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 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,

[Signature]
Secretary of the Navy
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 Radigan 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, 2-2-1943.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE KENNETH RADNITZER,
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 Demolitions Squad of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Volunteering with another Marine to reduce an enemy 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 machine-gun fire, placed a demolition charge which resulted in the complete destruction of the enemy emplacement. 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.
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 men 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 defilade 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 Lieutenant Radway 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R- New York, N. Y.
E- Cincinnati, Ohio
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 Saipan, Marianas Islands, 27 June 1944. Fighting with aggressive determination under the merciless 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 Ralston 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,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.
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 Saipan, Marianas Islands, 25 June 1944. Assigned the mission of gaining the crest of a sharp cliff defended by well-entrenched enemy forces, Corporal Ramberg led his men up the precipice 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 assigned task, he reorganized his squad and continued the advance until his wounds necessitated his evacuation from the line. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Ramberg and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

ROBERT H. SULLIVAN
R--Chinook, Montana.
B--Chinook, Montana.

Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MANUEL M. RAMIREZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadacanal, Solomon 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 enemy small-arms fire and charged the Japanese emplacement. Completely surprising the enemy, 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Elgin, Tex.
B-Quanha, Tex.
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 intrepidity in action while serving with the Fourth Marine Division during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Roi 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 turret 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 tanks ahead until mortally wounded. By his heroic action Corporal Ramos enabled his comrades to complete their mission unhindered, and his valiant spirit of self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R---Globe, Arizona
B---

Secretary of the Navy.

Released 8/31/44
The President 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:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 June 1945. Assigned the point in a reconnaissance patrol to the front of the division lines, Corporal Ramp made contact with a wall entrenched enemy force and valiantly directed his men against fierce machine-gun and rifle fire from the Japanese emplacements to destroy two hostile positions with grenade and small-arms fire. Dauntlesslypressing home the attack against the remaining positions, he exposed himself continuously to maneuver his men into covered positions for a renewed 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 assignment, reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy

R-Wataga, Illinois.
B-Gilson, Illinois.
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.


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 intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. When his platoon was forced to withdraw and set up a defensive position one hundred and fifty yards to the rear, Privates Ranieri courageously remained in a shellhole with a wounded comrade who could not be evacuated. Isolated between friendly and enemy lines and constantly harassed by heavy enemy machine-gun fire, as well as by snipers attempting to creep within hand-grenade range, he exposed himself to the severe fire and killed five of the advancing enemy. Remaining in this perilous position for a period of ten hours, he finally succeeded 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 Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R-M. Aliquippa, Pa.
Bari, Italy
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 one-man grenade attack, forced the remaining Japanese to expose themselves to our men who ultimately destroyed them. By his gallant initiative, steadfast determination and unflinching 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.
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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS 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 on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 8, 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.

B - Chicago, Illinois.
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 intrepidity 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 company pinned down and suffering heavy casualties from enemy fire emanating from a large bomb-proof 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 annihilated, he again advanced with his comrades as two hundred of the enemy emerged from the entrance firing rifles and light machine guns in an effort to withdraw and establish a new defense. Engaging the outnumbering force in close combat, he contributed to the success of his 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDMOND J. RATZA, U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

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 P. 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 Saipan, Marianas Islands, 21 and 22 June 1944. Moving into woods ahead of the battery's position to adjust artillery fire, Second Lieutenant Rau 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 Orleans, La.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
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

CITATION:

"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 the face 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.
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.

R..Orono, Me.

B..Orono, Me.
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 gallantry and intrepidity 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 28 November 1943. As escort and bodyguard 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 bearers 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,

C. S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.
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 intrepidity 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 anti-personnel 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Forrest Hill, Md.
B.--Devils Fork, W.Va.
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 Saipan, 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.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WARREN A. RAUSCH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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 1945. 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 hail of rifle, mortar and machine-gun fire and, launching a daring assault against each in turn, 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,

J.L. SULLIVAN
Acting 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 30 Aug 46 by OinC, USMC DHRS in recipients' home. Appropriate publicity.
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,

John L. Sullivan
Secretary of the Navy.

