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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAPHAEL M. SABATINO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as  
Leader of a Machine Gun Section of Company H, Second  
Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Divi-  
sion, in action against enemy Japanese forces on  
Nanur, Kwajalein Atoll, on 1 and 21 February 1944.  
Participating aggressively in a fierce assault on  
the strongly entrenched enemy, Private First Class  
Sabatino unhesitatingly took up a station on top  
of a building and fearlessly exposed himself to the  
enemy while directing the fire of his section on  
hostile installations in the vicinity. When the  
assault was temporarily halted later in the day,  
he personally manned one of the guns and, despite  
the enemy's determined defensive fire, neutralized  
the hostile groups holding up the advance. Resolved  
to maintain the offensive, he fought valiantly through-  
out the day and night, twice frustrating the enemy's  
attempts to occupy a strategic blockhouse by manning  
a machine gun, and continued his mission until seri-  
ously wounded. Refusing to be evacuated, he continued  
to direct the attack until overcome by loss of blood.  
By his indomitable fighting spirit, able leadership  
and courageous initiative, he served as an inspiration  
to his men and upheld the highest traditions of the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Cambridge, Mass.,  
E--Calabria, Italy.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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

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

SERGEANT ALEX SABO,  
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 Naval Gunfire Control Team of the Second Joint Assault Signal Company, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. While serving as a scout for his team during an intense hostile counterattack, Sergeant Sabo voluntarily left his place of cover to move through heavy concentrations of enemy artillery, mortar and small-arms fire to an observation post on open, level terrain. Although subjected to heavy fire from all sides, he courageously held his position and coolly directed highly effective supporting naval gunfire on the advancing Japanese troops and tanks, thereby contributing greatly to the repulse of the enemy counterattack. 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--Luna Pier, Mich.  
B--Hudson, N.Y.

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ent to CG, 1st MarDiv

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Signed

*9-27-44*

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

BERGEANT ROBERT P. SACHEN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the First Marine Division in action against  
enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain,  
January 14, 1944. As his men fought their way through dense  
jungle undergrowth and up an exceptionally steep and well  
defended hill, Sergeant Sachen continually exposed himself  
to attack from concealed Japanese emplacements in order to  
remove the wounded from the zone of enemy machine-gun  
fire to a sheltered position where they could be treated for  
their injuries. Sergeant Sachen's extreme bravery in the  
face of grave danger contributed to the saving of many lives  
and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United  
States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

*OK - Bg/29/44*  
R - Aurora, Illinois.

B - Aurora, Illinois.

Released Oct 25, 1944



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Serial 1153  
Signed SEP 17 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT AUGUST SACKER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader attached to the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. A fearless and aggressive fighter, Second Lieutenant Sacker boldly led his rifle platoon in its daring assault on a series of strongly defended enemy pillboxes, fearlessly exposing himself to the terrific fire of Japanese guns in order to direct the approach to enemy emplacements and effect their neutralization. By his gallant leadership and exceptional courage in the face of peril, Second Lieutenant Sacker contributed essentially to the success of our D-Day landing on Saipan and to the ultimate success of numerous missions pointing to further victories over the Japanese. His unwavering 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..Peterson, N.J.

B..Peterson, N.J.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, Brooklyn, N.Y., on 12-11-45 to the parents of the late 2dLt Sacker, Mr. and Mrs. August Sacker. Inf pres on the post per request of parents.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT GEORGE W. SAILOR,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 29 June 1944. Displaying outstanding ability as a leader, Sergeant Sailor repeatedly directed patrols against hostile machine-gun nests and other emplacements and, on one occasion, voluntarily organized a group of three men to attack an enemy machine-gun nest, eliminating it with grenades and rifle fire. Fired on during this action from other enemy positions, he immediately led another patrol of three men to locate these emplacements and, after personally reconnoitering the area to find the enemy, returned and obtained an additional twelve men from his company. Courageously leading the reinforced patrol through the intense enemy fire, he contributed materially to his unit's elimination of three Japanese machine-gun positions and eighteen of the defending personnel. 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-San Francisco, Calif.  
B-Manilla, P. I.



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

CORPORAL RICHARD J. SAJTAR,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. When his squad was taken under hostile automatic weapon and mortar fire during an attack on a strongly-fortified enemy position located on a high ridge, Corporal Sajtár, although painfully wounded by shell fragments, refused to leave his squad until the other casualties were evacuated and, upon learning of a shortage of ammunition in his squad, made three trips through intense enemy fire to secure ammunition necessary to the continuation of the attack. Weakened by loss of blood and the strenuous exertion of carrying ammunition, he remained with his squad until ordered to return to the aid station for medical attention. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Appd SofN 9-6-45  
Serial 35171  
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

PLATOON SERGEANT HARRY W. SALA,  
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 a Rifle Platoon in Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 5 and 6 March 1945. When his platoon leader became a casualty during a bitter engagement with a fanatic enemy on 5 March, Platoon Sergeant Sala unhesitatingly assumed command and, despite the extremely hazardous conditions, continued to direct the advance with superb skill and daring. With his company subsequently pinned down by shattering hostile machine-gun, mortar and small-arms fire emanating from a strongly fortified pillbox, he steadily advanced a distance of fifty yards through the deadly barrage and, furiously charging the position, silenced the weapons and accounted for four of the Japanese. Continuing his bold tactics, he repeatedly faced fierce opposition to press his attack, gallantly leading his platoon forward and consolidating the lines to enable his company to gain its objective and occupy key terrain in the sustained advance across the island. Fatally struck down by machine-gun fire while directing an attack the following day, Platoon Sergeant Sala, by his forceful leadership, fearless initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, had contributed materially to the success of the bitterly fought Iwo campaign and his valiant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R.--Joplin, Missouri  
B.--Anderson, Missouri

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.



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22 February 1943

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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JOHN E. SALABERRY, (345639), Private, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 21, 1943, at Guadalcanal. Private Salaberry was a member of a platoon on patrol several hundred yards in front of the lines, when enemy machine gun fire was commenced and wounded a man. Private Salaberry, with constant enemy fire, carried the wounded man out of the field of fire. (Home address: 1173 Sherman Street, San Jose, California.)

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

s/ William A. Lord, Jr.

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

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R- San Jose, California

B- Hollister, California

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Signed SEP 9 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARL SALAMONI,  
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Volupai Plantation and at Mount Schleuther, during a drive on Talasea, New Britain, on 6 and 7 March 1944. After participating in an operation against the Japanese and familiarizing himself with the terrain, Private First Class Salamoni volunteered to guide a tank against enemy strongholds and, although inexperienced in its operations and in the firing of machine guns, replaced the gunner and, after brief instructions, directed the attack over difficult jungle terrain. Guiding the vehicle skillfully and effectively, he enabled it to destroy a number of Japanese strong points, completely routing the hostile forces and thereby allowing the advance to continue. While assisting in an attempt to repulse an enemy thrust on another occasion, he made his way forward of the front lines through heavy machine-gun and mortar fire to recover an abandoned, inoperable machine gun and, despite his slight knowledge of its mechanism, repaired the gun. Delivering sporadic but effective fire upon the treacherous enemy by repeatedly operating the bolt and ammunition belt by hand, he contributed materially in slowing up the hostile attack, thereby aiding the battalion in launching a flanking counterattack which routed the Japanese from the immediate vicinity. His great courage, daring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Harvey, Illinois  
B-- Chicago, Illinois

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 JAMES A. SALERNO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Platoon Leader of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 1 to 19 March 1945. Assuming command after his Platoon Leader was killed during a hostile night attack on 1 March, Sergeant Salerno immediately rallied his men to repulse the enemy and, on the following day, courageously led his platoon in an attack on a strong hostile position composed of many machine gun emplacements cut into solid rock. Although his group suffered severe casualties, Sergeant Salerno ably directed them in attaining their objective for the day and in holding it during the night against repeated enemy counterattacks. By his coolness, initiative and personal bravery, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Summit New Jersey  
B-Summit New Jersey

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Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed OCT 9 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT OSCAR SALGO,  
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 D, Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, during combat against the enemy Japanese forces in the Bougainville, Solomon Islands Area, on 7 November 1943. Surrounded by large hostile landing forces while leading a scouting platoon, First Lieutenant Salgo fought valiantly, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy until receiving orders to set up another position. Finding his platoon cut off by the Japanese from any overland route, he swam a mile under a tremendous barrage of fire and through perilous surf to obtain an amphibian tractor. Using it to reach the main Marine force, he returned with landing boats and skillfully evacuated the entire platoon from its dangerous position. By his outstanding leadership and indomitable fortitude First Lieutenant Salgo contributed materially to the success of this mission and his steadfast 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--Bronx, New York.  
B--New York, New York.



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

COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICER HARRY E. SALISBURY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Instrument Repairman of the Seventh Service Regiment, Service Command, Fleet Marine Force, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 9 June 1945. Accompanied by an officer and two enlisted men on an assigned mission in a small truck, Commissioned Warrant Officer Salisbury proceeded to an antiaircraft gun position through territory supposedly cleared of hostile troops. Although wounded when enemy riflemen and a machine-gun crew opened fire after their vehicle was halted on an impassable sector of the narrow road, he seized a carbine, arose and advanced toward the enemy machine-gun, firing as he walked forward to allow the others, who had taken cover behind the truck, to withdraw to safety. When the hostile fire ceased momentarily, he ran to the truck and backed out of the enemy's range, picking up his comrades en route. By his courage, initiative and determination, Commissioned Warrant Officer Salisbury upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R. San Francisco, Calif.  
B. Clay County, W. Va.

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Serial 004061  
Signed           MAR 20 1945          

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM R. SALSBURY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 to 25 July 1944. When our front lines were in danger of being overwhelmed during a desperate enemy counterattack the night of 25 July, Sergeant Salsbury and his men held their position despite intense rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire and, directing return fire with devastating effectiveness, succeeded in thwarting the vicious onslaught. With his squad almost completely annihilated, he remained steadfast at his post, carrying on until he himself was critically wounded by an enemy grenade. By his outstanding leadership, gallant fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Sergeant Salsbury contributed materially to the success of the engagement, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout this and many previous assault missions 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--West Monroe, La.  
B-- " " "

3M, perm cita, & ltr. fr CMC frw'd by direction of Comdt, Hdq, 5th Nav. Dist, Fedrl  
dg., New Orleans, La. by registered mail 2 May 1945 to mother Mrs. Velma Salsbury.



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

MAJOR JOHN P. SALMON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. Ordered to attack the last remaining ridge in his company's zone of action, Major Salmon personally reconnoitered the position which was staunchly defended by the Japanese and had been stubbornly attacked for two days with little progress and high casualties. Coordinating the efforts of both infantry and tanks into a smashing rolling advance through three hundred yards of intricate hostile fortifications, he led men and vehicles in a shrewdly planned charge and, by his bold and skillful leadership in the face of all kinds of hostile fire, was instrumental in his company's accomplishment of the mission. His tactical skill, cool courage and unswerving devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

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

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Serial 11688  
Signed April 11 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT PETER B. SALTONSTALL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous <sup>gallantly</sup> and intrepidity as a member of a six-man reconnaissance patrol serving with the First 155-mm. Howitzer Battalion, Third Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 13 August 1944. When three men of his patrol, including his superior officer, were separated from the rest by a group of Japanese, Platoon Sergeant Saltonstall immediately assumed command of the remainder of the unit and opened fire on the enemy. Joined by another small patrol and deciding to attempt a break-through to aid the forward group, he courageously led his men toward the vicinity of the Japanese and, as the enemy suddenly ambushed them with hand grenades, repeatedly warned his comrades of those grenades he was able to see, meanwhile steadfastly maintaining accurate, effective fire. Subsequently, unaware that three of his group were wounded, he arose to give the order to close in, but was killed by enemy rifle fire. Platoon Sergeant Saltonstall's inspiring leadership, dauntless fighting spirit and unselfish efforts on behalf of his comrades were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Newton, Massachusetts  
B-- " "

SSM, perm Cit, pres'd. at a tea at 1700, 24 May 1945 by SecNav to the parents of the late Pl/Sgt Saltonstall, The Honorable & Mrs. Leverett Saltonstall. (Honorable Saltonstall is a member of Congress - Senator)

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Signed APR 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD J. SALVATORE, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. Courageously advancing well ahead of his platoon in the face of intense, accurate enemy fire, Private First Class Salvatore sought out and personally destroyed a Japanese machine-gun and mortar crew which was inflicting heavy casualties on our forces and, by his outstanding initiative and aggressive determination, located the supporting installations for this hostile strongpoint and skillfully adjusted effective fire against them. Later, while heroically directing fire on enemy emplacements from exposed positions, he was mortally wounded. Private First Class Salvatore's indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty under extremely perilous conditions 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--Shrewsbury, Mass.  
B--

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr GMC pres'd 6/2/45 by  
CO, MB, NYd, Boston, Mass. to the parents of  
the late PFC, Salvatore, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony  
Salvatore, 345 S. Quensigamond Ave., Shrewsbury, Mass.  
at funeral ceremony and station.

