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Spot Award  
Serial 0049  
Signed SEP 14 1944

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

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

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 23 and 24, 1943. Laying an artillery forward observer telephone line on November 23, while under a savage attack by Japanese artillery fire which had instantly killed his section chief, Private First Class Paasch courageously continued his work alone, completing the installation and enabling our artillery to open fire. Exposing himself frequently to the enemy's fierce barrage, he maintained the wire without assistance for the remainder of the day, repairing numerous breaks caused by shell fire. Again subjected to heavy artillery attack while engaged alone in maintenance operations on the next day, he moved four Marines wounded in his vicinity to a position of comparative safety, then continued his inspection and repairs unaided until the arrival of assistance several hours later. Private First Class Paasch's fearless initiative, determined fortitude and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
B - Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

*Released April 2 1944*

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Serial 54758  
Signed g

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

MAJOR NAT M. PACE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Fifteenth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 13 April 1945. Although ill with a fever and undergoing treatment in a nearby medical company when he learned that his Battalion was under fire, Major Pace unhesitatingly returned to his Battalion area and, in the face of intense mortar fire and exploding ammunition dumps in this area, calmly and efficiently succeeded in moving his men and equipment to an alternate firing position. By his initiative and courageous devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, he was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many men and for the prevention of a serious loss of equipment, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Harden, Ky.  
B--Harden, Ky.

*Retained April 2 1947*

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT PATRICK P. PACE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Squad Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 18 March 1945. When a wounded Marine fell in the direct fire of the enemy, Sergeant Pace braved hostile machine-gun and sniper fire to crawl beyond the front lines toward enemy-held positions. After working forward for a distance of thirty yards, he reached the wounded man and succeeded in carrying him to a place of safety where first aid was administered. His courage and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Cleveland, Ohio  
B..Cleveland, Ohio

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Cinepac  
Serial 52816  
AppdSerN 1-31-48  
Signed MAR 25 1947

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

SERGEANT ROBERT C. PAGE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Chief of a Howitzer Section of Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on ~~the Island of~~ Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. When the enemy launched a devastating counter-attack, Sergeant Pace braved the deadly machine-gun fire emanating from a hostile tank to direct the efforts of his section in repulsing the bitter onslaught. Fiercely aggressive despite serious wounds sustained in the furious action, he steadfastly remained in his position and continued to lead his men in delivering point-blank fire against the vehicle until he was overcome by weakness and exhaustion. Although he later succumbed to his wounds, Sergeant Pace, by his inspiring leadership, outstanding fortitude and dauntless perseverance in the face of tremendous odds, had contributed to the destruction of an enemy tank and to the saving of many lives. His zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Du Quoin, Illinois.  
E-- De Quoin, Illinois.

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Serial 00396  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE ROBERT L. PACK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in an Assault Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. With his platoon pinned down by heavy automatic fire emanating from two strong enemy pillboxes, Private Pack with another member of his squad braved the intense fire and, crawling forward to an advantageous position, directed accurate rifle and grenade fire. After delivering his initial fire, he advanced and assaulted the two enemy pillboxes, annihilating the eight occupants with hand grenades and hand-to-hand fighting, thereby enabling his platoon to continue the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Pack and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Duncan, Oklahoma.  
B--Duncan, Oklahoma.

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Serial 004452  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER PACKANIK, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on the night of 19-20 September 1944. One of five remaining men to gain the forward strongpoint on the crest of a hill late in the afternoon following a successful assault on the high coral ridges by the remnants of his company, Private First Class Packanik courageously assisted in defending the ridge against violent Japanese counterattacks throughout the night, repeatedly exposing himself to intense hostile fire in order to direct his own fire more accurately and, at one time, engaging five of the enemy in hand-to-hand combat when they reached his position. Undaunted in his efforts although his ammunition was exhausted shortly before dawn, he tenaciously continued his heroic resistance, furiously hurling rocks and stones down upon the enemy and fighting hand to hand until mortally wounded during the fierce action. Private First Class Packanik's aggressive determination, indomitable fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty under extremely perilous conditions contributed materially to the success of our forces in repulsing the enemy attack and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Perth Amboy, New Jersey  
B-- " " " " " "

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr GMC pres'd 29 May 1945 by CO, MB, NYd, NY, NY. to Mrs. Mary Packanik, mother of the late PFC Packanik, 751 Charles St. Perth Amboy, N.J. at NYd post with appropriate ceremony.

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Serial 00598  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL MELVIN J. PACULT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of a Rifle Squad of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 25-26 July 1944. Although isolated with only three other men when a coordinated enemy counterattack penetrated several positions in the company lines and silenced a machine gun on his left, Corporal Pacult refused to withdraw and continued to direct the fire of his group until he had eliminated at least twenty of the enemy. By his skilled leadership and courage under fire, Corporal Pacult aided immeasurably in halting a fierce Japanese counterattack. 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--Chicago, Ill.  
B--Chicago, Ill.

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MAR 10 1946

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

CAPTAIN JOHN J. PADLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Isolated in his amphibian tractor approximately one thousand yards forward of the most advanced element of his battalion while leading the mechanized advance of his company, Captain Padley immediately directed the evacuation of embarked personnel when the enemy launched a sudden, vicious machine-gun and mortar fire attack. Remaining in the covered position throughout the day, he continued to direct the counterbattery fire of his group against enemy Japanese artillery positions despite the enemy's harassing, unceasing barrages, effectively repulsing each vicious onslaught. Ordered to move his unit to the main defensive position in the late afternoon, he skillfully commanded the expeditious withdrawal of his men under constant attack by the Japanese and personally assisted in the evacuation of three severely wounded members of his party. By his forceful and determined leadership, his great personal valor and cool and courageous action in the face of extreme peril, Captain Padley contributed materially to the success of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dayton, Ohio.,  
B--Clifton Heights, Pa.

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT N. PAGE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the Third Marine Raider Battalion during a landing on Puruata Island, Solomon Islands, November 1, 1943. Seriously wounded during an attack on a strongly defended enemy position and realizing that further advance was impossible in the face of withering fire from mortar and automatic weapons, Captain Page expeditiously withdrew his two platoons to a place of safety. Steadfastly refusing to be evacuated, he reorganized his men and led them in a decisive second attack which resulted in the destruction of many of the enemy and the successful neutralization of hostile resistance to our occupation of the island. Captain Page's great personal valor, superb leadership and unswerving devotion to duty throughout this crucial engagement were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. "

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Sapulpa, Oklahoma  
B-Paris, Texas

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Appd SofN 5-10-45  
Serial 13017  
Signed JAN 3 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL PAICH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. Seriously wounded when his platoon was pinned down by fire from two hostile machine guns during a perilous advance, Private First Class Paich voluntarily risked his life in a vallant attempt to wipe out the entrenchments. Unhesitatingly proceeding through the withering barrage, he boldly charged the emplacements and succeeded in destroying both weapons before he was mortally wounded by a bursting hostile shell. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, Private First Class Paich contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital Japanese stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Steelton, Pa.  
B--Bressler, Pa.

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Cinopac Serial 909  
App. S of N. 5-24-43  
Signed AUG 20 1943

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

PRIVATE ROBERT I. PAINE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*OK*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in  
action while serving with the First Marine Raider  
Battalion during the attack against enemy Japanese  
forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 7,  
1942. As member of a small detachment ordered  
to envelop a hostile machine-gun position, Private  
Paine, although exposed to severe small-arms fire,  
persisted in his advance against the enemy until  
he was killed. By his grim determination and  
great personal valor he contributed to the final  
destruction of the hostile machine-gun unit and  
upheld the highest traditions of the United States  
Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the  
defense of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 1131  
Signed APR 28 1946

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

PRIVATE HENRY D. PALENC SAR,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. As a member of a platoon suddenly taken under fire at close range by Japanese concealed in numerous caves and in a tangle of thick undergrowth, Private Palencsar immediately engaged the enemy and, using his automatic rifle with great effectiveness, concentrated his fire on a Japanese emplacement whose rifle and machine-gun fire had pinned down his unit and delayed its advance. Succeeding momentarily in containing the enemy, Private Palencsar enabled his platoon to maneuver into attack position and continued to engage the Japanese by standing upright and fighting in an exposed area until he sustained a mortal wound. His daring initiative, superb courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Palencsar 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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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT DALE L. PALM,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company M, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 4 October 1944. Wounded in both legs by an enemy hand grenade during his company's attack across an open plain in the Umurbrogal Mountain Area, Sergeant Palm steadfastly remained in the fierce action and, realizing the importance of his unit's assignment, proceeded to an ammunition dump to carry back hand grenades to his own lines. By his courage and initiative, Sergeant Palm contributed materially to the success of his company's mission, and his devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Ferndale, Mich.  
B..New Baltimore, Mich.

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CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 12876  
Signed MAY 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. PALMER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Leader attached to the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. Bold and courageous under hazardous combat conditions, First Lieutenant Palmer personally led his platoon in a vigorous assault upon a strategic enemy hill and, when his company commander was killed and the second in command seriously wounded while directing the fire of supporting tanks against well-concealed hostile positions, unhesitatingly advanced under an intense barrage from enemy weapons and continued to control the fire until he himself was fatally wounded. First Lieutenant Palmer'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--Sumter, S. C.

SSM, posthumously presented by CO, MB, NYd, Charleston, S.C. Col. C. H. Muldrow, USMC, to the mother of the late 1st Lt. Palmer, Mrs. Langdon D. Jennings, 428 West Calhoun St., Sumter, S.C. in office of Mayor Boyle, Sumter, S.C. Town council and Mrs. Jennings' relatives present.

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20 December 1943.

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Awards of the Silver Star

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111. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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ANTHONY J. PALONIS, <sup>Jr.</sup> (290856), Master Gunnery Sergeant United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in aggressively assuming command when his platoon leader was killed, with such skill that several strong Japanese positions were destroyed, and during which he attempted the rescue of two wounded marines at the cost of a serious wound to himself on 20 July 1943. Home address: Akron, Ohio.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R ... Akron, Ohio.

B ... West Hanover, Massachusetts.

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Appd SofN 9-13-48  
Serial - 35980  
Signed MAY 15 1948

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT BASIL G. PANTAGES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader attached to Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. With his platoon separated from its company in landing and seriously depleted by many casualties sustained under murderous enemy mortar, rocket and artillery barrages, Second Lieutenant Pantages quickly reorganized and led it to the remainder of his company and, seeing that the left flank of his landing team had become dangerously exposed, removed his platoon to that flank and effected contact between his and an adjacent landing team. After leading his platoon across open terrain swept by withering enemy machine-gun fire and up a difficult ascent to high ground from which enfilade fire was being delivered upon the landing beaches, he skillfully deployed his platoon to engage a numerically superior enemy force and neutralized the hostile position, and although mortally wounded during the action, refused evacuation and continued to direct the assault until he succumbed. His fearless initiative and total disregard for his own personal safety reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Pantages and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

R--Orange, Calif.  
B--Tacoma, Wash.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL H. PAPPAS,  
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-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 2 to 24 March 1946. On 13 March, when his company had an exposed flank which was a serious threat to its position, Private First Class Pappas led a tank through heavy small-arms fire to a position where it could cover this gap. Remaining in this location under heavy fire, he effectively directed the tank's fire and greatly lessened the threat to the unit's position. When reinforcements arrived later to fill the gap, he voluntarily guided them to their positions and informed them of known enemy targets in their area. His bold initiative, indomitable courage and unselfish 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-Chicago, Ill.  
E-Chicago, Ill.

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Serial 0718 *ComSec Flt*  
Signed OCT 9 1944

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

CORPORAL GEORGE PAPPAS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as assistant gunner of a self-propelled 75-mm. gun serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, during the late afternoon and night of January 3-4, 1944. While his gun was attempting to force a crossing over a river in the face of devastating attack by hostile machine guns, mortars and rifles from strongly fortified positions, Corporal Pappas skillfully directed the fire of a machine-gun against Japanese snipers and concealed emplacements until the self-propelled weapon advanced to a position where it could fire point blank on the enemy who were holding up the advance of his battalion. Corporal Pappas's extreme bravery and indomitable fighting spirit materially assisted his battalion in breaking through the hostile lines and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Ecorsa, Michigan.  
B - Ecorsa, Michigan.

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Serial 34743  
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CORPORAL GUS A. PAPPAS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. Fiercely aggressive while leading his men in a vigorous strike against a heavily fortified stronghold, Corporal Pappas courageously advanced to within fifteen yards of the emplacement and, moving from one vantage point to another under intense rifle, grenade and mortar fire, hurled his grenades and fired his rifle with consistent skill and daring, personally destroying three emplacements and enabling his men to resist the bitter onslaught throughout three hours of vicious fighting. Fatally wounded by bursting shrapnel during the action, Corporal Pappas, by his forceful leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and heroic conduct maintained in the face of tremendous odds, served as an inspiration to his comrades and contributed materially to the success of his squad in the silencing of numerous gun emplacements with heavy losses in Japanese dead. His steadfast devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the mother of the late Corp. Pappas, Mrs. Andrew K. Papas, at an informal ceremony at Mrs. Papas' home on 23 Oct 46 by Capt. Carroll, USMC., USMCAS, El Toro, Calif. Publicity was given.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Bakersfield, California  
B.--Bakersfield, California

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Serial 20684  
Signed OCT 28 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GUST A. PAPPAS,  
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. Exposing himself to heavy enemy fire to halt the advance of hostile soldiers who were rushing our lines during an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Pappas fired his automatic rifle continuously at the Japanese until the main part of the attack was broken, never giving ground although many of them reached his position before being killed. His courage, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Duluth, Minn.  
B--Scince, S. Dakota.

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Cincpac  
App. SofN 3-1-45  
Serial 15909  
Signed 11-14-45

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES E. PAREIGIS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese Forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 5 July 1944. When the enemy launched a vicious attack against our lines in the early morning, forced adjoining flanks to withdraw a short distance and established a machine gun in the evacuated area, Private First Class Pareigis was dispatched with his squad to wipe out the emplacement but was driven back by the enemy's withering fire in the first attempt. Aware of the extreme danger and on his own initiative, he courageously pressed forward across the exposed area in a valiant effort to neutralize the strong point but was fatally struck down while completing his perilous task. By his daring initiative, unwavering perseverance and outstanding fortitude at great risk of his life, Private First Class Pareigis served as an inspiring example to his comrades, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Rices Landing, Pa.

B..Crescent Heights, Pa.

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 2-19-46 by  
OinC, USMC DHIRS, Pittsburgh, Pa. to the mother  
of the late PFC Pareigis, Mrs. Alice Pareigis,  
R.D. #1, Box 64, Rices Landing, Pa. Informal pres. at home.

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Serial 98717  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE H. PARKER, JR.,  
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 F, Second Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 18 May 1945. After his company had seized a strategic objective on the Naha-Shuri line and the enemy was observed forming for a counterattack, Private First Class Parker was ordered to displace his gun forward to fire into the Japanese group. Unable to set up his gun because of a damaged tripod, he advanced through heavy hostile fire to the top of the ridge. Remaining in an exposed position in order to fire his machine gun from the hip, he inflicted heavy casualties among the enemy and broke up the counterattack. By his initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty, Private First Class Parker was instrumental in holding the position and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Medford, Mass.  
B--Somerville, Mass.