R. Atlanta, Georgia
B. Atlanta, Georgia.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN B. RAY, JR., USMC,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 21 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

E--Levaca, Ark.
B--Cuthbert, Texas.
RAY, John F.  Field Cook  291572

*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 Awardee None

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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 following-named officer and enlisted men for gallantry in action, to be worn with the Silver Star previously awarded each, as indicated:

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.

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

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
a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS),
trapping several men therein, Platoon Sergeant DAVIS, without
regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter
and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to
the scene of the cave-in and aided in digging out the trapped men
and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy
planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue
work.

JOHN R. BREZEE, 283892, Sergeant, Headquarters Company,
Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry
in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942.
When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of
the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping men therein, Sergeant
BREZEE, 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.

JERI L. HUCKABAY, Jr., 289087, Sergeant, Company F, Fourth
Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills,
Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in
a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS),
trapping several men therein, Sergeant HUCKABAY, without re-
gard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of
shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over
open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging
out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During
all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs
nearby during the rescue work.

JAMES H. KERS, 285086, Sergeant, Company H, Fourth
Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills,
Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in
a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS),
trapping several men therein, Sergeant KERS, 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.

RICHARD M. KUHLMAN, 290100, Corporal, Headquarters Com-
pany, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action
at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 31st Coast Artillery (P3), trapping several men therein, Corporal KOHLHOF, 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.

MIKE WINTERMAN, 291428, Corporal, Company H, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P. I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 31st Coast Artillery (P3), trapping several men therein, Corporal WINTERMAN, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

JOHN F. RAY, 291579, Assistant Cook, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P. I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 31st Coast Artillery (P3), trapping several men therein, Assistant Cook RAY, 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.

5. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 11, Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the following-named officer and enlisted men are hereby awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 15, 1942:

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R. RAYMOND C. MACGILLIVRAY, 293663, Corporal, Fourth Marines.

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"J" R. TOWNSEND, 295723, Private First Class, Fourth Marines.

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4. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August
9, 1932, the following-named officers and enlisted men are hereby
awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Fort
Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 14, 1942:

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

By command of Major General MOORE:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ L. J. BOULER,
L. J. BOULER,
Colonel, C.A.G.,
Chief of Staff.

L. J. BOULER,
Colonel, C.A.G.,
Acting Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

#A to #Z,
Each man.

COPY

(Photostatic copy req'd from Army sent to file on case
of Corp. Eugene C. HAYNES 279812)(7-3-49)
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 intrepidity 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 1943. 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.,
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/ Major General
The Adjutant General

/s/ Secretary of the Army.
To: The Commandant
US Marine Corps
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Silver Star

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

1 Incl
- Citation
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.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALKER A. REAVES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, 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, swamp-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 aided greatly in the ultimate success of a hazardous mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Fayette, Alabama.
B-- Haleyville, Alabama.
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:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth 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, Sergeant Rebут 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 inspiration to his comrades and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES F. FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bedford, Massachusetts.
B--Acushnet, Massachusetts.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT RUBIN 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS 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 small-arms 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ryegate, Mont.
B--Slayton, Mont.
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 intrepidity 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 1943. After becoming separated from his own company during landing operations on D-Day, Platoon 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, he 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 daring tactics until seriously wounded while repairing the weapon of one of his men 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 highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Redman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
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 himself 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
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Columbus, Ohio.,  
B--Columbus, Ohio.
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 boldly 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.—Scatia, N.Y.
B.—Schenectady, N.Y.
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 Iwo 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 machine-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 29 Aug 46, with appropriate publicity, by Officer-in-Charge, USMC DMR S, Huntington, W. Va.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL 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 Ammunition Company of the Fifth Field Depot, Supply Service, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 8 August 1944. When a large stack of 155-mm. powder charges was ignited during a fire fight following a hostile attack on our ammunition 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 highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN F. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Schooley's Mountain, N.J.
E-Newton, N.J.
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 gallantry 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 Beachhead, 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 twenty-five 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 1944

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

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

CORPORAL RALPH D. REED; USMC;

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 24, 1943. Courageously penetrating deep into enemy-infested territory while serving as scout for a reconnaissance patrol, 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, fiercely 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.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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.
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 gallantry and intrepidity 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 corpsman attempting to reach him, would not permit one to be called. Throughout the night, he brought accurate automatic fire to bear on the enemy 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.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES L. KEEVEN, USMC.
for service as set forth in the following:

