

R-Strasburg, Pa. B-Lancaster, Pa.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND J. ROMANCIK, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during the invasion of Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. When his platoon, surrounded by the enemy, lost all contact with friendly troops, Private First Class Romancik courageously volunteered to investigate beyond the flanks of his unit in a daring attempt to locate other groups of Marines. Skillfully moving across an open area swept by hostile fire, he eventually contacted another company of his battalion and informed them of the need of his beleaquered platoon for reinforcements, ammunition and medical supplies, which were immediately dispatched. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he was making his way back through enemy lines to join his comrades when killed by Japanese machine-gun fire. Private First Class Romancik's extreme valor 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..Cleveland, Ohio. B..Cleveland, Ohio.



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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN F. ROLLERI, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for pervice as set forth in the following

GITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Crewman while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 1 April 1945. When his platoon was subjected to a fierce and desperate enemy attack, Private First Class Rolleri, boldly moved his machine gun to an embankment where he steadfastly maintained an accurate and steady stream of fire to account for nineteen of the enemy, thereby contributing materially in repelling the enemy attack before being mortally wounded by rifle fire. His splendid initiative, cool courage and resolute 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, IAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Newark, New Jersey B.--Newark, New Jersey



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

SERGEANT PHILIP ROMERO, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Leader of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When his unit's advance was held up by heavy fire from a hidden enemy emplacement, Sergeant Romero courageously searched for and discovered the emplacement and, after an unsuccessful attempt by his platoon to destroy the hostile position with bazookas and machine guns, advanced alone in the face of heavy enemy fire. Delivering accurate fire as he moved forward, he succeeded in destroying the emplacement and all personnel protecting it, thereby permitting the advance of his unit. By his initiative, able leadership and fortitude, Sergeant Romero upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..New Iberia, Louisiana.

B..New Iberia, Louisiana.



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

> FIRET LIEUTENANT ROBERT ROMO, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, First Battallon, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 May 1945. Making a valiant effort to establish contact with the unit on his right, First Lieutenant Romo resolutely disregarded all personal danger as he advanced through intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire in search of the liank unit. Concerned with the importance of establishing immediate contact, he unhesitatingly continued forward without protection through the extremely bazardous terrain under heavy bostils fire until mortally wounded. By his heroism and initiative he inspired the men under his command to continue the advance and his courageous actions were in seeping with the highest truditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

#### For the President,

TAMES FORRESTAL

R--Redlands, California. B--Redlands, California.



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

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SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES P. RONAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader, attached to Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 February 1945. Determined to wipe out a pocket of enemy resistance which had established positions on the beach behind Marine front lines. Second Lieutenant Ronan boldly advanced ahead of his platoon into the hostile territory, deliberately risking his own life in order to make a thorough reconnaissance before ordering his men to advance. Again acting as scout for his unit during advance operations, he was moving parallel to friendly lines across open beach when he suddenly observed a brush-covered Japanese ambush lying in wait for his advancing platoon. Launching a singlehanded attack upon the hidden enemy, Second Lieutenant Ronan took them by surprise from the rear, throwing the hostile enemy into confusion and thereby enabling his platoon to attack and destroy the ambush with comparative ease. A resolute and courageous leader, Second Lieutenant Ronan by his keen foresight and cool daring, succeeded in completing his perilous mission without loss of a single man and his heroic example throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

John L. Sullivan

(Acting) Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Chicago, Illinois B.--St Charles, Illinois 042033 DGP-298-ebg FMFPac Spot Ser. 56880 Signed

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

> SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES A. RONAYNE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

OITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 March 1945. Leading his platoon, composed mainly of replacements, in an attack against a strongly fortified pocket of hostile resistance which had caused considerable trouble to units previously occupying that sector, Second Lieutenant Ronayne led his unit to within ten or fifteen yards of the main trench system when the enemy unexpectedly began throwing hand grenades into the lines, causing disorganization of the assault squade. spite the personal danger involved, he advanced beyond his front lines, climbed the parapet of the trench, ignited and threw into the emplacement a large demolition charge and took cover until it exploded. By his heroic action, he encouraged his plateon, immediately upon the detenation of the charge, to assault and capture the position, destroying approximately thirty of the enemy. His initiative, coolness under fire and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Milton, Mass. B-Boston, Mass. 397592 DGP-298-ec FMF Pac SPOT Serial 8062

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CYRIL F. RONKOWSKI, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallentry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Squad Leader of a Rifle Squad of Company X, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, 3 July 1944. When his company was pinned down by enemy troops entrenched in a well-organized series of caves, Private First Class Ronkowski led a group of previously untried replacements and, exposing himself to extremely heavy rifle and machinegun fire at close range in order to find cover and determine fields of fire, deployed his men and enabled a demolition team to blow up caves inaccessible to small-arms fire. Continuing the assaults against a seemingly endless number of caves for a period of five hours, he led his unit in outmaneuvering the enemy until wounded and evacuated from the area. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

THE L SHILLEAD

Secretary of the Navy.

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

## HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA APO 958

#### 22 Debruary 1944

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No.

## AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the Fresident, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. No. 43, ND. 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 5, AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Central Facific Area, to the following named officer:

Meutemant Colonel JAMES R. ROOSEVELF, United States Marine Corps, For gallantry in action at Makin Atoll, Gilbert Islands, 20 to 23 Movember 1943. Attached as an observer to the units of the 27th Infantry Division which effected the landing on MakinAtoll, Eleutemant Colonel Roosevelt voluntarily sought out the scenes of the heaviest fighting. Throughout the three day period, he continually accompanied the leading elements of the assault, exposing himself to constant danger. His calances under fire and presence among the foremost elements of the attacking force was a source of inspiration to all ranks. (AG 200.6)

By command of Lieutenant General Richardson:

H. B. HOIMES, Jr., Brigadier General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

C. N. THOMBEON, Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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# AWARDED SILVER STAR (ARMY)

(Information received from Army Public Relations 4-21-44)

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES ROOSEVELT, USMC.

Awarded Silver Star for gallantry in action in the 27th Infantry Division's capture of Makin atoll during November 20 to 23, 1.43. The citation read as follows:

"Attached as an observer to units of the 27th Infantry Division which effected a landing on Makin atoll, Roosevelt voluntarily sought out the scenes of heaciest fighting. Throughout the three-day period he continually accompanied the leading elements of the assault, exposing himself to constant danger. His calmness under fire and presence among the foremost elements of the attacking force was a source of inspiration to all ranks."

(Citation taken from News Paper clipping)

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22 February 1944

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Received MAY. 30, 1944

Bd. of Decorations and Medals,

By command of Lieutenant General Richardson:

H. B. HOIMES, Jr., Brigedier General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

O. N. THOMBBON, Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. ROQUES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

ineerial flight "For conspicuous gal antry and intrepidity/as Filot of a Fighter Flane and Division Leader temporarily attached to Air Group EIGHTY-TWO on board the U.S.S. BENNINGTON, in action against Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Kure Naval Base, Southwest Honshu, Japan, on 19 March 1945. Intercepted by a vastly outnumbering force of hostile aircraft while enroute to carry out a strike against Japanese fleet units, Captain Roques immediately led his division in furious counterattack despite the tremendous odds and, pressing home a vigorous attack in the face of terrific antiaircraft fire, personally destroyed one enemy plane and contributed materially to the success of his squadron in the destruction of nine Japanese aircraft and the damaging of seven others. Boldly continuing the flerce engagement, he repeatedly struck with determined aggressiveness as he fought off hostile airforces intent upon destroying the damaged planes of his squadron teammates and alded in the safe return to base of all but two of the original strike group By his brilliant leadership, daring combat tactics and great personal valor, Captain Roques upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

> For the Fresident, JAMES FORRESTAL

> > Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eureka, Missouri E--Valley Park, Missouri 09968 AW-298-wlb

> Spot Award, 1943. Serial 197 Signed APR 141943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DONALD V. ROSE, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of Marine Scout-Bombing Squadron Two Thirty-Two in action against enemy Japanese surface forces off Ramos Island in the Solomon Islands on August 28, 1942. In the face of heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Second Lieutenant Rose and his squadron boldly attacked four enemy destroyers, sinking three. His cool courage and expert airmanship contributed in large part to the success of their mission."

For the President,

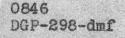
Secretary of the Navy.

FRANK KNOX

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A - Whalan, Minnesota.

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App SofN 1-7-44 Signed FEB 194946

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD E. ROSECRANS, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, Reinforced, during the assault on Tulagi Island, British Solomon Islands, August 7-9, 1942. When fierce resistance from this Japanese stronghold necessitated the reinforcement of the First Marine Raider Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Rosecrans skillfully and fearlessly placed units of his command into combat in support of the forward elements of that battalion and thereby contributed materially to the annihilation of the entire hostile garrison. His daring and brilliant handling of this operation in support of the assault of the First Marine Raider Battalion on Tulagi and his courageous conduct throughout the action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

FRANK KNUL

Secretary of the Navy.

B--Cohoes, New York R--Cohoes, New York 850170 DGP-298-g1 ComGenFMF SPOT Serial 8405 Signed <u>NOV 14</u>1947

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES L. ROSENMILLER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Fire Team Leader in a platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu and Ngesebus, Palau Islands, 29 September 1944. Advancing forward of the lines in the face of almost certain death from a withering barrage of Jap-anese artillery fire, Private First Class Rosenmiller unhesitatingly went to the rescue of a comrade who had fallen critically wounded during a fierce attempt to destroy an enemy fieldpiece and, despite the grave hazards, brought the wounded man to a place of safety. When the advance of his platoon was halted by deadly hostile automatic and sniper fire from a well-covered cave during an attack on one of the low ridges on Ngesebus later the same day, he boldly crept over precipitous terrain and, reaching an advantageous position, completely routed and destroyed the concealed enemy. By his daring initiative and relentless fight-ing spirit, Private First Class Rosenmiller contributed essentially to the success of his unit in securing that section of the island and his great personal valor in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

IOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Morris, Illinois, B--Mc Leansboro, Ill. 850270 DGP 298 Navy rmh CincPac Spot Ser. 11172 Signed JAN 26 1948

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

PRIVATE RAYMOND A. ROSING, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company H, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigace, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 February 1944. Volunteering to recover an important heavy machine gun when the crew was killed by hostile gunfire, Private Rosing moved forward with a comrade to the isolated and fire-swept terrain and, placing the gun in a more favorable position, laid down a devastating barrage against the enemy. By his courageous action, initiative and zealous devotion to duty, Private Rosing contributed materially to the success of the operation against the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R..Ingleside, Ill.

B..Ingleside, Ill.

