

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, Corporal KOHLMEN, 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, 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, 271428, 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 91st Coast Artillery (PS), 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, 291572, 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 91st Coast Artillery (PS), 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.

3. 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 13, 1942:

X RAYMOND C. McQUILLIAM, 279663, Corporal, Fourth Marines.

"J" R. TOWNSDIN, 295763, Private First Class, Fourth Marines.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August

8, 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:

5. The following-named enlisted man is entitled to wear an Oak Leaf Cluster on the Purple Heart heretofore awarded him, for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 14, 1942;

By command of Major General MOORE:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

DISTRIBUTION:

"A" to "E".
Each man.

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(Photostatic copy rec'd from Army sent to file on case
of Corp. Eugene O. HAYNES 279813)(7-5-49)

HAYNES, Eugene O.

Corporal

279813

SILVER STAR with one (1) Oak Leaf Cluster (Army) Awarded by
despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65 for service at Philippin
Islands.

Previous Awards - None.

Born: 6-13-20 - St. Joseph, Missouri.
Current Enl.: 1-5-40 - Kansas City, Missouri.
Legal Residence: St. Joseph, Missouri.
Next of Kin: Oscar & Ada P. Haynes (Parents)
6323 Sherman St.,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

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FMEFPac
SPOT
Serial 43156

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. HAYNES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company L, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. When one of his men fell seriously wounded by a volley of fire from hostile snipers, First Lieutenant Haynes braved an enemy hand grenade barrage to move forward and evacuate the wounded man. Picking the casualty up bodily, he carried him to a safe position thirty yards to the rear and administered medical aid until a corpsman arrived. By his courage, initiative and inspiring action under hostile fire, First Lieutenant Haynes upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Utica, Mississippi.,
B--Pelahatchie, Miss.

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DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 8631

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND W. HAYNES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with an Assault Demolition Team, attached to the First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands; as a Member of a Navy Underwater Demolition Team, during the Marshall Islands Operation, and as a Member of an Underwater Demolition Team, attached to the First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during the invasion of Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands. Frequently under intense hostile fire, preceding the vital assaults on these enemy-held Islands, Private First Class Haynes carried out the hazardous duties of an underwater demolition man, assisting in clearing the invasion lanes of explosive and antilanding boat obstacles. By his skill and courageous devotion to duty, Private First Class Haynes upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Portland, Oregon

B--Tacoma, Wash.

05624
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

MAJOR LAWRENCE C. HAYS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion,
Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during
action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa,
Gilbert Islands, from 21 to 23 November 1943.
Gallantly leading his unit across five hundred
yards of fire-swept coral reef during landing
operations, Major Hays, despite the heavy casual-
ties sustained, immediately reorganized his bat-
talion into a strong fighting force and, direct-
ing a brilliantly executed two-day attack against
a heavily defended hostile strong point which had
been retarding the westward progress of the op-
eration, reduced the last serious pocket of Japa-
nese resistance and contributed to the firm es-
tablishment of the beachhead. His forceful and
determined leadership, daring aggressiveness and
cool and courageous action under fire were essential
factors in the success of our forces in capturing
this strongly fortified enemy atoll, and his zealous
devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the
highest traditions of the United States Naval Serv-
ice."

R--Atlanta, Ga.,
B--Atlanta, Ga.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-rtt

ComGenFMFPac Ser 45500
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MELVIN H. HAZALEUS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Platoon Leader of Company C, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. When his tank was disabled and burning, First Lieutenant Hazaleus remained with the vehicle and assisted in extinguishing the fire. Then, although suffering from multiple wounds and burns, he climbed down into the driver's seat and moved the tank from the vicinity so that the enemy position could be brought under attack by other tanks. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R- Newkirk, Okla.
B- Peckham, Okla.

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-gl

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Cincpac
SPOT
Serial 11172

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

PRIVATE ROBERT C. HAZZARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 February 1944. Steadfast and courageous in the face of heavy and constant hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, Private Hazzard rendered valuable service in destroying Japanese positions. On one occasion, he expertly maneuvered around an enemy machine gun to destroy the gun crew, relieving advancing troops who were pinned down by the devastating fire. By his courageous action, initiative and devotion to duty, Private Hazzard contributed materially to the success of the operations against the Japanese and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Priv

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP 298 navy fbb

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FmFPacSpotSer 46173
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN JAMES G. HEADLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 22 February 1945. Landing in the face of devastating artillery, rocket, mortar, rifle and machine-gun fire over extensively mined beaches on D-Day, Captain Headley immediately reorganized his company preparatory to continuing the attack and, in an effort to give his Battalion Commander a complete description of the front line situation, personally reconnoitered the area into which he was about to move his company. Then, he quickly launched his company into an assault on the extremely rugged cliffs in his zone of action and, despite heavy enemy fire of all kinds from fortified positions in the face of the cliff, courageously moved along the front lines to aid his men in seizing the high ground above the cliffs. Captain Headley's bravery, aggressive leadership and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Cincinnati, Ohio
B- " "

Citation only

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT
Serial 44534

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

SERGEANT LAWRENCE E. HEALY,
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 K, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. In command of the company mortar section when thirty of the enemy attempted a night assault upon the rear of his position, Sergeant Healy fearlessly exposed himself to the hostile rifle fire in order to alert his men and direct their fire. When the Japanese had become entrenched among the rocks and empty emplacements, he fiercely counterattacked and, by rushing among them on three separate occasions and throwing grenades in an effort to kill or dislodge them from their positions, succeeded in annihilating them all. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Cranston, R.I.
B-Providence, R.I.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT
Serial 45783
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES E. HEATH,
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, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 10 March 1945. When three large caliber enemy coast defense guns opened fire on friendly positions on an airfield and rear command areas late in the evening, Private First Class Heath directed fire on these hostile positions, having previously assumed command of the company mortar section when the officer and non-commissioned officers had become casualties. Through his accurate observation and orders from a forward exposed vantage point, he was able to bring mortar fire into the open gun pits, inflicting casualties on the enemy gun crews, firing the exposed powder and ammunition, and putting the guns out of action. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Pinkney, Mich.,
B--Detroit, Mich.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.
Serial 829.
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD L. HEATER, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 23, 1942. In order to protect a wounded comrade, Private First Class Heater voluntarily took up a position of great danger and, despite heavy Japanese machine-gun fire, dauntlessly held the enemy at bay for nearly an hour until his severely injured companion could be removed to a place of safety. Private First Class Heater's courageous initiative and steadfast loyalty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0939 (Com Su 418)
Signed SEP 9 1944

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

CAPTAIN JOHN E. HEATH, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while directing a tank assault of the First Marine Division against enemy Japanese forces at Natamo Point, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on January 23, 1944. After his .30 caliber and 75-mm. ammunition was expended, Captain Heath, voluntarily exposing himself to devastating hostile fire, mounted a .50 caliber machine gun in the turret of his tank to aid a unit of riflemen who were pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire. Displaying expert marksmanship, he steadfastly continued to man his weapon until the Japanese had been routed from the area. Captain Heath's daring initiative, unwavering determination and valiant fighting spirit were an inspiration to all men participating in the engagement, and his heroic 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.

R - Glassport, Pennsylvania.

B - Glassport, Pennsylvania.

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AW-298-aba

Spot Award, 1942
Serial
Signed Mar 18 1943

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

CORPORAL VOLSTEAD HEATH, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marines, ~~First Marine Division~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 18 and 29, and September 2, 1942. When fires were started in regimental munition dumps and in aviation gasoline dumps, Corporal Heath, unhesitatingly and on his own initiative, risked his life in the midst of exploding shells and burning gasoline drums to fight and control fires, thus preventing the loss of many lives and much essential material. His courageous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Raleigh, North Carolina.
B.. Jacksonville, North Carolina.

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

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT ALVIN E. HEBERT,
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 F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. Undaunted by a constant hail of hostile small-arms fire, Sergeant Hebert crawled a distance of about twenty-five yards to the aid of a wounded man lying in front of the enemy lines and succeeded in removing him to an area where first aid could be administered. 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

For the President.