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Signed DEC 16 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH J. SAMPANETTI,  
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 K, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. Although exposed to intense hostile mortar fire, Private First Class Sampanetti remained at his gun and continued to bring heavy fire to bear on a large enemy group attempting to infiltrate near his position. Despite repeated attempts by the Japanese to destroy his weapon, he skillfully occupied a series of alternate positions and, by his relentless firing, repulsed the determined enemy attempt to attack in force, thereby causing their withdrawal. 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..Chicago, Ill.

B..Johnstown, Pa.



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CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 004283  
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VIRGIL SAMPSON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Asan-Adelup Beachhead Area, Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. When intense enemy machine-gun fire inflicted heavy casualties and pinned down his platoon during an advance to the crest of a ridge, Private First Class Sampson voluntarily and without hesitation crawled forward through open terrain a distance of fifty yards under severe hostile fire and, courageously making his way to an advantageous position, attacked the Japanese emplacement from the flank with an automatic rifle, killing three of the gun crew before he himself was fatally wounded. By his splendid initiative and indomitable fighting spirit in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Sampson enabled his platoon to occupy a strategic ridge, and his self-sacrificing 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, Illinois  
B--Clinton, Mo.

Permit cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 21 July by OinC, USMCDPD, USCourtHouseBldg, 100 Clark St., Chicago, Ill. (Col. G.L. Fordney, USMCR,) to the parents of the late PFC Sampson, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil C. Sampson, 2343 N. Clifton Ave., Chicago, Ill with formal pres. at Pro. Div. Hqs.

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Serial 35200  
Signed SEP 4 1946

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader, attached to Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 23 April 1945. When his combat patrol was viciously attacked by a strategically-posted enemy machine gun supported by numerous riflemen, Second Lieutenant Sams fearlessly took a highly vulnerable stand from which he organized and directed his platoon and skillfully led them in an assault, completely annihilating the hostile force and enabling the patrol to continue its mission. Again surprised by attack later that day, but unable to determine the enemy's concealed position, he deliberately exposed himself to the slashing fire so that his platoon might locate and destroy the hostile Japanese. Although mortally wounded in the fierce action, Second Lieutenant Sams, by his cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty, had contributed materially to the saving of many lives and his indomitable leadership in the face of extreme peril 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..Montezuma, Iowa,

B..Montezuma, Iowa.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT ARTHUR F. SAMSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

R- Jackson, Wisconsin  
B- Dawagiac, Mich.  
11 March 1917

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 002710  
Signed AUG 5 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD V. SANDAGER, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Air Observer for a Marine Artillery Group of the Ninth Defense Battalion operating in the Solomon Islands Area from August 31 to October 3, 1943. Volunteering to act as spotter for the artillery bombardment of enemy installations on Kolombangara Island, First Lieutenant Sandager remained cool and steadfast throughout numerous missions, often carried out at low altitude against heavy anti-aircraft opposition, adjusting fire on hostile installations accurately and with outstanding skill in spite of the constant threat of attack by Japanese fighter planes. During one flight when his craft developed engine trouble and nearly crashed, he returned to base, obtained another plane and immediately resumed his duties as observer. By his exceptional ability and undaunted perseverance, First Lieutenant Sandager contributed in a large measure to the ultimate destruction of enemy positions and his loyal devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

*Released  
8/20/44*  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Tyler, Minn.  
B-Hills, Minn.



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3/12/51  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL STANLEY SANDER,  
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, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 6 July 1944. Leading his squad into a thickly wooded area where there were known to be caves harboring numerous enemy troops, Corporal Sander carried out his assigned mission of making contact with the platoon on his left flank and destroying the pockets of enemy resistance. Although he was shot and painfully wounded, he remained with his squad and served to inspire his men to heroic endeavor by his coolness and outstanding courage in facing the enemy. His splendid leadership and unswerving devotion to duty throughout reflect great credit upon Corporal Sanders and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Dayton, Ohio  
B-Mirsk, Russia

SANDERS, Perm cit & SS Medal  
Sent to (parents) Mr & Mrs ~~7/2/44~~  
Benjamin E. Sanders, Route #4  
Hartville, Missouri

Approved SofN 5-26-44

Serial 2542

Signed 7/28/44

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

SERGEANT LEE D. SANDERS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

8/12/44  
S.D.  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as platoon  
leader of a rifle company serving with the Twenty-Second  
Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy Japanese  
forces on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands,  
on February 22, 1944. When his platoon suffered numerous  
casualties as a result of heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Sanders,  
in the absence of his platoon leader, unhesitatingly assumed  
command and, skillfully withdrawing the men from their ex-  
tremely hazardous position, reorganized the platoon and  
courageously led a renewed attack against severe, determin-  
ed hostile resistance until he was fatally wounded. Sergeant  
Sanders' indomitable fighting spirit and valiant leadership  
in the face of grave peril were an inspiration to his men and  
in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States  
Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

8/31/44  
R- Hartville, Missouri,  
B- Hartville, Missouri.



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AW-298-rlm

Spot Award, 1942  
Serial 19 APR 6 1943  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VERNON C. SANDERS, U.S.M.C.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against a Japanese landing force of about 700 men which launched an attack at the mouth of the Tenaru River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the early morning of August 21, 1942. With cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Sanders held his dangerously exposed position against an overwhelmingly superior number of attacking Japanese. Even though severely wounded, he maintained stubborn resistance until he was killed by the onrushing enemy force. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R - Montgomery, Alabama.

B - Ringgold, Louisiana.

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SPOT  
Serial 48443  
Signed JAN 26 1948

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

SERGEANT ERIC G. SANDSTROM,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. After his Platoon Leader was killed, Sergeant Sandstrom assumed command of the platoon and, reorganizing his men, directed an attack on an enemy-held airfield. In the face of intense machine-gun fire and hand grenades, he led the platoon against the strongly fortified positions, continually exposing himself to designate objectives, direct fire and throw back enemy grenades before they exploded. By his courage and devotion to duty, he contributed directly to the success of the attack and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Mankato, Minn.,

B..Mankato, Minn.



272200  
DLA-298-cb

FMFPac  
Spot  
Serial 98301

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

SERGEANT WALTER E. SANDY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Sergeant of the Sixth Tank Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands on 7 June 1945. When one of the tanks of his group was damaged by an enemy mine approximately 700 yards in front of friendly lines, blocking the movement of other tanks, Sergeant Sandy dismounted in the face of continuous enemy mortar and small-arms fire to look for an avenue of egress. When his tank bogged down in a water-filled shell hole after he located a route, he again dismounted and undertook the shackling necessary to extricate his tank. Although wounded by a mortar fragment, Sergeant Sandy withdrew his tank into a position from which he was able to cover with fire and smoke the evacuation of the crew of the disabled vehicle, completing the evacuation without the loss of a single man despite heavy enemy fire. By his courage in the face of hostile fire, he saved his tank at a time when it was sorely needed, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Baxter W. Va.  
B-Owings, W. Va.

011034  
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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WAYNE F. SANFORD, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, in action against an enemy Japanese force during the invasion of Mbangai, Solomon Islands, August 9, 1942. After his platoon had effected a precarious landing in the face of intense hostile fire, Second Lieutenant Sanford, undeterred by his extreme danger, led two of his squads on a daring charge up the steep and perilous slope to attack the hidden enemy. He maintained his courageous leadership during the hazardous ascent and was the first marine to gain the hill's crest, where he initiated such an aggressive attack and fought so skillfully against the desperate foe that the Japanese snipers were dislodged and destroyed, thereby enabling the remainder of his company to disembark unmolested. His valiant conduct served as an inspiration to his men and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Shelly, Michigan.

B - Shelly, Michigan.



016607  
DGP-298-egg

CincPac  
Appd SefN 1-18-45  
Serial 12687  
Signed APR 18 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER SANTILLI, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to a Marine Rifle Company of the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Group, on 22 June 1944. When a unit on his left had been cut off and was suffering heavy casualties, First Lieutenant Santilli courageously and unhesitatingly led his platoon against the enemy and, successfully beating down hostile resistance, enabled the unit to return to its own lines. In a subsequent hazardous engagement, he directed his men against a Japanese pocket of resistance, continuing his heroic efforts until mortally wounded. By his fearless and inspiring leadership, First Lieutenant Santilli was largely responsible for the success of his platoon in wiping out stubborn enemy resistance, and his vallant conduct and selfless 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--Everett, Mass.

B-- " "

SSM, perm Cit, ltr fr GMC pres'd. to mother of the late 1st Lt. Santilli, Mrs. Elsie Santilli, 4 Montrose St., Everett, Mass. by CO, MB, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass. 11 Aug45. Formal ceremony at MB, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.

804460  
DGP-298-cbh

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 2-13-46  
Serial 52748  
Signed 19 June 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH E. SARACINO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Browning Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 19 May 1945. With his platoon pinned down by a shattering barrage of hostile fire emanating from a machine-gun nest entrenched on commanding ground, Private First Class Saracino voluntarily risked his life in a valiant attempt to wipe out the resistance. Fearlessly exposing himself to the withering shellfire, he courageously made his way across thirty yards of open terrain to the elevated position and, delivering a deadly rain of bullets against the emplacement, destroyed the crew and then continued firing to account for seven more of the enemy as they attempted to reman the weapon. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive determination in the face of grave danger, Private First Class Saracino enabled his platoon to advance and contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital Japanese stronghold. His courageous efforts throughout reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Jamaica, New York.  
B- " " "

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Serial 032737

Signed NOV 4 1946

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE A. SARLES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Pilot of a Medium Bomber in Marine Bombing Squadron SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN, in action against enemy Japanese forces occupying Malabang Town, on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines, 7 April 1945. Aggressive and determined while leading his flight of medium bombers in a devastating low-level attack upon enemy concentrations in the town, Lieutenant Colonel Sarles boldly landed his plane on an extremely dangerous airstrip within easy range of Japanese small-arms fire. Immediately making contact with guerilla leaders, Lieutenant Colonel Sarles obtained vital information concerning hostile dispositions which enabled him to execute vigorous strafing runs and to lead other planes in strikes against Japanese strong points, thereby contributing greatly to the annihilation of the enemy garrison in Malabang Town. By his expert airmanship, courageous leadership and indomitable fighting spirit, Lieutenant Colonel Sarles served as an inspiration to his men, and his conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

RE--Mount Kisco, New York.

B--Mount Kisco, New York.

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Serial 00436

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL SARRO,  
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. When fire from a hostile pillbox inflicted casualties on our troops landing on the beach, Private First Class Sarro quickly volunteered to work his way to the danger area and the enemy installation. Locating the pillbox, he opened fire with his automatic weapon, jumped into the emplacement's opening and destroyed the strong point, killing three of the enemy and capturing a heavy machine gun, thereby contributing materially to the successful landing of succeeding waves of our troops. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA  
APO # 502

20 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS )

NO . . . . 418 )

SECTION

Awards of the Silver Star. . . . . I.

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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MELVIN P. SARTAIN, (456166), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 9 July 1943. While the platoon of which he was a member was being subjected to intense enemy light machine-gun fire, he worked his way forward and removed two wounded companions to a position in the rear of his platoon. Home address: 542 South Twenty-fourth Street, Richmond, California.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R ... Richmond, California.

B ... Clarkston, Washington.

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Spot Award

Serial 0853

Signed SEP 13 1944

*Com Sec Mlt*

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VIRGIL J. SARTIN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 26, 1943. Braving intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire while proceeding with forward elements of an assault company to positions within range of hostile weapons, Private First Class Sartin manned his gun on a one ton truck with deadly accuracy and, although wounded during this action, succeeded in killing three Japanese at their station in a pillbox. By his steadfast devotion to duty, he completely neutralized an enemy emplacement which was retarding the advance of our forces. Private First Class Sartin's aggressive fighting spirit and selfless conduct in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Portsmouth, Ohio.