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> App. Soft 3-34-44 Serial 919 (Circpar) Signed JUN 16 1944

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

FIRST LIBUTENANT ARUSTEAD E. ROSS, USHCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in sotion as leader of a rifle platoon attached to the First. Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during the sttack against enemy Jepanese forces on Terawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Ordered to reinforce a flank of the line, First Lieutenant Poss daringly led his men through rifle and machine-gun fire until the advance in his sector was held up by intense opposition from a Japanese blockhouse which maulted in numerous obsualties to our forces. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he gathered up demolitions and single-handedly attacked the enery position, sustaining fatal wounds during the action. First Lieutenent Ross's great personal valor and spirit of selfsecrifice 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 - Sheffield, Ala. B - Cherokse, Ala. 386521 DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award Serial 1083 Signed OCT 1 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BARNEY D. ROSS, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R. Chicago, Illinois.

B..New York, New York.

\$43025 DGP-298-egc

> Spot Award Serial 071AUG 5 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD J. ROSS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, on December 26 and 28, 1943. One of six men to follow a tank in an assault against an entrenched enemy pillbox, Private First Class Ross, courageously braving a constant hail of intense hostile fire, crawled to the entrance of the emplacement on three separate occasions and threw in hand grenades, thereby completely neutralizing the Japanese position and clearing the way for the further advance of our forces. Gallantly risking his life again on December 28, he effectively covered a patrol with an automatic rifle and through his expert marksmanship killed several of the enemy. Private First Class Ross's valiant fighting spirit, great personal bravery and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of grave peril contributed to the saving of many lives and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

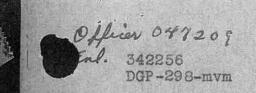
For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R--Albany, New York, B--Albany, New York.

Secretary of the Navy.





FMFPac SPOT Serial 44534 Signed

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

> GUNNERY SERGEANT HAROLD E. ROSS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Acting Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When his platoon was ordered to move into an area that had not been occupied before in order to fill a gap in the friendly lines between his own battalion and an adjoining Marine division, Gunnery Sergeant Ross voluntarily led a reconnaissance patrol deep into the enemy-infested territory where he investigated a number of hostile positions and gained much valuable information. Despite accurate hostile small-arms and mortar fire, he continued on his mission until he had picked a covered route safe from enemy observation, after which he returned and ably guided his platoon over the selected route without casualties, despite falling darkness and heavy enemy mortar fire in the area. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

ANDR L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eureka, Calif. B--Hickman Co., Ky. 03496 DGP-298-Navy-RDA FMFPac SFOT Serial 19670 Signed

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

> CAPEAIN JOHN F. ROSS, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITA TION:

"For conspicuous gallentry and intropidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battelion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action sgainst energy Japanese forces on Finian, Marianas Islands, from 24 July to 1 August 1944. Landing on D-Day with his company in the first wave of infantry, Captain Ross coursgeously led his mon through intense hostile rifle and machine-gun fire which younded the Company Executive Officer and inflicted other casualties. When the entire group was pinned down under a lodge overhanging the beach, he fearlessly exposed himself to the accurate enery fire to urge his men forward. Effecting a rapid reorganization, after advancing several hundred yards, he made possible the landing of his battalion and the subsequent establishment of a strong regimental beachhead. By his personal bravery, determinetion and aggressive leadership, Captain Ross up-held the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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

MAJOR OWEN C. ROSS, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as pilot of a Naval transport plane attached to Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-FIVE, operating in the Solomon Islands Area on September 14-15, 1942. Arriving at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, late in the afternoon with a cargo of emergency supplies, Major Ross remained at his post, supervising the loading of the wounded during a bombing and strafing attack by Japanese dive bombers and fighters. Later, although his plane had no defensive armament and enemy combatant aircraft were known to be in the vicinity, he skillfully took his over-loaded plane off the field in the darkness and evacuated fourteen wounded to safety. His superb airmanship and fearless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ Frank Knox Secretary of the Navy

R-Los Angeles, California B-Maryville, Missouri

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ROSSELL, Frank G., Jr., Pl.Sgt.

242203

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

Previous Awards: None



Bern: St. Louis, Missouri 12-17-13 Current Enl. St. Louis, Missouri 10-2-39 Legal Residence: 8334 Halls Ferry Rd., St. Louis, Missouri. Next of kin: Nother - Mrs. C. Rossell 8334 Halls Ferry Road St. Louis, Missouri. 035304 DGP-298-Hg

Cincpac Appd Sofix 9-27-45 Serial - 35773 Signed JUL 2 4 1946

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

> SECOND LIEUTENANT LENTIER D. ROSSO, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

# CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to Company A, Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on two Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. Bold and aggressive in combat, Second Lieutenant Rosso repeatedly led units in assaults on flercely defended enemy emplacements around the third airfield, moving from man to man to point out enemy positions and pillboxes and directing the tanks attached to his unit in effectively neutralizing the hostile strongholds. Losing his life in this hazardous undertaking, Second Lieutenant Posso, by his brilliant tactical skill and indomitable fighting spirit, had contributed materially to the success of the operation, upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

# Acting Secretary of the Navy

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FMFPac SPOT Serial 41635

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

> LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD ROTHWELL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as Commanding Officer of a Landing Team of the Second Battalion, Twentyfourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. With only two waves dispatched to the beach on 19 February, Lieutenant Colonel Rothwell received orders to pass his landing team through an assault unit that had received heavy casualties, thereby insuring contact with elements on the flanks in order to establish firmly the initial beachhead for the night. Landing at 1630 in the face of intense hostile fire, he organized his team and issued the necessary orders for the relief of the badly depleted assault landing team by 1830, with a minimum of casualties to his own unit. Expeditiously effecting the relief, he aided in the capture of the airfield the following day and, throughout the following days of the operation, directed his landing team in the ultimate capture of Hill 382, although the team was seriously depleted by many casualties. In addition, he visited observation posts which were known to be registration points for enemy mortars and artillery and was under fire in the front lines on numerous occasions. His professional ability, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

R - Washington, D. C. B - Washington, D. C. For the President,

JOHN L SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.