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SPOT  
Serial 12175  
Signed AUG 4 1947

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

CORPORAL JAMES R. PARKER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Medium Tank Commander, serving with Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. Undaunted by intense enemy fire which halted the engineers guiding his tank through a mine field, Corporal Parker courageously moved forward in an attempt to crush the hostile positions and, reaching a point only a few feet in front of a Japanese fire trench, struck a mine which blew off the track and wounded his crew. Making a gallant effort to rescue his men although wounded himself, he crawled out the escape hatch only to find there was not sufficient room to use this method of evacuation. Boldly reentering the tank, he set to work with an intrenching tool despite continuous hostile fire and succeeded in digging a trench from underneath his tank, to the tank behind through which he safely conducted the wounded men to the other vehicles. His outstanding skill and heroic conduct in behalf of others at great risk to his own life reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Parker and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Huntington, Indiana.  
B.--Huntington, Indiana.

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DGP-298-rkz

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Cincpac  
Appd Sof N - 10-25-45  
Serial 35338  
Signed OCT 14 1946

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

CORPORAL PAUL J. PARKER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Liaison Guide, serving with Company A, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Landing in the third assault wave on the morning of D-Day, Corporal Parker conducted a reconnaissance of the beach and then, when the seventh wave arrived, led two platoons of tanks from their landing craft through a heavy concentration of machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire and across heavily-mined terrain to their assigned sectors. When they were held up by terrific fire from two pillboxes and a blockhouse, he walked out in front of the tanks and guided them through the mine fields. Then, firing his own weapon to keep the enemy down, he proceeded to within five feet of the two pillboxes, pointed out their most vulnerable spots, and enabled the tanks to destroy them. Discovering that tank fire would not destroy the blockhouse, he returned to the beach for a flame thrower tank and was guiding it back to the Japanese emplacement when he fell, mortally wounded. His heroism, daring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty under fire 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--Detroit, Michigan.  
B--Detroit, Michigan.

PARKER, Seymour F., Sgt.

272241

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

Previous Awards: None

Born: Deer Lodge, Montana 7-13-20

Current Enl. Seattle, Washington 5-22-39

Legal Residence: Buckley, Washington

Next of Kin: Father - Arthur Parker  
Buckley, Washington

409001  
DGP-298-sbg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 43550  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. PARKER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Mortar Section Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 3 March 1945. During a heavy enemy mortar barrage, Corporal Parker observed a direct hit in a forward ammunition dump immediately adjacent to a group of wounded men awaiting evacuation to the rear. While the barrage was still falling, he ran to the dump and dragged burning cases of white phosphorous grenades to a nearby shell hole. Despite the imminent danger of an explosion, he made four trips in all, removing the burning cases and extinguishing the fire with sand and water. By his resourcefulness and cool courage, he saved the lives of several wounded men and prevented vitally needed ammunition from burning. His valiant 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-Andover, Mass.  
B-Lawrence, Mass.

312348  
DGP-298-feo

Spot Award  
Serial 1113  
Signed DEC 4 1943

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

CORPORAL BILLY S. PARKS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..El Dorado, Arkansas.

B..Little Rock, Arkansas.

*Released*

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DGP-298-rtt

ComGenFMF Ser 469  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRED L. PARKS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Mortar Section of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 March 1945. After a group of enemy troops which had attacked the Command Post had withdrawn and concealed themselves in a small cave, Private First Class Parks approached the cave with a comrade and demanded the surrender of the enemy. Met by a shower of grenades, he rushed the cave's entrance, hurling grenades as he ran, and single-handedly discharged all hostile troops in the cave. Private First Class Parks' resolute courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chicago, Ill.

B..Chicago, Ill.

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DGP-298-vm1

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Cincpac  
Serial 2788  
SPOT  
Signed AUG 29 1947

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

CAPTAIN HORACE C. PARKS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, on 1 and 2 February 1944. Constantly at the head of his troops and under relentless enemy fire, Captain Parks completely disregarded his own personal safety to repeatedly reorganize his own and neighboring units and press home the attack. When his battalion commander became a casualty, he took charge of the final assault, clearing the objective of all hostile resistance. His initiative, courageous leadership and heroic devotion to duty were an inspiration to all with whom he served and reflected the highest credit upon Captain Parks and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Orchard Park, New York.,  
B--Buffalo, New York.

547158  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 43550  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARROLL D. PARMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Bearer of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. During an intense enemy attack, Private First Class Parman observed hostile fire kill or wound all the members of a machine-gun squad, thereby rendering the weapon accessible to the enemy. When the enemy was approaching the gun under intense protective rifle fire, he went forward alone to the weapon and succeeded in retrieving it, thereby preventing its falling into the hands of the Japanese. His bold initiative and courageous fighting spirit reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Parman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..San Marcos, Tex.

B..Weslaco, Tex.

366339  
DGP-298-egc

Spot Award  
Serial 0050  
Signed AUG 26 1944

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

SERGEANT CLIFFORD L. PARMLEY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OR  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Marine Raider Battalion during a landing on Puruata Island, Solomon Islands, November 1, 1943. When enemy forces suddenly launched a vicious attack in an attempt to turn the right flank of his platoon during an assault upon three strongly defended hostile pillboxes, Sergeant Parmley realized that difficult terrain and battle conditions prevented his platoon leader and sergeant in their position on the left side from becoming aware of the enemy flanking movement. Although suffering from serious wounds received earlier in the action, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to intense hostile fire, directing the defensive action of our troops with such forceful leadership and skill that the enemy attack was completely frustrated. Sergeant Parmley's courageous initiative and valiant 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--Granite City, Illinois  
B--Wolf Lake, Illinois

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-4-45  
Serial 004311 MAR 22 1945  
Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE W. PARR USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springfield, Oregon

B--Cottage Grove, Oregon

& perm.cit.pres. by OinC, USMCDHI&RS,  
108, U.S. Court House, SW&Broadway & Main  
Portland, Oregon on 5/13/45 to parents of  
the late PFC Parr, Mr.&Mrs. Otho C. Parr,  
Route 1, Box 354, Springfield, Oregon at the  
Baptist Church, Springfield with appropriate  
ceremony.

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DGP-298-cin

Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 1504  
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

CORPORAL HORACE W. PARR,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. One of the first to observe the approach of the Japanese when a force of approximately one hundred and fifty attacked his battalion command post at dawn, Corporal Parr immediately delivered a heavy and accurate volume of fire from his Browning automatic rifle and, by his devastating, well-directed bursts, killed a large number and temporarily disorganized their assault. Despite terrific enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, Corporal Parr valiantly continued to man his weapon with outstanding effectiveness until he fell, mortally wounded. By his daring initiative and cool courage in the face of peril, Corporal Parr contributed immeasurably to the successful defense of the command post and to the saving of many men, and his heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Arlington, Texas.  
B--Matador, Texas.

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 2-2-46 by  
CO, NAS, Dallas, Texas, Capt. L. J. Dow, USN,  
to the father of the late Corp. Parr, Mr.  
Oma J. Parr, Route #2, Arlington, Texas.  
Informal pres. at Drill Hall of U.S. NAS,  
Dallas, Texas.  
Due publicity given.

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3d Mar Div  
Appd SofN 8-10-46  
Serial 4781  
Signed DEC 23 1946

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. PARRIE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader in a platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. Seeing a wounded man lying approximately fifty yards forward of our own lines during an assault on an enemy-held ridge, Corporal Parrie immediately proceeded to crawl toward him and, although painfully wounded on the way, succeeded in reaching his wounded companion and in dragging him to a position of comparative safety. Then, resolutely disregarding his own wounds, he remained with his squad and continued to direct its advance until subsequently ordered to retire for medical attention. His unselfish regard for the welfare of another was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Zwolle, Louisiana.  
B--Eunice, Louisiana.

No Correspondence Received.

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DGP-298-mnh

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 00422

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE M. PARSE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Intelligence Section of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 29 and 30 September 1944. During an enemy hand grenade attack against the Battalion Observation Post on the night of 29 September, Private First Class Parse bravely left his protected position to go to the aid of a wounded soldier who lay in an unprotected area and, after bandaging his wounds, transported the casualty to a place of safety. Although he received shrapnel wounds in the leg and chest during this action, he assumed command of a squad of United States Army infantrymen, organized a defense for the position and efficiently directed the squad in repulsing the attack. His coolness under fire, able leadership and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private First Class Parse and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS  
Secretary of the Navy.

B - Terre Haute, Ind.  
R - R&ssford, Ohio

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DGP-298-eln

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Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-15-45  
Serial 1184  
Signed SEP 17 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK A. PARSE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*R. J. C.*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. When part of his unit's lines were held up by Japanese machine guns located in caves to the immediate front, Private First Class Parse braved terrific enemy fire to advance with his flame thrower across extremely rugged terrain to a position that gave him observation on three enemy machine-gun emplacements, two of which he quickly destroyed. Mortally wounded by machine-gun fire as he moved into the enemy's left flank stronghold, Private First Class Parse, by his aggressive fighting spirit and daring courage, contributed materially to the elimination of the Japanese-held position and to the ultimate success of our vital mission in the island. His unfaltering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SS. perm cis. ltr fr. CMC pres. 1-16-46 by Cinc, USMC HCPD, Chicago, Ill. Col. Chester L. Fordney, USMCR, to the parents of the late PFC Parse, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parse, 2817 West 22nd Place, Chicago, Ill. Informal pres. at home. Due publicity given.

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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6887  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT VINCENT J. PASKUS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 8 and 9 July 1944. When his company was advancing rapidly over rough terrain and encountering heavy resistance, Platoon Sergeant Paskus skillfully organized all available personnel, including walking wounded, drivers and stretcher bearers, to carry supplies to the front lines. Continuing to render valuable service, he assisted in routing Japanese soldiers from the many caves, crevices and pillboxes and, on one occasion, joined his Company Commander in killing twenty-five enemy soldiers within fifteen minutes. Constantly under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, he contributed materially to the success of his company's advance and was directly responsible for the immediate evacuation of twenty-eight wounded men. His courage, initiative and zealous 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--Madison, Illinois.  
E--Madison, Illinois.

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 2-15-45  
Serial 476  
Signed JUL 16 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES P. PASSONS, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon leader attached to the First Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 17 June 1944. Although wounded himself in the cross-fire from enemy troops defending the high ridge under attack, First Lieutenant Passons courageously refused evacuation and, taking charge of an adjacent platoon whose leader had become a casualty, valiantly led the two groups in a determined assault which resulted in the capture of his company's objective. Immediately organizing his position, he successfully directed his men in the repulsion of several enemy counterattacks throughout the remainder of the campaign, until he was mortally wounded. First Lieutenant Passons' inspiring leadership and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..McKinney, Texas  
B..Wheeler, Texas

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, Norman, Oklahoma to Capt Kenneth B. Nelson, USMCR for presentation to the parents of the late 1stLt Passons, Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Passons in Wheeler, Texas on 11-23-45. Inf pres. Picture of pres was taken and newspapers notified.

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DGP-298-eme

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SPOT  
Serial 0115  
Signed ~~Oct 20 1947~~

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. PATRICK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company B, Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, during reconnaissance operations against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on the nights of 10 and 11 July 1944. Dauntlessly swimming ashore on two successive nights to within range of hostile shore emplacements on enemy-held beaches, Second Lieutenant Patrick expertly obtained detailed geographical data vital to Naval intelligence and, by his cautious persistence and skilled initiative, effected the safe return of all personnel to their base. By his inspiring leadership, indomitable courage and unwavering devotion to duty throughout these extremely hazardous missions, Second Lieutenant Patrick contributed materially to the success of the subsequent Tinian operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Salyersville, Kentucky.  
B-- Salyersville, Kentucky.

PAVLAKOS, James G.

Corporal

274919

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

Previous Awards -- None.

GOWD. No. 13, 2-25-42.

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

Born: 7-18-17 - Chicago, Illinois.

Current Enl.: 9-29-39 - Chicago, Illinois.

Legal Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Katherine Raptis, (Mother)  
601 W. 119th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 00420

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

SERGEANT ROBERT PAVLOVICH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Sergeant of Company G, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 3 August 1944. During the Battle of Pingsayan, Sergeant Pavlovich ran ahead of his own assault troops five times in the face of heavy hostile fire and, each time throwing hand grenades at entrenched enemy machine gun and rifle positions from a distance of five yards, succeeded in destroying one machine-gun nest and five of the crew, thus enabling his platoon to continue the attack. When his Platoon Leader was wounded shortly afterwards, he assumed command of the platoon and led it in the capture of the Japanese stronghold, contributing materially to the annihilation of fifty-five Japanese by his unit during the course of the battle. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--West Allis, Wisc.  
B--Milwaukee, Wisc.

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 10-25-45  
Serial 35138  
Signed AUG 30 1946

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

CORPORAL HENRY J. PAWKETT, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company A, Fourth Engineer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When an enemy shell hit his landing team's ammunition dump as he was probing for mines obstructing the safe access of amphibious tractors to the dump, Corporal Pawkett immediately discontinued his work, and not waiting for the barrage to lift, voluntarily aided others in scattering the ammunition boxes to prevent their detonation by fire, continuing his heroic efforts until he fell, mortally wounded by another direct hit. His heroism, initiative and self-sacrificing devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the prnts of the late Corp. Pawkett, Mr. & Mrs. Henry F. Pawkett, 2032 Parklawn Ave., Schenectady, N.Y. at an informal ceremony on 29 Oct 46 by the CinC, USMC DHRS, Albany, N.Y. Due publicity was given.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Schenectady, New York  
B.--Fort Edward, New York

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RCP-298-dmf

Spot Award  
Serial 1997  
Signed NOV 11 1943

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

*PAW* LOSKI

SECOND LIEUTENANT STEPHEN K. PAWLOSKI, U.S.N.C.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Unit*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached  
to the Eighth Marines, Reinforced, during action against enemy  
Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on December 20,  
1942. While returning to their own lines from a completed  
reconnaissance patrol, Second Lieutenant Pawloski and two other  
men came suddenly under the fire of heavy rifles and machine  
guns. When one member of the patrol was wounded so severely that  
he was unable to move, Second Lieutenant Pawloski, although he  
himself had been injured at the same time, disregarded his own  
condition to the extent of crawling back through a dangerously  
exposed area in order to remove the man to safety. His heroic  
spirit of self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions  
of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Wauregan, Connecticut.

B - Jersey City, New Jersey.

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SPOT  
Serial 0851  
Signed JUL 9 1947

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

FIRST SERGEANT JOSEPH H. PAYNE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 5 January 1944. Exposing himself to heavy machine-gun and mortar fire from the enemy's well-concealed position, First Sergeant Payne, although wounded in the hand, continued to carry ammunition to critical areas of the firing line and, despite another serious wound sustained during this action, seized his weapon and killed at least two of the Japanese before being evacuated. His aggressive spirit and unselfish devotion to duty were contributing factors in the repulse of the enemy and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Detroit, Michigan  
B - Waverly, Kentucky

No correspondence received.