Citation:

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

For the President,

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

SERGEANT CLAY W. REEVES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Weapons Company, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 to 19 March 1945. Cool in the face of heavy hostile fire on 19 March, Sergeant Reeves skilfully supervised bulldozer crews in constructing roads for use by tanks and, in addition, courageously exposed himself to enemy 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 period 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.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
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 ashore to 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.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

FIRST LIEUTENANT VERCOL L. REGER, USMC, for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Battalion Bomb Disposal Officer attached to the Second Battalion, Nineteenth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Untiring and exceptionally skilled in the performance of a hazardous duty, First Lieutenant Reger 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 valiant conduct had fulfilled a vital mission 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—Buffalo, N.Y.

E—"
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 Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. When all other officers 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.,

Secretary of the Navy.

Oklahoma City, Okla.
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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R—New York, N.Y.
B—New York, N.Y.
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
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

FIRST LIEUTENANT LYMAN E. REIFSNYDER, USMCR,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 13 June 1944. When his platoon was subjected to a pounding barrage of enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, First Lieutenant Reifsnyder skilfully directed the necessary withdrawal of his squads and, after making certain that retirement could be effected safely, voluntarily remained behind to care for the wounded. Courageously 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."

Informal presentation at home.

R--Altoona, Penna.
B-- ""

For the President,

A. C. FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.
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 C, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against the enemy on Japanese-held two 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 Reignier 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 Reignier and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springfield, Mass.
B--Springfield, Mass.
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.
CincPac
Appd SdfN 1-18-45
Serial 11723
Signed MAY 10 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to
CAPTAIN CHARLES F. REINHOLD, USMCR,

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 Saipan, Marianas Islands, 18 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 Ayingan Point. Subjected to a vicious enemy counterattack 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,
JAMES F. SORRENTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denver, Colorado
Br St. Francis, Kansas

SM, per cited 8th FR OPC pres'd 7 June 1945 by Oinc, USMCDEHnRS, Rm522, Med. Bldg. Cleveland 15, Ohio to the widow of the late Capt. Reinhold, Mrs. Frances F. Reinhold, 3688, W. 38th St. Cleveland, informally at station.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

SERGEANT ROBERT J. REILLY, USMC,

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 skilfully 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.
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,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry 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 Bat-
talion became badly disorganized under heavy enemy
shelling, Captain Rejebian moved forward from
the Battalion Observation Post and found the cen-
ter company decimated by casualties, including
the Company Commander and Executive Officer. Un-
daunted by the intense hostile fire, he skillfully
reorganized the company and, reestablishing con-
tact with the remainder of the Battalion, success-
fully 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. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.
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 intrepidity 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 obtain 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 strategically 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 President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Illinois
E--" " 
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 Platoon 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 morphine, further exposed himself 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 defenses were being overrun by an enemy charge. He personally led his men 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 upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New Orleans, La.
B--New Orleans, La.
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 intrepidity 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 point-blank 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.

SSM & Perm.Cit. pres'd to widow,Mrs.
LeRoy A. Renson, 228 Market St., Bristol, Pa., in Reen List Office, New Custom House, Phila., 17 April 45 by Lt. Col. Donald L. Dickson, PR. Officer of E. Pro. Div."
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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R - Sandusky, Ohio.
B - Sandusky, Ohio.

Secretary of the Navy.
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.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT PETER J. RENZO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Assistant Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, 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 the 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, Platoon Sergeant Renzo contributed to the successful repulse of the enemy 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.

R - "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in the Radio Section, of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. While his battalion was advancing against the enemy and terrific fire from Japanese guns was making impossible the maintenance of constant communications, Corporal Reeser 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 infested with numerous hostile snipers until mortally wounded by enemy machine-gun fire. By his daring initiative and heroic efforts, Corporal Reeser contributed materially to the ultimate success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. His self-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 country."

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

WARRANT OFFICER CHARLES S. H. REVELS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Reconnaissance Patrol of Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 30 to 23 December 1943. 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 killing two gunners with his pistol and in silencing a hostile machine gun, 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--Eryn Mawr, Penn.,
B--San Francisco, Calif.