B - Portsmouth, Ohio.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 5 1947

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company C, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When his unit was pinned down and suffered heavy casualties from enemy mortar and small-arms fire, Private First Class Sattler crawled forward through the hostile fire to a vantage point seventy-five yards in front of the lines where he could observe the enemy mortar positions two hundred yards to his front. Unable to destroy the positions with flat trajectory fire, he returned to his platoon command post and phoned the location of the Japanese emplacement to his company's mortar section and, although wounded, refused evacuation in order to direct the fire until the hostile positions were destroyed and his platoon's attack could continue. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Sattler and the United States Naval Service."

R. Racine, Wisc.  
B. Racine, Wisc.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 6067  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ANGELO L. SAVIO,  
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 the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. During an enemy tank-led counter-attack at night, Corporal Savio brought his squad from a rear area to reinforce a sector in the line. Although hostile tanks were continuously crossing this part of the defense position and subjecting it to heavy machine-gun and cannon fire, he skillfully organized his men in the darkness and, obtaining ammunition for them, emplaced them in shallow trenches. When three Japanese tanks assaulted his squad frontally before the emplacements could be dug deeper, Corporal Savio coolly held his sector by moving the men out of foxholes which were in the direct route of the tanks, allowing the tanks to pass, and then leading the men back into their positions in time to engage and repulse the enemy infantrymen who followed. Through his courageous actions in supervising the disposition and activities of his men while exposed to hostile fire, Corporal Savio contributed immeasurably to the repulse of the enemy attack in this sector, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
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Serial 98303  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOWARD G. SAWYER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. While serving as a driver and runner for the Battery Commander during a strong enemy counterattack in which his Commander was severely wounded, Private First Class Sawyer courageously exposed himself to intense small-arms and mortar fire to go to the aid of the wounded man. After dragging the officer to the shelter of some airplane motors, he administered first aid and protected him until evacuation could be effected. By his initiative and untiring devotion to duty, Private First Class Sawyer undoubtedly saved a man's life, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Indiana, Pa.,

B..Indiana, Pa.

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 3-1-45  
Serial 1302  
Signed OCT 19 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BURTON C. SAYER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Cannoneer serving with the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. With his battery position under bitter close-range attack, Private First Class Sayer skillfully laid his section's piece for elevation, valiantly remaining at his post until the numerically superior Japanese overran the battery and forced its withdrawal. Mortally wounded in the small-arms fight which followed in the immediate rear, Private First Class Sayer, by his zealous efforts and aggressive determination, had aided materially in the infliction of severe casualties on the enemy and in the disruption of their advance. His cool courage under fire and outstanding devotion to duty throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Brier Hill, N.Y.

B..Brier Hill, N.Y.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC were presented to the parents of the late Pfc. Sayer on 7 February 1946 by the OinC, Northeastern Recruiting Division, Syracuse, New York.



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ComSevFlt  
Spot Award  
Serial 0964  
Signed NOV 15 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD G. SAYLOR, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Member of a platoon serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on January 6, 1944. During a vigorous tank attack against a strongly fortified enemy road block flanked on one side by the sea and on the other by a deep swamp, Private First Class Saylor skillfully prevented the hurling of hostile mines at our tanks by directing a steady and accurate stream of fire on the enemy. By his heroic conduct and disregard for his own personal safety throughout this fierce engagement in which he was struck unconscious and injured by an exploding mine, he afforded expert protection for our tanks and inflicted a number of casualties on the enemy. Private First Class Saylor's aggressive fighting spirit and unflinching devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--York, Pa.  
B-- " "

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. On 19 June First Lieutenant Sbordone's platoon was pinned down by at least two hostile tanks firing on and approaching their position. Realizing that the company's position was precarious and that several Marines were wounded, he bravely exposed himself to the hail of enemy fire to search for a rocket launcher and ammunition. After locating a rocket launcher man, First Lieutenant Sbordone led him forward to a position one hundred and fifty yards in front of the front lines and, undaunted by heavy hostile artillery and machine-gun fire, directed effective fire which forced the tanks to withdraw. By his valor, aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

R-Parkersburg, W. Va.  
B-Parkersburg, W. Va.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL MARTIN J. SCANLON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Wireman of a Forward Observation Team of Battery E, Second Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 21 and 22 July 1944. Accompanying a lieutenant to an observation post on the front lines where the enemy launched numerous counterattacks during the night, Corporal Scanlon repeatedly stood up to fire his carbine and to throw hand grenades at the attacking Japanese despite heavy enemy rifle, machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire. Refusing to give up his position when he sustained serious wounds, he continued to fight until ordered to withdraw and, although still subjected to intense enemy fire, carried a more seriously wounded Marine down a precipitous slope to an evacuation station where he fell unconscious as a result of his own wounds. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Pittsburgh, Pa.  
B- " "

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

436382  
DGP-298-rlb

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-13-45  
Serial 34867  
Signed MAY 27 1946

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

CORPORAL HAROLD W. SCANNELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. Determined to break the fierce resistance of a strategically placed Japanese pillbox which had halted his squad's advance upon a strongly fortified hill and was inflicting severe casualties upon his platoon, Corporal Scannell personally assaulted the enemy's stronghold, voluntarily risking his own life to crawl forward in the face of an intense barrage of hostile fire. Hurling hand grenades at the vital target, he destroyed the pillbox and its crew and, although wounded, refused evacuation in order to reorganize his squad for further attack. A bold and valiant leader, Corporal Scannell by his fearless initiative and resolute fighting spirit upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Flushing, New York

B.--Yorkville, New York



330096

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA  
APO # 502

16 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS )  
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No.....402 )

AWARD 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:

JAMES SCAVERA, (330096), Corporal, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands. Although painfully injured by enemy mortar fire, he manned his machine gun alone and effected the destruction of two enemy gun emplacements, enabling all of the wounded in his area to be safely evacuated on 20 July 1943. Home Address: 111 West Street, Spring Valley, New York.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

M. B. KENDRICK,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Ass't Adj. Gen.

DISTRIBUTION: "A"

R-Spring Valley, New York

B- Polk, Ohio.

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Serial 6887  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LAWRENCE A. SCHACKER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company H, Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Assuming command of his machine gun platoon when the Leader and Gunnery Sergeant became casualties, Sergeant Schacker reorganized the platoon and, despite heavy casualties, succeeded in keeping four guns in action through a strong enemy counterattack the next morning. By his courage in braving constant and intense hostile fire to keep his guns in action, he contributed materially to the destruction of the Japanese and to the success of our forces. His aggressive spirit 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

R--Oklee, Minn.,  
B--Forston, Minn.

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-egc

Spot Award

Serial 0395

Signed SEP 9 1944

(Com Sec 76)

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

SERGEANT NORMAN R. SCHANTZENBACH, USMC

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Division during combat with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, from January 3 to 9, 1944. Courageously leading his squad across a stream while subjected to withering hostile machine-gun fire, Sergeant Schantzenbach succeeded in reaching an advantageous point for firing upon enemy gun emplacements. By his cool and aggressive leadership throughout the ensuing violent engagement, his squad was able to force desperately fighting hostile units to abandon their positions. Later while fearlessly defending a ridge against a night counterattack, he was fatally injured. Sergeant Schantzenbach's heroic initiative and selfless 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

R--Maguncie, Pennsylvania  
B--Emmaus, Pennsylvania

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
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 FRANCIS J. SCHAUNER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Volunteer Member of a patrol with Battery A, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 27 June 1944. When one member of the patrol was wounded by an enemy machine gun concealed in a pillbox and the Marine who went to his rescue was killed, Private First Class Schauner dashed through the hostile fire and rescued the wounded man. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Schauner and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wichita, Kansas.,

B..Wichita, Kansas.



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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT  
Serial 50931  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAJOR IRVING SCHECHTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. Assigned to command one of the companies when his battalion was reorganized after suffering heavy casualties which prevented it from continuing the attack on the night of 8 and 9 March, Major Schechter immediately moved to the front lines and personally supervised the reorganization by absorbing small groups sent him from other units in order to place them in position for a continuation of the attack. Upon receiving orders to resume the attack, he and his runner advanced to a small knoll ahead of the front lines and, personally killing one of the enemy as he fled, aided in driving out several others. From this position, he directed his company which consisted of four officers and one hundred and thirty-three enlisted men from four different units of the battalion and led them in an assault over rugged heavily defended terrain which had been holding up the advance of our troops for four days. By his professional ability, courage and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the success of his battalion and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Smithson Branch, N. Y.,  
B--Smithson Branch, N. Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

474135  
DGP-298-Navy-jrc

CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 2788  
Signed FEB 27 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD A. SCHEIDT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 1 and 2 February 1944. Painfully wounded in the arm during the initial fighting, Private First Class Scheidt valiantly continued to press home the assault. At the height of the engagement, he voluntarily exposed himself to intense enemy fire to reach the side of a fallen comrade, removing the injured Marine from an exposed position in advance of the front lines to a point suitable for evacuation. His gallant spirit of self-sacrifice and heroic devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Scheidt and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..West New York, New Jersey

B..Jersey City, New Jersey



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DGP-298-ebg

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FMFPac Spot Ser. 13002  
Signed                     

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

PLATOON SERGEANT BERNARD C. SCHELLHASE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 27 June 1944. With his platoon leader a casualty during an extremely bitter fire fight with a fanatic enemy, Platoon Sergeant Schellhase promptly assumed command and, skillfully reorganizing his men under unceasing hostile fire, led them in a determined, relentless attack. Seriously wounded in the early stages of the battle, he continued in the fight, fearlessly carrying on until all of the enemy had been killed or routed. By his forceful and determined leadership, outstanding fortitude and cool courageous action in the face of grave peril, Platoon Sergeant Schellhase contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital Japanese stronghold, and his self-sacrificing 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-Urbana, Iowa  
B-Garrison, Iowa

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DGP 298 Navy Fbb

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FmPacSpotSer 89848  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN RAYMOND F. SCHERER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Marine Fighting Squadron THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Ryukyu Islands, on 13 May 1945. When four enemy aircraft launched a determined attack on a group of our Naval vessels during a combat air patrol, Captain Scherer led his section in action against the hostile craft and, flying through the ships' intense antiaircraft fire, prevented one plane from executing a suicide dive on a destroyer and shot it down in flames. His skillful airmanship, 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- Santa Ana, Calif.  
B- Los Angeles, Calif.  
3 Aug 1915

Secretary of the Navy.

Citation only



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

CORPORAL DONALD W. SCHILLER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. When the Officer in Charge of his naval gunfire party and a radio operator were seriously wounded during landing operations on D-Day, Corporal Schiller immediately assumed command and, dauntlessly continuing to the shore under the enemy's concentrated shellfire for a distance of four hundred yards, succeeded in gaining the beachhead with his own as well as heavy signal lamp and radio equipment and immediately contacted the destroyer assigned to support his battalion. Without further instruction, he expeditiously laid a telephone wire to the furthestmost front line position and, despite the fierce hostile resistance, delivered effective Naval gunfire requested by the Battalion Commander. With his team the only one of four equipped with radios to maintain contact with destroyers designated to his assault force, Corporal Schiller by his extraordinary ability and outstanding initiative in not only performing his own duties, but also those ordinarily assigned a commissioned officer, had contributed essentially to the success of the initial stages of a bitterly fought campaign against the enemy. His forceful and determined leadership, great personal valor and unwavering perseverance maintained throughout the fierce hostilities reflect the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Poynette, Wisconsin  
B-Town of Wood, Wisconsin

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 86492  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MAX D. SCHILLING,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 May 1945. Unable to use his flame thrower during a fierce attack on Sugar Loaf Hill in which most of his company's automatic weapons were destroyed or rendered useless, Private First Class Schilling, on his own initiative, abandoned his flame thrower, secured an automatic rifle from a casualty, and took a position on the line after forcing his way up the hill. From this position, he delivered intense automatic rifle fire upon the enemy despite devastating return hostile fire. Although wounded during the ensuing enemy counterattack, he continued to hold his position while his company effected a temporary withdrawal, covering the evacuation of all casualties. His aggressive fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty were contributing factors in the eventual seizure of this important terrain feature. His gallant 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-Luck, Wisc.  
B-Pawnee County, Nebr.



455599  
DGP-298-dmr

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 56883

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

CORPORAL ROBERT J. SCHIMMER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Gunner of Company B, Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When his tank was rendered inoperative by enemy antitank demolition fire during an attack against strongly-emplaced hostile positions, Corporal Schimmer courageously remained in the vehicle with his Platoon Leader and, while the wounded crewmen were being evacuated, continued to fire on the Japanese. Despite the loss of radio contact and lack of close-in infantry support, he maintained effective fire until all ammunition was expended and, during a twenty minute period, destroyed three emplaced enemy tanks, three ammunition trucks, several machine gun positions and numerous Japanese personnel, finally abandoning the tank only five minutes before it was completely destroyed by hostile demolition charges. His outstanding courage and perseverance in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Saginaw, Mich.  
B--Saginaw, Mich.