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DGP-298-ec

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 00396  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE IRVIN W. PAXTON,  
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 Team of Company A, First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. When his platoon was held up soon after landing by fire from several enemy pillboxes, Private Paxton went forward under the covering fire of his comrades and, in the face of heavy enemy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire, placed demolition charges on the enemy positions, which destroyed two strong points and killed several of the enemy. Although wounded by shrapnel while accomplishing his mission, he refused to be evacuated, staunchly remained on the lines and aided in the defense of the position. Quick to act after an automatic rifleman was killed on the night of 16 September, he took over the automatic weapon, alternately firing and throwing hand grenades to assist materially in repulsing a severe enemy counterattack. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private Paxton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cobb, Kentucky  
B--Georgetown, Illinois

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SPOT

Serial 6067

Signed-----

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

CORPORAL WENDELL D. PEACOCK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as setforth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine Gun Squad of Company K, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Wounded upon reaching the beach after landing with the assault waves, Corporal Peacock refused evacuation and, exposing himself to hostile fire in order to find a position from which to put his gun into action, chose an enemy trench and delivered extremely effective fire against hostile pillboxes, machine guns and troop concentrations, thereby enabling his company to organize quickly and attack inland. Unable to move due to the congestion of troops in his sector when the Japanese directed mortar fire upon him, Corporal Peacock kept his gun in action until it was destroyed by a direct hit which wounded him again and necessitated his evacuation. His outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Los Angeles, Calif  
B-Woodston, Kansas

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN E. PEARCE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Supply Section of the Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 3 to 14 March 1945. When a Marine rifle company had suffered severe casualties and many weapons had been lost, Private First Class Pearce unhesitatingly drove his vehicle and trailer, loaded with rifles, machine guns and ammunition, directly to the front lines, over terrain infested with land mines and covered by intense hostile automatic weapons and sniper fire, thereby effecting resupply of critical items. Volunteering, on another occasion, to attempt evacuation of three wounded men after dark, he drove over hazardous and rough terrain in front of the lines and, reaching the men, loaded them into his vehicle and succeeded in bringing them back to safety, despite numerous hits on his vehicle. His outstanding courage, skill and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Hancock, Michigan  
B-Hancock, Michlian

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-Navy-ELPK

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Serial 43157  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAJOR THOMAS B. PEARCE, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. Learning that the Commanding Officer of one of the assault companies and several of his men were lying seriously wounded and helpless in an advance position covered by heavy enemy small-arms and mortar fire, Major Pearce quickly organized a volunteer party of litter bearers from the battalion's command post and led them forward to successfully evacuate the wounded; a task which was not completed until after dark. By his initiative, he undoubtedly saved the lives of several men and furnished encouragement to the men of the company which had lost its leader. His unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Columbia, South Carolina  
B--Anderson, South Carolina

For the President,

**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**

Secretary of the Navy.

329626  
DGP-288-egc

CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 12891  
Signed APR 28 1945

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

CORPORAL BARRY K. PEARSON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Assistant Squad Leader of an Assault Team serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. Dispatched with his squad to wipe out a hostile pillbox well protected by Japanese riflemen, Corporal Pearson boldly advanced across the open, fire-swept area to assist in reducing the strongly defended enemy position, valiantly carrying on until he was fatally wounded by hostile fire. Corporal Pearson's daring initiative, his indomitable fighting spirit and heroic devotion to duty throughout the bitter engagement 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--West Elizabeth, Pa.

SSM, pers a/c & ltr fr CMC pres'd 27 July by Cinc, EPD, OPOSldg, 4th & Smithfield  
Pittsburgh, to the parents of the late Corp. Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. David Pearson,  
418-1st St., W. Elizabeth, Pa. Informally at home.

476777  
DGP-298-rtt

ComGenFMFPac Ser 79499  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD J. S. T. PECCHIA,  
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 Group of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. During an attack by Private First Class Pecchia's company against a strongly defended hostile ridge on which several dual purpose guns were emplaced, the leader of an adjacent fire group was wounded and fell on the enemy-held side of the ridge. Quick to act although fully aware of the great danger involved, Private First Class Pecchia courageously went to the aid of his fallen comrade and succeeded in treating and evacuating him before he himself was wounded. His initiative and grave concern for the life of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

R- Nashwauk, Minn.  
B- Nashwauk, Minn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FmfPac SpotSer 41628  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ANDREW PEDA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Group Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. Shot in the arm by an enemy sniper while voluntarily going to the aid of his seriously wounded Squad Leader who was lying exposed to enemy fire, Corporal Peda continued his efforts to reach the helpless man and despite a second wound finally reached his leader and succeeded in dragging him to a covered position before he himself collapsed. 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- Windber, Pa.  
B- Dunlo, Pa.  
28 Sept 1924

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT  
Serial 54326  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERNARD L. PEDNEAU,  
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, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 24 to 26 February 1945. When all platoon leaders of the company had become casualties, First Lieutenant Pedneau assumed command of a rifle platoon in addition to his regular duties and, moving from the command post to the platoon under intense mortar and small-arms fire, greatly aided in the five hundred yard advance made by his company that day. The next day, he rendered invaluable assistance to his Company Commander in planning the attack for the following day. Although wounded during the attack against heavily-fortified and well-defended positions on 26 February, First Lieutenant Pedneau refused to be evacuated and continued to give orders until loss of blood forced him to retire. His professional ability, courageous leadership and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Princeton, W. Va.,  
B--Victoria, Va.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 44533  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WAYNE B. PEE,  
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 G, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. During an enemy night attack, Private First Class Pee saw a member of his squad receive a direct hit which ignited a white phosphorous grenade tied to his pack strap. Despite the heavy concentration of hostile fire caused by the sudden illumination of burning brush in the area, he crawled to the painfully burned man and, although burned severely himself while rolling the man in the sand to extinguish the blazing clothing, succeeded in dragging his wounded comrade to safety. His courage, initiative and daring devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Ethel, Miss.,  
E--Ethel, Miss.

Secretary of the Navy.

337581  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 47155  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LARRY I. PEEPLES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commander of an Armored Amphibian of the Second Armored Amphibian Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. With his amphibian lying in the water off the flank of our own infantry forces, Sergeant Peeples was ordered to bring fire to bear on the enemy. Discovering that the fire from a water-borne vehicle was ineffective due to the rough sea, he voluntarily ordered the vehicle ashore behind the enemy lines and, in the face of concentrated and intense hostile fire, coolly directed the fire of his tank in destroying two machine-gun nests and in killing a number of Japanese. By his heroic actions, he was able to make a reconnaissance of the enemy positions which were subsequently destroyed by a rocket barrage. His indomitable courage, initiative and aggressive spirit reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Peeples and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 79499

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM N. PEGG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When his company and an adjacent unit were pinned down by heavy automatic fire from a hostile bunker to their front and intense mortar and artillery fire was inflicting extensive casualties throughout the entire sector, Private First Class Pegg voluntarily moved up the hill with a flame thrower on his back and boldly initiated an assault on the bunker. Braving intense hostile small-arms fire and a barrage of well-aimed hand grenades he courageously closed in on the pillbox and directed the flame into the aperture, destroying a dual purpose gun and killing seven of the enemy within. By his cool and heroic action, Private First Class Pegg aided greatly in enabling his company to move forward and continue the attack. His initiative, fortitude and aggressive spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Antonio, Tex.

B--San Antonio, Tex.

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND  
Fort Mills, Philippine Islands

9 April, 1942

GENERAL ORDERS )

Number.... 22 )

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, War Department, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, Philippine Coast Artillery Command, for gallantry in action, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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RALPH R. PENICK, First Lieutenant, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P. I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, March 25, 1942. During the course of a heavy bombing attack by enemy planes on Fort Mills, when a large barracks in the Kindley Field area was set afire, First Lieutenant PENICK, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, left a place of shelter and aided in fighting the fire, during which time ammunition was exploding in the area and two flights of planes dropped several strings of bombs on the island.

By command of Major General MOORE:

L. J. Bowler,  
Colonel, G.A.C.  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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SPOT  
Serial 0547-45  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CARLETON PENN, II,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer, attached to the Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 22 September 1944. Unable to find a position along the forward infantry lines from which to direct artillery fire for his battalion, Second Lieutenant Penn boldly advanced his observation party to a position several yards beyond the infantry lines, despite the fact that these lines and the ground over which he had to pass were subjected to intense enemy mortar and small-arms fire. Wounded in taking this new position, he continued his cool and efficient performance of duty until he was relieved and evacuated to the rear. His splendid initiative, courageous leadership and unswerving devotion to duty proved an inspiration to the men about him, and reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Penn and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Richmond, Va.  
B--Roanoke, Va.

379274  
DGP-298-fee

Spot Award  
Serial 1113  
Signed DEC 4 1943

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

PRIVATE MARSHALL G. PENNINGTON, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Shreveport, Louisiana.

B - Shreveport, Louisiana.

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DGP-298-rkz

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FMF  
SPOT  
Serial 0118  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM S. PEPPER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Patrol of Company A, Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, on the nights of 10 and 11 July 1944. Participating in a perilous reconnaissance of the beaches and reefs on the coasts of Japanese-held Tinian Island, Second Lieutenant Pepper swam ashore and despite the hazards of Japanese patrols and fortifications, secured valuable information relative to beach obstacles, water depth and characteristics of the terrain. By his daring and courage, he contributed materially to the successful completion of this hazardous mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--St. Davids, Pa.

B--St. Davids, Pa.

330861  
DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 3-24-44

Serial 919

Signed ~~JUN 9 1944~~

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

CORPORAL WALTER T. PERCER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as squad leader serving with the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 30, 1943. Unable to get his machine gun ashore, Corporal Percer organized his squad as riflemen and led them about seventy-five yards inland. Although he had lost his rifle and was suffering intensely from wounds sustained during this action, he seized a bayonet and ordered his men to follow him. Courageously working his way forward in the face of enemy opposition, he proceeded to storm a Japanese pill box and had advanced about ten yards before he fell. Corporal Percer's inspiring leadership, fearless determination and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

**JAMES FORRESTAL**

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Boswell, Oklahoma.

B - Lawton, Oklahoma.

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AW-298-1s

Spot Award 1942.  
Serial 18  
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

PRIVATE MARION L. PEREGRINE, 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 ~~Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 13-17, 1942. Expertly operating his Browning Automatic Rifle, Private Peregrine rendered valuable service in his effective and skillful protection of a light machine gun. On one occasion, his simulation of fire of the light machine gun, which was temporarily out of action, saved his position from being rushed and possibly captured. Constantly on guard against danger, he quickly shifted his fire and succeeded in killing a Japanese soldier who had gained a position to his rear. Private Peregrine's courageous and loyal devotion to duty was instrumental in preventing the enemy from penetrating the lines in his vicinity."

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Bloomington, Indiana.

B...Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

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DGP-298-vml

ComSoPac  
SPOT  
Serial 00315  
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN P. PERELLA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. When his platoon was isolated near the ocean from the rest of the company after penetrating hostile territory, Private First Class Perella volunteered to swim around the enemy lines to bring assistance to his platoon. Under heavy hostile fire, he swam for a thousand yards through rough seas around the flank of the Japanese position and guided landing craft to the beach to evacuate his comrades. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Perella and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springfield, Mass.,  
B--Springfield, Mass.

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DGP-398-eln

Cincpac

App. SOIN 3-22-45

Serial 01535

Signed

~~JUL 24 1945~~

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

SERGEANT PAUL A. PERGAMO, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Pelelia in the Palau Group, on 18 September 1944. With his squad pinned down by a merciless barrage of Japanese machine-gun fire while engaged in clearing out obstinate pockets of resistance in the southern sector, Sergeant Pergamo unhesitatingly advanced to the aid of a seriously wounded Marine lying helpless in the lane of enemy fire and, defying the deadly volleys from Japanese guns, succeeded in removing his comrade from the immediate danger area. Severely wounded while carrying out his voluntary mission, Sergeant Pergamo, by his daring initiative, prompt action and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of extreme peril upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Roxbury, Mass.

B--Boston, Mass.

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Approved SofN  
Serial Special

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

ALFRED PERKEY

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ~~ALFORD E. PER KEY,~~  
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division(Reinforced), in action against dissident Chinese forces at Hsin-Ho, China, on 5 April 1947. When small-arms, automatic weapon and grenade fire from a large group of dissident forces stopped a truck which was transporting reinforcements to repulse the initial attack on the ammunition point, Private First Class PerKey and his comrades were forced to disembark from the vehicle. Disregarding the barrage of close range fire, he climbed back on the truck, unloaded two mortars, a machine gun and ammunition for all weapons, successfully placed one of the mortars in action and, after firing several rounds was mortally wounded by an enemy hand grenade and fell at his post. His quick initiative, indomitable courage and unselfish devotion to duty in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class PerKey and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mullens, West Virginia  
B--Sprague, West Virginia

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Ltr for SS sent to CG Hq  
Apt of Pacific 100 Harrison  
St San Fran 6, Calif

Spot Award  
Serial 0737 (Com. Sec. Alt.)  
Signed 9-5-44

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT TOM G. PERKINSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Southwest Pacific Area on the afternoon of December 28, 1943. Skillfully maneuvering his platoon into a position most advantageous for attack, First Lieutenant Perkinson fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to direct the assault and, leading his gallant command throughout three hours of intense action, succeeded in beating back two separate charges by firmly entrenched and numerically superior Japanese forces before he was seriously wounded. First Lieutenant Perkinson's brilliant leadership in the face of fierce opposition and his indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Marietta, Georgia.  
B - Marietta, Georgia.

Revised Oct 44

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CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed FEB 27 1948

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

CORPORAL FELIX J. PERKO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With his amphibian tractor immobilized during initial landing operations on D-Day, Corporal Perko, although twice wounded himself, further risked his life to remove a seriously wounded officer from the stricken vehicle despite the enemy's incessant machine-gun and rifle fire. Struggling desperately to remain afloat, he supported the helpless man for two hours before reaching the edge of a reef where both men were taken on board a small boat. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of another in the face of extreme danger, Corporal Perko 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Pueblo, Colo.,

B..Pueblo, Colo.

PERRI, Albert, Sgt.

269791

(Army)

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

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

**Previous Awards: None.**

**Born:** Du Bois, Pennsylvania 10-24-16

**Current Enl.** New York, N. Y. 1-18-39

**Legal Residence:** Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

**Next of kin:** Parents - Mr. & Mrs. Louis Perri,  
202 Lowell St.,  
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

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SPOT  
Serial 8584  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

SERGEANT PHILIP PERRI,  
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 C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 27 September 1944. When an entire infantry company was pinned down by intense hostile mortar and small-arms fire, Sergeant Perri immediately commanded a tank dozer and, leading a supporting column of friendly tanks forward, proceeded to fill in three anti-tank trenches directly across the path of our advancing tanks. Exposing himself to enemy gunfire, he directed the operation of his dozer blade and instructed his men in the delivery of accurate fire against hostile pillboxes flanking the trenches. With his turret periscope knocked out by enemy fire, Sergeant Perri continued to advance despite Japanese smoke grenades, returning fire against the enemy from the turret of his tank, thereby neutralizing hostile opposition and preventing the use of a heavier caliber weapon. By his initiative, courage and devotion to duty, Sergeant Perri upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Stamford, Conn.,  
B--Stamford, Conn.