Secretary of the Navy.
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, Kwajalein 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 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.
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. 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, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 8 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.
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. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--LaGrande, Oregon,
B--LaGrande, Oregon.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE MCG OY REYNOLDS, U.S.M.C.R.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Eighth Marines, 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.

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R- Mallie, Kentucky

B- Pippapass, Kentucky
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 intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces off Iwo 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 his 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."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN JACK R. RHoades,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 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 platoon 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,

[Signature]

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Boulder City, Nevada
B--Delphos, Kansas
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.
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 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.
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 enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 20 August 1944. Pinned down by withering hostile machine-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. Fearlessly making himself a target for well-concealed 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 assault 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.

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL 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 Battalion 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, he again 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 unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
RICE, Kenneth V.  Private First Class  271366

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Radar Operator with a Shore Fire Control Party of the Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February 1945. After the Naval Gunfire 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 Battalion, 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 Navy.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL JAMES E. RICHARDS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Group Leader in a platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa in the Ryukyu Chain, on 31 May 1945. When his own and an adjoining platoon were temporarily halted in an advance up the slope 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 dauntless 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,

H.E. FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dalton, Kentucky.
B--Dalton, Kentucky.
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 reorganized 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Camden, S. C.
B - Kershaw, S. C.
9 July 1918
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 immediately 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 self-sacrificing 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.
The President 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 intrepidity while serving as a Tank Driver of Company A, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 6 March 1945. When 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
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 pillbox 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.
E--Ripley County, Mo.

No Correspondence Received.
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

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. Closely following the lead scouts of his platoon in attack when they were halted and pinned down by machine-gun fire from an enemy tank, Corporal Richmond fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy 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 enemy 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,

JOHN 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 gallantry 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

Copy
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. MATTHEWS
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Yonkers, New York
B-Yonkers, New York
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, on his 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.

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.
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 Ridgway 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,

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy,
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company B, First Battalion, 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 held 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 upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Beauerton, Oregon
B-Omaha, Nebraska

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WAITE H. RIEDER, USMC.,

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 28, 1943. 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,

JAMES FORRESTAL,

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
B - Tuttle, Oklahoma.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to
CORPORAL MARVIN E. RIGDON, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 Betio Island. Fearlessly crawling 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 enemy 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 comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

B - Ashland, La.
R - Cotton Valley, La.
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 citation underlined in red should not be given either verbally or in writing.

R- Youngstown, Ohio

B- Youngstown, Ohio
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 conspicuous 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.


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.
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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.
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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS 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 Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. With a machine 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 furious battle with outstanding skill and daring, contributing materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile 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.
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, Volcano 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.  
Bp Melrose, Mass

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

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.
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 September 1944. With all wire teams vitally engaged in 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.


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.
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 intrepidity as Radio Operator of a Forward Observer Party serving with the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 19 to 25 June 1944. Although wounded by a withering barrage of enemy mortar fire, 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. Steadfastly 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.
B--"

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 intrepidity 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 Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Landing on the heavily fortified beachhead during the initial stages of the assault on D-Day, Lieutenant Colonel Rixey bravely faced the enemy's concentrated, fierce barrages to direct the landing and ultimate employment of his Battalion. Working tirelessly to complete the disembarkation of guns under cover of darkness that night while the area was still being swept by hostile fire, he had all units under his command ready for delivering devastating, effective fire against the Japanese the following morning and, throughout the remainder of the operation, coordinated and directed the artillery barrages which enabled oncoming 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN PHIL E. ROACH,
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, 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 waves, 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 Roach served as an inspiration to the men under his command and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Fort Worth, Texas.
B-- Cilette, Texas.
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 Roane 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 recapture 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 cooperated 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 counterattack and killing six of the enemy during this period. His daring and forceful leadership and his courageous 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 Roane and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

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

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 upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JAMES F. DOONAN
Secretary of the Navy.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the GOLD STAR in lieu of a second SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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.,

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 Namur. 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 hazardous period reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Robbins and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R—Connellsville, Pa.,
B—Keisterville, Pa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
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.