365661 DGP-298-dmf

> Spot Award Serial 002172 Signed MAR 9 1944

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

CORPORAL RUDOLPH ROTT, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION: OF

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as member of a reconnaissance patrol landed by submarine. on/enemy-held Shortland Island, Solomon Islands, August 23, 1943. Voluntarily and with utter disregard of personal safety, Corporal Rott embarked upon an extremely dangerous mission into Japanese-occupied territory for the purpose of securing vital information with regard to terrain, hydrographic conditions. and strength and disposition of hostile forces. Un-deterred by the isolation of his position and by the full knowledge that no assistance could be expected from outside sources, he nevertheless remained on the island for three days, successfully carrying out an important assignment under hazardous conditions where discovery by Japanese troops would undoubtedly have resulted in his capture or death. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the Fresident,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Wonewoe, Wisc.
E - Wonewoc, Wisc.

ROTTER, Edwin J. Field Cook 298711

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

Previous Awards - None.

Born: 9-7-17 - Chicago, Illinois. Current Enl.: 10-10-40 - Chicago, Illinois. Legal Residence: Illinois. (Chicago) Next of Kin: Mrs. Esther Rotter, (Mother)

3521 No. Kilpatrick Ave., Chicago, Illinois. 448662 DGP-298-tes FMF Pac SPOT Serial 00420

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

> PRIVATE FIRST GLASS ROBERT S. ROUD, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Company C. First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Finegayan Area, Guam, Marianas Islands, 4 August 1944. when his platoon came under intense enemy machinegun, rifle and grenade fire and was ordered to withdraw for reorganization, Private First Class Roud voluntarily remained in a position approximately fifteen yards from the enemy lines in order to protect a wounded comrade. Courageously returning enemy fire with his rifle until he himself was seriously wounded, he insured the safety of his companion and enabled him to be evacuated after the platoon had reorganized and advanced to its former position. His initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Canton, Ohio B--Canton, Ohio 351122 DGP-298-gjd

> Spot Award. Serial 0069 Signed HIN & 19/2

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARLTON R. ROUH, USMCR. elias 9

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company M, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 9, 1942. While under tremendous hostile fire, Private First Class Rouh, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, unhesitatingly volunteered time after time to act as stretcher bearer, tirelessly assisting in the transportation of injured personnel to the company aid station until he, himself, was wounded by enemy fire. His heroic conduct, maintained at great risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

Recommendation and temporary citation state rank as Private at the time of action, but Promotion Section at Headquarters hold man as Private First Class from October 1, 1942.

R9 Lindenwold, N.J. B -Lindenwold, N.J.

292111 DGP-298-bgj Cincpac App. SofN 7-19-45 Serial 31854 Signed <u>APR 9 1946</u>

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT NATHAN J. ROUNDY, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Gunnery Sergeant while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 2 and 3 March 1945. Seeing his company commander seriously wounded by enemy fire during an advance on Hill 382 on 2 March, Gunnery Sergeant Roundy unhesitatingly moved to his rescue through deadly sniper fire, killing a Japanese soldier who attempted to stop him by throwing hand grenades and, with the aid of a companion, evacuated the wounded officer to a place of safety. On 3 March, he again advanced in the face of intense hostile small-arms fire to the aid of a fatally wounded comrade and, after administering first aid, was retracing his perilous journey to procure a stretcher for the casualty when he himself was mortally wounded. By his daring initiative and self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of others, Gunnery Sergeant Roundy was an inspiration to his men and his cool courage 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..Oasis, Utah,

B..Oasis, Utah.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC was presented to Mrs. Nathan J. Roundy, 133 S. Third West Provo, Utah at her home at 1700, 10 May 1946 by the OinC, Western Rec. Div. Salt Lake City, Utah, Due publicity was given by the NCO, of Temporary Sub-Station, Provo, Utah. 09815 DGP-298-egc

> Spot Award Serial 00814 Signed NOV 17 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JULES M. ROUSE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader attached to a company of the First , Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during the landing attack at Cape Torokina, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Discovering that his company had become disorganized after suffering heavy losses under severe Japanese fire from defensive positions and that the company commanding officer had been wounded. First Lieutenant Rouse unhesitatingly exposed himself to intense fire from hostile mortars, rifles and machine guns in order to reorganize the troops and, subsequently leading the fierce attack which broke through an enemy encirclement, successfully reached the objective. First Lieutenant Rouse's splendid initiative, his inspiring leadership and gallant fighting spirit in the face of furious resistance were contridouting factors in breaking Japanese resistance to our occupation of the beachhead and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angales, California B--Lakefield, Minnesota 335270 DGP-298-Navy-RDA FMFPac SPOT Serial 61533 Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE M. ROWE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

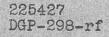
for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 7 May 1945. When his platoon sustained heavy casualties while securing part of an enemy-held ridge and stretcherbearers were unable to evacuate the wounded because of the intensity of the hostile fire, Private First Class Rowe volunteered to reconnoiter for a covered route of approach for the stretcher-bearers. Carrying out this mission under heavy enemy small-arms fire, he succeeded in finding a safe means of approach and investigate all locations from which the enemy might possibly ambush a rescue party. In a constantly exposed position, he personally led the group in evacuating eight of his comrades at the head of the column. His outstanding initiative and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R..Decatur, Mich., B..Benton Harbor, Mich.