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

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DGP-292-eln

Cinopac
App. SofM 2-1-45
Serial 100
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT LUTHER J. HEBERT, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a 60-mm. Mortar Section serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 to 28 July 1944. Calm and courageous in the face of a terrific enemy counterattack, Platoon Sergeant Hebert continually exposed himself to violent hostile fire to observe more advantageously the accuracy of his mortar weapons and, fearlessly moving from one position to another during the night, delivered deadly accurate fire against the enemy, thereby contributing materially to the frustration of the hostile counterattacks and the infliction of numerous losses. On 28 July, displaying consistent aggressiveness, he made a determined effort to capture a Japanese officer but was mortally wounded during the brave attempt. Platoon Sergeant Hebert's vallant disregard for personal safety and his heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Kaplan, La.
B--~~Kaplan~~, La.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by CMC, New Orleans, La 9-24-45, by registered mail, to the mother of the late PL/Sgt Hebert, Mrs Avenel Hebert, GenDelivery, Kaplan, La. Inf pres by request of mother.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 3-1-45
Serial 1526
Signed Dec 11, 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOREN F. HEDDERLY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a 60-mm. Mortar Section attached to the Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 and 19 June 1944. When his section was subjected to concentrated, intense hostile artillery fire and one of his guns received a direct hit, severely wounding members of the crew the night of 16 June, First Lieutenant Hedderly repeatedly risked his life to supervise the evacuation of casualties and thereafter maintained a constant vigil throughout the night to keep the remainder of his section in readiness for attack. In order to gain greater visibility on 19 June, he expeditiously established an observation post 150 yards forward of our lines and, throughout the hours of darkness, constantly exposed himself to the enemy's fierce barrages in order to direct the fire of his section more accurately. Although mortally wounded during the bitter action, First Lieutenant Hedderly, by his fearless initiative, great personal valor and courageous leadership throughout, had contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital Japanese stronghold and had upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the Secretary,

/s/ James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac
Appd SofN 3-22-45
Serial 01415
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

CORPORAL BERNARD E. HEENEY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

JP
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 24 September 1944. Seriously wounded while advancing to reinforce our front lines during a vicious enemy counterattack, Corporal Heeney fearlessly braved fanatic Japanese resistance to lead his machine-gun section to a strategic firing position in forward area. Continuing his valiant efforts, he skillfully disposed his weapons for maximum firing power against the enemy before submitting to evacuation. Subsequently succumbing to his wounds, Corporal Heeney, by his daring initiative, great personal valor and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, had contributed immeasurably to the success of the engagement 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--Hartford, Conn.

B--Windsor, Conn.

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DGP-298-egc

ComSoPac
Spot Award
Serial 00319
Signed NOV 27 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWELL T. HEFLIN, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

RP
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of an Assault Platoon attached to a company of the First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during the Battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 26, 1943. When his men were subjected to intense fire from hostile mortars and automatic weapons while advancing on a strongly organized and defended Japanese position, First Lieutenant Heflin promptly and skillfully deployed his platoon and courageously led it through difficult jungle terrain under a barrage of grenades and gunfire to the edge of the enemy's position. Directing his troops in a vigorous, prolonged battle, he frequently exposed himself to devastating fire at close range in order to control the attack more effectively and, by his unflinching determination and aggressive fighting spirit, contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy and the attainment of his company's objective. First Lieutenant Heflin's expert leadership and fearless conduct under extremely hazardous conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Birmingham, Alabama
B--Poulan, Georgia

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Serial 86491
Signed _____ 16 194

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

CAPTAIN GEORGE HEIDEN,
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, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. Twice repelled by intense enemy fire as he led his company in an assault against a heavily defended enemy ridge in the Naha-Shuri sector, Captain Heiden advanced upon the key position with his reserve platoon, defying mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire in an effort to capture this vital terrain. When the unit was again halted by devastating automatic fire, he unhesitatingly dashed ahead of the lines and, armed only with grenades, singlehandedly destroyed an enemy machine gun which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his company, thus enabling his men to advance and secure the objective. Again braving hostile fire, he directed the evacuation of the wounded from a completely exposed position, working until he himself was severely wounded and forced to be evacuated. Captain Heiden's courage and fighting spirit in the face of enemy fire served as an inspiration to his men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-- Milwaukee, Wisc.
B-- Detroit, Mich.

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DGP-298-vml

Cincpac
Serial-032384
AppdSofN-1-10-46
Signed MAY 27 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEON H. HEIGHT, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Leader in Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 5 to 7 May 1945. During an assault on a tenaciously defended enemy ridge, First Lieutenant Height bravely defied heavy fire to carry several of his wounded men from their dangerously exposed positions to a place of comparative safety. Assuming charge of the assault platoons two days later, after the company commander had been wounded, he rapidly reorganized the disrupted company in the face of shattering mortar and intense small-arms fire and, by his calm, inspiring leadership during a critical phase of the operations, succeeded in executing an orderly withdrawal and maintaining his unit as a cohesive fighting force. His prompt initiative and fearless devotion to duty were in a large measure responsible for the continued advance of his company and reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Height and the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Spring Lake, New Jersey,
B--Lakewood, New Jersey.

On May 27, 1946, the President of the United States presented the Silver Star Medal to First Lieutenant Leon H. Height, Jr., United States Marine Corps Reserve, for his gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Leader in Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 5 to 7 May 1945. During an assault on a tenaciously defended enemy ridge, First Lieutenant Height bravely defied heavy fire to carry several of his wounded men from their dangerously exposed positions to a place of comparative safety. Assuming charge of the assault platoons two days later, after the company commander had been wounded, he rapidly reorganized the disrupted company in the face of shattering mortar and intense small-arms fire and, by his calm, inspiring leadership during a critical phase of the operations, succeeded in executing an orderly withdrawal and maintaining his unit as a cohesive fighting force. His prompt initiative and fearless devotion to duty were in a large measure responsible for the continued advance of his company and reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Height and the United States Naval Service.

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Mr. Hook

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Appd SofN 9-13-45
Serial 35789
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CORPORAL CALVIN C. HEINBACH,
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 Demolition Squad of Company C, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 5 March 1945. When the advance of the infantry was held up by heavy casualties inflicted by an enemy automatic weapon delivering enfilade fire from a well-concealed cave, Corporal Heinbach, though armed only with a carbine, unhesitatingly made his way forward through withering small-arms and mortar barrages, located the position, charged and killed the gunner and captured the weapon, thereby contributing materially to the advance of the infantry in that sector. His courageous initiative and valiant fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Heinbach and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES F. FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

recognition with the expressed desire
that the United States Navy
be forever to the memory of the late Corporal Calvin C.
Heinbach, who died at the age of 21 years and 11 months
at Pine Grove, Penn.

B--Rock, Penn.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMF Ser. 46924
Signed _____

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

FIRST SERGEANT FRED HEINRICH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as First Sergeant of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. Volunteering to assume command of a platoon after his company had suffered heavy casualties among its platoon leaders, First Sergeant Heinrich led the platoon in establishing an important position in Japanese-held territory after dark and, heedless of the danger involved, went forward alone to reconnoiter several hostile positions in his path. Hurling several well-aimed hand grenades into these installations and silencing the enemy, he returned and led his platoon forward to occupy the objective. His heroic action contributed materially to the success of his company's attack mission and 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.

A-Shafter, Calif.
B-Woodworth, N. Dak.

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DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 00435

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

CAPTAIN RODNEY L. HEINZE,
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, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. During the attack to seize the cliffs above the Asan River Valley, a terrain feature which commanded the entire Division beach, Captain Heinze's company was gradually forced into a bottleneck by the nature of the terrain and was receiving heavy concentrations of hostile mortar and machine-gun fire which inflicted heavy casualties. Due to the physical difficulty of scaling the almost perpendicular cliffs, many of the company were collapsing from heat exhaustion. Faced with these almost insurmountable obstacles, Captain Heinze boldly made his way up and down the front lines in full view of the enemy, urging the men to renew their efforts and to move on to the crest of the cliff. By his heroic actions, he inspired his men to seize the objective and consolidate the position before dark. Captain Heinze's courage, daring initiative and unwavering 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--Toledo, Ohio

B--Toledo, Ohio

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Spot Award.
Serial 00485
Signed SEP 6 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEONARD R. HELLER, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, during the period from September to December, 1942. On the night of October 24, during continuous and dangerous assaults in the Lunga Area by a numerically superior Japanese force, Second Lieutenant Heller, utterly disregarding his own personal safety, acted as a voluntary forward observer and remained at his post for twelve gruelling hours. Despite his constant exposure to heavy enemy fire, he skillfully directed the devastating blasts of the artillery and heavy mortars as well as the operations of his own mortar platoon, thereby contributing in a large measure to the defeat and virtual annihilation of an entire Japanese regiment. His unfaltering devotion to duty in a perilous situation was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Quakertown, Pennsylvania

B - Quakertown, Pennsylvania

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Serial 21354
Signed-----

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

PRIVATE WILLIAM W. HELLER, JR.,
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-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 9 July 1944. After others had sustained wounds during an attempted rescue of a fallen Marine from an exposed fire-swept area, Private Heller unhesitatingly braved the enemy's concentrated machine-gun and rifle fire in a valiant effort to reach his comrade and, steadily advancing under the unceasing barrage, succeeded in removing the helpless man to a safe area. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and cool courageous action in the face of grave peril, Private Heller saved the life of a man who otherwise might have perished and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Brooklyn N.Y.
B-Brooklyn N.Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Cincpac 3-1-45
App. SofN 4-30-45
Serial 1516
Signed 11-19-45

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LOUIS J. HELLRUNG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Rifleman while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 28 June 1944. Sent out on patrol duty when his company gained the ridge line of Mt. Tapotchau, Private First Class Hellrung audaciously crawled towards the enemy position and singlehandedly knocked out a Japanese pillbox with hand grenades, annihilating its entire gun crew. By this heroic act, he contributed essentially to the ultimate conquest of this strategically important enemy stronghold, and his daring courage under fire and unwavering devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Hellrung and the United States Naval Service.”