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
B-
SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr pres'd to widow in a formal ceremony on 13 July 1951."
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Crewman of the Ninth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. When the enemy counter-attacked and regained ground on which twelve wounded Marines were lying, Private First Class 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 Private First Class Roberts and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Clark, Mo.
B--Clark, Mo.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

MARINE GUNNER FREDERICK 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 machine-gun fire to traverse the exposed beach and, although wounded by a mortar shell fragment, succeeded in reaching the gun position and informed them of the withdrawal. 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 President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

JAMES FORRESTALL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSNw/perm.cit.& GMC ltr. were forwarded by the Cinc,USMC DHRS, Macon, Ga. on7Dec45, by registered mail to the parents of the late StfSgt,Roberts, Mr.&Mrs. John G. Roberts,Rt.#2, Box#289, Ocilla,Ga.
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 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 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, 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 annihilated 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 a Japanese-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 himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
GENERAL ORDERS

AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

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:

MILTON J. ROBERT, JR., (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.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

M. B. KENDRICK,
Major, A. G. D.,
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ELIOT B. ROBERTSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Engineer of the Sixth Marine Division during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa 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 had 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 heavy enemy fire he 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bethesda, Md.,
B--Bethesda, Md.
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.
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 1944. 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. PINNED 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 Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Piedmont, W. Va.
R - Washington, Pa.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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 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.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

SSw/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered to the prnts of the late Corp. Robidoux, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Robidoux, on 23Jul46 at the Mayor's office, Plainville, Conn., by the Cinc, USMC Dhrs, Hartford, Conn. Due publicity was given.

B-Plainville, Conn.
B-Plainville, Conn.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

FIELD COOK 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 Iwo 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 aid 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."

For the President,

JAMES Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy.
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 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,

JOHN J. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Montezuma, Georgia
B.--Montezuma, Georgia
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 emplacement 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 Naval Service."

For the President,

ROBERT S. COOK
Secretary of the Navy.

R—Richmond, Ind.
B—Richmond, Ind.
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 Class 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.

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-Blue Ridge, Georgia.

9-22-1922
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 Japanese 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.
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 machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire and handicapped by intense heat and precipitous and broken terrain, Captain Robinson, 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, extending 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.
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 gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a member of a Tank Liaison Team of Company A, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cadillac, Michigan
B--Cadillac, Michigan
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 keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- West Lafayette, Indiana

B- Brookston, Indiana
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.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WAYNE B. ROBINSON,
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."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.
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 Saipan, 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 to himself and, although mortally wounded during the fierce 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, Private 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 FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Hartford, Conn.

COPY
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:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 26 and 28, 1944. When an assault company was pinned down by concentrated hostile machine-gun fire from entrenched pillboxes, 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 hostile 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."

For the President,
RALPH A. BARD

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R - Brooklyn, New York.
B - Brooklyn, New York.
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-fourth Marines, Fourth 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Lubbock, Texas.
B - Raton, New Mexico.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GENE RODENBUSH, USMC.
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 Battalion, 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 repulse 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."

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Christopher, III.
B-West Frankfort, Ill.
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

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Fire Team of Company 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 Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cambridge, Mass.

E--Cambridge, Mass.
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 December, 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 counter-attacks 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
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-gun 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,


JAMES FORRESTAL

B..Forney, Texas.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Higinio Rodriguez, parents of the late Sgt. Santos D. Rodriguez on 15 Sept. 47 by the OinC USMCDBRS, Chicago, Ill. at their home. Newspaper publicity was given.
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
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 gallantry 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. Observing the enemy attempting to make a landing on the flank of one of our companies, Private First Class Roe immediately braved the intense small-arms, machine-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 comrade 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Evanston, Ill.
B--Oshkosh, Wisconsin
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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 Iwo Jima, 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 Naval Service."

For the President,

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

Copy
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.

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

ENCLOSURE (A) TO SFWTF ltr. P15, (205), dated 2 JAN 1943

Copy
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.
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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Bourg, La.,
B--Bourg, La.
Secretary of the Navy.
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

CITATION:

"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 1945. 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Coolidge, Ariz.
B.--Ada, Okla.
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 landing, 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 leadership, tactical judgment and zealous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Geneva, New York,
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,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Kempe, 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 necessitated 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,

[Signature]

Secretary of the Navy
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, while serving as a Platoon Scout of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. 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 necessitated his evacuation. By his boldness, initiative and devotion to duty, Private First Class Roggi upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R---
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.