475992  
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award  
Serial 0058  
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

CORPORAL DANIEL A PERRIN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against numerically superior enemy Japanese forces near Koi-sri, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. When six members of his squad were wounded by enemy mortar shell fragments, Corporal Perrin unhesitatingly made his way through continued heavy mortar fire and succeeded in removing his injured comrades to the battalion aid station, personally administering first aid to the cases in need of immediate attention. His splendid initiative and unselfish devotion to duty, maintained in the face of grave peril, contributed materially to saving the lives of these men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

A...Pearland, Tex.

B...Prescott, Ark.

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Cincpac.  
SPOT  
Ser. 12782

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALVA R. PERRY, 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, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 6 July 1944. With his company undergoing a severe enemy counterattack, Private First Class Perry fearlessly rose to his feet and walked forward firing his automatic rifle, personally accounting for twenty-seven Japanese soldiers and setting heroic examples for the balance of the platoon, who moved up behind him and broke the enemy counterattack. His initiative, inspiring gallantry and disregard for his own safety reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Perry and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Detroit, Mich.,  
B--Nashville, Tenn.

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-vm1

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Appd SofN 11-19-45  
Serial 05424  
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

SERGEANT CHARLES R. PERRY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in connection with military operations in German occupied territory, on 1 August 1944. Volunteering for the extremely hazardous duty of entering enemy-controlled territory for the purpose of serving as weapons instructor to resistance groups located in the Savoie Department of France, Sergeant Perry, with the full knowledge that he was undertaking additional risks in accompanying an officer who was known to the Gestapa because of his former resistance activities, courageously initiated his perilous mission by being parachuted from one of the seventy-two Flying Fortresses flying in formation at high speed. Although killed instantly in the jump, Sergeant Perry, by his resoluteness of purpose and fearless determination to serve despite all danger, 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..Needham, Massachusetts,

B..Needham, Massachusetts.

SSM w/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to Mrs.  
Eva J. Perry, at a formal ceremony on  
13Dec46 held at MB, USNB, Boston, Mass.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT  
Serial 6068  
Signed JAN 28 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD PERRY,  
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 Patrol of Company E, Second  
Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division,  
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan,  
Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. When one of his com-  
panions was killed and another wounded by a sudden  
burst of enemy fire, Private First Class Perry un-  
hesitatingly moved to the aid of the wounded man and  
dragged him out of the line of fire of the enemy  
weapon which was less than thirty yards away. His  
courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest  
credit upon Private First Class Perry and the United  
States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B--New Bedford, Mass.,  
B--New Bedford, Mass.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser86003  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARVIN D. PERSKIE,  
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, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 May 1945. When a mortar ammunition dump was set afire by enemy artillery, First Lieutenant Perskie rushed into the blazing ammunition and proceeded to carry the burning cases to a nearby shell crater where the explosions would not injure any of the men. Later in the day when his company suffered heavy casualties and was held up by withering hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, he skillfully reorganized the company, led an attack on heavily fortified Japanese positions and, braving intense hostile fire, moved among the platoons directing their movements until the objective had been taken and heavy losses inflicted upon the enemy. His leadership, 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,

R- Atlantic City, N.J.  
B- Atlantic City, N.J.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARVIN D. PERSKIE  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

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For the President,  
FRED KORTH

Secretary of the Navy

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FmFPac Spot Ser. 41646  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 16 1947

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

CORPORAL PATRICK PERUGINO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. After his 81-mm. mortar platoon could no longer deliver fire, Corporal Peruginio voluntarily joined a rifle platoon as an automatic rifleman. Noting that the platoon's advance was impeded by hostile machine-gun fire, he attacked and destroyed the weapon and its crew, thereby permitting his platoon to advance to a point where it was possible to seize its objective. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Wilkesbarre, Pa.  
B. Kingston, Pa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award  
Serial 0984  
Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL J. PESACKIS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of the Crew of a 75-mm. Gun Half-track serving with the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 6, 1944. Proceeding in advance of the half-track under continuous enemy fire from concealed heavy machine guns, Private First Class Pesackis expertly cleared the cumbersome brush in the dense jungle undergrowth and, frequently joining in the fire fight, shot at snipers covering a strongly fortified road block. Although wounded in this action, he continued to clear the way for the vehicle to be brought into position for close range firing and performed his duties with courageous determination until the road block was destroyed and the enemy annihilated. Private First Class Pesackis' fearless conduct and unswerving devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Pittsburg, Pa.  
B-- " "

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 00332  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD H. PESELY,  
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-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 10 August 1944. When his platoon was ordered into the front lines for a battalion assault movement against Japanese-held Orote Peninsula on 26 July, First Lieutenant Pesely personally assumed the foremost position in his platoon and boldly led his men through difficult terrain and enemy mine fields against the strongly defended hostile positions. Undaunted by the merciless cross-fire of friendly artillery units engaged in fierce combat against the camouflaged enemy, he repeatedly exposed himself to the blast of heavy caliber weapons to make a personal report of the situation to a forward Command Post. By his aggressive initiative, leadership and unfaltering courage, First Lieutenant Pesely contributed essentially to the coordination of supporting weapons and to silencing the enemy's guns. His heroic conduct, cool judgment and zealous devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

*Book*

CITATION FOR SILVER STAR  
(POSTHUMOUS)

First Lieutenant Michael E. Peshek, 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 observation and steady fire, to rescue his comrades. Disregarding the imminent danger of collapsing walls and roofs, Lieutenant Peshek heroically entered the tunnels, assisted in extricating trapped soldiers, and gave first aid to the wounded.

Approved by WD on 21 Jan 47

Station: Corregidor

Present Station: Deceased

Home address: (mother) Mrs. Dora Peshek  
1125 N. Brauer Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

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Cincpac  
Serial 9870  
Appd SofN 11-27-44  
Signed JAN 16 1945

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

SERGEANT JOHN E. PESOLA, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Twenty-Second Marines, Fifth Amphibious Corps, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, on February 22, 1944. With the left flank of his company pinned down by hostile machine-gun fire, Sergeant Pesola, on his own initiative, courageously led his squad around to the position under attack, promptly opening fire and putting the Japanese machine-gun nest out of action, thereby enabling the company to continue its advance. Later, coming under heavy fire supposed to be a hostile counter-attack, he bravely ordered his men to hold their fire and, by his alertness and insight, prevented possible casualties among friendly advancing forces. Sergeant Pesola's gallant conduct throughout this hazardous engagement was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Osage, Minnesota  
B--Aberdeen, Washington

SS & BS Medals pres'd formally to mother of the late Sgt. Pesola, Mrs. Sophie Westerinen, RR1, Box 87, Osage, Minn. Pres'd at Park Rapids, Minn., on 26 Mar 45, by OinC.

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 42768

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

PRIVATE MARCUS J. PETE,  
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-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When late in the evening his squad leader and group leader were both wounded and lay unaided close to the enemy lines, Private Pete crept forward at dusk through difficult terrain under heavy hostile mortar, sniper and machine-gun fire and succeeded in reaching the wounded men. After skillfully administering first aid, he dragged one of them to safety behind friendly lines and, returning through the enemy barrage, proceeded to evacuate the other wounded man. Although suffering from concussion caused by an exploding hand grenade, he successfully accomplished his hazardous mission. His outstanding courage and unwavering 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--Palm Springs, Calif.

B--Banning, Calif.

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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 45784  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JACK W. PETERMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine-Gun Squad Leader of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. During the advance of his company through a stubbornly defended draw, Corporal Peterman placed his gun in action on a section of commanding ground to provide covering fire for the advancing troops. Realizing that this position was extremely vulnerable as it immediately drew concentrated fire from hostile fortifications and two of his squad were wounded by enfilading fire from a light machine gun, he ordered his squad to move to a defiladed area on their right while he, unaided, remained and kept the gun in action for almost an hour. Only after he had destroyed several hostile machine guns and inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy did he, himself, evacuate the exposed position. By his courage and determination under fire, Corporal Peterman contributed materially to the success of his company's advance and subsequent consolidation. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Walnut Springs, Texas  
B--Fort Worth, Texas

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 6068  
Signed JAN 30 1946

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

CORPORAL GURNIE G. PETERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Second Armored Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Group, 15 June 1944. Assuming command of his armored amphibian after his superior was wounded, Corporal Peters proceeded inland with the infantry and, when his 75-mm. howitzer was disabled by an enemy shell, manned the .50 caliber machine gun to clear the way for the infantry, overrunning two mortar emplacements and one machine-gun nest. After his vehicle was stopped by an obstacle, he refused to abandon it and, remaining alone, moved it once again into operations against the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Peters and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..San Diego, Calif.

B..Lake Worth, Florida.

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Serial 35165

Appd Sofn 9-20045

Serial 35165

Signed AUG 20 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH T. PETERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Leader of a Rifle Squad, serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 14 March 1945. Fiercely aggressive while leading his men in a vigorous strike against a heavily fortified pocket of resistance, Private First Class Peters, although critically wounded during a fierce hand-to-hand encounter with the Japanese, dauntlessly fought on and, braving shattering hostile machine-gun and mortar barrages laid down by the enemy, accurately hurled his deadly grenades into the fortification to inflict heavy casualties on the Japanese and silence the devastating fire before he succumbed to his wounds. By his forceful leadership, valiant fighting spirit and steadfast determination maintained in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Peters served as an inspiration to his comrades and contributed materially to the success of the bitterly fought Iwo campaign. His selfless devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service." He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--St. Louis, Missouri.  
B--Wheaton, Missouri.

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DGP-298-ein

Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-1-45  
Serial 98  
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

**CAPTAIN LYLE Q. PETERSEN, USMC.,**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 to 25 July 1944. During the Battle for Ponto Hill, when his company was subjected to withering enemy mortar and machine-gun fire while working their way up a bare, rocky cliff to their objective, Captain Petersen fearlessly exposed himself to hostile attack in order to lead his company up the precipice, honeycombed with Japanese-held caves, and across one hundred yards of bare slope, persisting in his determined leadership until mortally wounded by a nambu machinegun. Captain Petersen's skillful coordination of tanks and infantry was instrumental in enabling the battalion to secure its objective in a critical phase of the battle, and his aggressive leadership and sound, tactical employment of troops materially aided his company in securing their objective with a minimum loss of personnel. His daring courage throughout the hazardous action and his unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Captain Petersen and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,

**JAMES FORRESTAL**

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. 22 Aug 1945 by the District Marine Officer, Great Lakes, Ill. to the parents of the late Capt. Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Petersen, 2012 Carmel Ave., Racine, Wis. Informal pres. at home with son, Lt. Petersen and his wife present. Cy citation will be in Racine papers.

R--Racine, Wisc.  
B--Warrens, Wisc.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS  
First Battalion, Fourth Marines.

28 March, 1942.

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

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

FANTONE, John S.		First Lieutenant, USMC
GALAYAG, Cesar G. B. (Not a member of the Marine Corps)		Second Lieut., PA
LINVILLE, Bert S.	223548	Platoon Sergeant, USMC
WILLIAMS, Everett S.	278917	Sergeant, USMC
BAUM, Benjamin G.	265372	Corporal, USMC
PETERSEN, Melvin W. ✓	273460	Corporal, USMC
FARNER, Robert P.	272003	Private First Class, USMC
HOOPS, James L.	290269	Private First Class, USMC
LAKE, Donald E.	271842	Private First Class, USMC
NELSON, George B.	279899	Private First Class, USMC
SWANN, Berkley R.	279837	Private First Class, USMC

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

HEADQUARTERS  
First Battalion, Fourth Marines.

28 March, 1942.

Subject: Recommendations for award of Silver Star.

3. On 25 March, 1942, when the barracks of the 92nd Coast Artillery (PS) were set on fire by a hostile bombing attack Captain Golland L. Clark, Jr., U.S.M.C., and First Lieutenant Ralph R. Penick, U.S.M.C., members of the First Battalion staff, without regard for personal danger and while hostile planes were overhead, voluntarily proceeded to the scene of the fire and assisted in getting it under control thus preventing the complete destruction of buildings and defense installations in the area. The explosion of small arms and other ammunition stored in the area greatly increased the hazardous fire fighting operations.

4. It is recommended that favorable consideration be given to the award of the Silver Star to the above mentioned officers and men.

CURTIS T. BEECHER

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R.....Hebron, Ohio.

B.....Hebron, Ohio.

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Appd SofN 12-16-48  
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Serial 58486

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

PRIVATE BERT H. PETERSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 22 and 23 May 1945. Although painfully wounded during a strong hostile counterattack on his company's position on the evening of 22 May, Private Peterson voluntarily chose to remain with his unit, continuing to engage the enemy with hand grenades and sub-machine gun fire. Wounded a second time on the morning of 23 May, he again steadfastly refused evacuation until he was formally ordered to leave the company defensive position. His aggressive fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Private Peterson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Naples, Idaho.  
B--Crosby, North Dakota.

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SPOT  
Serial 90496  
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

**CORPORAL DELBERT J. PETERSON,**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Mortar Observer of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Oroku Peninsula, Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 5 June 1945. Bravely maintaining his observation post despite intense enemy mortar and small-arms fire, Corporal Peterson personally killed four of the Japanese by rifle fire and succeeded in making five trips across hostile fire lanes and mortar impact areas between his observation post and the mortar position to transmit corrections he had observed. 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--Salt Lake City, Utah,  
B--Uintah, Utah.

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DGP-298-flm

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 35919  
Signed MAR 3 1947

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

CORPORAL FREDERICK W. PETERSON, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. When his platoon was under an intense barrage of enemy mortar and sniper fire, Corporal Peterson voluntarily exposed himself to move forward of his squad and cover the evacuation of a wounded Marine. Although seriously wounded, he refused to withdraw from his exposed position and, continuing to fire upon the caves from which sniper fire was inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon, succeeded in killing five of the Japanese before he was killed. His extreme courage and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

K  
R--Weston, Massachusetts  
B--Waltham, Massachusetts

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AW-298-lna

Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE E. PETRIE, U.S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on November 3, 1942. Acting as a scout for Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines Reinforced, Private First Class Petrie, along with two other men, made contact with the enemy and came under vigorous fire from hostile machine guns, artillery and rifles. Knocking the Japanese completely out by means of hand grenades and rifle fire, he and his comrades compelled them to withdraw, leaving behind four pieces of light artillery which were captured. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Gridley, California.

B..Gridley, California.