SS w/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres.
8 Feb 1946 by CO, MCB, San Diego,
Calif., to widow of the late
PFC Hellrung, Mrs. Louis J.
Hellrung, 3536 Ray St., San
Diego, Calif.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

Formal pres. at MCB.

R--Alton, Illinois,
B-- " "

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DGP-298-eln

CpmSevFlt
Spot Award
Serial 0955
Signed NOV 15 1944

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

SERGEANT HARRY L. HELM, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the First Marine Division in action against
enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Area on January
3, 1944. Assuming command of the platoon in the absence
of his leader, Sergeant Helm led the men forward despite
unfamiliar, enemy-infested terrain and dense jungle under-
growth and, through his dauntless courage and inspiring
leadership, forced a stream crossing under intense fire from
hostile machine guns on the opposite bank. Upon effecting
the hazardous crossing, he promptly organized his unit,
skillfully coordinating its fire and enabling his platoon to
hold its positions and provide cover for other troops cross-
ing the stream. Sergeant Helm's splendid initiative and
unswerving valor under extremely dangerous combat condi-
tions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United
States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Rapid City, South Dakota.
B - Ellingson, South Dakota.
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CincPac
Appd SofN 2-22-45
Serial 470
Signed _____

JUL 16 1945

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

CORPORAL THOMAS J. HELTZEL, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Crew Chief of the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Solomon Islands, Gilbert Islands and Marianas Group, from 7 August 1942 to 15 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Corporal Heltzel rendered valuable service during the invasion and occupation of the Solomon and Gilbert Islands. Although mortally wounded during the first wave of the assault on Saipan Island, Corporal Heltzel, by his outstanding efficiency and dauntless fighting spirit, had inspired the members of his crew to carry on unwaveringly to the completion of their mission. His exemplary conduct and splendid devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, pers cmt, ltr fr CMC pres by Major For the President, USMC., 11-12-45
to the widow of the late Corp Heltzel,
Mrs Heltzer at her home in Mishawaka, Ind. JAMES FORRESTAL
Inf pres.

Secretary of the Navy.

R--South Bend, Ind.
B--South Bend, Ind.

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SPOT
Serial 41628
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CORPORAL BERNARD J. HELVICK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman in a platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. In a bold attempt to frustrate the efforts of a group of hostile riflemen who were slowly working their way toward a supporting tank stranded because of a blown off track, Corporal Helvick raced forward, reaching the tank while the enemy were still forty yards away. In the face of heavy mortar fire falling in the vicinity, he issued the necessary orders for the withdrawal of the tank crew and then set up his automatic rifle, taking under fire the approaching riflemen. Despite a barrage of hand grenades thrown by the Japanese in an effort to dislodge him from his position, he remained until the tank crew reached friendly troops, meanwhile annihilating three of the enemy before returning to his platoon. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Shenandoah Heights, Pa.
B--Shenandoah Heights, Pa.

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Serial 0647
Signed-----

The President f

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

CORPORAL BENJAMIN C. HEMBREE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With a group of Marines pinned down by withering hostile fire during a fierce engagement with the Japanese on D-Day, Corporal Hembree promptly seized a flame thrower and advanced alone to the vicinity of the dugout. When his weapon failed to operate, he remained steadfast under the enemy's shattering barrage, calmly and skillfully effected repairs, then delivered a steady stream of deadly fire against the emplacement. By his daring initiative, his dauntless perseverance and valiant fighting spirit maintained during the bitter action, Corporal Hembree contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Fayetteville, Arkansas
B-Fayetteville, Arkansas

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT ALBERT D. HEMPHILL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Gunnery Sergeant of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. When his company lost radio and telephone communications with our tanks during a combined infantry and tank operation against strong hostile cave positions, Gunnery Sergeant Hemphill voluntarily moved forward under hostile fire to re-establish contact. Occupying an exposed position, he transmitted signals from the armored vehicles to his Company Commander. Fired upon by an enemy machine gun, he immediately located this gun position and, returning to the company, boldly led a rocket team forward to destroy the hostile weapon, personally accounting for three of the enemy. By his indomitable courage, initiative and devotion to duty, Gunnery Sergeant Hemphill upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Eylertown, Miss.,
B--Tylertown, Miss.

Secretary of the Navy.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-18-45
Serial 12663
Signed MAY 10 1945

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

CORPORAL CLAUDE T. HENDERSON, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a 60-mm. mortar section serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. When hostile units launched a violent counter-attack against his company's position, Corporal Henderson immediately moved to the front lines and, despite withering enemy fire, skillfully directed a fierce mortar barrage against the onrushing Japanese. Assuming a position on the firing line when enemy units advanced too close for further mortar attack, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to hostile fire and furnished cover for a corpsman administering blood plasma to a casualty, fighting his weapon with deadly effectiveness until he himself was mortally wounded. Corporal Henderson'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--Norfolk, Va.

SSM, perm cirt & ltr fr CMC pres'd 27 July by NINE Dist. Marine Officer, Hqs. 5th Wav Dist, NOB, Norfolk, Va. to the parents of the late Corp. Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. C. de Thomas Henderson, Sr., 530 Mass. Ave., Norfolk, Va. informally at home.

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Spot Award
Serial 0056
Signed JUL 17 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RODGER J. HENDERSON, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during an attack along the Numa Numa-Piva trail, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 8, 1943. Refusing evacuation when he received four serious injuries in the back, Private First Class Henderson steadfastly continued to man his automatic rifle for a period of three hours, neutralizing the fire of an enemy machine gun and covering the advance of two comrades who attacked and destroyed the hostile weapon. His aggressive fighting spirit and courageous disregard for his own personal safety were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Louisville, Ky.
B - " "

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15 February 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

* * * * *

VERNON L. HENDLEY, (240674), Sergeant, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 15, 1943, at Guadalcanal. After his platoon was evacuated for illness, he took command and personally led his platoon into action in the ravine west of Point Cruz, to destroy enemy emplacements, and at all times fought bravely. He personally captured three light machine guns and other weapons, sustaining no losses. Home Address: 2792 Upshur, San Diego, California.

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By Command of Major General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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

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Signed_____

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

SERGEANT LEWIS S. HENDRICKS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marines Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. During the attack on a strongly-defended enemy ridge, Sergeant Hendricks went forward with two others of his platoon armed with hand grenades and automatic weapons and, assaulting a hostile position which was vital in the defense of the ridge, assisted in annihilating sixteen of the enemy and in capturing a Japanese machine gun, a mortar and a number of rifles. By his courageous conduct, Sergeant Hendricks contributed materially to the successful seizure of the ridge in the shortest possible time. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Shimston, W. Va.
B-Glen Robbins, Ohio

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Serial 35264
Signed OCT 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD E. HENDRICKS,
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-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 10 March 1945. Quick to act when his platoon was pinned down under the intense gunfire of strategically located enemy emplacements, First Lieutenant Hendricks advanced forward of the lines to locate the Japanese positions. Continually exposing himself to the hostile fire, he directed a supporting tank platoon into position from which they could fire upon the emplacements and, moving along the line to an adjacent company, skillfully coordinated the maneuvers of both tank units, thereby destroying several enemy strong points before he was himself mortally wounded. His daring initiative and courage in the face of grave personal danger reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Hendricks and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 54757
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CORPORAL GREGORY T. HENESY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Scout Sergeant with a Forward Observation Team of Battery A, First Battalion, Fifteenth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Naha, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 May 1945. When the Officer in Charge of his team was seriously wounded and pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Henesy voluntarily crawled with a stretcher over one hundred yards under intense enemy fire to the wounded officer. Observing that the injured man needed immediate medical attention, he then led three men in carrying him out of the area which was being swept by hostile machine-gun fire. After reorganizing his team, he led them forward through heavy enemy fire to the front lines where he was able to bring artillery fire in support of the advancing infantry. 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--Washington, D. C.,
B--Cambridge, Mass.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NORMAN J. HENGEMUEHL,
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 Collecting Detachment, of the Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. Learning that there were wounded Marines in a small pocket occupied by friendly troops and flanked on two sides by the Japanese, Private First Class Hengemuehl drove his ambulance into the area and evacuated a number of men. Although his vehicle drew large volumes of hostile fire, he returned to the pocket and aided in repelling a serious enemy counterattack for a period of three hours. When supporting elements arrived, he again evacuated casualties, making a third trip to the area under fire to complete his mission. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