Approved Serial 733 Signed AUC 17 1049

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN E. ROWE, USMC ..

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 14, 1942. While his company was retiring before a hostile onslaught against the island airfield, Private First Class Rowe, with courageous disregard for his own personal safety, remained behind to delay the enemy's advance by means of hand grenades and effective rifle fire. While bravely holding to his position in the face of a fierce bayonet assault, he was seriously wounded. His heroic conduct, maintained at great risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hawthorne, New York.

B - New York City, 7-28-11.

348358 DGP 298 Navy rmh CincPac Spot Ser. 11172 Signed JAN 22 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM H. ROWELL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against Japanese forces on Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 February 1944. Exposing himself to hostile fire after having advanced to a suspected sniper position in company with a comrade, Private First Class Rowell drew the sniper's fire enabling his comrade to discover and destroy the enemy. Repeating this procedure numerous times, he contributed materially to the elimination of several snipers. 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...Monroe, La.

B..Alensanderia, La.

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> Spot Award, 1943 Serial 083 Signed MAY 16 1943

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

SERGEART MAJOR GRORGE A. ROYSE, U. S. MARINE CORFE

CIPATION:

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

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

That portion of the above 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 - Indianapolis, Indiana.

B - Indianapolis, Indiana.

297533 DGP-298-gjd

> 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

CORPORAL WALTER J. ROZGA, U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during the attack against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. Displaying exceptional courage and initiative, Corporal Rozga advanced under heavy hostile fire and destroyed a group of the enemy who were entrenched in a well-concealed position, enabling his platoon to move forward and complete the destruction of the Japanese at that point. His great personal valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Grafton, Ohio.

B - Grafton, Ohio. 8-27-1919.

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> App. Sof N 5-24-43. Cincpac Serial 909 Signed AUG 20 1943

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

PRIVATE THOMAS J. RUANE, USMCR. for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during an attack against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private Ruane repeatedly carried messages between his company and platoon command posts. On the same date, while courageously attempting to cross terrain which was subjected to fierce enemy machine-gun fire, he was seriously wounded. His heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President.

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R-Scranton, Pennsylvania

B-Scranton, Pennsylvania 2-22-1920 458767 DGP-298-eme

ComGenFMF SPOT Serial 8405 Signed OCT 28 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ELMER A. RUCKER, 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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 9 October 1944. Unhesitatingly advancing to the aid of a fellow Marine hit in the leg by enemy gunfire, Private First Class Rucker skillfully applied a tourniquet and, despite a wound subsequently received in his own arm from hostile fire, remained steadfast in the exposed position to keep the tourniquiet in place until further aid arrived. By his untiring efforts and heroic conduct, Private First Class Rucker undoubtedly saved the life of a comrade and his great personal valor in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Girard, Illinois.

B..Girard, Illinois.

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

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

PRIVATE THOMAS J. RUANE, USMCR.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during an attack against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private Ruane repeatedly carried messages between his company and platoon command posts. On the same date, while courageously attempting to cross terrain which was subjected to fierce enemy machine-gun fire, he was seriously wounded. His heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R-Scranton, Pennsylvania

B-Scranton, Pennsylvania 2-22-1920 343850 DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac SPOT Serial 00436

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

> SERGEANT HAROLD L. RUCH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

# GIPATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Tank Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action spainst energy Japanese forces on Feleliu, Psiau Islands, 15 September 1944. Subjected to intense hostile morter and shall-arms fire during a drive to secure possession of an enemy airfield, Bergeant Rugh voluntarily sprang forward in front of our tanks to lead them over a heavily mined field and mark out a lane through which they could advance, thereby contributing materially to the success with which the vehicles attacked and overcame strong enemy resistance. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty in the face of the atrong hostile barrage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Navel Service."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy.

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R--Pittsburgh, Pa. B--Hamilton, Pa. 452733 DGP 298 Navy rmh CincPac Spot Ser. 12476 Signed JAN 26 1948

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

SERGEANT FRANCIS E. RUNYAN, JR., 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 the Third Battalion, Twentyfourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 8 July 1944. Braving intense hostile rifle fire and grenade attacks from a deeply entrenched enemy to aid a wounded comrade, Sergeant Runyan unhesitatingly charged forward with only a light machine gun and, by his initiative and expert marksmanship, succeeded in halting the advance and driving back the Japanese, thereby enabling others to effect the rescue of the stricken man. His inspiring perseverance, indomitable courage and unwavering devotion to duty throughout this extremely hazardous action reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Runyan and the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R...Northumberland, Pa.

B. . Mitton, Pa.

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

> SERGEANT RICHARD M. RUPE, 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 G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 May 1945. When his squad, sent to reinforce forward elements, was stopped by intense and accurate enemy sniper fire that took a heavy toll of his men and denied further advance, Sergeant Hupe moved out to seek the sources of the hostile fire and personally succeeded in locating and killing three snipers, thereby making it possible for his squad to advance. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ottumwa, Iowa., B--Ottumwa, Iowa.