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DGP-298-egc

ComSoPac  
Serial 4845  
Spot Award  
Signed

JAN 29 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AUGUSTINE C. SCHLACTER, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Parachute Battalion, First Marine Parachute Regiment, First Marine Amphibious Corps, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, January 1, 1944. When his squad was subjected to withering enemy automatic fire during a vigorous assault against hostile units east of the Torokina River, Private First Class Schlacter unhesitatingly crawled, with another Marine, to within a few yards of a prepared Japanese position and, when there was no further protection, fearlessly rushed the emplacement with pistols and grenades, killing the occupants before he himself was wounded. Private First Class Schlacter's daring initiative and gallant conduct in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chesaning, Michigan  
B-- " "

SSM, perm. Cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by OinC, USMC DHIRS, Rm 501, Griswold Bldg., 1212 Griswold St., Detroit 26, Mich. on 24 Aug 1945 to prnts of the late Corp. Schlacter, Mr. and Mrs. August Schlacter, 129 Andress St., Chesaning Michigan. Informal pres. at home.



CincPAc  
App. SofN 7-26-45  
Serial 32311  
Signed FEB 15 1946

*Quirk*

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

*posthumously to*

CORPORAL AUGUSTINE C. SCHLACTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*OR*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Group Leader of a Rifle Company while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. With his platoon pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun fire from well-concealed, heavily fortified emplacements which had inflicted several casualties, Corporal Schlacter unhesitatingly made his way forward over difficult terrain, hurling several hand grenades into the emplacements and working his way close enough to the strong point to set off a demolition charge which silenced the enemy and enabled the platoon to advance to its objective. Mortally wounded by Japanese machine-gun fire during a second courageous attack against a hostile position, Corporal Schlacter, by his cool courage and indomitable fighting spirit, ~~had~~ contributed immeasurably to the success of his company's mission on this island 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--Chesaning, Mich.

B--  
SMA/perm alt ltr fr CMC forwarded via registered mail to parents,  
Mr. & Mrs. August Schlacter, on 15 March 1946, by Cinc, CHRD,  
Detroit, Mich. Appropriate publicity given to local papers.

246291  
DGP-298-vml

Cincpac  
AppdSofN 9-13-45  
Serial 34914  
Signed JUN 6 1946

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN J. SCHLOEGEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Platoon Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. When a number of wounded men were left behind in a draw by an adjacent company, Gunnery Sergeant Schloegel organized the remaining men of two rifle squads into a rescue party, led them to the draw and, arming himself with an abandoned automatic rifle, entered the draw alone in the face of withering enemy knee-mortar and sniper fire to reconnoiter for a tactically sound route of withdrawal. Although mortally wounded during his return, he managed to reach his squad and, refusing evacuation and fighting delirium, explained before he died the route he had chosen for the withdrawal of the wounded Marines. His valiant spirit and indomitable courage reflect the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant Schloegel and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSMW/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered informally  
to the widow of the late Gysgt. Schloegel ~~for the President,~~  
Mrs. John J. Schloegel, on 24 Oct 45 in  
accordance with her wishes by the CO, MB, JAMES FORRESTAL  
NorfNavShpyd, Portsmouth, Va.

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Gulfport, Mississippi.  
B-Gulfport, Mississippi.



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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFltMarForPac Ser. 6112  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HERMAN E. SCHMERSAHL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D, Second Tank Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 3 July 1944. While acting as liaison between tank and infantry units pushing through the town of Garapan, Private First Class Schmersahl repeatedly exposed himself to intense hostile enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to guide and coordinate the movements of the tank and infantry units. When the sound-power telephone on the tanks failed to work, he skillfully led the tanks into position and pointed out targets by the use of arm and hand signals in front of the vehicles. On one occasion, when the infantry units were pinned down by extremely heavy enemy fire which forced his unit to leave a light flame thrower tank in front of the lines without communication, he immediately worked his way forward of the lines to contact the light tank and back it into a safe position. Subsequently leading two medium tanks, he again pointed out hostile targets, thereby contributing materially to the success of the operation. 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..Rosenberg, Tex.

B..Rosenberg, Tex.

394699  
DGP-298-dmr

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 51256

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Squad Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February and 2 March 1945. When his squad was pinned down by heavy hostile machine-gun fire from an enemy pillbox and the advance of the entire company was held up, Corporal Schmidt set up his machine guns and succeeded in gaining fire superiority over the Japanese although his guns were hit several times, thereby enabling the company to continue its advance to defiladed positions. Determined to neutralize the pillbox, he made his way to two disabled friendly tanks and, locating a rocket launcher operator there, directed him to a position from which the strong point was eventually destroyed. Later, on 2 March, when his squad was ordered to withdraw from a particularly hazardous position in order to escape a heavy hostile barrage, Corporal Schmidt noticed that one of his men was missing after the withdrawal and, immediately crawling back to the original position, located the man and brought him back to the secondary position while under constant enemy 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--Austin, Minnesota  
B--Waldorf, Minnesota.



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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMF Ser. 47152  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL RICHARD G. SCHMIDT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. Determined to reduce the tremendous volume of fire that was holding up his platoon's advance, Corporal Schmidt set out alone, in the face of intense enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, to locate two well-concealed hostile pillboxes and, leading his men in the attack, personally accounted for one of the hostile emplacements by throwing hand grenades while his men aided in destroying the other. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Grand Rapids, Mich.

B..Grand Rapids, Mich.

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DGP-298-eln

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Spot Award

Signed 11-15-44

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

FIRST SERGEANT JOSEPH M. SCHMITTOW, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with an Assault Company of the First Marine Division in combat against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 26 to 28, 1943. After leading his men for two days against the enemy in the face of heavy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, First Sergeant Schmittow was seriously wounded on December 28 while engaged in a fierce fire fight, but courageously continued to carry out his duties until ordered to the rear by his commanding officer. By his outstanding leadership and heroic devotion to duty throughout this critical period, he rendered invaluable assistance to his company commanding officer and was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact. First Sergeant Schmittow's valliant conduct under the most hazardous conditions was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

*OK POW 11/16/44*  
For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Waverly, Tenn.  
B - Waynesboro, Tenn.

*Released, 28 Jun 44*



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APPSOFN 6-23-50  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL R. SCHNEIDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Gunner of Company A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 May 1945. Although seriously wounded by hostile machine-gun fire while firing a mission in direct support of an infantry advance on a heavily-defended enemy position, Private First Class Schneider courageously remained at his gun without notifying his tank commander of his wounds and destroyed two Japanese machine-gun positions, thereby aiding materially in the coordinated tank-infantry advance. His indomitable fighting spirit and gallant devotion to duty in the face of intense enemy fire reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Schneider and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Louisville, Ky.  
B- Louisville, Ky.

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DGP-298-mvm

FMF PAC  
SPOT  
Serial 44532  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE MELVIN F. SCHNEIDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 24 March 1945. Constantly alert and aggressive, Private Schneider was the first to volunteer for sniper patrols and was a stabilizing and inspiring influence to the replacement troops throughout this campaign. When Japanese hand grenades landed on our front lines and inflicted several casualties among our troops on the night of 8 March, he left his foxhole in the darkness and, locating the enemy forces in a small draw, annihilated them with accurately thrown hand grenades. His courageous initiative, 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--Nebraska City, Nebraska.  
B--Kelley, Kansas.



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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM F. F. SCHNEIDER,  
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 E, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Observing a hostile 49-mm. antboat gun opposing successive landing operations during our assault against this heavily fortified stronghold on D-Day, Sergeant Schneider immediately launched an aggressive single-handed attack on the emplacement and, despite wounds received during the fierce action, valiantly fought on in the face of terrific hostile fire until the gun was put out of action. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and valiant fighting spirit maintained against tremendous odds, Sergeant Schneider saved the lives of many men who otherwise might have perished and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Wellington, New Ireland.  
B--Hayton, Wisc.

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-pmb

FMFPac.  
SPOT  
Ser. 8631

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

CORPORAL EARL J. SCHNOEKER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Cannoneer of the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 7 July 1944. Braving heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, Corporal Schnoeker helped lay his section's artillery piece for deflection during direct fire on the enemy and remained at his post until the battery position was overrun by large hostile forces who were attacking from a range of less than one hundred yards. This action resulted in severe casualties to the attacking enemy and was of material aid in the disruption of the Japanese advance and the stopping of the attack in the Battalion area. His gallant fighting spirit and steadfast devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Schnoeker and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Welge, Ill.,  
B--Chester, Ill.



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DGP-298-rtt

ComGenFltMarFor Ser 6881  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAJOR EUGENE T. SCHOENFELDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer of the First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. When his Battalion came under a determined hostile counterattack which created much confusion within the unit, and several officers and men, including the Company Commander, became casualties, Major Schoenfelder immediately assumed command and, in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, courageously moved from position to position, shouting words of encouragement and issuing the necessary orders for our defense. By his quick actions, he effected a complete reorganization of his troops and contributed greatly to the repulse of the Japanese counterattack with a minimum loss of life. Major Schoenfelder's initiative, fortitude and aggressive fighting spirit throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

R- Forest Hills, Long Island, N.Y.  
B- New York, N.Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 98929  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LOUIS G. SCHOOLEY,  
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 Crash Crew of Marine Aircraft Group THIRTY-ONE, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Yontan Airfield, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on the night of 24 May 1945. After engaging the enemy in a fire fight during a desperate suicide airborne attack on Yontan Airfield, Private First Class Schooley courageously drove his truck within close proximity of the enemy and, with his floodlights, illuminated their position to bring them within the scope of direct fire. Abandoning his truck, he again attacked the hostile Japanese, succeeding in killing one and materially aiding in repulsing the hostile attack although seriously wounded during the ensuing violent action. His bravery and initiative in the face of enemy fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Grand Rapids, Mich.

B..Grand Rapids, Mich.



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DGP-298-hmg

Cinopac  
AppdSofN 2-7-46  
Serial 034544  
Signed MAR 28 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GERALD J. SCHREUR,  
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 in a platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 19 May 1945. Voluntarily moving forward with two other Marines in an attempt to knock out an enemy machine-gun position which had halted his platoon's fierce assault upon a strongly defended hostile ridge, Private First Class Schreur braved the shattering mortar, machine-gun and small-arms barrages to reach a vantage point for delivering effective fire against the fanatic Japanese. Grimly determined to eliminate the hostile strong point, he dauntlessly moved out alone to a more favorable position and, setting up his weapon, gallantly poured a devastating stream of fire into the enemy emplacement until he was killed by a savage burst of machine-gun fire. Private First Class Schreur's initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Teeland, Michigan.  
B--Lowell, Michigan.

019234  
DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 42040  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD G. SCHRIER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 March 1945. Realizing the seriousness of the situation when a group of approximately one hundred Japanese infiltrated through the main defensive positions shortly after midnight and launched a fanatical attack against the rear of his lightly-manned command post, First Lieutenant Schrier boldly rallied his men and opposed the onrushing enemy, setting a courageous example. His leadership and fighting spirit throughout this action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Seal Beach, Ca.

B..Corder, Mo.



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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmFPac Spot Ser. 54919  
Signed DEC 9 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. SCHUELER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer of Battery E, Second Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 and 8 March 1945. Although suffering from wounds when the unit which he was supporting attacked a heavily fortified position over difficult terrain, First Lieutenant Schueler constantly moved with the most forward elements and, exposing himself to hostile fire in order to gain observations, greatly facilitated the advance of our troops by his effective control of the supporting artillery fire. During a heavy engagement on 7 March, he courageously made his way forward to a small piece of high ground and, in the face of intense enemy fire, conducted accurate supporting fires. Painfully wounded on the afternoon of 8 March, he consistently refused evacuation and remained active at his post until he had registered the defensive fires of his unit and a replacement observer arrived. By his fortitude, steadfastness and devotion to duty throughout, First Lieutenant Schueler upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Brooklyn, N.Y.

B..Brooklyn, N.Y.

023680  
DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 12836  
Signed APR 11 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT BERNHARD E. SCHROEDER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Platoon attached to the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 5 July 1944. Although wounded during the initial assault, Second Lieutenant Schroeder heroically refused evacuation and skillfully carried on until forced by additional painful wounds to retire from combat on 17 June. Subsequently volunteering to return to duty, he led his platoon against a heavily defended hostile position to close an existing gap and, while courageously exposing himself to intense and accurate enemy machine-gun and sniper fire in an attempt to establish contact with another unit, was mortally wounded. Second Lieutenant Schroeder's valiant conduct and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Milwaukee, Wisc.