R. Long Ex Prairie, Minn. For the President,
B. Long Prairie, Minn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Serial 745
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH A. HENGER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OR
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 20 June 1944. Exercising prompt initiative when an explosion and resultant fires occurred in a vital ammunition dump, Corporal Henger fearlessly entered the danger area where large quantities of dynamite, artillery and mortar ammunition were stored and, working desperately in a valiant attempt to isolate the burning area, fought the raging flames with determined energy until fatally injured by a second explosion. His courageous action, resolute fortitude and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of extreme 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--Milwaukee, Wisc.
B-- " "

SSM, perm Cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by CinC, USMC Dist. Hq. Ind. and Rec. Station, PO Bldg., 517 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin to the prnts of the late Corp. Henger, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Henger, 144 N. 71st St., Milwaukee on 6 September 1945. Informal presentation.

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Serial 2529

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

PRIVATE GERALD J. J. HENGgeler,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rocket Launcher Operator of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 20 May 1945. During an assault on a strongly defended hostile position, Private Henggeler detected a carefully concealed Japanese pillbox which was holding up the advance of an adjacent unit with flanking fire. Unhesitatingly, he advanced through heavy small-arms and mortar fire and destroyed the emplacement, thereby permitting the neighboring unit to continue its advance. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflect the highest credit on Private Henggeler and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Columbus, Nebr.
B--Columbus, Nebr.

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Signed _____

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

MAJOR RUPERT C. HENLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Fifth Pioneer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 24 February 1945. Landing his headquarters shortly after H-Hour, Major Henley immediately made a thorough reconnaissance of the beach area although he was continually subjected to heavy enemy small-arms and mortar fire which rendered him unconscious and slightly wounded him. When supplies were urgently needed by a combat team, he quickly ordered his shore party to land and personally supervised and directed the placing of personnel on the beach. Despite continuing heavy small-arms and mortar fire from Mount Suribachi, Major Henley ably directed his battalion in landing and delivering adequate quantities of supplies over rugged terrain to the combat team they were assigned to support and although enemy fire at times became so intense that complete stoppage of work was necessary, he immediately left his foxhole first when the fire slackened sufficiently to permit continuance of work. By his courageous leadership and aggressive fighting spirit throughout, Major Henley upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Harrimon, Tenn.,
B--Harriman, Tenn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 11-8-45
Serial - 36949
Signed ~~MAR 4~~ 1946

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

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE K. HENNESSY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a rifle company attached to the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Group, 7 May 1945. Leading his company in an attack against a heavily defended strategic ridge, Captain Hennessy ably directed the fire of his men into the Japanese stronghold and, fearlessly penetrating the enemy's intense barrage of artillery, machine-gun and rifle fire, occupied the objective. With his unit suddenly blasted by an increased concentration of exploding shells and gunfire, he was ordered to evacuate his company from the untenable position. Realizing the grave peril to his men, Captain Hennessy remained on the ridge directing and defending their withdrawal and, pouring a steady stream of fire at the enemy until his entire company had reached comparative safety. By his personal valor, cool decision and indomitable fighting spirit, Captain Hennessy served as an inspiration to his men and effected the accomplishment of a difficult operation. His conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

Reference was transmitted to a post office box at the committee building
New York, New York, on 22 May 1945. The presentation of the Silver Star
Medal to Captain Lawrence K. Hennessy, United States Marine Corps Reserve,
was made by the Secretary of the Navy, James Forrestal, on 22 May 1945.
The presentation was made at the post office box at the committee building
New York, New York, on 22 May 1945.

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Serial 00773
Signed APR 24 1947

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

CORPORAL DONALD E. HENNIE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 22 December 1943. Skillfully leading his machine-gun section to a strategic position in line with Japanese entrenchments, Corporal Hennie directed the placing of his weapons with courageous determination under intense hostile rifle and machine-gun fire until he was severely wounded in the face and shoulder by the explosion of a hand grenade. After receiving first aid, he refused to be evacuated and, despite the acute pain, carried on for seven hours in directing the fire of his guns against the enemy. By his extreme bravery and steadfast devotion to duty, Corporal Hennie successfully completed his hazardous mission, and his gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R—Tampa, Florida.
R—Cleveland, Ohio.

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. HENNING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. With his platoon assigned the right half of the company sector during an advance against well-entrenched hostile troops defending a strategic hill, Second Lieutenant Henning courageously led his men in an aggressive attack in the face of fierce enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. Although the units on the left and right of the company zone of action were halted, he boldly led his platoon one thousand yards forward in attempts to seize the hill and, when his advance was twice repulsed, quickly organized a third attack which resulted in the securing of the hill and the capturing of one 47-mm. antitank gun and six 25-mm. dual-purpose weapons. By his tactical skill, aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant Henning aided materially in enabling adjacent units to advance without opposition, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Pocano Lake, Pa.
B- " " "
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JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0716
Signed Aug 10 1944

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

SERGEANT CHARLES A. HENNINGER, USMC.,

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, January 9, 1944. Advancing over difficult and unfamiliar terrain in the vicinity of a steep and well-defended hill, Sergeant Henninger constantly exposed himself to devastating hostile fire in a valiant attempt to maintain contact with the unit on his company's right flank. Again risking his life when the platoon leader was wounded, he courageously assumed command and pressed the attack until a relief officer could be substituted. Sergeant Henninger's inspiring leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and conscientious 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-- Summit Hill, Pennsylvania
B--Andreas, Pennsylvania

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACK A. HENOPP,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 April 1945. After two rifle companies were subjected to heavy hostile artillery and small arms fire and requested that additional ammunition be sent forward, Private First Class Henopp voluntarily took charge of a detail of thirty men and organized them as ammunition bearers. When an enemy machine gun opened fire and pinned down the carrying party while en route to the besieged companies, he used his men as a base of fire and, voluntarily moving forward, destroyed the hostile gun, thereby permitting the party to continue. Again crawling forward when another enemy machine gun opened fire and wounded one of the men, Private First Class Henopp dragged his wounded comrades to safety and, after the second machine gun had been silenced reorganized his party and successfully delivered the urgently needed ammunition. His inspiring leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Des Moines, Iowa
B-Bellville, Ill.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 00597
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT L. HENSLEY JR.,
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 A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 19 September 1944. When his platoon received many casualties from a hostile machine gun located in a cave at the crest of a ridge line while attacking steep coral ridges which concealed numerous enemy automatic weapons, Private First Class Hensley charged in despite the heavy volume of fire directed at him and annihilated the enemy with point-blank rifle fire. By his courageous and aggressive fighting spirit, Private First Class Hensley enabled his platoon to advance to its objective without further casualties, and his conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--King Mountain, N.C.
B--King Mountain, N.C.