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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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 22937  
Signed OCT 20 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT VICTOR F. PETRUZZELLI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company B, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. Attacking the high ground of Hill 100 in order to contact the battalion on his flank, First Lieutenant Petruzzelli led the charge up the steep coral slopes and, in the face of severe machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire from entrenched and strongly defended enemy positions which was causing heavy casualties in his ranks, courageously continued the determined assault. Although wounded and with only four surviving members of his platoon, he dislodged the enemy and, by skillfully directing his fire, succeeded in holding the position on Hill 100 until reinforced by another platoon. His courage and aggressive leadership reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Petruzzelli and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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SPOT  
Serial 44532  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT PARKER O. PETTIGREW,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
as a Mortar Platoon Leader of Company E, Second  
Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine  
Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces  
on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945.  
When four Marines were wounded and pinned down  
by enemy fire in front of the company's line dur-  
ing an attack on a series of hostile pillboxes,  
Second Lieutenant Pettigrew quickly organized a  
rescue team and led it forward. Although the area  
was covered by cross-fire from three of the pill-  
boxes, he coolly directed the evacuation of the  
casualties, bringing them back to the front lines  
for first aid without the loss of a single man.  
His courageous determination and devotion to duty  
were in keeping with the highest traditions of  
the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Parsons, Tenn.,  
B--Parsons, Tenn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FmPacSpotSer 43157  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DAVID C. PEURIFOY, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Mortarman of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. When his Platoon Leader found the platoon's right flank exposed, Private First Class Peurifoy volunteered to try and make contact with the unit on their right despite darkness and hostile enemy snipers in the area. Attempting to locate friendly troops, he came upon a large group of the enemy forming for a counter-attack and infiltration through the gap in the front lines. As some of the hostile troops had already moved into position between him and his unit, he exposed himself to hostile rifle fire and hand grenades to make his way back to his area and warn his Platoon Leader of the forthcoming attack. Placing himself in an advantageous gap in the lines, Private First Class Peurifoy expertly maneuvered and accurately directed the fire and, aided materially in repulsing the enemy counter-attack by personally accounting for fourteen of the sixty enemy dead. His bold initiative, indomitable courage and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Vivian, La.  
B- " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Citationl only

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 442  
Signed

JUL 10 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAFFAELE F. PEZZA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, Third Amphibious Corps, in action against Japanese forces during an attack on the Division Hospital at Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. Refusing to seek shelter although ill with fever and hospitalized at the time, Private First Class Pezza armed himself and went forward gallantly to resist the Japanese, killing one by his accurate fire and contributing materially in delaying their advance and in covering the evacuation of the patients. He held his position until he was wounded and evacuated. His courage and action exerted a steadying influence on the other patients, and his selfless devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Pezza and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

CincPac Spot Ser. 11172  
Signed DEC 28 1944.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD M. PFUHL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 to 22 February 1944. Aggressively leading his platoon through two assault landings, under heavy mortar and machine-gun fire, Second Lieutenant Pfuhl divided his unit into small groups, personally conducting them in numerous attacks on enemy positions, despite constant enemy fire. On one occasion during a heavy hostile infiltration, he leaped from his foxhole and routed an enemy suicide group. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. St. Louis, Mo.  
B.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD M. PFUHL  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 to 22 February 1944. Aggressively leading his platoon through two assault landings, under heavy mortar and machine-gun fire, Second Lieutenant Pfuhl divided his unit into small groups, personally conducting them in numerous attacks on enemy positions, despite constant enemy fire. On one occasion during a heavy hostile infiltration, he leaped from his foxhole and routed an enemy suicide group. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRED KORTH

Secretary of the Navy

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DGP-298-rkz

*John L. Phelps*

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 11-21-45  
Serial 34989  
Signed JAN 8 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN L. PHELPS,  
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 H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. Coolly exposing himself to continuous enemy rifle fire as he moved along the front line instructing his men in preparation for an assault upon a heavily defended Japanese position, First Lieutenant Phelps was struck twice by hostile fire. With indomitable fighting spirit and complete disregard for his mortal wounds, he remained to direct the scheduled attack and, although exposed to farther injury, continued to give orders to his platoon until too weak to continue. Only when the attack was successfully launched and the area made secure from Japanese aggression did he permit his litter bearers to carry him to a station of safety. His devotion to duty and valiant leadership in battle reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Phelps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

Presented to the family of the  
E--Springfield, Vermont.

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DGP-298-fee

Spot Award  
Serial 1113  
Signed DEC 4 1943

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

PRIVATE ROBERT S. PHILIPPE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

*Released*

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Wyanet, Illinois.

B - Wyanet, Illinois.

354836  
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award  
Serial 0704 (Com Sec Filt)  
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ERWIN E. PHILLIPS, 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 during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 2, 1944. When withering enemy machine-gun fire from well-concealed positions retarded the advance of his company, Private First Class Phillips unhesitatingly volunteered with several comrades to protect a half-track in an attempt to wipe out the heavily fortified hostile pillboxes. Although mortally wounded during the ensuing action, he steadfastly remained at his post until ordered to a first aid station. Private First Class Phillips' courageous initiative and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice 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 - Homer, New York.  
B - Cortland, New York.

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DGP-298-pmb

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FMFPac.  
SPOT  
Ser. 49793

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

CAPTAIN JOHN W. PHILLIPS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 6 to 12 March 1945. On the night of 7 March, when intense enemy mortar barrage inflicted heavy casualties on a rifle company wounding the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, Captain Phillips assumed command of this company and, despite darkness, the continued enemy shelling and his own unfamiliarity with the personnel of the company and the ground it occupied went forward, rapidly reorganized the unit and strengthened its position. When a numerically superior enemy force counterattacked his company's defensive sector which was located on terrain difficult to defend, he spurred his men to repulse the enemy with heavy lines. By his tactical skill and efficient leadership, he contributed materially to the success of his unit at a most critical stage of the operation, and his courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Allentown, Pa.,  
B--Allentown, Pa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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ComGenFmPac Ser. 43822  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL RALPH E. PHILLIPS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Platoon Leader of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. When his platoon leader was killed by concentrated enemy machine-gun fire, Corporal Phillips immediately assumed command and continued to fight his way over difficult and unfamiliar terrain in the face of determined attacks and intense fire from a well-concealed Japanese fortification. Despite heavy hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, he brought the platoon to a derelated position within fifty yards of the enemy strong point, called for flame throwers and rifle grenades in an attempt to rout the enemy and, while still under hostile fire and observation, left his platoon to seek a possible approach to the enemy position. Although struck down and painfully wounded by machine-gun fire during this attempt, he continued his reconnaissance and, after returning to his platoon, attempted to renew the attack after giving the location of the Japanese, but collapsed and was evacuated because of his wounds. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Kemmerer, Wyo.  
B-Harrisville, Utah

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-gjd

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

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

PRIVATE ARTHUR J. PICARD, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as member of a sniper unit serving with the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 26, 1942. Volunteering to put two hostile machine-gun positions out of action, Private Picard advanced slowly and carefully through territory covered by intense enemy fire and skillfully silenced one of the machine-guns with hand grenades. Attempting to put the second gun out of action by the same method, he was killed by the enemy. His initiative, courage, and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all with whom he served and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. Private Picard gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

B.....Springfield, Mass.

R.....Springfield, Mass.

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FMFPAC  
SPOT  
Serial 8418  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. PICKETT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer of the Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Although suffering from a painful head wound received in the initial phase of the landing, Captain Pickett refused to be evacuated and, with the battalion commander evacuated and the executive commander wounded, took command of the badly disorganized battalion which was without contact with adjacent units. Realizing that the success of the operation depended upon our ability to reorganize in time to meet an expected enemy counterattack, he moved quickly from company to company through intense hostile fire and succeeded in tying-in our lines and in discovering the positions of the units on our flanks, thus enabling the battalion to present a coordinated, well-organized front to the enemy on the first night. Evacuated later, he returned to the front lines in four days despite the serious condition of his wound. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Washington Depot, Conn.,  
E--Danbury, Conn.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT  
Serial 6685  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

JAN 22 1948

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

CORPORAL JUNIOR PIERATT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. When his platoon was held up by strong enemy positions, Corporal Pieratt braved hostile fire to return to the regimental command post for three tanks which he guided back to his platoon and, remaining with them, directed their fire which destroyed three enemy machine guns, thereby enabling his platoon to advance and seize the objective. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Pieratt and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Laurens, Iowa.,  
B--Curlew, Iowa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-dmr

FMF, Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 98301

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS W. PIERCEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Squad Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 June 1945. When the enemy, located on a strongly-fortified ridge on Oroku Peninsula, resisted his company's attack with heavy fire which caused numerous casualties including his platoon sergeant and platoon leader, Private First Class Piercey, unhesitatingly and on his own initiative, assumed command of the platoon and skillfully effected an immediate reorganization. Despite continued hostile fire and heavy casualties among his forces, he courageously led his remaining men forward and, by his exemplary leadership and conduct, encouraged them to neutralize Japanese positions, disorganize the enemy and secure the platoon objective. His initiative, aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private First Class Piercey and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.  
B--Hackensack, N.J.

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-eme

ComSevFlt  
SPOT  
Serial 09391  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WHITNEY P. PIERRON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Machine Gunner of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 3 January 1944. When his Gunnery Sergeant was killed and his gunner seriously wounded while defending a strategic position in the vicinity of Target Hill against the fierce onslaughts of a savage enemy, Private First Class Pierron manned the gun alone and continued to pour a deadly rain of fire against the Japanese until help could reach him. Subjected to devastating machine-gun and mortar fire for two hours, he steadfastly remained at his hazardous post, repulsing two desperate rushes with heavy losses to the enemy. By his courageous stand and his devotion to duty, Private First Class Pierron contributed materially to the successful defense of an extremely important key position, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- New Orleans, La.  
B-- Morgan City, La.

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Appd SofN 9-20-45  
Serial 35267  
Signed JUL 9 1946

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

SERGEANT MATTHEW PILATIC,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Platoon Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 16 March 1945. With his platoon pinned down by shattering rifle fire emanating from a rocky cliff during the perilous advance against a fanatic, determined enemy, Sergeant Pilatic unhesitatingly risked his life to wipe out the entrenchment and, fearlessly proceeding alone to the mouth of the cave, hurled a hand grenade into the opening to silence the fire and destroy the occupants. Fatally struck down by a sudden shellburst while returning to his platoon, Sergeant Pilatic, by his daring initiative, forceful leadership and extreme courage in the face of grave danger, had served as an inspiration to his comrades and contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold. His valiant devotion to duty throughout the fierce engagement reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the brother of the late Sgt. Pilatic, Mr. John Pilatic, on 13 Aug 46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Pittsburgh, Pa.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
B.--Uniontown, Pennsylvania

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DGP-298-bec

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-20-45  
Serial 34880  
Signed SEP 4 1946

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

CORPORAL ALLEN PILECKAS,  
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-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. Crawling forward alone fifty yards into enemy territory, Corporal Pileckas valiantly risked his life under intense hostile rifle, mortar and machine-gun fire and, taking the enemy by surprise as he reached the flank of a fiercely defended position which was holding up the evacuation of his platoon's casualties, hurled grenades into the emplacement until he had destroyed the crew and silenced its gun. By his initiative, outstanding devotion to duty and courage in the face of grave personal danger, Corporal Pileckas enabled his platoon to consolidate its position and evacuate its wounded and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R.-Hagaman, New York  
B.- Hagaman, New York

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

1/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the prints of the late Corp. Pileckas, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pileckas, 40 Chuctanunda St., Hageman, N.Y. by mail on 30 Oct 46 by the Cinc, USMC DHRS, Albany, N.Y.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
THOMAS PILLERI  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action in connection with operations against the enemy at Guadalcanal on 13 and 14 September 1942. Private First Class Pilleri was manning a machine gun for the all-volunteer, forward element listening post when a Japanese Battalion initiated a full scale assault to overrun the Marine control of Henderson Field. In the ensuing, heavy firefight, Private First Class Pilleri heroically remained at his station to cover the ordered withdrawal to the unit perimeter. Due to the lethal fire he provided against the enveloping enemy, the other members of the post were able to withdraw, the Japanese surge was checked, and the defensive positions were altered to maximum readiness. Private First Class Pilleri's actions ultimately cost him his life, but helped saved the lives of other members of his unit and also helped the 11<sup>th</sup> Marines to repulse the Japanese attack. By his initiative, courageous actions, and complete dedication to duty, Private First Class Pilleri reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

*Richard Danzig*  
Secretary of the Navy

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344643  
DGP-298-pmb

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

CORPORAL LUCINDO PIKENTEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ambulance Driver of Company C, First Medical Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 1 October 1944. In the face of constant hostile fire during this period, Corporal Pimentel courageously made several trips to assist in the removal of his wounded comrades to a place of safety where medical treatment could be administered. On 19 September, when his ambulance was struck by hostile fire and his carbine, which was slung over his shoulder, was cut in two by an enemy sniper's bullet, he aided materially in lifting the spirits of his comrades by his constant joking on the poor marksmanship of the Japanese. While at the front lines on 21 September, Corporal Pimentel volunteered on several occasions to crawl over rugged terrain which was swept by heavy enemy machine-gun and sniper fire to reach casualties and personally carried thirteen severely wounded comrades to safety. His bravery, 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

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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13 November 1943.

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.....II

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II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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JAY J. PINCKNEY, (357352), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in aggressively crawling forward to successfully destroy an enemy machine-gun position by use of hand grenades, and later employing his own automatic weapon with such effectiveness as to be largely responsible for breaking up a hostile counter-attack on 20 July 1943. Home Address: 82 Abbottsford Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R - Hartford, Connecticut

B - Hartford, Connecticut

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 6112

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

PLATOON SERGEANT LEROY L. PINSKE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 8 July 1944. Skillfully organizing and controlling his unit, Platoon Sergeant Pinske efficiently led his men against a fierce counterattack of approximately 300 hostile troops and, at a crucial moment in the engagement, exposed himself to intense enemy machine-gun, rifle fire and hand grenade explosions in order to direct our fire, thereby contributing greatly to the repulse of the Japanese with heavy losses. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Arlington, Minn.

B--Arlington, Minn.

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES  
FORT MILLS, P. I.

19 April, 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NO. 29)

Award of Silver Star.....I  
Amendment of General Orders No. 27.....II

L. Award of Silver Star. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Forces in the Philippines, for gallantry in action, to the following named enlisted man of the United States Marine Corps, detached for service with the United States Forces in the Philippines:

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HARRY W. PINTO, (238434), Sergeant, Fourth United States Marines. For gallantry in action at Longaskawayan Point, Bataan, Philippine Islands, on January 25, 1942. Despite a painful bullet wound through the wrist which Sergeant Pinto received during an attack by his unit on a strong enemy position, this gallant non-commissioned officer remained under heavy hostile machine gun fire to assist in the evacuation of wounded from the front lines to sheltered positions. Later in the engagement Sergeant Pinto demonstrated courage and leadership of a high order by assisting in the organization of a group which successfully carried out a hazardous mission during the course of the battle. The disregard for personal safety and the unselfish courage exhibited by this non-commissioned officer, constituted an example which had no small effect in his organization's success in the operation.

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By command of Lieutenant General WAINWRIGHT:

LEWIS C. BEEBE,  
Brigadier General, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

CARL H. SEALS,  
Brigadier General, USA.  
Adjutant General.

Aw'd by dispatch 4-27-42.  
Filed on case 1740-55-65.

R.....Velarde and Calderon, Mountain View, Calif.  
B.....San Francisco, Calif.

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Spot Award  
Serial 0849 (ComSec Flt)  
Signed 11-15-44

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

MAJOR WILLIAM J. PIPER, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on the afternoon of January 3, 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Major Piper continually exposed himself to heavy enemy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire and, moving from company to company in his front lines, often within a few yards of well concealed hostile positions strongly entrenched along a river, skillfully and daringly assisted his battalion across. By his extreme bravery and fearless devotion to duty, Major Piper contributed in a large measure to the success of his forces in over-running and destroying the Japanese in this vital area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

*OK PIPER 11/19/44*  
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For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Shelton, Conn.  
B - Shelton, Conn.