Copy
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 beleaguered 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.
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 service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“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,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Newark, New Jersey
B.--Newark, New Jersey
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.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

FIRST 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 Battalion, 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 flank unit. Concerned with the importance of establishing immediate contact, he unhesitatingly continued forward without protection through the extremely hazardous terrain under heavy hostile 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 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--Redlands, California.
B--Redlands, California.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

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
The President 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
CITATION:

"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 squad. Despite the personal danger involved, he advanced beyond his front lines, climbed the parapet of the trench, ignited and threw into the replacement a large demolition charge and took cover until it exploded. By his heroic action, he encouraged his platoon, immediately upon the detonation 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.

E-Boston, Mass.
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 gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Squad Leader of a Rifle Squad of Company K, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, 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 machine-gun 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Ill.
E--Chicago, Ill.
GENERAL ORDERS

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Pub. No. 43, WD, 1918), and pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 8, AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Central Pacific Area, to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES R. ROOSEVELT, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at Makin Atoll, Gilbert Islands, 20 to 23 November 1943. Attached as an observer to the units of the 27th Infantry Division which effected the landing on Makin Atoll, Lieutenant 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 calmness under fire and presence among the foremost elements of the attacking force was a source of inspiration to all ranks.

By command of Lieutenant General Richardson:

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

OFFICIAL:

O. H. THOMSON,
Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

"B" and "C" (limited)
CC, 27th Inf. Div. (60)

R-- Beverly Hills, Calif.
B-- New York City, N. Y.
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, 1943. 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 heaviest 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 Newspaper clipping)

R ... Beverly Hills, Calif.
B ... New York, City, New York.
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
APO 958

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 55

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(AG 200.6)

By command of Lieutenant General Richardson:

M. B. HOLMES, Jr.,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

O. M. THOMSON,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:
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CG, 27th Inf. Div. (60)
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of a Fighter Plane and Division Leader temporarily attached to Air Group EIGHTY-TWO on board the U. S. S. BENNINGTON, in action against 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 fierce engagement, he repeatedly struck with determined aggressiveness as he fought off hostile airforces intent upon destroying the damaged planes of his squadron teammates and aided 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 President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

E--Eureka, Missouri
V--Valley Park, Missouri
Spot Award, 1943.
Serial 197
Signed APR 14 1943

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

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.

A - Whalan, Minnesota.
B - Whalan, Minnesota.
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 intrepidity 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."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B--Cohoes, New York
R--Cohoes, New York
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES L. ROSEN MILLER,
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 Japanese 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 fighting 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R -- Morris, Illinois,
B -- Mc Leansboro, Ill.
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 Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebii, 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.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARMISTEAD E. ROSS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as leader of a rifle platoon attached to the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during the attack against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Ordered to reinforce a flank of the line, First Lieutenant Ross 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 resulted in numerous casualties to our forces. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he gathered up demolitions and single-handedly attacked the enemy position, sustaining fatal wounds during the action. First Lieutenant Ross's great personal valor and spirit of self-sacrifice were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Sheffield, Ala.

B - Cherokee, Ala.
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.


B., New York, New York.
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

Secretary of the Navy.

R—Albany, New York,
E—Albany, New York.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the **SILVER STAR MEDAL** to

**GUNNERY SERGEANT HAROLD R. ROSS,**
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 reconaissance 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,

**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eureka, Calif.
B--Hickman Co., Ky.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN JOHN F. ROSS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 24 July to 1 August 1944. Landing on D-Day with his company in the first wave of infantry, Captain Ross courageously led his men through intense hostile rifle and machine-gun fire which wounded the Company Executive Officer and inflicted other casualties. When the entire group was pinned down under a ledge overhanging the beach, he fearlessly exposed himself to the accurate enemy 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, determination and aggressive leadership, Captain Ross upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--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
E-Maryville, Missouri

Copy
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

Born: 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: Mother - Mrs. C. Rossell
9334 Halls Ferry Road
St. Louis, Missouri.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously 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 Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. Bold and aggressive in combat, Second Lieutenant Rosso repeatedly led units in assaults on fiercely 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 Rosso, 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
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD ROTHELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a Landing Team of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. 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.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL RUDOLPH ROTT, USMC,

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a reconnaissance patrol landed by submarine on enemy-held Shortland Island, Solomon Islands, August 23, 1943. Voluntarily and with utter disregard of personal safety, 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. Undeterred by the isolation of his position and by the full knowledge that no assistance could be expected from outside sources, he nevertheless remained on the island for three days, successfully carrying out an important assignment under hazardous conditions where discovery by Japanese troops would undoubtedly have resulted in his capture or death. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX
Secretary of the Navy.