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AW-298-ebs

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT EVERETT ~~A.~~^{C.} HENSON, U.S.M.C.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Company K,

"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 Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, between September 13 and 17, 1942. Rendering invaluable service to his company commander in controlling the men, inexperienced in *the* actual combat, Gunnery Sergeant Henson led his men with inspiring fearlessness in bearing the brunt of the battle and repelling the attacking Japanese. Though wounded by shrapnel, he courageously remained at his post, directing mortar fire throughout enemy activity and, after being evacuated and treated, returned to his company until relieved. His coolness, skill and personal valor were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R...Oregon

B...Mansfield, Missouri

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App. SofN 4-19-45
Serial 12890
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROLFE H. HEPBURN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Assistant Intelligence Officer of the Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 17 June 1944. Courageous and determined in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns during landing operations on Saipan Island, Second Lieutenant Hepburn, although seriously injured in a vehicle accident on the heights of Fina Susu, continued to give information of the enemy and to guide support units to new positions at night despite the intensity of hostile fire until mortally wounded on 17 June 1944. By his outstanding professional skill and unwavering devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant Hepburn rendered invaluable service toward the success of the vital campaign on this strategically important island. His gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

07716
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN JAMES E. HERBOLD, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Adjutant of the Second Marines, Second Marine
Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces
on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November
1943. Promptly analyzing the critical situation
upon landing on the beach, Captain Herbold immedi-
ately reorganized scattered personnel into effect-
ing fighting groups to reinforce the thinly held
lines and, organizing remnants of headquarters,
artillery and shore party units later that night,
successfully defended a vital sector of the beach-
head. When supplies began arriving the following
day, he efficiently established various dumps
and allotted ammunition, food and water to all
units in the front lines despite persistent, harass-
ing enemy fire and subsequently, in the face of
continued sniper activity, carried out the diffi-
cult task of caring for those killed in battle.
Captain Herbold's inspiring leadership, splendid
initiative and tireless efforts under extremely
hazardous conditions were in keeping with the
highest traditions of the United States Naval
Service."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

539419
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 50939
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL GEORGE C. HERMAN
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 to 25 February 1945. Landing the first bulldozer at his beach at H-Hour plus ninety minutes, Corporal Herman realized immediately that the vehicle was drawing mortar, artillery and small-arms fire which was inflicting casualties on the troops in the area and, heroically driving beyond the front lines, proceeded toward the enemy until bullets fired at him were no longer endangering friendly troops. Later that day, he returned his tractor to the beach and worked under heavy fire to pull numerous wrecked vehicles from the water's edge, thereby relieving the beach congestion. Despite machine-gun fire which hit his tractor and wounded a man who was riding, he coolly continued his work and, subsequently towing a rocket truck which received a hit from a mortar shell, completed his mission by placing the truck in a firing position although the crew were casualties. For a period of five days, Corporal Herman worked continuously in the construction of front line supply roads and the closing of caves at the base of Mount Suribachi until wounded when his tractor struck a mine. His initiative, courage under fire and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Services."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Tampa, Fla.
B-Tampa, Fla.

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DGP-298-ebg

FmFPac Spot Ser. 45500

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT WILBER N. HERNDON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. After a heavy enemy artillery barrage had set fire to a division ammunition and food dump and a U. S. Army radar station situated in the vicinity of the Regimental Command Post, Gunnery Sergeant Herndon braved hostile mortar and artillery fire as well as flying fragments of burning and exploding ammunition which were continuously showering the area and assisted in controlling and extinguishing the fire, thereby preventing the destruction of other large stores of near-by critical materials. 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-Camden, Tenn.
B-Eva, Tenn.

366555
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00406-45
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND E. HERREN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, during the night of 21 July 1944. Although momentarily stunned by a demolition charge thrown into his position during an attack against his sector, Private First Class Herren courageously maintained his position and succeeded in killing one of the enemy attackers in a desperate hand-to-hand encounter. In addition, he helped repel the others by the fire from his machine-gun, thereby contributing materially to the defeat of the enemy in his sector. 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-Alton, Ill.
B-Cairo, Ill.

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Serial 6887 FEB 13 1948

Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HUGH B. HERRING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Sixth Ma-
rines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy
Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June
1944. When his machine gun was put out of action
during a Japanese counterattack, Private First Class
Herring assisted in rendering first aid to his wounded
comrades. Realizing the precarious position of the
wounded men, he voluntarily went for assistance,
bringing two tanks to the scene and directing their
fire against the hostile forces, assisted materially
in halting the enemy attack. His courage, initia-
tive and zealous devotion to duty throughout were
in keeping with the highest traditions of the United
States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Downers, Grove, Ill.,
B--Wilson, Ark.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

564616
DGP-298-Navy-RLC

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Serial 52103
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LYWOOD L. HERRING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPSE RESERVES

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Bazooka Operator of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, March 11, 1945. When a sudden hostile attack wounded Private First Class Herring and two other men who were in a large shell hole being used as the platoon command post, the enemy took advantage of the momentary confusion and, pressing forward, hurled a barrage of hand grenades, two of which fell in rapid succession near Private First Class Herring. Although suffering the severe pain of his wounds and in a prone position while undergoing medical treatment, he seized both grenades as they fell and hurled them back towards the enemy. By his cool action, he saved the occupants of the shell hole from sustaining injury and prevented the two casualties from receiving further wounds. Private First Class Herring's courage and quick thinking were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Harrisonburg, Va.
B- Elkton, Va.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

222103
AW-228-1a

Spot Award 1942
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

CORPORAL TED B. HERROD, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
a member of the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Rein-
forced, during action against enemy Japanese forces at
Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 9, 1942. Unhesitatingly
and with inspiring fearlessness, Corporal Herrod led
his squad up to high ground on Mbangai Island in the
face of heavy and accurate fire from enemy snipers.
Upon reaching the crest of the hill, he boldly cleared
a house of possible enemy snipers by expert use of hand
grenades. Largely as a result of his undaunted courage
and prompt actions, the mission of his platoon was suc-
cessful."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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writing to any person with-
out the permission of the
officer in charge of the
Decorations and Medals
Division.

R...San Francisco, California

B...Vinita, Oklahoma.

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DGP-298-bz

Approved SofN 3-27-44
Serial 00316
Signed JUL 29 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. HERRON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Battalion Liaison Officer while attached to the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in combat against numerically superior Japanese forces in the Koromokina River Area, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on November 7, 1943. During an attack against a well camouflaged and strongly entrenched enemy, First Lieutenant Herron discovered that hostile machine-gun and sniper fire had pinned down a rifle platoon killing or wounding the leader and sergeants and, without hesitation, assumed command. Determined to learn the disposition of enemy forces obstructing their advance, First Lieutenant Herron faced intense enemy fire to enter the dense jungle undergrowth and conduct a successful reconnaissance, killing five Japanese during this action. Returning to his platoon with the vital information, he immediately ordered an attack but, while charging forward, was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His men, inspired by his brilliant leadership and self-sacrificing efforts, unhesitatingly advanced into Japanese emplacements and effectively destroyed all resistance. The splendid initiative and extremely heroic conduct of First Lieutenant Herron in carrying out his mission contributed immeasurably to the success of these vital operations and 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.

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R - Harrington Park, New Jersey.
B - Harrington Park, New Jersey.

349506
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award

Serial 0049

Signed 9-9-44

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

SERGEANT EDGAR J. HERSCHLER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

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CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company M, Third Raider Battalion, Second Marine Raider Regiment, during an amphibious landing behind enemy Japanese lines on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. Volunteering to help evacuate some of the men in his group who were lying wounded and helpless under continuous enemy fire, Sergeant Herschler risked his life to pass through a prepared hostile fire lane down which the Japanese machine guns were firing steadily. Continuing his task fearlessly and with utter disregard for his own safety, he succeeded in getting one injured comrade past the fire lane without further harm, but in so doing was himself wounded. His extreme courage, splendid initiative and unselfish efforts on behalf of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Boulder, Colorado.

B - Kemmerer, Wyoming.

Released May 11, 1944

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DGP-298-rtt

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. HERWIG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 25 May 1945. When his Company Commander was evacuated during an intense fire fight, First Lieutenant Herwig assumed command and skillfully reorganizing his men during the fire fight although he was the only remaining officer, continued the attack to capture the objective. Repeatedly braving hostile artillery, mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire despite the seemingly overwhelming odds, he led his company in an attack against the fanatical enemy defending their strongly fortified cave positions and, during the night, organized and directed his men in repelling a Japanese counterattack although numerous casualties had decimated his company. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Oakland, Calif.
B- Woodford, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 00437
Signed-----
JUL 10 1947

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

CORPORAL CARROLL A. HERZBERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as leader of a Machine Gun Squad of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 25 and 26 July 1944. During a fierce Japanese attack when all the flanking riflemen were either killed or wounded, Corporal Herzberg kept his machine gun squad in position and continued to fire at the attacking forces, manning the gun himself when his gunner was wounded and rendering aid to the disabled man whenever the situation permitted. Subsequently wounded in both legs by grenade fragments and bayoneted as he lay helpless in the foxhole, he remained undiscovered until his battalion counterattacked the next morning and found enemy dead scattered over the area covered by his machine-gun fire. His courage, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

ROChicago, Ill
B-New Shardon, Iwoa

For the President,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 86494 DEC 16 1947
Signed-----

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

PLATOON SERGEANT VINCENT P. HERZOG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Machine gun Platoon and later as Acting First Sergeant of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 21 February to 24 March 1945. Demonstrating cool judgment and courage, Platoon Sergeant Herzog braved heavy mortar fire on 23 February, to rescue a wounded member of his platoon. On three occasions, as Acting First Sergeant, he assumed command of his company and effectively maintained its organization and efficiency until officer replacements arrived. During patrolling operations on 23 March, he advanced three hundred yards alone to investigate a white flag and induced ten of the enemy to surrender. 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-Queens Village, N.Y.
B-Brooklyn, N.Y.