Released 6 Dec 44

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Appd SofM - 3-11-45  
Serial 1669  
Signed MAY 15 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT STEUART L. PITTMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of an Allied Junk when that vessel was attacked by a heavily armed enemy Japanese junk off the East China Coast, on 21 August 1945. When the first round from a 75-mm. Pack Howitzer killed his .30 caliber machine-gun crew and helmsmen, First Lieutenant Pittman promptly took over the helm and skillfully maneuvered his craft alongside the hostile vessel. Bold and aggressive, he remained in his exposed position throughout a bitterly fought close-range engagement to account for many Japanese dead and wounded and to aid in the subsequent surrender of the remainder. By his daring initiative, expert seamanship and cool courage maintained in the face of tremendous odds, First Lieutenant Pittman contributed materially to the success of this hazardous operation against the enemy in the China theater, and his inspiring devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

432395  
DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac  
SPOT  
Serial 4024  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES J. PITY, JR.,  
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 37-mm. Gun Platoon of Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 19 June 1944. Volunteering to attempt the apparently hopeless rescue of several wounded Marines lying exposed to heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, Private First Class Pity and a companion unhesitatingly braved the merciless barrage and succeeded in carrying four of the casualties to safety before the hostile fire was neutralized. His gallant and courageous spirit and tenacious 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--South Boston, Massachusetts.  
B--Gloucester, Massachusetts.

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Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE S. PLANTIER,  
U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 9, 1942. While serving as platoon leader of the Weapons Platoon, Company B, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, engaged in battle with hostile forces south of Point Cruz and west of the Matanikau River, Second Lieutenant Plantier, in order to gain utmost effectiveness from the fire of his mortar section, occupied a dangerously exposed observation station. Although wounded while in this position, he carried on with utter disregard for his own personal safety until Japanese fire was silenced. His heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Washington, D.C.

B...Chester, Pennsylvania.

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CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 2788  
Signed-----

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

CORPORAL MIKE PLASHA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Ennubirr Island, Kwajalein Atoll, on 31 January 1944. Realizing upon landing that his machine guns were masked by friendly troops and so of no value in the action, Corporal Plasha immediately left his guns with a squad leader and pushed forward alone. With complete disregard for his own safety, he took the enemy under fire with his rifle, accounting for approximately five Japanese. Noting that the assault rifle troops were moving too slowly, he personally led these Marines, urging them forward and causing the enemy to fall back. His daring aggressiveness, heroic devotion to duty and intelligent analysis of a critical situation reflected the highest credit upon Corporal Plasha and the United States Naval Service."

R--Kingston, W. Va.  
B--Kingston, W. Va.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DCP-286-egc

CincPac  
Serial 12613  
Appd SofN 3-8-45  
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

SERGEANT MIKE PLASHA, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine-Gun Section serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 18 June 1944. In courageous defiance of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant Plasha gallantly led a section of the attack to exposed positions in order to bring fire to bear on strongly fortified enemy gun positions and pillboxes which had resisted the tank-led efforts of an entire battalion for over a day. Persistently firing and throwing hand grenades, he continued to press the attack until extremely heavy casualties forced the withdrawal of our men, later returning to the ridge to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. His daring spirit of aggressiveness and cool determination under intense hostile fire reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Plasha and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Kingston, W. Virginia

GS in lieu of 2d SSM; BSM, perm cits & ltr fr GMC pres'd 12 Aug. by Cinc, USMC  
Cabell County Court House, Huntington, W.Va. to the parents of the late  
Plasha, Mr. & Mrs. George Plasha, Kingston, W.Va. informally by request,  
appropriate publicity given.

04329  
DGP 298 Navy FBB

FmfPac Spot Ser 44965  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

COLONEL LOUIS C. PLAIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. After landing with the sixth wave on D-Day, Colonel Plain immediately proceeded to the front line and aided in establishing control over the assault companies, repeatedly exposing himself to heavy enemy fire to accomplish his mission. Returning to the front lines a short time later and observing a company which was held up, he courageously moved out in front of the unit and, although receiving a bullet wound which necessitated his evacuation, inspired the pinned-down company to renew its advance. His aggressive leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Cleveland, Ohio

B-

3 Nov 1964

Send Medal

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-gl

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SPOT  
Serial 22907

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

CAPTAIN WESLEY M. PLATT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION!

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while attached to the Marine Detachment, First Defense Battalion, as Commanding Officer of the Wilkes Island Strong Point in the Wake Island Group, on 23 December 1941. When hostile forces effected a landing on his stronghold during the night of 22-23 December, one of Captain Platt's units was surrounded by the enemy. At daylight, he personally led a section of machine guns against a numerically superior force, attacking in the direction of the surrounded unit. Stealthily moving through dense underbrush, he directed his men in attacks against several strongly defended hostile positions, reducing each one in turn, until he joined forces with his other unit. Captain Platt then reorganized his troops and courageously led them in further attacks against the enemy in the face of intense machine-gun, rifle and grenade fire. Under cover of fire from his machine guns, he guided his small force to assault each position and overcome the Japanese in fierce hand-to-hand combat. By his heroism, tactical skill and aggressive fighting spirit, Captain Platt contributed greatly to annihilating or capturing all the enemy who had landed on the island, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Summerville, S.C.  
B--Dorchester, S.C.

018966  
DGP-298-vml

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SPOT  
Serial 98300

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARVIN C. PLOCK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 21 May 1945. Assuming command of a platoon after the Platoon Leader became a casualty, First Lieutenant Plock led his men in a completely successful attack upon King Ridge which was defended by a large number of fanatically resisting enemy. Upon reaching his objective, he quickly reorganized his unit under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, moving about the position to emplace and encourage his men despite wounds received during the action. When the Japanese launched a well-coordinated counterattack that night, he observed and directed our mortar fire, encouraged his men, supervised the removal of the wounded and distributed grenades, contributing materially to the repulse of the attack. His indomitable fighting spirit, inspiring leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lincoln, Nebr.,  
B--Carrington, N. D.

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Serial 43822 DEC 26 1947  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL LOREN W. PLUMMER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Squad Leader of Company H, 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 the company advance was halted by fire from enemy emplacements, Corporal Plummer set up his weapon on elevated, open terrain where a short time earlier, one machine gun had been demolished by deadly fire from concealed Japanese snipers. For two hours, he delivered supporting fire for the advancing troops. Although the target for constant accurate hostile fire, Corporal Plummer kept his gun in action and, by neutralizing the enemy fire, insured his company's advance against light resistance. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Newoka, Okla.,  
B--Chetopa, Kansas.

Secretary of the Navy.

017423  
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award  
Serial 0352  
Signed

*Com. Sec. Lt.*  
OCT 23 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES T. PODEMSKI, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 14, 1944. Courageous and determined in the face of devastating machine-gun fire from well-entrenched hostile emplacements, First Lieutenant Podemski fearlessly led his men through dense jungle undergrowth to the crest of Hill 660, an exceptionally steep and heavily fortified position. Encountering intense opposition from a 20-mm. portable hostile field weapon during the perilous advance, he so skillfully directed the mortar fire of his company that the stronghold was quickly neutralized and the hill secured for the further advance of our forces. His brilliant leadership, valiant fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty contributed materially to the defeat of the Japanese in this battle and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Duluth, ~~Michigan~~  
B - Duluth, ~~Michigan~~ Minnesota

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Appd SofN 11-21-45  
Serial 932457  
Signed OCT 14 1946

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. POE,  
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 Rifle Squad of Company G, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. Constantly exposing himself to relentless enemy rifle and grenade barrages, Corporal Poe led his squad in a successful assault upon a strongly fortified hostile position near Dakeshi Village and, although severely wounded during the fierce exchange of hostilities, steadfastly refused to leave his post, continuing to direct the attack until his squad had succeeded in taking the objective. By his gallant leadership, daring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of fanatic Japanese resistance, Corporal Poe contributed immeasurably to the success of the attack, and his valiant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

JOSEPH B. ...  
... Chattanooga, Tennessee ...  
... Chattanooga, Tennessee ...  
... presented to the ...

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DGP-298-Navy-jrc

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 58485  
Signed FEB 10 1948

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

CAPTAIN RICHARD A. POE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 June 1945. Displaying outstanding courage and leadership, Captain Poe led his company in an assault against a series of strong emplacements on a hill constituting one of the major enemy defensive positions in that area and, despite intense enemy resistance and heavy casualties during the attack, personally led several small units in the destruction by grenades of two Japanese machine-gun positions which were impeding his company's advance. Later organizing and directing his defenses, he exposed himself to all types of enemy fire until he was seriously wounded. His determination 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..Homer, La.

B..Hutchison, Kansas

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

JAN 22 1948

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

CORPORAL HARRY J. POLETE, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader of Company L, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Eniwetok Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 19 February 1944. Directing his squad to cover his approach with neutralizing fire, Corporal Polete moved forward and destroyed an enemy machine gun and mortar position with hand grenades, thereby enabling his unit to advance. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Fredericktown, Mo.  
B.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
Serial 00396  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEE R. POLK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as the Leader of a Rocket Launcher Team of Company B, First Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. In the face of heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Polk knelt in a ditch beside his gunner to help load the rocket launcher and, after stopping the first tank which had advanced to within fifteen feet of his position, fired his second round at the next tank, forcing out one of its occupants. Putting the first tank out of commission with his third round, he prepared to fire again at the second armored vehicle when his gunner was killed just as our tanks came up to dispose of the remainder of the enemy tanks. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Polk and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rochester, Michigan  
B--Flat Top, W. Va.

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DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 3-11-44  
Serial 00369  
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY B. POLLARD, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as artillery observer attached to the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during the Battle of Five Forks, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on November 24, 1943. Grimly aware that his previous three days of constant patrolling alone within enemy lines had given him valuable information concerning Japanese positions, First Lieutenant Pollard, although seriously ill from malaria when the attack became imminent, refused to be evacuated to the field hospital. Courageously taking his station in the front lines on the morning of the assault, he remained steadfast at his post, conducting artillery fire which resulted in the destruction of numerous hostile fortified positions. In spite of being detected by the enemy, he bravely carried on until hunted down and killed by a Japanese patrol. First Lieutenant Pollard's valiant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril contributed to saving the lives of many of the battalion and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Millis, Mass.  
B - North Adams, Mass.

289992  
AW-299-rf

Spot Award, 1942  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

BERGEANT THOMAS D. POLLARD, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, while a member of the First Marine Raider Battalion, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 8, 1942. During operations against the enemy at the mouth of the Matanikau River, Sergeant Pollard successfully led a seven man patrol between two strong points in the Japanese positions. Although they were subjected to heavy fire while carrying out their mission, the success of the patrol enabled Sergeant Pollard's company to advance farther toward the enemy lines. His heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R...Gainesville, Florida.

B...Mulberry, Indiana.

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DGP-298-eme

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SPOT  
Serial 8405  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner of Company A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. Seriously wounded while carrying a vital message through intense enemy artillery, mortar and small-arms fire, Private First Class Pollice, disregarding his critical condition, continued on his way and succeeded in delivering the message. Refusing to be evacuated, he remained for six continuous hours with his platoon which was out of communication with the company and despite a constant barrage of hostile fire rendered gallant service by carrying important messages to and from the command post. By his heroic conduct and unflinching endurance, Private First Class Pollice contributed essentially to the completion of a vital mission and his steadfast devotion to duty at great risk to his own life was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Chicago, Illinois.  
B-- Chicago, Illinois.

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DGP-298-Navy-ELPK

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 46173  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LAWRENCE R. POLLOCK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company C. Fourth Engineer Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Observing that the leading tank on the beach was put out of action by enemy mines, Sergeant Pollock voluntarily and courageously moved beyond the front lines to clear a path for the remaining tanks and, working under machine-gun, mortar and antitank fire, removed mines which were impeding the advance of our forces and causing heavy casualties. By his quick and valiant action, he enabled the tanks to proceed much faster and thereby aided materially in destroying enemy positions in a minimum of time. Although wounded during this action, Sergeant Pollock refused evacuation until he had led the tanks to the edge of the airstrip. By his heroism, aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty throughout, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Niles, Ohio  
B..Seminole, Pa.

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DGP-298-sps

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Serial 00422

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

CORPORAL ROY J. POLLOCK,  
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 at Peleliu, Palau Islands, 30 September 1944. Advancing over extremely difficult terrain, Corporal Pollock observed Japanese troops rolling a field piece into position in the mouth of a cave from which it could bring damaging fire to bear on his platoon. Cradling his machine gun in his arm, he quickly opened effective fire which killed the crew and, holding other hostile forces at bay, prevented them from manning the gun until a shoulder mortar was brought forward and the enemy piece was destroyed. His quick action, courageous initiative and skill were contributing factors in saving the lives of many comrades and in inflicting several casualties on the enemy and relett great credit on Corporal Pollock and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R - Shenectady, N. Y.  
B - Richmond, Va.

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
Serial 00597  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner of Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. During a night of repeated attacks by the enemy, Private First Class Polster manned an isolated machine gun position which could not be reached for re-supply with ammunition and, despite eight enemy charges against his gun in an attempt to knock it out, stood firm at his position although wounded in the bitter action. Given first aid in the morning when it was possible for help to reach him, he refused to leave his gun until the situation was stabilized and, by his courageous efforts, prevented a breakthrough of our lines and contributed materially to the annihilation of the hostile attacking force. His aggressive fighting spirit and outstanding 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--Elmwood Place, Ohio  
B--Elmwood Place, Ohio

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DGP-298-bgj

Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-8-45  
Serial 763  
Signed 11-14-45

*Quartermaster*

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

CORPORAL PAUL POOLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader serving with the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, the night of 31 July and 1 August 1944. When the enemy, having infiltrated through the right flank of the main line of defense, attempting a surprise attack on his squad which was holding a secondary line of defense, Corporal Pooley valiantly organized and directed the fire of his unit in the face of a heavy Japanese machine-gun attack and succeeded in halting the hostile forces before they could penetrate his lines. By his cool determination and courageous leadership during a critical phase of the action, Corporal Pooley inspired his men to heroic effort and contributed essentially to the ultimate conquest of the island. His aggressive initiative and zealous devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Houston, Texas,  
B--El Reno, Okla.

SSMw/pern cit ltr fr CMC presented at a ceremony at NAS, to mother, Mrs. Mildred Sprague, on 25 July 1946, by Cmdr, NATS, NAS, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Serial 1032  
Signed AUG 4 1947

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

CORPORAL STANLEY D. POPELESKI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Forward Observer, serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 30 June 1944. Accompanied by a wireman and a patrol, Corporal Popeleski crossed an enemy-held ridge and moved to a point on the reverse slope well in the rear of the enemy positions, directing destructive mortar fire on an ammunition dump, emplacements and troop concentrations for many hours and completely baffling the enemy with the sudden shifting of repeated concentration of mortar fire. When the enemy finally closed in on the observation post, Corporal Popeleski allowed five minutes for withdrawal and had a heavy concentration delivered at this point, thereby causing further heavy losses to the bewildered enemy and enabling his group to reach our lines despite enemy machine-gun and rifle fire. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

E--Carle, Place, N. Y.,  
E--Carle Place, N. Y.