B..Milwaukee, Wisc.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 31 July by District Marine Officer, USNTC, Great Lakes, Ill. to the widow of the late 2dLt. Schroeder, Mrs. Bernhard E. Schroeder, 3464 N. 16th St., Milwaukee, informally and with no publicity. Oinc also present.



955304  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOWARD G. SCHULTZ,  
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 A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. When his company received a heavy volume of enemy grenades and demolition charges during an assault on a strongly-defended hostile ridge, Private First Class Schultz voluntarily crawled forward to the top of a ridge despite enemy small-arms fire from concealed positions and, using hand grenades and rifle fire, neutralized the enemy resistance, thereby enabling his company to seize the objective. 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.. El Monte, Calif.

B..Milwaukee, Wisc.

028529  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 7630  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT PAUL E. SCHUMACHER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 27 September 1944. When the two assault platoons which he was supporting were pinned down by heavy small-arms fire, Second Lieutenant Schumacher dismounted from his tank in full view of the enemy. Despite continuous hostile sniper fire, he made a reconnaissance in advance of our lines to determine the location of a well-concealed enemy position. Although wounded, he returned to his tank and led his unit to firing positions, directing accurate fire on the target, thereby greatly reducing Japanese opposition. He then furnished cover to corpsmen attempting to evacuate several wounded Marines from a rear area of the tank. Following this, he withdrew his tanks to new positions from which he completely silenced all resistance and, when wounded the second time was evacuated. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty contributed to the success of the tank-infantry and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Grand Rapids, Mich.,  
B--Grand Rapids, Mich.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH O. SCHUSTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Team Leader in Company L, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 27 July 1944. When his squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties, Private First Class Schuster unhesitatingly took charge of the group and shifted it to a flanking position where our troops had suffered several casualties from heavy enemy fire. Though wounded five times in the ensuing action, he succeeded, by his able and courageous leadership, in silencing the hostile fire and in making it possible to continue our offensive. His gallant leadership, fortitude and unswerving devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private First Class Schuster and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. [Signature]  
Secretary of the Navy.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr were pres to Mr. and Mrs. Schuster on 27 July 1951 in an informal ceremony at their home.

R-Rayland, Ohio  
B-Bradley, Ohio

281738  
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award  
Serial 0039 (ComSec 707)  
Signed SEP 9 1944

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

SERGEANT EDWIN A. SCHWAB, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 3, 1944. When his company became pinned down by an intensive barrage of hostile fire on a sparsely concealed slope while advancing against a determined and well-entrenched enemy, Sergeant Schwab sighted three wounded Marines within twenty-five feet of a Japanese machine-gun emplacement and, fearlessly crawling to the side of his comrades, dragged two of them to safety and rendered assistance to another. Undeterred by danger to himself, he promptly collected first aid equipment from other personnel and skillfully ministered to the injured. Sergeant Schwab's daring initiative, heroic efforts and great personal valor in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Galeton, Pennsylvania.  
B - Germania, Pennsylvania.



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CincPacSpotSer 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN JOHN L. SCHWABE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Intelligence Officer of the Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 23 November 1943. Separated from the Regimental Command Post when his amphibian tractor was disabled by hostile fire during landing operations on D-Day, Captain Schwabe swam to shore under the enemy's incessant barrages and immediately joined in the attack on the north beach of Betio. Placing himself between the remnants of two infantry battalions, he labored diligently with limited communication facilities to establish a liaison between the units and the Regimental Headquarters and, on his own initiative, organized and established supply dumps close to our front lines which contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the enemy in that sector. With Japanese snipers still active in the area, he assumed the task of caring for those killed in battle, working tirelessly and with dauntless courage until a regularly designated officer arrived. His determined perseverance, outstanding fortitude and unwavering devotion to duty throughout were essential factors in the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and reflect the highest credit upon Captain Schwabe and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R/-/p/TAB  
R- Tulsa, Oklahoma  
B- Nowata, Oklahoma

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

PacFltEdAwds Ser. 47 of 23 Feb 44 Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-sps

COMGENFMFPAC SPOT SER 00597  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GENE E. SCHWEIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire-Team Leader of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. When his platoon reached its objective, the summit of a steep coral ridge and heavy enemy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire immediately swept the position, causing many casualties, Private First Class Schwein moved forward without orders and, engaging an enemy machine gun, effectively silenced it by rifle fire, thereby enabling many casualties to be removed from the exposed slopes. Although wounded in this action, Private First Class Schwein assumed command upon himself to be the senior man remaining in the platoon and skillfully led his men in defending their position against heavy hostile counterattacks. His outstanding 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.

B..  
R..Ulysses, Kans.



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DGP 298 Navy BBB

FmPac Spot Ser. 62819  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL LOUIS J. SCOPEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Task-Infantry Liaison Man of Company A, Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 24 February to 23 March 1945. Throughout this entire period, Corporal Scovel continuously exposed himself to enemy small-arms and mortar fire in order to direct tanks into positions and designate targets for them. On one occasion, when the five tanks which he was directing along a trail northeast of Motoyama Village were attacked by several of the enemy, he was knocked to the ground by an enemy demolition charge which disabled one of the tanks. Although stunned, he got to his feet under heavy small-arms fire and continued to direct the tanks to effective firing positions. By his indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty, Corporal Scovel aided greatly in the advance of the tanks and the subsequent destruction of a strong pocket of resistance. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Detroit, Mich  
B- " "

22 April 1924

Citation only

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

022226  
DGP-198-hcs

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-6-45  
Serial - 35328  
Signed JUN 6 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES SCONDRAS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Forward Observer, attached to Battery D, Second Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 22 February 1945. Fearlessly supporting advancing infantrymen when they were subjected to sudden, vicious attack by several hostile artillery pieces, heavy mortars and rockets upon gaining the edge of the airstrip, First Lieutenant Scondras boldly pressed forward against the withering barrage to the top of a steep, jagged cliff where he could better observe the enemy and, remaining steadfast in this exposed position, simultaneously adjusted and directed accurate artillery and naval gunfire bombardments to silence the concentrations and enable the infantry to continue the advance. By his daring initiative, aggressive determination and intrepid courage, maintained in the face of extreme danger, First Lieutenant Scondras contributed materially to the success of the bitterly fought Iwo campaign and his valiant devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Lowell, Massachusetts.

B - Lowell, Massachusetts.



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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT  
Serial 00437  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DUNCAN R. SCOTT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 26 to 28 July 1944. When a hostile force penetrated the lines of his company on his right and threatened the flank of his company just before dawn on 26 July, Second Lieutenant Scott crawled from foxhole to foxhole in the total darkness, selecting and leading six of his men to new positions from which they successfully defended the exposed flank. During a subsequent hostile attack when his platoon was fired on and one of his scouts wounded, he moved forward and, advancing abreast of his scouts to locate the enemy position, led his platoon in overrunning the Japanese resistance in the face of heavy fire from concealed enemy machine guns. On the night of 28 July, when a grenade was thrown into a foxhole occupied by himself and a corpsman, Second Lieutenant Scott jumped out, pulled the corpsman partially out of the hole before the grenade exploded and shot the Japanese who had thrown the missile. His courage and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cudahy, Wisconsin  
B--Cudahy, Wisconsin

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Spot Ser. 0647  
Signed MAR 11 1948

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

SERGEANT FRANCIS G. SCOTT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery B, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. Discovering an unexploded naval shell in the position assigned his howitzer section and realizing the danger to his entire battery, Sergeant Scott immediately seized the projectile and boldly carried it through the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire to an unoccupied area two hundred yards distant. His fearless initiative, prompt action and valiant disregard of his own peril served as an inspiration to all men in the vicinity and reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Scott and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Oregon City, Ore.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

B. Ogden, Utah  
7 Nov. 1920

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-fl

ComSoPac  
Appd SofN 7-11-46  
Serial 00369  
Signed JUL 7 1947

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

MAJOR JOHN A. SCOTT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer, attached to the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 24 November 1943. When two parties of runners which he had dispatched with vitally important orders were killed or wounded by the enemy before they could reach the battalion's reserve company, Major Scott instantly set out alone on this hazardous mission. Although under relentless and accurate Japanese rifle fire, he courageously proceeded approximately five hundred yards through enemy-infested jungle terrain to the company's position and immediately delivered his message. He then instituted and led a skillful counterattack which annihilated the hostile forces in the battalion's rear and thereby insured the security of our battle line and the safety of the lines of communication. By his initiative, courage and heroic devotion to the fulfillment of a hazardous and vital mission, Major Scott contributed to the success of our forces in this area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.. South Bend, Indiana

B.. Bantam, Litchfield, Conn.

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

CORPORAL JOHN A. SCOTT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. When the evacuation of two seriously wounded Marines from a rocky beach south of Mount Suribachi was deemed impractical because of enemy fire, Corporal Scott volunteered to attempt the evacuation by sea. After a raft had been towed to within two hundred yards of the shore, he and some other volunteers boarded it and proceeded toward the shore despite the hazards of high surf, jagged submerged rocks which lined the beach approaches, and a fierce fire fight which was taking place near the point selected for the landing. Gaining the beach and placing one of the wounded Marines on the raft with one of the rescue team to prevent his falling into the water, Corporal Scott and his comrades launched the raft and, remaining in the water, guided it while the landing craft towed them to a destroyer standing approximately one mile off shore. Although near exhaustion, he returned to the beach and aided in evacuating the other wounded Marine. His courageous initiative, perseverance and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Flint, Mich.

B..Flint, Mich.



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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 1180  
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MICHAEL J. SCOTT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 7 July 1944. When a light Japanese tank penetrated the area of his battery position and inflicted serious casualties, Platoon Sergeant Scott unhesitatingly exposed himself to the terrific concentration of enemy fire in a determined effort to evacuate the wounded and, working with tireless efficiency, twice made his way from the front to the rear under continuous hostile barrages. Tenaciously persisting in his valiant efforts, he succeeded in removing several wounded Marines before he himself was fatally struck down while returning for the third time to the front line. By his resolute initiative, unfaltering skill and great personal courage in the face of savage, unceasing opposition, Platoon Sergeant Scott contributed materially to the saving of his comrades, and his self-sacrificing devotion to duty during a period of fierce hostilities was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SEN, perm. citation & CMC's ltr was presented to SCOTT's brother, Mr. Thomas Scott, 63 W. 106th St., New York, N.Y., for the President, in office of CO, MB, USNB, Brooklyn, on 30 Aug 46, with no publicity desired.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New York, N.Y.  
B--County Sligo, Ireland

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AppdSofN 5-15-46  
Serial 00773  
Signed APR 24 1947

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT RAYFORD O. SCOTT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 13 November 1943. When his company suffered heavy casualties under intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire while passing through Japanese lines, Gunnery Sergeant Scott, on his own initiative, made his way through fierce hostile fire to his battalion commander and reported the company's perilous and disorganized condition. With undaunted courage, he then volunteered to return with orders directing his company to a position behind the battalion lines and, despite the extreme danger, succeeded in completing this vital and daring mission. Gunnery Sergeant Scott's great personal valor and unfaltering 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--Paducah, Texas.  
B--Edgewood, Texas.



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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFmfpac Ser. 9468  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ROGER P. SCOVILL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery M, Fourth Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on the night of 16 June 1944. When an ammunition and gasoline dump near his battery position was set on fire by enemy artillery, Platoon Sergeant Scovill rushed to the dump despite hostile fire and, organizing a fire-fighting party, directed the extinguishing of the flames. Although the fire illuminated the greater portion of the area and afforded the enemy observation, he personally removed blazing ammunition boxes from stacks of boxes not on fire and rolled drums of gas away from drums of gas away from drums already exploded and burning. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Madison, Wisc.

B..Madison, Wisc.

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DGP-298-flm

FMP  
SPOT  
Serial 3942  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

CORPORAL LAURENCE F. SCUDDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a member of Battery A, Third 155-mm. Artillery Battalion, Third Corps Artillery, Third Amphibious Corps, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. Selecting new gun positions and running a battery survey with a reconnaissance party which was suddenly pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Corporal Scudder made three trips to administer first aid and to assist in removing wounded members of both infantry and artillery battalions from the line of fire. Helping to move a casualty to safety, he received a wound in the right foot and crawled unassisted to the rear. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Riverhead, New York  
E--Riverhead, New York.