Secretary of the Navy.

914182
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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Serial 43822
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH HESS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Rifle Squad Leader of Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 March 1945. When his platoon was suddenly immobilized by rifle fire from four enemy caves to the immediate front, Private First Class Hess prepared several demolition charges and voluntarily worked his way twenty-five yards forward of the front lines, reaching the caves despite severe enemy rifle fire. After using all his charges to demolish two of the caves, he returned to the lines for more and again traversed the hazardous area to destroy the last two emplacements. Discovering that the charges were not large enough to eliminate the third cave, he again returned to the lines for more explosives and, on the next trip forward, finished the work of sealing the remaining position. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Verden, Okla.,
B--Anadarko, Okla.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

346743
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL WILFORD J. HESS,
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, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. When a number of runners attached to his company became casualties during fierce hostilities against a fanatic enemy, Corporal Hess unhesitatingly volunteered to carry essential messages from the Company Command Post to adjacent units, front line areas and to the Battalion Command Post. With radio and telephone lines inoperative between the Company and Battalion Command Posts, he repeatedly crossed the open, fire-swept airfield to deliver important communications concerning front line positions and, on his return trip, carried ammunition and grenades urgently needed by his unit. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Corporal Hess contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his tenacious devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Shelley, Idaho.,
B--Plymouth, Utah.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT EUGENE J. HETMAN,
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 D, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. When his platoon was subjected to heavy enemy mortar fire and became disorganized, Gunnery Sergeant Hetman continually exposed himself to heavy sniper fire and, succeeding in reorganizing his unit despite wounds sustained during the action, led his men forward to take the objective. Then, directing the evacuation of the casualties, he remained with the platoon until ordered to the rear for medical treatment. His courageous leadership, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Chicago, Illinois
B-Chicago, Illinois

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Cincpac
Serial 34911
AppdSofN-1-10-46
Signed MAR 3 1947

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

CORPORAL LEWIS M. HESSE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader in a platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense hostile fire during the assault on strong enemy fortifications at the base of Mount Suribachi, Corporal Hesse volunteered to make his way around the flank of the Japanese strong point and create a diversion to the rear. When about thirty yards from the enemy forces, he began firing as he moved rapidly from one position to another, exposing himself repeatedly to draw the Japanese fire and diverting it sufficiently to enable his platoon to launch a successful frontal attack on the hostile positions. His heroic initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Freeburg, Illinois,
B--Freeburg, Illinois.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT ROBERT L. NEUMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while assisting the Officer in Charge of Company C, Sixth Engineer Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. While participating in the construction of a three hundred and fifty foot Bailey bridge across Naha Harbor on the main supply route for two Marine divisions, Sergeant Neuman was wounded by the same explosion which wounded and blew the Officer in Charge into swift currents below. Disregarding his personal safety, he plunged in to aid the helpless officer. After having his wounds treated, he refused to be evacuated and returned to carry out his duties in the construction assignment, thereby contributing materially to the rapid completion of the bridge and to the success of the operations on Oruku Peninsula. His outstanding initiative and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

For the President,

WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DPG-298-Navy-RLC

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SPOT
Serial-43822
Signed

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

SERGEANT WERNER J. HEUMANN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. After the initial landing, Sergeant Heumann frequently exposed himself to devastating hostile fire that was raking the beach to assemble his unit and move it inland. When his platoon was held up by several enemy bunkers, one of which housed an antitank weapon that was bringing extremely destructive fire to bear on friendly tanks in that sector, he made an accurate appraisal of the situation and, with his squad as the assaulting unit, aided the platoon in destroying these emplacements. While working on two such enemy positions on 21 February, he exposed himself to accurate mortar fire to direct the fire of several tanks and, using the telephone on the outside of the tank, directed their fire on the enemy emplacement. Later on the same day, he was seriously wounded while attempting to evacuate his injured Platoon Leader. By his courageous leadership and indomitable fighting spirit, Sergeant Heumann contributed materially to the success of the first phase of the operation, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
B-Hoffenheim, Germany

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL PERRY L. HEWER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. When a column of twenty-one enemy soldiers advanced toward his position, Corporal Hewer ordered his men to hold their fire until the Japanese were within twenty yards and, directing the full fire power of his men, completely destroyed the hostile force. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Burbank, Calif.,
B--Winnipeg, Canada.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT
Serial 42768
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE BEN J. HEYE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Demolitionist of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 March 1945. After his squad leader was wounded and the squad depleted and disorganized by heavy casualties sustained from hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, Private Heye called for volunteers and reorganized the squad. Perceiving that sniper and machine-gun fire from two enemy emplacements was holding up the advance of the forward elements of his company, he rushed forward through the intense fire and, placing demolitions in the embrasures of one emplacement, completely destroyed it and its three occupants and then directed the destruction of the other by his squad. By his courageous efforts, Private Heye enabled his company to continue its advance, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denver, Colo.
B--Wauneta, Nebr.

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7-10-51
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL FREDERICK J. HIBBARD, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Fire Team in Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15-17 September 1944. During three furious enemy counterattacks on friendly positions, Corporal Hibbard boldly led his unit in the face of intense hostile machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire and personally delivered devastating fire to account for many Japanese troops with an automatic rifle he had seized after his rifleman was wounded. On the morning of 16 September, when his squad leader became a casualty, he unhesitatingly assumed command, skillfully directing the squad throughout the remainder of the operation and contributing directly to the final repulse and annihilation of the hostile forces. His daring initiative, outstanding courage and unwavering devotion to duty despite grave danger reflect great credit upon Corporal Hibbard and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

DAN A. WATSON

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
B - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

371493
DGP-298-sps

F
ComGenFMFPac SPOT Ser 79496
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT PERRY W. HIBBERT, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of Company A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. When another tank was disabled by a hostile antitank gun and blocked the only tank route to the front lines, Sergeant Hibbert dismounted from his tank despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and, attaching a tow cable to the disabled vehicle, had it pulled to a position clear of the road. Returning to his tank, he proceeded forward and, observing another disabled tank blocking the road, again dismounted but was seriously wounded in the head by enemy mortar shell fragments while maneuvering into position to tow the vehicle. By his courageous efforts, Sergeant Hibbert served as an inspiration to his men who completed clearing the only tank approach to the front lines, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Wynne Wood, Okla.
R - Oklahoma City, Okla.

011483
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award
Serial 00856
Signed 11-17-44

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLIFFORD B. HICKS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 16, 1943. Courageously leading two rifle squads and a machine-gun section up a steep incline in a daring encirclement of strongly fortified enemy installations, First Lieutenant Hicks was halted at the crest of the vital ridge by withering hostile fire which wounded three of his men. Realizing that his position was untenable, he quickly withdrew his units from the slope, then unhesitatingly made his way forward under an intense barrage from enemy gun emplacements and, with the aid of another Marine, removed two of the casualties to safety, returning alone to evacuate the remaining injured man. Subsequently reorganizing his troops, he established contact with an adjoining company and carried out a successful assault against the Japanese forces. First Lieutenant Hicks' inspiring leadership and daring initiative in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

OK ASD 11/12/44
For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Marshalltown, Iowa.
B - Marshalltown, Iowa.

Released 30 Nov 44

AGPD-B 201 Hicks, Thomas R.
20 Jan 47) 257 366 (U.S.M.C.)

26 February 1947

Mrs. Daisy B. Hicks
601 North Fourth Street
Sayre, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Hicks:

I have the honor to inform you that by direction of the President, a Silver Star has been awarded posthumously to your son, the late Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Hicks, by the War Department.

The Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, has been directed to present the Silver Star to you. You will be further advised as to the time and place of presentation by that officer who, I am sure, will be pleased to make such arrangements as will be most convenient for you.