435042 DGP-2**98-1**fg Cincpac Appd SofN 9-20-45 Serial - 35325 Signed <u>JUL 1</u> 2 1946

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

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SERGEANT VLADIMIR W. RUSEN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Leader of a Rifle Platoon while serving with Company F. Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 1 to 14 March 1945. When his platoon leader fell before a terrific barrage of enemy machine-gun and rifle fire which inflicted numerous casualties and drove his unit back from a strategic objective. Sergeant Rusen voluntarily assumed command of the disorganized platoon, rallied them for a continued assault and, pressing forward with indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage, advanced alone to the top of the ridge. By his complete disregard for his own personal safety in braving the intensive hostile barrage, he inspired his comrades to launch a second fierce attack in which they succeeded in regaining and reoccupying the high ground. A skillful and courageous leader, Sergeant Rusen directed his platoon and contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of his company's missions until he was killed by enemy rifle fire. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

John L. Sullivan

R--Olyphant, Pa. B--Olyphant, Pa.

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Secretary of the Navy. (Acting)

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HUGH F. RUSH, USMCR., aleand

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity as gunner of a machine gun squad serving with the First Battalion. Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 24, 1943. When a hostlie artillery barrage drove the other members of his gun crew from their posts just as they opened fire on a group of the enemy advancing in an effort to encircle the battalion flank, Private First Class Rush steadfastly remained at his gun despite the exploding artillery shells and, completely disregarding his own personal safety, continued to operate the weapon against the determined enemy forces until he was killed. Inspired by his valiant conduct, his gun crew immediately restored the gun to action, directed a steady stream of withering fire at the Japanese and succeeded in repulsing the attempted encirclement. Private First Class Rush's heroic spirit of self-sacrifice and unflinching 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.

R--White Plains, New York B--Standford, Connecticut

RALPH A. BARD Secretary of the Navy. Acting

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

WARRANT OFFICER WILLIAM E. RUSH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Forward Observer of a 105 mm. Howitzer Battalion, attached to the Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine

Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. Undaunted by the shattering bursts of hostile mortar fire which held up our advancing infantry battalions, Warrant Officer Rush unhesitatingly risked his life to crawl approximately fifty yards out on the fire-swept airstrip in an effort to locate the Japanese installations. Observing the frequent flash of the enemy's firing mortars, he subsequently directed the full power of his howitzers against the hostile strong point in a smashing bombardment, neutralizing the Japanese gun batteries and enabling our forces to continue their relentless drive toward the objective. Later that night when the enemy initiated a savage counterattack, he brought his blanketing artillery fire within fifty yards of our front lines, remaining steadfast at his exposed station in the forward area despite deadly Japanese rifle fire to direct the accurate placing of his heavy salvos throughout a bitterly fought action which effectively repelled the Japanese assault. By his brilliant professional skill, bold decision and determined perseverance in the face of tremendous odds, Warrant Officer Rush contributed essentially to the crushing of fanatic enemy resistance in his sector and his cool courage throughout the fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R...South Bend, Ind.

JAMES FORRESTAL

B. Mentone, Ind.

Secretary of the Navy.

Silver Star Medal with permanent citation was presented by CO, Marine Barracks, USNTC, Great Lakes, Illinois. to the widow Mrs. Rush at her home 1825 E. Donald St., South Bend, Indiana. A copy of the citation was delivered to the South Bend Tribune for publication on 25 June 1946.

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

> SERGEANT RAYMOND M. HUSS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

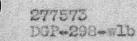
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 26 March 1945. Moving out in front of friendly lines and under fire to an abandoned tractor stuck in an anti-tank ditch, Sergeant Russ, filling in the ditch and salvaging the tank, permitted other vehicles behind it to move in to the attack. On 18 March, when ordered to construct s road over which explosives were to be hauled to the front lines, he struck an enemy mine which disabled his tractor but, although severely shocked from the explosion, obtained another tractor and completed his assigned mission. While constructing a tank road with an armored dozer on the forward slope of a small ridge in enemy territory without cover from supporting tanks, he encountered five enemy soldiers and, knowing he was not covered by friendly fire, was forced to withdraw. When one of the men attacked him from the rear, Sergeant Russ pivoted his tractor toward the enemy and knocked him into a ravine. On 24 and 25 March, he constructed roads for tanks into the last pocket of enemy resistance although constantly endangered by hostile fire. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Seattle, Washington. B--Big Spring, Texas.

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 CHARLES B. RUSSELL, USMCR., alensed for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with B Battery, Special Weapons Battalion, attached to the 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 enery fire and with two of his comrades wounded, Corporal Russell 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 energy 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 - East Falls Church, Virginia,

B - Viena, Virginia.

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

> PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ELLSWORTH W. RUSSELL, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallentry and intropidity while serving with Company 0, Second Battelion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 3 October 1944. While his advance platoon was cut off from the rest of the company by heavy enemy fire from a ridge to its rear, Private First Class Russell saw two wounded Marines lying helpless along the exposed crest and, traversing the hazardous way back along the narrow ridge through a withering barrage of hostile machine-gun and sniper fire, ande two successive trips to rescue them. Again risking his life to supply his company with urgently needed weapons, he set out to recover the automatic rifles of the wounded Marines and, although wounded by enemy fire himself, persisted until he succeeded in this self-appointed perilous task. By his repeated acts of heroism, Private First Class Russell saved the lives of two courades and contributed meterially to the success of his platoon in an important engagement. His cool courage and great personal valor in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FOUND CHILINAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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

> FIRST LIEUTENANT RONCLO N. RUSSO, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

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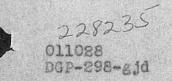
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Company Commander of Company F, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Falau Islands, 17 September 1944. Although wounded himself when his Company Commander became a casualty, First Lieutenant Russo organized the memants of the company and led a determined assault against stubborn enemy resistance. Wounded again during the furious action, he rallied his strength and led an attack on two enemy emplacements, annihilating fifteen Japanese before he was wounded a third time and ordered to the rear. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty in the face of strong opposition reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Russo and the United States Nava Service."