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DGP-298-agg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 12712  
Signed

APR 28 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES E. SEADER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, Marianas Group, from 24 to 25 July 1944. At the height of the battle when the enemy launched a vigorous counterattack which threatened to break the line of his company, Private First Class Seader promptly stood up and moved forward, steadily firing his automatic rifle as he advanced under intense enemy opposition and successfully frustrating the hostile counterattack before he was mortally wounded. Private First Class Seader's valliant conduct 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."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr. fr. CMC pres'd on 29 June 1945 by the Comdt, 4th Nav. Dist, Dist Staff Headquarters, Bldg. 4, Navy Yard, Philadelphia 12, Pa., to the father of the late Pfc. Seader, Mr. Charles W. Seader, 654 E. Allengrove St., Philadelphia 20, Pa. Presentation took place at a parade at the MB, Nav. Yd. Philadelphia.

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DGP-298-eln

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Spot Award  
Serial 21354  
Signed JAN 3 1946

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

SERGEANT MELVIN D. SEALS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Copy*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 24 July 1944. When four Marines were seriously wounded in the front line area and their evacuation made impossible by the enemy's fierce, concentrated fire, Sergeant Seals immediately proceeded to the rear to obtain protection for removing the helpless men. Fully aware of the extreme danger, he boldly walked in front of two medium tanks and skillfully guided them to the vicinity of his comrades. Struck down by bursting shellfire while carrying out his perilous mission, Sergeant Seals, by his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of others, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Kings Mills, Texas.  
B--Athens, Ark.



288221  
DGP-298-db

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 47152  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM W. SEARS, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 March 1945. Exposing himself to heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire, Corporal Sears remained in a vulnerable position and, although seriously wounded, covered his squad's withdrawal from a dangerous demolition mission ahead of the front lines. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Greensboro, North Carolina.

B..Greensboro, North Carolina.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac  
SPOT  
Serial 11734  
Signed OCT 8 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROGER F. SEASHOLTZ,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Braving enemy shellfire which forced his company to land out of position and rendered his radio inoperative, First Lieutenant Seasholtz dismounted from his tank and proceeded on foot along the beaches to locate units of his command. After reorganizing them for a coordinated infantry-tank attack, he returned to his vehicle and led the assault against fortified enemy positions, inflicting heavy losses on the Japanese and contributing materially to the establishment of the beachhead. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Seasholtz and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
B--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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ComSoPac  
Serial 00772  
Spot Award  
Signed

DEC 28 1944

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

SERGEANT ROBERT C. SEBILIAN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader in a Reconnaissance Patrol serving with the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 21, 1943. With his platoon leader wounded and casualties inflicted on his squad during a reconnaissance of a heavily defended hostile position, Sergeant Sebilian fearlessly crept through the dense jungle to within ten yards of the enemy and destroyed a hostile machine gun with grenades, thereby disrupting the coordination of their fire and creating a break in the lines. Promptly reorganizing the survivors of his squad, he successfully occupied the gap through three hostile attempts to cut off the patrol which had proceeded into the enemy's rear area and maintained the position until the mission was completed and a successful withdrawal effected. By his courageous initiative, valiant fighting spirit and skillful leadership in the face of grave peril, Sergeant Sebilian contributed materially to the success of the mission, and his loyal devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--E. Bridgeport, Mass.  
B--Brockton, Mass.

365406  
DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 6887  
Signed FEB 27 1948

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

CORPORAL PAULY J. SECHENA,  
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 Weapons Company, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Mariana Islands, on the night of 15 and 16 June 1944. Courageously remaining at his post after his squad leader had been killed, all but one of his gun crew wounded and evacuated and himself severely wounded by shrapnel, Corporal Sechena rendered valuable assistance in repelling two enemy counter-attacks, thereby saving a vital portion of the main line. By his bravery and initiative in remaining at his post, Corporal Sechena contributed materially to the success of our forces and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Sunflower, Kan.

B..Great Falls, Mont.



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Serial 12587  
Appd SofN 4-19-45  
Signed NOV 13 1945

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

CORPORAL ROBERT J. SEBRING, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Group Leader serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 18 June 1944. Fearlessly penetrating enemy-held territory with his squad, Corporal Sebring worked with resourceful skill and initiative in a determined effort to fulfill the hazardous mission of building an out-post line of resistance under continuous enemy fire. Observing one of his group struck down by a vicious blast from a Japanese emplacement during the final stage of construction, he unhesitatingly risked his life to proceed to the aid of his comrade in a valiant effort to evacuate him from the danger area but was himself mortally wounded while carrying out his voluntary mission. By his daring initiative, unfaltering technical ability and tenacious determination in the face of extreme peril, Corporal Sebring contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his undaunted courage and self-sacrificing conduct on behalf of his comrade 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--Erie, Pa.  
B--Parkerton, Wyoming

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

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLAUDE M. SEELEY,  
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, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 29 June 1944. When the left flank of his company was subjected to an intense night counterattack which caused many casualties, Private First Class Seeley skillfully organized remnants of several squads into one and, after assuming a strategic position, proceeded to expose himself to hostile machine-gun fire in order to direct the firing of his own newly organized squad, thereby contributing directly to his company's maintaining their lines intact throughout the night. 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--Osakes, Minn.  
B--Osakes, Minn.



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App. SofN 2-8-45  
Serial 183  
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCIS B. SEELEY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Weapons Platoon Supply Corporal serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 18 June 1944. When his company suffered severe casualties while executing a bold attack against a fiercely defended Japanese position, Private First Class Seeley voluntarily made repeated trips into the zone of fire, aiding materially in the evacuation of casualties. Volunteering for a second time during an attack through the same area by another company of Marines, he again went forward alone in the face of terrific concentration of enemy fire and succeeded in evacuating one of the wounded but was fatally struck down as he returned to the exposed area to assist others. By his intrepid initiative, resolute fortitude and great personal valor in the face of tremendous opposition, Private First Class Seeley contributed materially to the advance of our forces in the relentless drive against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout a period of bitter hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

BBM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CincPac, 2-8-45 to the mother of the late PFC Seeley, Mrs Catherine J. Seeley at her home 2434 East 3rd St., Tucson, Ariz. Inf pres.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 00232  
Signed APR 23 1943  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD SEIDEN, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 14, 1942. When a bivouac area of the First Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, came under intense and prolonged bombardment by a number of Japanese ships and a major caliber projectile struck an occupied dug-out, Private First Class Seiden, 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 unearthed. One had been killed by a shell hit, but the other, due to the quick thinking and untiring efforts of Private First Class Seiden and his comrades, was undoubtedly saved from death by suffocation."

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.



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

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

<sup>B.</sup>  
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL E. SELAVKA,  
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 Selavka 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 strongpoint 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--Willimantic, Conn.,  
B--South Coventry, Conn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 10-1-48  
4thMarDiv  
Serial 14155

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. SELBY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a member of the Observation Post Team of the Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. When the Officer in Charge of the observation post was mortally wounded on 22 February, Corporal Selby twice braved heavy mortar fire to obtain medical aid and to remove all papers of value to the enemy from the officer's person. Serving as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the observation post on 10 March, he again exposed himself to intense hostile sniper fire which had thwarted three previous attempts to reach the body of one of the observers and succeeded in removing a valuable map to prevent its falling into Japanese hands. His initiative, courageous leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Corporal Selby and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--St. Paul, Minn.

B--St. Paul, Minn.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LESLIE R. SELDERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of the Second 37-mm. Platoon of Weapons Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. When heavy fire from several well-concealed enemy emplacements held up the advance of the battalion to which he was attached, First Lieutenant Selders unhesitatingly volunteered to place one of his 37-mm. guns in a position to silence the enemy. Although the nature of the terrain made it necessary to disassemble the gun and transport the parts by hand over the rough terrain and up the face of a sheer cliff to a position from which fire could be brought to bear on the enemy. He efficiently directed this maneuver and supervised the reassembling and emplacing of the weapon in the firing position he had selected. Continuing to expose himself to heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire, First Lieutenant Selders directed the fire of the gun until the hostile emplacements were silenced and the battalion was able to resume its advance. By his initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the battalion's vital mission and his unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Caldwell, Idaho  
B- Baker, Oregon

Citation only

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed AUG 20 1946

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

PRIVATE EDWARD SELLERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Member of a Machine Gun Platoon while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 14 March 1945. Taken by surprise when a vastly superior enemy force launched a fierce counterattack on the left flank of his company, Private Sellers turned his machine gun and directed a stream of deadly fire on the attackers, annihilating five of the aggressors before his weapon was destroyed by an enemy grenade. Although seriously wounded in the exchange of hostilities, he remained steadfast at his post despite the tremendous odds and, quickly opening fire with his rifle, killed two more of the enemy before he collapsed and succumbed to mortal wounds. An indomitable fighter, Private Sellers, by his resolute fortitude and unwavering devotion to duty during a critical situation, contributed essentially to the annihilation of the attacking force and his cool courage throughout upheld 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 Pvt. Sellers, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Sellers in their residence on Rt. 1, Cleves, Ohio, by the Oinc, USMC DHRS, Cincinnati, Ohio. Due publicity was given.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Aurora, Indiana  
B--Aurora, Indiana



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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM O. SELLERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 2 May 1945. Advancing his company against extremely heavy resistance, First Lieutenant Sellers observed that one of his platoons was being driven off a strategic ridge by intense enemy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire and, realizing that the ridge must be held at all costs, personally took command of the platoon. Despite heavy casualties suffered by his unit, he rallied his men and, advancing at the front, led the platoon back to the ridge. Although adjacent units had withdrawn because of the vigorous resistance thus exposing both his platoon's flanks, First Lieutenant Sellers placed his men in position and, during the night, directed them in hand-to-hand defense against four determined attempts to retake the ridge. His exemplary leadership, cool courage and determined devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-McKensi2, ala  
B-Clayton, Alla

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 8-23-45  
Serial 34408  
Signed MAY 15 1946--

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES K. SELLON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 15 March 1945. Landing with the initial assault wave against strong infantry resistance, Private First Class Sellon worked tirelessly and with outstanding efficiency as an ammunition carrier for the 81-mm. mortar platoon of a landing team during the critical early phase of the battle, rendering valiant service under extremely difficult and dangerous conditions until the heavier Japanese fortifications were reduced and mortar barrages became impracticable for driving the enemy from their deeply entrenched cave positions. Determined to remain in action, he subsequently joined a rifle company and, when his platoon's advance was halted by the continuous, slashing rifle fire emanating from an adjacent cave on 15 March, unhesitatingly risked his life to execute a one-man assault on the defending garrison. Disregarding all personal danger, he rushed the enemy, bayoneted one Japanese and killed another before he fell, mortally wounded by a savage burst of fire. An indomitable fighter, Private First Class Sellon by his alert initiative and bold aggressiveness in the face of tremendous odds, enabled his platoon to advance without further loss, thereby contributing to the success of his company's operations against this fiercely defended outpost of the Japanese Empire. His dauntless courage throughout the bitter conflict 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.--Berkeley, California  
R.--Evanston, Illinois



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Serial 004287  
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GERALD E. SENDER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 21-22 July 1944. Assigned the task of covering a strategic defiladed draw when his platoon was sent to protect a vital area of high ground during a fanatical enemy attack, Private First Class Senger fought courageously and with tenacious determination throughout the night, successfully repelling several hostile assaults on his post. Upon discovering the location of a Japanese knee-mortar squad by the light of an exploding shell just prior to dawn, he unhesitatingly advanced beyond his lines despite intense enemy fire and heroically destroyed the mortar and its crew of six men. Private First Class Senger's brilliant initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Berkeley, California

B--Weaverville, California

SSM, perm.cit. pres'd on 7 July 1945 at by the CO, Mar.Bks, Treasure  
and Activities, San Francisco, Calif., to the mother of the late  
Senger, Mrs. Vera E. Senger, 2030 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, Calif.  
Representatives of the West Coast area Pub.Rel. Office were present  
at the presentation. Presentation was made at the regular U.S. Nav.Trngn.  
& Distribution Center, San Francisco.