May I express my deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

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

CITATION FOR SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

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

Approved by WD on 21 Jan 47

Station: Corregidor

Home address of next of kin: (MOTHER) Mrs. Daisy B. Hicks
601 North 4th Street
Sayre, Oklahoma

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

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Serial 61804

DEC 16 1947

Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH C. HIDALGO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving as a Stretcher Bearer of Company C, First Bat-
talion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action
against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands,
9 May 1945. Despite severe crossfire while carrying out
his duties in a valley covered by hostile fire on three
sides, Private First Class Hidalgo courageously organized
stretcher teams from his own and adjacent units and, as-
suming the responsibility of evacuating his wounded com-
rades, ably directed the removal of over thirty men found
on the battlefield. By his valor and self-sacrificing
devotion to duty throughout, he upheld the highest tradi-
tions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Birmingham, Ala.
B-Memphis, Tenn.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Ser. 00597

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DGP-298-pmb

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD M. HIGHSMITH, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as a Mortar Platoon Leader of Company B, First
Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division,
in action against enemy Japanese forces during
the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands,
20 and 21 September 1944. Assigned the mission
of delivering supporting fire on enemy-held ridges
during repeated counterattacks throughout the
night, Second Lieutenant Highsmith directed a con-
tinuous and destructive mortar barrage against
the Japanese, although his own positions were re-
ceiving point-blank artillery fire and heavy mor-
tar concentrations. When more than half of his
platoon had become casualties, he manned one of
the two remaining mortars and displaced forward
to a completely exposed position where, by direct
observation, he inflicted heavy casualties on the
enemy and repulsed the attack. His outstanding
courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in
keeping with the highest traditions of the United
States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Sunnyside, Wash.,
B--Portland, Oregon.

561025
DGP-298-8b

F
FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 98716
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE HAROLD O. HILDE,
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. When his company's advance was halted by intense and accurate hostile machine-gun fire from a large, reinforced concrete pillbox, Private Hilde courageously assaulted this position across open terrain and silenced the weapon with hand grenades. Then, entering the pillbox, he annihilated five of the enemy who were manning the gun, thereby assisting materially in the capture of commanding ground which insured the successful completion of his company's mission. By his fortitude, initiative and devotion to duty, Private Hilde upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Averilla, Minnesota
B--Ada, Minnesota

635863
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFltMarForPac Ser. 6112
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALTON P. HILL, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 29 July 1944. When the advance of his patrol was held up by two hostile machine guns and eight enemy riflemen, Private First Class Hill voluntarily assumed a strategic position to return the fire with his automatic rifle and, although seriously wounded in this encounter, courageously continued his barrage, thereby giving his patrol time to withdraw to a more advantageous position and contributing materially to the destruction of the enemy's strong point. 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-Kingston, N1 C.
B-Deep Run, N1 C.

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352441
DGP-898-ebg

ComGenFltMarForPac Ser. 6112
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT EUGENE L. HILL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine Gun Section of Company I, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 3 August 1944. When both guns of his section were temporarily knocked out allowing twelve attacking Japanese to advance within hand grenade range, Sergeant Hill immediately dispersed the enemy with his automatic rifle and, working his way in front of the outpost, killed three additional Japanese who had advanced to ten feet in front of the guns. 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-Uniontown, Ohio
B-Uniontown, Ohio

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DGP 298 navy flw

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SPOT
Serial 22698 DEC 22 1947
Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GLEN C. HILL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 4 October 1944. In an attack against strongly-held Japanese positions, Private First Class Hill carried a flame thrower forward under heavy hostile sniper fire to burn a cave which had continuously hampered the movements of friendly troops in that area. Although wounded by an enemy grenade, he courageously returned time and again to press the attack. His gallant fighting spirit and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Hill and the United States Naval Service."

R-Pickford, Mic
B-Pickford, Mic

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

289294
DGP-298-sps

ApprovedSofN 9-30-48
FMFPac Serial 42755

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

SERGEANT VIRGIL I. HILLBERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Fourth Pioneer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. When hostile shelling caused an explosion and started a fire in a beach ammunition dump, Sergeant Hillberg courageously proceeded with two other volunteers to the aid of three wounded men threatened by the fire. Despite the danger from enemy fire and the exploding ammunition, he assisted in carrying the casualties to safety. By his efficient supervision and assistance in the removal of fuel-loaded vehicles endangered by the blaze, he contributed materially to limiting the destruction. His initiative and cool action reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Hillberg and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R - Council Bluffs, Iowa.
B - Sioux Falls, S. D.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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

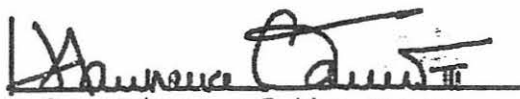
SERGEANT
VIRGIL I. HILLBERG
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Company B, Fourth Pioneer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands. On 21 February 1945 when hostile shelling caused an explosion and started a fire in a beach ammunition dump, Sergeant Hillberg courageously proceeded with two other volunteers to the aid of three wounded men threatened by the fire. Despite the danger from enemy fire and the exploding ammunition, he assisted in carrying the casualties to safety. By his efficient supervision and assistance in the removal of fuel-loaded vehicles endangered by the blaze, Sergeant Hillberg contributed materially to limiting the destruction. By his bold initiative, unceasing efforts, and faithful devotion to duty, Sergeant Hillberg reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,


Secretary of the Navy

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SPOT
Serial 58485
Signed-----
DEC 10 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT CLIFFORD C. HILLS,
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 E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 May 1945. While maneuvering his platoon into position for a flanking attack against a strongly-fortified hostile emplacement, Platoon Sergeant Hills braved continuous enemy fire to supervise and aid in the evacuation of two Marines seriously wounded by heavy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Although wounded himself while rescuing his comrades, he remained with his platoon and led the successful assault on the objective despite further wounds received from the heavy Japanese fire. His courage and devotion to duty and grave concern for the safety of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Los Angeles, Calif.
R-Seattle, Wash-

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT EDWIN L. HILMER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Amphibious Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. With every member of his crew a casualty during the initial landing on D-Day, Platoon Sergeant Hilmer dauntlessly made repeated trips to the beach and front line areas under the enemy's shattering antiboat and machine-gun fire to disembark troops and supplies and evacuate casualties from the danger area. When his vehicle was struck by hostile fire and in imminent peril of sinking, he skillfully effected immediate repairs and, working tirelessly and with superb courage, continued transporting his vital cargo until the island was secured. By his daring initiative, his outstanding perseverance and zealous devotion to duty throughout this period of bitter offensive action, Platoon Sergeant Hilmer contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Postville, Iowa.,
B--Uaukou, Iowa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

354152
DGP-298-sps

ApprovedSofN 11-30-48
FMFPac Serial 00421

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

CORPORAL GEORGE E. HINDS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Squad Leader of Weapons Company, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Guam, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. Harassed by infiltrating hostile troops, Corporal Hinds immediately assumed charge of his squad in the absence of the leader and regained contact with friendly troops on his right flank. Attacked by a Japanese soldier while receiving instructions over the telephone, he grasped his rifle and killed the enemy and later, while carrying an unconscious wounded Marine over his shoulder, encountered and fatally wounded another hostile soldier. His courageous initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R - Syracuse, N. Y.
B - Syracuse, N. Y.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

345250
AW-298-ebs

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

CORPORAL CLOYD V. HINES, U.S.N.C.R.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 13-14, 1942. While his unit was being subjected to its most severe attack, Corporal Hines rendered invaluable service to his platoon leader by his brilliant control of the men in his section and by his exemplary and inspiring conduct. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he encouraged and assisted his squad, keeping them supplied with ammunition and repairing weapons that had jammed or were otherwise out of action. On one occasion, when an English-speaking enemy officer confused our men by giving the order, 'Cease firing,' Corporal Hines boldly advanced and bayoneted the Japanese officer. His heroic devotion to duty throughout this action, in which he was seriously wounded, reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R...Huntington, Indiana.

B...Ross county, Ohio.

535908
DGP-298-sps

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ComGenHqFMFPac SPOT Ser 85999
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL DENNIS J. HINES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 21 May 1945. Wounded in the foot while leading his team in the assault on heavily defended enemy positions during the fierce fighting on Sugar Loaf Hill, Corporal Hines left his platoon but voluntarily returned within an hour and once again led his men in the face of heavy hostile fire to neutralize and destroy enemy caves and fortified positions which were checking the advance of his platoon. Although wounded a second time by shell fragments, he refused to be evacuated until his fire team had successfully completed its mission. By his skillful leadership and cool courage under heavy enemy fire, Corporal Hines served as a constant source of inspiration to his comrades, and his unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B - New York, N. Y.
R - Woodside, L. I., N. Y.

554421
DGP-298-swb

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SPOT
Serial 22943
Signed Oct 28 1947

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

PRIVATE WILLIAM W. HINKLE,
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 3 October 1944. Observing an enemy machine gun crew setting up their weapon, Private Hinkle unhesitatingly stood up and, fully exposed to concentrated enemy sniper fire and a grenade barrage, killed the entire gun crew. His courageous action prevented his platoon from becoming isolated from the rest of the unit and enabled them to make a successful reorganization. His gallant spirit of service, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Hinkle and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Akron, Ohio.
B--Akron, Ohio.