For the President,

TOUR L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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

MARINE GUNNER EDWARD S. RUST, USMCR., for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 26, 1942. Under heavy fire from hostile machine guns and rifles, Marine Gunner Rust crossed an open beach near the mouth of the Matanikau River and swam a distance of over five hundred yards to reach a boat sent out by a United States Navy destroyer so that he might be taken aboard that ship to direct gunfire against Japanese shore positions. His courageous initiative and complete disregard of personal safety resulted in the infliction of heavy losses upon the enemy and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B-Detroit, Michigan (Highland Pank) R-Detroit, Michigan R-Detroit, Michigan



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> CincPac Appd SofN 1-18-45 Serial 004433 Signed JUN 1 1 1945

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

CORPORAL WERNER RUSZAT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader serving with the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. When his platoon was subjected to sudden and devastating fire from an enemy heavy machine gun emplaced in coral rock during an attack by our troops to extend the initial beachhead, Corporal Russat unhesitatingly sought out and engaged the Japanese weapon, subsequently closing heroically on the emplacement and destroying the gun crew with his bayonet and grenades. Although mortally wounded in this action, he steadfastly maintained an exposed position in the front lines for several minutes and directed the fire of his squad until he collapsed. Corporal Ruszat's brilliant initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Port Chester, N. Y. B--Schirwindt, Germany

SSM, perm Cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by CO, MB, Navy Yard, N.Y. on 6 September 45 to parents of the late Corp.Ruszat, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Ruszat, 214 Irving Ave., Port Chester, N.Y. Appropriate ceremony at MB, Navy Yard, N.Y. P

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

SERGEANT SAMUEL R. RUTA, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Guide serving with the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. When his company was pinned down by withering fire from concealed enemy emplacements and communications with the supporting tanks failed, Sergeant Ruta unhesitatingly climbed to a vital point of vantage behind the turret of the landing tank to direct the fire of the tanks and the advance of his squad. Although mortally wounded by hostile fire as he maintained his exposed position, he tenaciously continued leading his men until the objective was overrun. Sergeant Ruta's skillful leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Easton, Pennsylvania.

B..Easton, Pennsylvania.

SSM, perm. cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 6 June by Comdt, NYd, Phila in the office of the Mayor, Easton, Pa. to the parents of the late Sgt. Ruta, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ruta, 917 Spruce St., Easton, Pa.



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

CORPORAL BERTRAM H. RUTAN, 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 C, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. When his company's advance was held up by a heavily fortified hostile emplacement of four heavy machine guns and two light machine guns, Corporal Rutan courageously volunteered to lead a tank across a fire-swept area to a position in front of the lines from which it could deliver accurate fire on the enemy emplacement. Although he sustained a painful wound while guiding the tank, he remained in his hazardous position to direct the fire of the tank and aided greatly in destroying the hostile emplacement and in enabling the assault companies to move forward in that area. By his aggressive fighting spirit and initiative, Corporal Rutan upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, JOHN L. SULLIVAN Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hempstead, New York

B..New York, New York

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> Spot Award, 1942. Serial 18 MAR 1 8 1943 Signed

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN G. RUTH, U. S. MARINE CORPS, Pelensid

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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.

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity) while a member of the Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, (during action against enemy Japanese forces, in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the early morning of August 21, 1942.) While subjected to the devastating fire of a strong attacking enemy landing force, Platoon Sergeant Ruth, with utter disregard for his own safety, proceeded to the front lines, manned an abandoned light machine gun and promptly silenced the machine gun which had raked his platoon with gunfire. Although stunned momentarily by an enemy bullet hitting his helmet, he continued his determined and accurate fire and assisted effectively in clearing his sector of the enemy."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Phildelphia, Pennsylvania.

B...Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania.

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

> FIRST LIEUTENANT SHERMAN B. RUTH. UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Commanding Officer of Company G, Third Battalion, Tweniyninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1045. Assuming command of his company when the commanding officer became a casualty during a furious daylight attack on heavily defended hostile positions, First Lieutenant Ruth quickly reorganized his gallant men to launch a victous assault on the assigned target, continuing to direct fire upon his stubborn opponents until the objective was captured with a minimum of losses to our troops. Despite the enemy's frequent attempts to regain this stronghold, he persisted in encouraging his men to maintain their defense, personally moving along the line in the face of grave hazards and thereby in inspiring his company to repel all counteratiscies and to annihilate a hundred of the Japanese. His gallant leadership. courage and unfaitering devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon First Lisutenant Ruth and the United States Naval Service."

For the President.

TAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Gloucester, Mass. B--Gloucester, Mass. 463072 DGP-298-bgj Cincpac App. SofN 7-19-45 Serial 31852 Signed FEB 1 1946

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

CORPORAL HENRY F. RUTKOWSKI, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Member of an Engineer Squad temporarily serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Serving as a mine-removal specialist, Corporal Rutkowski rendered gallant service in probing for mines in the vicinity of his landing team's ammunition dump, thereby contributing materially to the safe unloading of supplies from amphibian tractors. When an enemy shell hit the dump, Corporal Rutkowski, discontinuing his own work, immediately rushed to the aid of those who were scattering the remaining unexploded ammunition boxes and, while performing this hazardous task, was instantly killed by a second enemy shell hit on the dump. His cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Rutkowski and upon 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. . Matrona, Pa.