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App. SofN 3-1-45  
Serial 1184  
Signed NOV 18 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK E. SEPULVEDA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 11 July 1944. Placed in charge of a rifle squad when its group leader was wounded, Private First Class Sepulveda fought with aggressive determination and inspiring leadership throughout numerous battles. Courageously volunteering to retrieve a Marine killed in action and lying in a dangerously exposed area, Private First Class Sepulveda was mortally wounded before he could carry out his heroic mission. Realizing, despite his condition, that other Marines would be subjected to enemy fire in attempting to rescue him, Private First Class Sepulveda bravely contrived to drag himself out of the line of hostile fire before he lost consciousness. His relentless fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES F. POWELL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--El Dorado, Kansas,  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT CHARLES A. SERIO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fifth Pioneer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 March 1945. When a Japanese force of approximately two hundred officers and men, striking forty-five minutes prior to dawn, penetrated deep into the bivouac area of his Battalion, Sergeant Serio procured and distributed badly needed ammunition to units of the Battalion. Commandeering a jeep, he picked up casualties while delivering ammunition and, in a fire fight, killed four of the enemy who attempted to stop him at the Battalion Ammunition Dump. Although subject to the fire of friendly troops as well as that of the enemy due to darkness and confusion, Sergeant Serio courageously continued his efforts and contributed materially to the complete annihilation of the attackers. His aggressive 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--Baltimore, Md.

B--Baltimore, Md.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES J. SETZER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. When his company's advance against a heavily armed, deeply entrenched Japanese force was held up by fire to the front of his platoon, Second Lieutenant Setzer directed a platoon of tanks forward and, in the face of intense hostile automatic fire, personally led each tank into position. Despite a heavy enemy artillery barrage, he remained in an exposed position and, directing the fire of the tanks against the emplacements holding up the advance, enabled his company to continue the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Setzer and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Richmond Hill, New York  
B-New York, New York

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

CAPTAIN DAVE E. SEVERANCE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. When his company was ordered to launch an attack on a heavily defended ridge south of Nishi Village, Captain Severance skillfully directed the assault against this strong enemy position despite stubborn resistance and courageously led his unit in the accomplishment of its mission. Once the objective was gained, he tenaciously held the position which formed a salient in the line. When the enemy made a frantic effort to dislodge the company with a concentrated barrage of mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Captain Severance marshalled his men and held the ridge until the friendly units on his flanks were able to advance and regain contact along the entire front. His indomitable fighting spirit, exemplary 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- Greeley, Colo.

B- Milwaukee, Wisc.

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Serial 919  
Signed JUN 16 1944

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH J. SEXTON, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as platoon leader attached to the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during the assault on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20 and 21, 1943. Despite painful wounds received after leaving the boat as he battled his way toward the beach, Second Lieutenant Sexton, coolly and courageously organizing his platoon, pushed his way inland in the face of intense enemy resistance. Having successfully established a line, Second Lieutenant Sexton, after hazardous operations, finally took note of his injuries. The next day, while preparing for an assault against the strongly entrenched enemy, he was killed by Japanese fire. Second Lieutenant Sexton's heroic 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 - Brooklyn, N. Y.  
B - " "



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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARTIN J. SEXTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 21 July 1944. When his company was assigned to defend the right flank of the Battalion, Regimental and Brigade sector, First Lieutenant Sexton carefully deployed his troops over an exceptionally long front and, despite continuous fierce hostile counterattacks throughout the night, coolly led his unit in accomplishing its mission. Although the Japanese almost penetrated his position and lines of communication were out for several hours during the attack, making control of the company very difficult and preventing adequate mortar and artillery support, he continuously moved among his men and, by his courageous conduct and exemplary leadership, encouraged his troops to expel the attacking enemy from their positions and to annihilate more than three hundred of them. Later during the assault on Orote Airfield and skillfully directed his unit in the accomplishment of its mission. His coolness under fire, strategic ability and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on First Lieutenant Sexton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Baltimore, Md.  
B- " "



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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARTIN J. SEXTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 21 July 1944. When his company was assigned to defend the right flank of the Battalion, Regimental and Brigade sector, First Lieutenant Sexton carefully deployed his troops over an exceptionally long front and, despite continuous fierce hostile counterattacks throughout the night, coolly led his unit in accomplishing its mission. Although the Japanese almost penetrated his position and lines of communication were out for several hours during the attack, making control of the company very difficult and preventing adequate mortar and artillery support, he continuously moved among his men and, by his courageous conduct and exemplary leadership, encouraged his troops to expel the attacking enemy from their positions and to annihilate more than three hundred of them. Later in the operations, he again bravely led his company during the assault on Orote Airfield and skillfully directed his unit in the accomplishment of its mission. His coolness under fire, strategic ability and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on First Lieutenant Sexton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Baltimore, Md.  
B- " "



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Serial-0647  
Signed

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

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PRIVATE GLENN S. SHAPPER,  
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 Wire Team of Company D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. When our assaulting units gained the center of the airstrip during the early morning following a furious battle with a fanatic enemy on D-Day, Private Shaffer fearlessly crossed the fireswept area with a wire team to assist in the expeditious establishment and successful maintenance of the only wire communication from the forward assault companies to the Battalion Command Post and the 81-mm. mortar platoon, tirelessly carrying on despite the tremendous odds during our sustained drive across the landing field to the south coastline of the island. By his daring initiative, his dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Private Shaffer enabled the forward elements to direct accurate, determined fire of the mortar platoon against the Japanese, and contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout the fierce hostilities was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Edwardsville, Illinois  
B-Woodriver, Illinois

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL THOMAS E. SHANAHAN,  
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 A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. Although painfully wounded while leading his squad in an assault against enemy pillboxes, Corporal Shanahan continued to control the fire of his squad under intense hostile machine-gun and rifle fire and enabled his platoon to overrun a strongly entrenched enemy with a minimum of casualties. Refusing evacuation, he again led his squad in support of a tank in the assault on other hostile positions. Wounded in the head while directing the fire of the tank, he again refused to be evacuated and continued to direct the fire of his squad until the enemy's position was destroyed. He was then ordered to return to the aid station by his Company Commander. His outstanding courage, 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..Pittsburgh, Pa.

B..Pittsburgh, Pa.



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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS J. SHANNON,  
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. Antitank Gun Crew of Weapons Company, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. During a hostile tank attack, Private First Class Shannon repeatedly shifted the position of his gun to fire effectively at the approaching tanks and, although some of the enemy vehicles broke through the front lines in an attempt to outflank his weapon, aided materially in repelling the attack and in destroying five of the tanks. By his skill and courage and aggressive devotion to duty in the face of hostile fire, Private First Class Shannon upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Pittsburgh, Pa.  
B--Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Approved: 7-9-42.

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

MAJOR ALAN SHAPLEY, U.S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallant and courageous conduct during the attack on the United States Pacific Fleet by enemy Japanese forces in Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, December 7, 1941. While swimming toward Ford Island after his ship had been bombed and set afire by the enemy, Major Shapley noticed a shipmate in distress in the water and about to go under. With no thought for his own safety, he braved the hazards of continuous enemy strafing and bombing to swim to the assistance of his helpless shipmate and, although exhausted himself, persisted in his efforts until he finally succeeded in bringing him safely ashore. His heroic action, performed at great peril to his own life, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

*Released - 7-10-42*  
*and SS*  
*for award*  
*not a war*  
*award*

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R.....San Francisco, California.

B.....New York City, New York.



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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmFPac Spot Ser. 6068  
Signed JAN 22 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED B. SHARAFINSKI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Radio Operator of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. When his company was under a heavy enemy counterattack and wire communications were severed, Private First Class Sharafinski voluntarily followed the wire from his company to the adjacent company to find and repair the break and, although told he could spend the night there, elected to return to his own company. Encountering a small group of the enemy while en route back to his company with a comrade, he participated in a fire fight in which five Japanese and the other Marine were killed. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Sharafinski and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Milwaukee, Wisc.

B..Milwaukee, Wisc.

510592  
DGP.-298-Navy-FBB

ComPacFlt BdAwd  
Spot Ser. 47 of 23 FEB '44  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACK SHARKEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With five members of his platoon seriously wounded when the enemy launched a terrific mortar barrage during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Sharkey, although wounded himself during the bitter action, further risked his life to aid the fallen Marines and, boldly crossing the danger area, calmly and skillfully ministered to his comrades despite the enemy's incessant shellfire. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of others in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Sharkey served as an inspiration to others in the vicinity, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Detroit, Mich.

B- " "  
5 Sept. 1922

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy



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DGP-298-dmr

Appd SofN 9-20-48  
1stMarDiv  
Serial 5922

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ELWIN A. SHARPE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Operator of an Angle-Dozer of Headquarters and Service Battery, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, while carrying out his assigned mission of burying the enemy dead on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 27 September 1944. Quick to act when machine-gun fire from a hostile position located on a ridge to the east of the road ambushed three armored amphibian tractors preceding him en route to take part in an amphibious landing, Private First Class Sharpe hastened to the trapped vehicles. Undeterred by the flames and exploding ammunition of one blazing tractor which was blocking traffic, he acted on his own initiative and attempted to move the burning amphibian vehicle out of the vital supply road. Despite the danger from flaming gasoline which spilled over the blade of the angle-dozer, he persisted in his efforts under continuous sniper fire until he finally succeeded in pushing the stalled vehicle off the road. His initiative and coolness in the face of hostile fire reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Sharpe and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--North Anson, Maine  
B--Houlton, Maine.

213366  
AW-298-lna

Spot Award, 1942  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

CORPORAL RICHARD L. SHAW, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 13, 1942. As a member of a wire crew of the Headquarters and Service Company, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, Corporal Shaw assisted in laying a telephone trunk line to Headquarters after all others had been destroyed during heavy Japanese naval bombardment. During construction of the circuit, he and the other members of the crew were caught in the open and exposed to hostile bombing on five separate occasions. However, despite this hazardous distraction, at no time did the personnel scatter or suspend their activities. They were able to complete their mission before daylight and thus establish the only means of wire communication from Headquarters to the Base Radio and other important units. The heroic conduct displayed by Corporal Shaw on this occasion reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Poukeepsie, New York.

B..Astoria, New York.

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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DGP-298-ebg

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

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD F. SHEA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. During the violent fighting while his company was attacking steep coral ridges which were heavily fortified with numerous enemy automatic weapons emplaced in caves, Private First Class Shea assumed command when the Platoon Leader and all the non-commissioned officers in the platoon became casualties and, reorganizing the platoon under intense hostile machine-gun fire and a mortar barrage, continued the attack. When a well entrenched mountain gun, firing pointblank from the ridge, held up the advance, he boldly exposed himself to the enemy barrage to direct the fire of a supporting tank into the hostile gun position. His outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Allston, Mass.

B..Boston, Mass.

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DGP 298 navy flw

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SPOT  
Serial 24073  
DEC 16 1947

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

SERGEANT JOHN W. SHEA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Guide of Company G, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 20 September and 3 October 1944. When enemy machine-gun fire from high ground halted the advance of his platoon, Sergeant Shea led a squad in a quick flanking movement and succeeded in overrunning the hostile emplacement, killing the defenders and capturing the gun, thereby permitting the resumption of the advance. Subsequently assuming command when his platoon commander was mortally wounded in an assault against a steep coral ridge, he effected the capture of the position and the defensive deployment of his platoon along the crest. His resolute action and firm leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-West Borbung, Mass  
B- ewton Mass.

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



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DOP-298-lfg

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-8-45  
Serial - 34912  
Signed JUL 12 1946

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

CORPORAL LYLE C. SHEEN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Squad, serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. With his squad pinned down by shattering small-arms fire emanating from two well-concealed hostile pillboxes, Corporal Sheen voluntarily pressed forward against the withering barrage to conduct a lone reconnaissance and, after locating the emplacements, returned to organize an attack. Boldly charging ahead of his squad, he led an aggressive strike against the strong point, personally destroying the initial pillbox with his accurately placed grenades before he was fatally struck down while assisting in the destruction of the other. By his superb leadership, valiant fighting spirit and cool courage, maintained in the face of tremendous odds, Corporal Sheen contributed materially to the success of the bitterly fought Iwo campaign and 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,

John L. Sullivan

(Acting) Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lake Villa, Illinois  
B--Kenosha, Wisconsin.

SSM, perm. citation & CMC's ltr. presented to mother of late SHEEN, Mrs. Ruth K. Sheen, 1121 N. Hampshire Ave., NW., Wash. D.C. by C

MB' Wash. D.C. on 16 Aug 46 with no publicity desired by recipient.