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SPOT  
Serial 11731  
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PRIVATE MICHAEL POPICHAK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of a Communication Unit, serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Twentieth Marines (Engineer), Fourth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. Courageously moving forward to meet the enemy during a counterattack against our lines, Private Popichak noticed one of our machine guns whose crew had been killed and, disregarding the great personal danger, boldly took the gun with him and succeeded in setting it up in a position commanding the advancing Japanese forces. Manning the gun with exceptional skill, he killed and wounded many of the enemy, thereby aiding materially in the successful repulse of the counterattack. His outstanding initiative, relentless fighting spirit and great valor reflect the highest credit upon Private Popichak and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Carnegie, Pa.  
B - Carnegie, Pa.

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SPOT  
Serial 7394  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ELERY G. POPPE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company L, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 1 July 1944. Assigned to seize an important objective across rough terrain, Second Lieutenant Poppe repeatedly exposed himself to heavy machine-gun fire to coordinate and organize the attack and, directing his men in a determined assault against fiercely resisting Japanese troops, seized the objective and enabled the advance to continue. His aggressive leadership and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Greenwood, Wis

B..Greenwood, Wis

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AW-298-1a

Spot Award 1942.  
Serial 18 MAR 18 1943  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT M. PORT, U.S.M.C.R.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic gallantry and intrepidity as machine  
gun officer of Company H, Second Battalion, First  
Marines, First Marine Division, during an attack by  
enemy Japanese forces in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal,  
on the early morning of August 21, 1942. Despite the  
furious and accurate fire of a strong enemy landing  
force, Second Lieutenant Port, seeing one of his men  
lying wounded in a gun emplacement directly in the line  
of fire, left his shelter and fearlessly removed the  
wounded man to safety. Second Lieutenant Port's great  
personal valor and fine courage 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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verbally or in writing to  
any person without the per-  
mission of the officer in  
charge of The Decorations  
and Medals Section.

R...Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

B...Mt. Oliver, Pennsylvania.

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DGP-298-rtt

ComGenHdqtrs 4thMarDiv Ser 14103  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ELMER R. PORTSCHELLER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Scout Sergeant of an Artillery Forward Observation Party of Battery H, Third Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 6 March 1945. When the forward observer with whom he was directing fire on the front lines was wounded by an enemy sniper, Corporal Portscheller braved the intense hostile small-arms fire, crawled back over the exposed ground to his infantry company and led a corpsman and a stretcher party safely up to the wounded officer who was then evacuated. Resuming his post, he took over the fire commands and continued successfully until the next morning when he was relieved by another officer. His cool courage under fire and his unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Washington, Ill.

B..Washington, Ill.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALLEN E. POST,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Gunner of an Armored Amphibian of Company B, First Armored Amphibian Battalion, First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Although he was painfully wounded when his vehicle was struck by an enemy mortar shell during the advance following the initial landing, Private First Class Post crawled through heavy hostile fire and pulled his wounded Platoon Leader to the shelter of a shell hole. After the Platoon Leader was killed by an enemy hand grenade, he attacked the hostile entrenchments with hand grenades, killing many Japanese and damaging enemy installations. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Post and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- West Los Angeles, Calif.  
B- Bozeman, Mont.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 2882

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROLLIN E. POSTLEWAITE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Light Machine Gun Squad Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 18, 22 and 23 February 1944. Courageously directing his light machine gun squad in the front lines on Engebi Island, Private First Class Postlewaite displayed outstanding leadership in accomplishing his assigned mission. When his platoon suffered heavy casualties on 22 February at Parry Island, including the platoon leader and platoon sergeant, he bravely faced heavy machine-gun and mortar fire to organize the remaining men and push the attack forward. Though his machine gun was destroyed by enemy action, Private First Class Postlewaite gallantly led his men forward as riflemen and succeeded in holding the right flank of the company against hostile counterattacks. His cool courage, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering 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--West La Fayette, Ohio.

B--Newmartinsville, West Virginia.

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Serial 004321  
Signed APR 18 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARL A. POTEET, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Rifle Company of the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Fente Hill, Guam, Marianas Islands, 29 July 1944. Courageously working his way along a cliff in heavy brush as a member of a patrol in search of enemy snipers, Private First Class Poteet heard a wounded Marine calling for assistance and, completely disregarding his own personal safety, unhesitatingly dashed across an open area exposed to hostile rifle fire in an attempt to aid his comrade, but was himself mortally wounded before reaching the helpless man. Private First Class Poteet's valiant conduct and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his comrade."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Pine Bluff, Arkansas

B-- " " " "

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr GMC pres'd 28 June by Oinc, USMCDHRS, Rm 69, POBldg., Little Rock, Ark. to the father of the late PFC. Poteet, Mr. Charlie D. Poteet 2002 E. Barrague St., Pine Bluff, Ark. at Railroad Shops of Cotton Belt RR. Pi Bluff with members of MC and MCWR, officials of RR, Mayor E. Sanders, Judge W. Rountree, Sheriff G. Brewster and 300 employees present. Arranged by Mr. T.R. Green, Sec., Pine Bluff CofC.

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SPOT  
Serial 98302  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL GEORGE E. POTTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a Rifle Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 May 1945. When his squad assigned the mission of assaulting a strategic hill on the Naha-Shuri line which was well defended by entrenched hostile forces, Corporal Potter courageously led his men in the face of devastating enemy fire to seize the objective and, although painfully wounded while deploying his squad in effective defensive positions, refused evacuation and remained in position to direct his group in repulsing a strong hostile counterattack. Ordered to move his squad to more favorable ground when their position became untenable, he observed a wounded member of his squad who could not walk and, although weak from loss of blood, moved through the heavy fire to reach the man and carry him to safety. Receiving additional wounds during this heroic action, Corporal Potter again refused evacuation until his squad was reorganized in sound defense positions. His able leadership, fortitude, and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Providence, R. I.,  
B--Fall River, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT JOHN W. POTTER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assault Squad Leader of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 25 March 1945. Remaining cool and courageous throughout the operation, Sergeant Potter led and directed attacks on caves and pillboxes and, by his sound judgment, perseverance and determination, consistently accomplished his assigned missions despite severe casualties among trained personnel. On 13, 14 and 15 March, he organized the few remaining assault squad men in the Battalion and, braving enemy fire which continued to deplete his inadequate force, personally led his men from cave to cave, annihilating the Japanese occupants and making possible the advance of his Battalion. His indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-San Antonio, Tex.  
B-Boerne, Tex.

015275  
DGP-298-vml

Cincpac  
Serial 12182  
SPOT  
Signed SEP 25 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID M. POTTORFF,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 21 June 1944. When a member of his platoon lay wounded and exposed to severe enemy fire during a furious attack against a cliff defended by fifty Japanese, First Lieutenant Pottorff unhesitatingly risked his life to advance unprotected for more than thirty yards under intense enemy fire and return the wounded man to a place of comparative safety. By his gallant and unselfish action, First Lieutenant Pottorff undoubtedly saved the life of a fellow Marine, and his superb courage, unfaltering devotion to duty and loyal concern for the safety of his men were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES E. POTTS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With our troops pinned down by shattering machine-gun fire emanating from a strongly fortified Japanese pillbox during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Potts fearlessly risked his life in an effort to wipe out the emplacement and, launching repeated, determined attacks despite the bitter opposition, succeeded in neutralizing their fire with well-placed demolition charges, thereby enabling our troops to resume the advance. Continuing his same bold tactics, he ably assisted in the destruction of four additional emplacements in a later action and contributed materially to the success of our sustained drive toward the capture of this vital hostile stronghold. His daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and constant devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Potts and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Lawrenceburg, Tenn.,  
B--Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-egc

Spot Award  
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Serial 00494  
Signed

MAR 20 1945

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

WARRANT OFFICER J. B. POWELL, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Communications Officer attached to the Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle of Coconut Grove on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 14 November 1943. Responsible for the establishment of communications among all companies of his battalion as they advanced to attack, Warrant Officer Powell frequently exposed himself to fierce enemy machine-gun, sniper and grenade fire while directing his platoon in laying and maintaining telephone lines between our attacking units. Accompanied by two Marines, he assaulted and destroyed a Japanese gun emplacement at one time during the action, and subsequently leading them in the evacuation of a wounded Marine lying exposed in hostile territory. Later detecting a second Japanese machine gun beyond our lines, he reported its location to the commander of a tank, thereby enabling our forces to destroy the weapon. By his inspiring leadership, aggressive determination and cool courage under fire, Warrant Officer Powell encouraged his gallant men in the speedy accomplishment of their mission, and his unflinching devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Seminary, Mississippi  
B--Copiah County, Mississippi



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DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.  
Serial 0069  
Signed JUN 8 1943

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

CORPORAL MACK POWELL, U. S. MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company B, First Service Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on the night of October 13, 1942. While the area occupied by a torpedo squadron was under terrific bombardment by hostile warships, Corporal Powell, in order to evacuate personnel trapped in exposed shell holes, volunteered to drive a truck out of the danger zone. With thirty-five men loaded into the vehicle, he proceeded across the field through heavy shellfire, picked up twenty-five more from a scout squadron and three near a hospital. Farther on, when a shell struck close to the truck, stopping the engine and throwing him to the ground, he quickly arose, started the engine again and safely conducted his comrades to shelters along the beach. Since the area behind him was subsequently devastated by enemy fire, Corporal Powell, by his courageous initiative, undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have been killed."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Myakha City, Florida.

B - Myakha City, Florida.

Temporary citation states the rank of Corporal. Promotion Section at Headquarters hold man as only Private First Class at the time of action but say there is a possibility of it being a field promotion.

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App.SofN 4-12-45  
Serial 01537  
Signed Dec 11, 1945

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

CORPORAL JOHN F. POWERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Member of Demolitions Team serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 1 October 1944. Rushing forward under cover of a single sub-machine gun when his company was held up by the enemy's intense fire, Corporal Powers boldly planted a demolition charge in a hostile gun emplacement and returned to his own position. Determined to annihilate the enemy, he unhesitatingly returned the second time hurling his charge with such force and accuracy as to destroy both the gun emplacement and the entire crew. By his unflinching bravery and gallant fighting spirit, Corporal Powers greatly aided the advance of his company, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Philadelphia, Pa.  
B- " "

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App. SofN 4-19-45  
Serial 13000  
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

FIELD MUSIC THEODORE POWERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For heroic achievement while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 23 June 1944. Upon finding a large group of Japanese attempting to establish positions in the area, Field Music Powers unhesitatingly charged the enemy alone and succeeded in killing three of their number and scattering the remainder before he fell, mortally wounded. By his indomitable fighting spirit and daring courage, Field Music Powers contributed materially to the success of his company's vital mission on this island, and his unselfish devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

SSMw/perm cit & GMC ltr presented to mother of late FM Powers, at USMC DHRS, Denver, Col., by OinC, on 8Aug46.

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

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Serial 00772  
Spot Award  
Signed DEC 28 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES O. POWLEY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Scout serving with the Intelligence Section of the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 22, 1943. When the enemy attempted an envelopment of his battalion's right flank, Private First Class Powley unhesitatingly proceeded to the area in the face of a heavy Japanese artillery bombardment to reconnoiter and, upon reaching the battle line, was severely injured in the leg by a shell fragment. After applying a tourniquet to the wound, he valiantly continued with his mission and, upon approaching one of our machine guns with its entire crew killed or wounded, courageously manned the weapon singlehandedly, directing enfilade fire on the Japanese until the attempted encirclement had been repulsed. Private First Class Powley's daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and unflinching devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were contributing factors in the success of our forces in that area and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Niagara Falls, N.Y.  
B-- " " "

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE GEORGE A. PRATT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Carrollton, Ala.  
R-Carrollton, Ala.

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Appd SofN 9-24-45  
Serial 35750  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOWARD R. PRATT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Carrier in a Mortar Section, of the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Seeing that one of his comrades had been hit by shrapnel from an enemy mortar shell, Private First Class Pratt immediately ran to his aid and, as another hostile barrage landed in the area, threw himself across the wounded man's body, losing his own life to save the life of his comrade. His valiant spirit of self-sacrifice and heroic disregard for his own personal safety reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Pratt and the United States Naval Service." He gallantly gave his life for his country.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Sylvania, Ohio  
B-Athens, Ohio

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DGP-298-he

App. SofN 4-15-44  
Serial 801  
Signed JUL 6 1944

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

CORPORAL MILTON C. PRATT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 14, 1942. Upon reaching the first area of hostile resistance after volunteering to act as the point of a nine-man patrol endeavoring to discover the location and strength of enemy troops in the vicinity, Corporal Pratt unhesitatingly continued in advance of the patrol in order to draw the fire of the Japanese and force them to disclose their positions. Although he was instantly killed by the first stream of enemy machine-gun fire, his comrades were enabled to attack so effectively that the Japanese were destroyed or driven from their positions before the arrival of reinforcements for the patrol. Corporal Pratt's brilliant initiative and valiant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were responsible for the success of this vital mission and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTA

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Miami, Florida  
B-Atlanta, Georgia

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DGP-298-eln

Spot Award  
Serial 00368  
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

CAPTAIN SPENCER H. PRATT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,  
for service as set forth in the following *Released*

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as ~~Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Marine Parachute Battalion,~~ during an attack against enemy Japanese forces on Choiseul Island, Solomon Islands, October 30, 1943. Fighting desperately at close range, Captain Pratt, though severely wounded early in the action, gallantly remained in the front, leading and directing the attack. By his courageous leadership in the face of terrific opposition, Captain Pratt inspired the men under his command to maintain the initiative and drive the enemy back in disorder. His courageous example of heroism under fire was a vital factor in the ultimate success of the operation and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Cleveland Heights, Ohio

B...Cleveland, Ohio

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ComGenFMFPac Ser 6067  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BENET A. PRAUGHT,  
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 L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 27 June 1944. Assigned with another Marine the mission of establishing a listening post within the area of a jungle-covered precipice where the left flank of his company was anchored in order to detect and prevent infiltration of enemy troops, Private First Class Praught observed a group of hostile forces working its way up the cliff shortly after dark and, stationing himself directly in the path of the enemy, permitted them to approach to close range where he repulsed and scattered them with hand grenades. Although his position was repeatedly assaulted throughout the night, he remained at his post and continued to turn back the Japanese despite wounds caused by grenade fragments. By his courageous and aggressive actions, Private First Class Praught prevented enemy penetration during a critical phase of the operation, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Rogers, Minn.