B - Wonewoc, Wisc.
R - 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.
Legal Residence: Illinois. (Chicago)
Next of Kin: Mrs. Esther Rotter, (Mother)
            3521 No. Kilpatrick Ave.,
            Chicago, Illinois.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Pinaoeyan Area, Guam, Marianas Islands, 4 August 1944. When his platoon came under intense enemy machine-gun, 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARLTON R. ROUH, USMCR.

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.

RE Lindenwold, N.J.
B. Lindenwold, N.J.
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.
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 contributing 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,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, California
B--Lakefield, Minnesota
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 stretcher-bearers 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.,
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, 7-28-43.
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.

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

SERGEANT MAJOR GEORGE A. ROYSE, U. S. MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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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.
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.
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.

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-Scranton, Pennsylvania
B-Scranton, Pennsylvania
2-22-1920
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 tourniquet 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.
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
2-22-1920
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT HAROLD L. HUGH, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Tank Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Subjected to intense hostile mortar and small-arms fire during a drive to secure possession of an enemy airfield, Sergeant Hugh 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 strong hostile barrage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. COLLINS

Secretary of the Navy.

R—Pittsburgh, Pa.

B—Hamilton, Pa.
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, Twenty-fourth 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.


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 Rupe 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy

R--Ottumwa, Iowa.
B--Ottumwa, Iowa.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

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 intense 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
Secretary of the Navy. (Acting)

R--Olyphant, Pa.
B--Olyphant, Pa.
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HUGH F. RUSH, USMCR, for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 hostile 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,

RALPH A. BARD

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SERGEANT RAYMOND M. RUSS,
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 a 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R—Seattle, Washington.
B—Big Spring, Texas.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL CHARLES B. RUSSELL, USMCR,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity 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 enemy 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 enemy attack was completely repulsed. His skill, tenacity, and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX
Secretary of the Navy.

R - East Falls Church, Virginia,
B - Vienna, Virginia.

[Signature]
The President of the United States takes pleasure 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 gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Second Battalion, 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, made 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 comrades and contributed materially 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RONALD N. RUSSO
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"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, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. Although wounded himself when his Company Commander became a casualty, First Lieutenant Russo organized the remnants 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 Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R. Scranton, Pa.
E. Scranton, Pa.
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 Park)
R-Detroit, Michigan
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 Ruszat 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 F. FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSM, perm Cit, ltr fr GNC 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.
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.
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
Spot Award, 1942.
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18, 1943

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN G. RUTH, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"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.

B...Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania.
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 C, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryuku Islands, 15 May 1945. 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 vicious 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 inspiring his company to repel all counterattacks and to annihilate a hundred of the Japanese. His gallant leadership, courage and unfaltering devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Ruth and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.
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.
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.

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 intrepidity 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.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy.
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 machine-gun 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
The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL MARTIN J. RYAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With his squad pinned down by shattering machine-gun fire during a bitter engagement with the enemy, Corporal Ryan boldly charged forward in an effort to wipe 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 daring initiative, Corporal Martin saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have perished and enabled his platoon to resume its advance against the fanatic Japanese. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.
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 CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on the night of 4 October 1944. As a member of an ambush party, Field Music First Class Ryan 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 outcry. By his quick thinking and daring, he enabled his party to ambush and destroy a large number of the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest 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.
E--Sulphur, La.
The President 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

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When 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 hostile positions could be demolished. He directed the tank in and among enemy positions until the Japanese strong point was reduced 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.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.
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
CITATION:

"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 KNOX
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Beaufort, South Carolina
R - Presque Isle, Maine
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 intrepidity 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 Ryerson armed himself 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.

R-- Lubic, Maine.
B-- Lubic, Maine.
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LAWRENCE F. RYLIICKI,
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 Ryllicki 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 Ryllicki and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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