034355
DGP-298-pmb

FMFPac. SPOT
Ser. 79496

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

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES T. HINMAN,
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 F,
Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine
Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces
on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 April 1945. At-
tached to an Army infantry battalion attacking
Kakazu Ridge when the enemy launched a determined
counterattack driving the infantry back to the re-
verse slope of a smaller ridge and threatening a
serious breakthrough, Second Lieutenant Hinman
sent his Forward Observation Team with the infant-
ry and, heedless of the onrushing enemy and their
heavy small-arms and mortar fire, remained alone
on the forward slope of the ridge to observe and
direct artillery fire. By his skillful adjustment
of fire, Second Lieutenant Hinman contributed ma-
terially to breaking up the counterattack and re-
pulsing the enemy. His outstanding courage and
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.

290791
DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.
Serial 00485
Signed SEP 6 1943

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

PRIVATE SAM HIRSCH, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 24, 1942. During dangerous assaults against the main Lunga defense line by a numerically superior Japanese force, Private Hirsch, despite the intense fire of enemy machine guns, mortars, and rifles, proceeded with courageous initiative to carry ammunition and spare parts from his company dump to machine-gun positions in the forward area where such supplies were critically low. In addition, he fearlessly continued to load ammunition belts at the company dump, although exposed to the fire of infiltrating enemy groups. His heroic and intrepid conduct, maintained without regard for his own personal safety, contributed immeasurably to the ultimate success of our forces in this engagement and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

B - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

06681
AW-298-VSV

Spot Award 1942
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

CAPTAIN WADE H. HITT, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Rechecked
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
during action against enemy Japanese forces on
Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from October 31 to
November 14, 1942. While serving as Artillery
Liaison Officer to the Second Marines, Reinforced,
during an offensive west of the Matanikau River,
Captain Hitt not only performed his duties at the
Command Post in an outstanding manner, but also, when
lack of observation prevented accurate control of
fire from that position, unhesitatingly proceeded
to positions occupied by advance elements of assaulting
units. In one instance, after an enemy artillery
emplacement and dump had been located ahead of the
right assault battalion, Captain Hitt, accompanied
by a small patrol, advanced beyond our lines with
a telephone and, under vigorous machine gun shelling,
directed artillery fire on this target and killed
six Japanese. Carrying on until wounded in the neck
and ear, he contributed greatly to the successful
accomplishment of two objectives and to the main-
tenance of our positions against hostile attack."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy. ✓

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either verbally or in writing to any
person without the permission of the
officer in charge of the Decorations
and Medals Division.

R - Rixeyville, Va.
B - Rixeyville, Va.

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Appd SofN 9-20-45
Serial - 34988
Signed JUL 9 1946

Our Book

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROY E. HJELM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Mortar Section Leader, attached to Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 and 20 February 1945. Defying the enemy's continuous and intense artillery, mortar and automatic rifle barrages, First Lieutenant Hjelm held an exposed position for two days, refusing to allow other members of his section to risk their lives at this vulnerable post, maintained a constant, accurate observation of their mortar fire and succeeded in locating the hostile battery. He was killed by shrapnel from a bursting shell while directing the fire of his mortars into the Japanese position. His fortitude, unwavering devotion to duty and courage throughout reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Hjelm and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JOHN H. SULLIVAN

R--Needham, Mass. Acting Secretary of the Navy.
B--Boston, Mass.

The Silver Star Medal with citation was presented to to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hjelm, the parents of the late Captain Hjelm at a formal ceremony at Marine Barracks, U. S. Naval Base, Boston, Mass. 30 August, 1946.

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DGP-298-rlb

Two books

Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-13-45
Serial 34750
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES H. HOBBS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 2 March 1945. Crawling forward in the face of a furious barrage of hostile machine-gun and small-arms fire to locate enemy positions that were impeding his company's advance, Private First Class Hobbs discovered an enemy gun crew re-assembling for more effective resistance. Quickly opening fire with his weapon, he killed the entire crew and, although detected by the enemy and immediately subjected to heavy small-arms fire, remained steadfast in his exposed position and succeeded in destroying a second crew about to take over the emplacement. While attempting to return to his platoon, he was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. Private First Class Hobbs' cool courage and outstanding devotion to duty throughout this critical period upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered
on 11Sep46 to Mrs. James H. Hobbs informally by the OinC, USMC DHRS,
West Va.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--BeHe, West Virginia
B.--Leewood, West Virginia

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO #502

22 February 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

* * * * *

RALPH E. HOBBS, (340544), Private, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 21, 1943, at Guadalcanal. Private Hobbs was a member of a platoon on patrol several hundred yards in front of the lines, when enemy machine gun fire commenced and wounded a man. Private Hobbs, with the aid of one other Marine, with complete disregard for his own safety and under constant enemy fire, carried the wounded man out of the field of fire. Home Address: Route #5, Box #298H, Bakersfield, California.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

s/ William A. Lord, Jr.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT J. GENE HOCHFELDER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Battalion Adjutant and as Commanding Officer
of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-
sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action
against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano
Islands, 22 February 1945. When enemy forces
had outflanked the Battalion positions by counter-
landing and infiltration and were descending upon
the Battalion near area installations, First Lieut-
enant Hochfelder voluntarily organized a body
of men for the defense of the embattled areas.
Personally killing two of the Japanese during
the night, he directed his unit in cornering the
remainder in a large sulphur pit and then assisted
in their annihilation the following morning. 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

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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

CORPORAL BILLY E. HODGIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Leader in a platoon of Company G, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 20 March 1945. During this phase of the operation, Corporal Hodgin was a source of constant inspiration to his men and, on 20 March, when one platoon of the company was unable to advance due to heavy enemy rifle fire from spider traps, he armed himself with demolition charges and, disregarding hostile grenades and rifle fire, crawled to a position from which he neutralized four spider traps, thereby allowing the platoon to advance. Continuing his demolition work until seriously wounded, Corporal Hodgin, by his initiative and self-sacrificing 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.

R--Mt. Airy, North Carolina.
B--High Point, North Carolina.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the mother of the late Corp. Hodgin, Mrs. Robert M. Hodgin, Sr., with ceremony at the Rockford Methodist Church, Mt. Airy, N.C. on 17 Nov 46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Charlotte, N.C. Appropriate icity was given.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLARD C. HOFER,
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 B, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Landing on the beach in an assault wave of three amphibious tractors, Second Lieutenant Hofer advanced four hundred yards inland before his vehicle was forced to halt. Completely isolated from friendly units when all other tractors in assault waves were held back on the beach by natural obstacles and land mines, he dismounted from the tractor, ordered his men to follow him and, in the face of heavy enemy fire, deployed his small force to hold their ground against a superior enemy force until adjacent units and the remainder of his platoon were able to advance in line with his position. By his courage and inspiring leadership under fire, Second Lieutenant Hofer contributed immeasurably to the success of the critical phase of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Rock Island, Illinois.
B-- Lewistown, Montana.

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

CAPTAIN CARL W. HOFFMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 8 July 1944. Landing with his company on the right flank of the Division, Captain Hoffman braved intense artillery and mortar fire to reorganize his men for their assault on enemy beach positions and for securing contact with the unit on his right. At dawn the following day, he resumed the attack and, personally directing the company in the face of hostile fire, contributed directly to the accomplishment of the initial mission on the morning of the second day after landing. His courage, leadership 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.

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B-Omaha, Nebr.

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

CORPORAL JOHN F. HOFFMAN,
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 F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February 1945. While coolly and courageously reorganizing his squad under intense mortar and machine-gun fire, Corporal Hoffman was wounded in the face and, because of the need for his leadership during a vital assault on strongly held enemy positions, refused to be evacuated. Aggressively leading his men forward in the attack, he directed supporting fire which materially aided in the success of the assault. Quick to act when a rifleman fell wounded in an open clearing during the advance, Corporal Hoffman rushed forward in the face of heavy hostile fire, carried the Marine to safety and immediately applied first aid. Wounded a second time during the continued attack, he still refused medical aid, finished the assault and helped secure the objective. Although paralyzed on the left side of his body and unable to turn his head, he personally supervised the organization of the defensive position, permitting himself to be evacuated only after this position had been completely reorganized and an officer had arrived to assume command. By his valiant leadership, fortitude and courage, Corporal Hoffman contributed materially to the success of his unit, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R - Baltimore, Md.
B - Pottsville, Pa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.