B. .Matrona, Pa.

SSM, cit. and ltr. fr. CMC was presented to parents of the late Cpl. Rutkowski, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rutkowski on 17 April 1946. By the OinC, Northeastern Rec. Div. Pittsburgh, Pa. 355349 DGP-298-bz Spot Award Serial 0954 ComSevFlt Signed OCT 9 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCIS R. RYAN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a company of the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at 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 river crossing at night, Private First Class Ryan heroically drove his 75-mm. 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 Third Battalion to advance. Private First Class Ryan'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..River Rouge, Michigan.

B..River Rouge, Michigan.

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

> PRIVATE JESSE J. RYAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 10 March 1945. When three men in his battalion were seriously wounded during an exchange of grenades with the Japanese, Private Ryan went to their assistance to administer first aid and to make them comfortable for the night and, after making three separate trips early the next morning, evacuated the men to an area where they could be assisted by stretcher-bearers. While returning to the lines, he observed another seriously wounded comrade in front of our lines unable to move and, after crawling to the stricken man, succeeded in carrying him to the rear area for treatment. His outstanding initiative and courage in the face of intense enemy fire reflect the highest credit upon Private Ryan and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

R- Popular Bluff, Mo. B- WHR L'SUTTIGAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH J. RYAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 June 1945. Leading his men in an assault on a strongly-held enemy ridge in the face of sustained sniper and machinegun fire, Second Lieutenant Ryan overran the position and drove the defenders back with hand grenades and small arms, thereby anchoring the left flank of the battalion position. When severe casualties necessitated that his platoon be relieved, he exposed himself constantly to enemy fire in order to effect the evacuation of his wounded. On two occasions, he went to the aid of seriously wounded men and with no other means available carried them in his arms to safety. His fighting spirit, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Flushing, N.Y.

B. Manumee, Ohio

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

CORPORAL MARTIN J. HYAN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarava, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With his squad pinned down by shattaring machina-gun fire during a bitter engagement with the enemy, Corporal Ryan boldly charged forward in an effort to wips out the strong point and, pressing home a determined attack in the face of tremendous odds, succeeded in silencing the hostile fire with well-placed hand grenades. By his dering initiative, Corporal Martin saved the lives of many non who otherwise might have perished and enabled his platoon to resume its advance against the famatic Japanese. His unvavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L SULLIVAN

R--Hillsboro, Oregon., B--Hillsboro, Oregon.

Secretary of the Navy.

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

> FIELD MUSIC FIRST CLASS NORMAN L. RYAN, UNITED STATES MARINE COPPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CTPATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Salpan, Marianas Islands, on the night of 4 October <u>1944</u>. As a member of an ambush party, Field Music First Class Hyan quietly left his place of concealment, as a scout from a large body of enemy soldiers came down a path and, slipping up behind the Japanese, knifed him to death to prevent him from making an outery. By his quick thinking and daring, he enabled his party to annush and destroy a large number of the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the hignest credit upon Field Music First Class Ryan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Madison Heights, Va. B--Sulphur, La. Prepared 13 Feb 48

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

PRIVATE JOSEPH W. RYDER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

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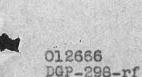
"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with Company F. Second Battalion, Twontyseventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When the advance of his unit was halted by heavy enemy small-arms and mortar fire, Private Ryder volunteered to lead a tank by use of arm and hand signals through the front lines and into position from which heatile positions could be demolished. He directed the tank in and among enemy positions until the Japanese strong point was Feduced and his company was able to renew the advance. Private Ryder's courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Marion, Ind. B-Jonesboro, Ind.

IDER L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ASTLE A. RYDER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following Relea

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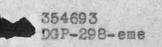
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while commanding a platoon of the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. Leading his platoon in an attack on a Japanese emplacement, Second Lieutenant Ryder was severely wounded. Without regard for his injuries, he re-entered the action and destroyed three of the enemy who were directing concentrated machine-gun fire into the position occupied by his platoon, thereby materially assisting his command to advance and successfully complete its mission. Second Lieutenant Ryder's dauntless courage and heroic leadership were an inspiration to his comrades and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

> For the President, FRANK KNOL

> > Secretary of the Navy.

R - Beaufort, South Carolina

B - Presque Isle, Maine



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

> CORPORAL CLIFFORD A. RYERSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intropidity while serving with a Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When the advance of his platoon was slowed down by intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Corporal Byerson armed hisself with demolition materials and, voluntarily proceeding forward of our lines in the face of hostile fire, destroyed nine enemy pillboxes, thereby contributing materially to the advance of his platoon in this area. By his courage and initiative throughout this hazardous operation Corporal Ryerson upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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 LAWRENCE F. RYLICKI, 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 E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. Moving forward under hostile small-arms fire in the company of a demolitions man, Private First Class Rylicki assaulted an enemy cave position seventy-five yards forward of the front lines. Reaching the mouth of the cave just as one of the Japanese appeared at the entrance and threw a grenade at him, he disregarded the grenade and, turning his flame thrower on the cave entrance, neutralized it sufficiently to permit its complete destruction by demolitions men. When the grenade exploded, he received severe wounds and had to be evacuated. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Rylicki and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

IOHN L. SHLLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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