B..Wright County, Minn.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAMUEL G. PRECOPIO,  
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 Forward Observer Party of the Fourth Battalion, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 February 1945. When one member of his forward observer party was killed and six were wounded during a mortar barrage, Private First Class Precopio administered first aid to the casualties although wounded himself and, despite the danger from rounds that were still falling, removed the men to positions of greater safety. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Pittsburgh, Pa.  
B-Flushing, Ohio

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SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BENJAMIN PRESS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

R--Southampton, L. I.,  
B--Southampton, L. I.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
Serial 2882

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

CAPTAIN ORD PRESTON, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Communications Officer of the Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, during the assault against enemy Japanese forces on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, from 18 to 23 February 1944. Landing in the assault wave on Engebi Island with a small communications group under heavy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire, Captain Preston established an advanced Command Post for the Regiment, and later volunteered to lead a group of communications personnel in assault against a group of Japanese who were infiltrating a position of great danger to the entire Command Post, making possible the continuation of the attack and destruction of enemy forces on the Island. His cool courage, brilliant leadership and unwavering 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--La Jolla, Calif.  
B--Washington, D.C.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL HARRY T. PRICE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. Observing that fire from an enemy tank was holding up the advance of his company, Corporal Price seized a satchel charge and, despite heavy machine-gun fire, ran up to the tank and placed the charge to destroy the hostile vehicle and permit his company to resume its advance. His courageous initiative and resourcefulness were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R\*SCRANTON, PA.  
B\*DUNMORE, PA.(28 June 1922)

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DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 4-18-44  
Serial 0933  
Signed JUL 17 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOWARD PRICE, USNCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, December 13, 1943. With the advance of his platoon held in check by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Price volunteered to go forward alone as a scout into territory held by strong Japanese forces. Courageously and skillfully working his way through dense jungle and over difficult terrain, he succeeded in reaching a point within fifteen feet of the enemy positions before he was mortally wounded. By his heroic initiative, he enabled his platoon leader to locate the enemy machine-gun emplacements, change his plans of maneuver and save the lives of many of his men. Private First Class Price's unswerving devotion to duty in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Youngstown, Ohio.  
B - Youngstown, Ohio.

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SPOT  
Serial 86492

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

SERGEANT JAMES M. PRICE, 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 of Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. In the face of intense hostile fire concentrated on his platoon, Sergeant Price courageously led his men in an assault against a well-entrenched hostile force situated on an escarpment and armed with automatic weapons and grenade dischargers. Although wounded as he and his group reached the top of the hill, he remained to direct his men in repulsing an enemy counterattack and in clearing snipers from the ridge, consenting to evacuation only after the hill had been secured. By his valiant actions, he aided materially in capturing a vital terrain feature and in annihilating a platoon of the Japanese. His aggressive spirit, initiative and determination reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Price and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Centreville, Miss.,  
B--Jackson, Miss.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00597-45  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN E. PRICE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company G, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 19 September 1944. After the patrol, of which he was a volunteer member, had fought its way to the top of a commanding hill in the vicinity of Bloody Nose ridge more than one hundred yards in front of friendly lines, Private First Class Price volunteered to signal his company for reinforcements and, standing on a ledge fully exposed to enemy fire, contacted the company by means of semaphore. Although knocked down by the concussion of an enemy mortar shell which landed near him, he struggled to his feet and completed the message despite all attempts of the enemy to dislodge him with rifle and machine-gun fire. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..St. Louis, County, Mo.,  
B..Big Spring, Tex.

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App. SofN 5-13-44  
Serial 2013  
Signed JUL 21 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH D. PRICE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20 and 21, 1943. Wounded early on the first day of the assault while leading his heavy machine-gun platoon, First Lieutenant Price courageously remained in action, directing the advance of his men toward their objective throughout the day. Operating under heavy enemy fire, he personally supervised the installation of each of his guns for night defense, continuing in combat on the front lines until he collapsed. While being evacuated the following morning, First Lieutenant Price received a wound from Japanese mortar fire which later proved fatal. His brave fighting spirit and fortitude in utter disregard for his own safety were an inspiration to the men of his command and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Angleton, Texas  
B-Newcastle, Texas

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SPOT  
Serial 00350-45  
Signed SEP 18 1947

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

SERGEANT KENNETH E. PRICE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Platoon Sergeant of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 10 August 1944. Fearlessly leaving his foxhole despite a heavy enemy artillery barrage which was falling on his lines on the night of 25 July, Sergeant Price went to the aid of three wounded Marines in a nearby position and promptly administered first aid, thereby saving the lives of two of the men who might otherwise have perished. Undaunted by another intense barrage of hostile artillery fire the following morning, Sergeant Price inspired his men to greater efforts in repelling the enemy by his skillful directions and personal example. His resourceful initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Duchesne, Utah.  
B--Felluride, Cororado.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT MARION E. PRICE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 20 June 1945. Prior to the commitment of his company into the line, Second Lieutenant Price voluntarily accompanied his Commanding Officer and two others on a reconnaissance of the assault area and, when the party was ambushed as it crossed an open space at the base of Kiyasu-Gusuku Ridge, gained a covered position from which he returned the enemy's fire with the only automatic weapon in the party. Observing that his Commanding Officer had been seriously wounded and that the officer with him was unable to drag him from the position due to the heavy fire, he courageously moved to the aid of the wounded officer and, despite the hostile fire being delivered at fifteen to twenty yards, remained with the two officers for over an hour, holding the Japanese in check with automatic rifle fire and protecting his Commanding Officer from further injury until help arrived. After assisting in carrying the wounded man to safety, Second Lieutenant Price then aided in tying in the lines and contributed materially to the success of his company's mission. His fortitude, selflessness and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

R- Montrose, Col.  
B- Quail, Texas.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award  
Signed OCT 26 1944

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

SERGEANT CLISTON R. PRIM, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Guide serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 10, 1944. Braving an intense barrage of fire from well-entrenched hostile positions concealed in dense jungle undergrowth, Sergeant Prim and a companion fearlessly went forward in an effort to rescue a wounded comrade. Forced to dig a hole with his bare hands to protect himself from the devastating fire as he worked his way forward, Sergeant Prim was not only successful in this heroic action, but silenced and captured a hostile machine gun that had been inflicting heavy casualties on his unit. His daring aggressiveness, relentless fighting spirit and self-sacrificing efforts 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 - Cincinnati, Ohio.  
B - Alexandria, Kentucky.

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SPOT  
Serial 58485  
Signed DEC 18 1947

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. When his rifle platoon received withering small-arms fire from a hostile position located in a burial vault, Private First Class Privia advanced alone through heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire to place a demolition charge in an attempt to destroy the position. After Japanese defenders had rendered ineffective the first charge which he had lighted in the burial vault, he crawled forward a second time in the face of hostile fire to place another charge and, remaining close to the explosive, covered it with gunfire to prevent the enemy from again tampering with the fuse. As the resulting explosion destroyed the hostile machine-gun position and killed five Japanese soldiers, he made possible the advancement of his platoon against defending forces. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Davenport, Iowa.,  
B--Muscatine, Iowa.

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-he

Spot Award 1-4-44  
Serial 0055  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD G. PROBST, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on November 9, 1943. While his platoon was engaged in the defense of a vital road block on Bougainville Island, Private First Class Probst, from a shallow foxhole, was delivering effective fire against the main vanguard of the enemy who, in fanatical determination to annihilate the Marine unit, kept up a merciless barrage of fire from machine guns and mortar grenades. Although painfully wounded by an explosion which had killed his companion, he sought out and destroyed hostile targets with his automatic rifle and rendered invaluable assistance to his commanding officer in directing the fire of his platoon. His courageous initiative and relentless fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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AW-298-wlb

Spot Award 1943.  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

CORPORAL DONALD PROCTER, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
a member of the First Battalion, Eleventh Marines,  
First Marine Division, during action against enemy Jap-  
anese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on Octo-  
ber 14, 1942. When a Marine bivouac area came under  
intense and prolonged bombardment by a number of Jap-  
anese ships and a major caliber projectile struck an  
occupied dugout, Corporal Procter, along with four  
other men, unhesitatingly set to work to rescue two  
Marines who had been buried under an avalanche of  
debris. Under continuous shellfire and aerial attack,  
the crew persisted for nearly an hour in digging out  
and removing logs until the entrapped men were unearth-  
ed. One had been killed by the shell hit, but the  
other, due to the quick thinking and untiring efforts  
of Corporal Procter and his comrades, was undoubtedly  
saved from death by suffocation."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Philadelphia, Pa.

B...Philadelphia, Pa.

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DGP-298-ec

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SPOT  
Serial 9468

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS YANCY B. PROFFITT, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack early in the morning, Private First Class Proffitt, in company with another Marine, maintained a machine gun on a small salient ahead of the lines after all his supporting riflemen had been killed or wounded. By his steadfast courage and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Colbert, Okla.

B--Colbert, Okla.



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, has awarded the Silver Star to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OLIVER F. PROMNITZ  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for gallantry in action:

Private First Class Oliver F. Promnitz is cited for gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, February 15, 1942. During the course of an enemy artillery bombardment on Fort Mills, Private First Class Promnitz, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter, and assisted in the removal of wounded Navy personnel from the South Dock, over ground exposed to enemy fire. Private First Class Promnitz's display of gallantry was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit upon himself and the United States Marine Corps.



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App. SofN 1-11-45  
Serial 004333  
Signed APR 18 1945

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

MAJOR JOHN A. PTAK, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Battalion Executive Officer attached to the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead on the Island of Guam in the Marianas on 21 and 22 July 1944. Undertaking a mission to determine the status of an assault on a heavily-defended enemy ridge commanding the entire beachhead area and discovering that the assault had failed, Major Ptak immediately reorganized the remaining personnel and evacuated the wounded despite continuous hostile mortar fire. On the following morning, he frequently left the command post to proceed across a fire-swept ridge and take position in a small depression where he effectively directed our mortar and naval gunfire against well-camouflaged Japanese emplacements. Upon the return of the surviving company officers later in the morning, Major Ptak returned to his Battalion Command Post with full information. By his determined initiative and gallant fortitude in maintaining the defense of this strategic position during a critical situation, he contributed materially to the ultimate recapture of this vital stronghold, and his valiant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tyndall, South Dakota.  
B--Tyndall, South Dakota.

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DGP-298-eln

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Spot Award  
Serial 0849  
Signed NOV 15 1944

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

CORPORAL WILFRED R. PROUD, USMCR.,

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 on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 26 to 30, 1943. Displaying great courage and outstanding qualities of leadership during a desperate attack on hostile pillboxes, Corporal Proud with but eight men made a gallant stand against the enemy on December 28, staunchly protecting his company's right flank under extremely heavy Japanese fire. By his tireless efforts and his correct appraisal of the situation throughout this critical period, Corporal Proud contributed in a large measure to the success of this hazardous operation. His inspiring conduct and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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SPOT  
Serial 0296-295  
Signed DEC 22 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILBERT E. FRUITT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. When his automatic rifle was knocked out by an enemy grenade during an Japanese counterattack, Private First Class Pruitt armed himself with a pistol and remained in position, aiding in repulsing the enemy bayonet charges. On one occasion, he disarmed one of the enemy with his bare hands and prevented his position from being overrun and, although wounded in the encounter, held his position throughout the night. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Pruitt and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--New Harmony, Ind.,  
B--New Harmony, Ind.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial-3014  
Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALFRED A. PRUSICK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader, attached to an Assault Demolitions Team of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, 1 and 2 February 1944. Participating aggressively in a relentless assault on the strongly entrenched enemy, First Lieutenant Prusick aided in maintaining our offensive, holding tenaciously to a precarious position on a vital flank despite the determined efforts of the enemy to infiltrate and counterattack. When the mortar forward observer was attacked and slashed with a sword by a Japanese officer during this fierce deadlock, he fearlessly engaged the officer in a perilous hand-to-hand struggle and, refraining from firing in order to protect other Marines in the vicinity, killed the Japanese with a bayonet. By his cool courage, gallant spirit of self-sacrifice and unwavering devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Prusick contributed materially to the success of the engagement and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Greenfield, Mass.  
B--Greenfield, Mass.

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Serial 4706  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN CHARLES R. PUCKETT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a Rifle Company of the First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 18 March 1945. When all of his rifle platoon leaders and medical corpsmen were wounded and his company's advance was delayed by a heavy mortar barrage and intense machine-gun fire from a fanatically defended hostile pillbox, Captain Puckett risked his life to move among the platoons along the entire length of the company front, administering first aid to several casualties under fire and organizing his men for the renewal of the attack. Although intense mortar and machine-gun fire was directed upon his entire line, he moved forward of his troops and personally led his men in an assault upon the pillbox, destroying it and annihilating all of its occupants. After reorganizing his company, Captain Puckett directed his men in an attack which resulted in the seizure of the enemy-held ridge. His fearless leadership, ability and courageous actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Approved SofN 4-18-44  
Serial 0941  
Signed JUL 6 1944

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

PLATOON SERGEANT CLARENCE D. PUCKETT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Piva River Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands on November 22, 1943. Courageously taking a position in advance of his own lines when his platoon was attacked by a strong enemy force, Platoon Sergeant Puckett led his men in a fierce counterattack, directing the fire of the mortar guns and personally hurling approximately thirty hand grenades at the advancing Japanese with devastating effect. By his aggressive fighting spirit and inspiring leadership Platoon Sergeant Puckett succeeded in completely routing the enemy force. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Fletcher, N.C.

B...Detroit, Michigan.

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Serial 6112  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JOHN B. PUDAS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assault Squad Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 23 June 1944. Immediately placing his squad in a covered position after its advance was halted by intense hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Pudas bravely worked his way through heavy fire to reach the enemy gun position and, destroying it with hand grenades, contributed materially to the advance of our units. 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--Painesdale, Michigan  
B--Askel, Michigan

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SPOT  
Serial 6068  
Signed JAN 30 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LAWRENCE C. PUGH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 22 June 1944. When his squad was pinned down by Japanese machine-gun fire while patrolling behind enemy lines, Private First Class Pugh braved the hostile fire to scale a steep cliff and knock out a protected observation post with antitank grenades and, although wounded during the action, succeeded in silencing all enemy opposition. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Pugh and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Winamac, Ind.,

B..Sharon, Pa.

499580  
DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac  
SPOT  
Serial 10625  
Signed SEP 18 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLYDE L. PURSER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Photographer, serving with Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 24 June 1944. When a machine gunner was wounded by a burst of hostile fire, Private First Class Purser crawled from his covered position to go to the aid of the stricken man and, unable to drag him back, unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy fire to carry the man to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Purser and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ensley, Alabama.

B--Birmingham, Alabama.

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App'd SofN 5-31-44  
Serial 2540  
Signed AUG 10 1944

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

SERGEANT GERALD C. PUTNAM, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as leader of a light machine-gun section serving with an assault company of the First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 18, 1944. With dauntless courage Sergeant Putnam repeatedly led his section to favorable attack positions, enabling his company to attain its objectives with unusual speed despite fierce hostile resistance. Observing Japanese troops attacking a Marine whose weapon had failed to fire, he unhesitatingly rushed at the enemy with his bayonet and saved the life of his comrade. With daring initiative and heroic devotion to duty, he continued to direct the advance of his men until killed during the last phase of the operation. Sergeant Putnam's extreme bravery and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R--Binghamton, New York  
B--Detroit, Michigan

RALPH A. BARD  
Secretary of the Navy.  
Acting

*No award  
No 5 stars*

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Spot Award 1942  
Serial 18 **MAR 18 1943**  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. PUTNAM, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commander of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the hostile attacks on the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 13-17, 1942. Due to his brilliant and skillful leadership, Captain Putnam's command remained intact while repeatedly repulsing Japanese attackers and inflicting heavy losses on their forces, even though his sector bore the brunt of the enemy's headlong assault. On September 15, he displayed outstanding valor when he proceeded to a completely exposed position on the firing line to spot artillery fire. As a result of his heroism and devotion to duty, the battalion's defense lines were unshaken."

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

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R...Denver, Colorado  
B...Dubuque, Iowa.

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SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK M. PUTZ,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

R--Forest Hills, N. Y.,  
B--Jamaica, N. Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.