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac  
Serial 12708  
Appd SofM 1-25-45  
Signed AUG 3 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OWEN C. SHEEN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of an Assault Engineer Platoon serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, Marianas Group, 2 August 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Sheen repeatedly exposed himself to provide covering fire for demolition men who were throwing charges into groups of the enemy with great effect. When the Command Post of the unit to which his platoon was attached was attacked from the rear by a strong hostile force, he voluntarily left the protection of his fox-hole and fired into the oncoming enemy in order to detract attention from his platoon leader who was crossing an exposed area in an attempt to reach friendly tanks and was killed by enemy fire. By his self-sacrificing spirit and vallant conduct, Private First Class Sheen contributed materially to the ultimate success of a vital campaign. His daring initiative was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
*Artemus L. Gates*  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Paul, Idaho  
B-- " "

*OK*



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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmFPac Spot Ser. 1944  
109404  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ FEB 17 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD E. SHELBY, SR.,  
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, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. When his platoon's advance had been halted by heavy sniper fire from well-concealed positions to the front, Private First Class Shelby advanced fifty yards beyond his platoon's position to a place from which he could bring fire upon the enemy. Upon reaching this exposed point of vantage, he quickly killed eight of the Japanese and spread confusion among the remainder, thereby enabling his platoon to continue its advance and seize its objective with no further casualties. His aggressive fighting spirit, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Memphis, Tenn.  
B. Alamo, Tenn.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

463547  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS A. SHELLEY,  
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 Shelley 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--Kansas City, Mo.,  
B--Kansas City, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



349105  
DGP-298-egc

CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 004432  
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

CORPORAL DONALD M. SHELTON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine Gun Squad serving with the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. When a previously undisclosed Japanese machine gun opened fire directly on his gun crew's position and killed two of the men during an attempt by his squad to neutralize hostile weapons which were inflicting heavy casualties on the company, Corporal Shelton unhesitatingly rushed to man the gun and, completely disregarding his personal safety in the face of intense, persistent enemy fire, courageously remained at his perilous station until he himself was mortally wounded. By his splendid initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, Corporal Shelton contributed in a large measure to the success of his company's attack, and his self-sacrificing 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..Remington, Indiana  
B..Remington, Indiana

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 15 July by District Marine Officer, USMC, MB, Great Lakes, Ill. to the parents of the late Corp. Shelton, Mr. & Mrs. E. Shelton, Rt. 2, Remington, Ind., informally at home. No publicity.

315259  
DGP 298 Navy rmh

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

DEC 16 1947

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

CORPORAL FRANK L. SHELTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. When intense fire caused numerous casualties, including his Platoon Leader, Corporal Shelton assumed command of the remaining platoon members and, after effecting necessary reorganization, boldly led them in an attack on the objective. During the course of their advance, he personally destroyed an enemy mortar and, by his skilled leadership, contributed materially to the successful completion of his unit's mission. His outstanding courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Ogden, Mx Utah.  
B. Kayville, Utah.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-egg

CincPac  
Serial 900  
Appd Sofn 2-22-45  
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD L. SHELTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Shelton rendered vallant service during initial operations on this strategically important island. On 20 June 1944, he voluntarily entered a blazing dump containing large quantities of explosives, artillery and mortar ammunition, exerting every effort to isolate and extinguish the fire despite the extreme hazards. His self-sacrificing spirit and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Shelton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

SEM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, Dearborn, Mich, 12-12-45 to the parents of the late PFC Shelton, Mr and Mrs Charlee W. Shelton, 2194 Pontiac Rd, Pontiac, Mich. Inf pres by request of the parents.

R--Pontiac, Michigan  
B--Elkton, Michigan

SHELTON, Herbert R.

Private First Class

290068

(Army)

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

**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 SHELTON, 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:** 3-10-22 - Macedonia, Iowa.

**Current Enl.:** 8-1-40 - Omaha, Nebraska.

**Legal Residence:** Nebraska. (Omaha)

**Next of Kin:** Mr. & Mrs. Pearl Shelton (Parents)  
2417 East Locust Street,  
Omaha, Nebraska.



942233  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT  
Serial 43822  
Signed DEC 26 1945

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

CORPORAL WINSLOW SHELTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. After his squad leader was wounded during an attack on an enemy main line of resistance in very difficult terrain, Corporal Shelton assumed command of the squad and, although the area was infested by well-concealed hostile riflemen, unhesitatingly moved from man to man issuing orders and personally insuring the maintenance of contact with adjacent units. When a small group of about twelve of the Japanese boldly attempted a daylight infiltration, he quickly moved into position and succeeded in killing the entire force. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Burning Springs, Ky.,  
B--Marshall, N. C.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-8-45  
Serial 754  
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LOUIS J. SHEMAS,  
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 the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 15 June 1944. Immediately taking command when his squad leader was wounded while disposing his men during the initial assault phase, Private First Class Shemas put his machine gun into action and, while awaiting fire-orders, removed his wounded squad leader and another injured Marine from the exposed area, rendering medical aid despite the intense Japanese machine-gun and rifle fire maintained against his position. Then, effectively directing his machine gun against the enemy's positions, he succeeded in freeing rifle platoons which were pinned down by the overwhelming barrages from Japanese guns, enabling them to maneuver into position and silence the enemy emplacement. With this vital mission completed, he fearlessly proceeded through an open fireswept area in an attempt to communicate with his section leader but was fatally struck down before reaching his objective. By his forceful initiative, determined aggressiveness and expert professional skill, Private First Class Shemas contributed materially to the success of our assault operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his valiant devotion to duty throughout the fierce hostilities reflects the highest credit upon himself and upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

R..Peoria, Ill.  
B..Peoria, Ill.

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC was presented to parents of the late Pfc. Shemas, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shemas at 2030 on 14 March 1946, in the auditorium of the Peoria Central High School. Presentation was made with approp. cere. and publicity in accordance with arrangements made by the Marine Corps League of Peoria. A formal program was arranged in which the MarCorps League, American Legion, Veterans Foreign Wars, and the Canadian Legion were represented with full color guard of each organization and participation of the high school band. Photos were taken by two of the local papers.



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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 43822  
Signed DEC 28 1945

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

CORPORAL WINSLOW SHELTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. After his squad leader was wounded during an attack on an enemy main line of resistance in very difficult terrain, Corporal Shelton assumed command of the squad and, although the area was infested by well-concealed hostile riflemen, unhesitatingly moved from man to man issuing orders and personally insuring the maintenance of contact with adjacent units. When a small group of about twelve of the Japanese boldly attempted a daylight infiltration, he quickly moved into position and succeeded in killing the entire force. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Burning Springs, Ky.,  
B--Marshall, N. C.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-tes

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 42768

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAMUEL J. SHEPPARD,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. When his squad had pushed ahead of the company lines and was suffering heavy casualties from intense enemy machine-gun fire while attempting to rejoin the company, Private First Class Sheppard unhesitatingly moved out and exposed himself to divert the fire from his men, thereby enabling his squad to withdraw in safety. Although painfully wounded during this action, Private First Class Sheppard refused evacuation and remained to lead his squad. 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--Gridley, Calif.  
B--Gridley, Calif.



348678  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 24071  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LAWRENCE V. SHERIDAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. When infiltrating enemy troops had annihilated a number of men of his machine-gun squad and their supporting riflemen, Sergeant Sheridan continually exposed himself to the unseen enemy about him in order to visit all gun positions, effect necessary changes of location and direct the defensive action, thereby succeeding in stopping a strong hostile counterattack which threatened to sever all contact between his men and the adjoining Regiment. When enemy short-range artillery fire pinned down the neighboring Marines in shell holes and trenches on the exposed north edge of the airstrip on the following day, he went forward through the Japanese fire and succeeded in spotting the enemy's artillery observation post and in directing fire which destroyed the position. Assuming command of a machine-gun platoon on 25 September, he contributed materially to the effective functioning of his unit. 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..Pinehurst, Mass.

B..East Boston, Mass.

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DGP-298-rkz

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7th Flt  
SPOT  
Serial 0848  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CORPORAL ELLIOTT B. SHERLOCK,  
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 Headquarters and Service Company, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 26 and 28 December 1943. Frequently under vicious enemy sniper fire while engaged as runner between the front lines and the regimental command post, Corporal Sherlock resolutely conveyed the vital messages with which he was entrusted. With bold aggressiveness, he pushed through tremendous barrages, on 28 December, to carry information of a dangerous ammunition shortage to the command post and immediately returned to continue his essential work. Corporal Sherlock's daring initiative, indomitable fortitude and unflinching 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--Watertown, Mass.  
B--Watertown, Mass.



307102  
DGP-298-vm1

Cincpac  
SPOT  
Serial 57  
Signed OCT 6 1944

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

PLATOON SERGEANT RAYMOND O. SHERMAN, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of Company C, Second Armored Amphibian Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Un-supported by infantry, Platoon Sergeant Sherman led his section one thousand yards beyond the front lines and, coolly directing effective fire, destroyed hostile machine gun nests, pillboxes and troops and disorganized enemy rear areas. When one of his two armored amphibians was disabled, he evacuated the crew in the face of heavy enemy resistance and continued delivering fire from his own vehicle. His courage and gallant devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Sherman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Blanchardville, Wis.,  
B--Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

328914  
DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.  
Serial 002194.  
Signed MAR 21 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GERALD R. SHERWOOD, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving as a gunner with an anti-aircraft detachment of the Ninth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, protecting Zanana Beach, New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands, on July 8, 1943. Despite extremely difficult conditions imposed by almost impenetrable jungle undergrowth, Private First Class Sherwood unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a patrol on a hazardous assignment to clear an adjacent area of an unknown number of Japanese who were endangering personnel and vital installations on the only American beachhead. In the action following contact with hostile forces, he contributed materially to the success of his patrol in destroying or capturing five of the enemy. Private First Class Sherwood's heroic conduct and outstanding devotion to duty throughout this mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B...Newaygo, Mich. 1-18-22

R...Grand Rapids, Mich.



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DGP-298-sps

Approved SofN 11-30-48  
FMFPac Serial 79498

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH C. SHESKY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Chief of a Machine-Gun Section of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 6 May 1945. When the platoon adjoining his section was pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire while advancing against an enemy-held hill, Corporal Shesky unhesitatingly advanced to an exposed position in order to draw the enemy fire and thereby discover their location. Then, returning fire, he kept his gun in action, although seriously wounded, until his company reached a more advantageous position. By his cool and aggressive conduct, he enabled his comrades to overrun the objective and continue their advance. His courageous devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on Corporal Shesky and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD D. SHIELDS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Marine Fighter Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE, attached to the U.S.S. BENNINGTON, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Kure Naval Base, Southwest Honshu, Japan, on 19 March 1945. Penetrating a strongly-defended enemy sector, First Lieutenant Shields braved overwhelming opposition to assist his group in destroying nine airborne enemy aircraft and damaging seven more. When his formation was intercepted by numerically superior hostile planes, he unhesitatingly maneuvered to attack and destroy one of the Japanese aircraft and then flew through intense antiaircraft fire to protect his comrades and fight off enemy forces even after his own plane was severely damaged, thereby contributing materially to the safe return of thirteen of the fifteen planes, eleven of which were badly damaged. His outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Isleton, Ore.  
B--Roseburg, Ore.

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS  
Secretary of the Navy.



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Appd SofN 11-21-45  
Serial 37821  
Signed NOV 15 1946

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

CORPORAL RALPH L. SHIELDS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Leading his squad around the western edge of Mount Suribachi to join his platoon in attacking numerous hostile installations, Corporal Shields rapidly and skillfully guided his men through an area infested with caves. Realizing the plight of his platoon when it was suddenly pinned down by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from the enemy in the by-passed caves, he promptly placed his squad in firing positions directly facing the emplacements. Despite constant exposure to extremely heavy Japanese fire, he moved from position to position, ordering his men to lay down covering fire in order to protect the evacuation of casualties. By his prompt initiative and his daring tactics under hostile fire, Corporal Shields effected the evacuation of casualties and the reorganization of the platoon, thereby enabling the unit to continue the attack. His outstanding leadership and courageous actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

DEPT. OF THE NAVY  
B-2-Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.  
B-2-Georgetown, Ohio.

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
Serial 02047  
Signed AUG 4 1947

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

MAJOR CLAIR W. SHISLER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as  
Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Twenty-  
second Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps,  
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi  
Island, Eniwetok Island and Parry Island, Eniwetok  
Atoll, Marshall Islands, from 18 to 22 February 1944.  
Aggressively leading his assault companies against  
strongly fortified enemy positions, Major Shisler con-  
stantly exposed himself to enemy machine-gun and mor-  
tar fire in directing the hazardous operations and, by  
his aggressive fighting spirit in destroying the hos-  
tile forces, was directly instrumental in capturing  
Eniwetok Atoll. His courage 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.--Applecreek, Ohio  
B.--Dalton, Ohio



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SPOT  
Serial 100638

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLAIR W. SHISLER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 June 1945. When his Battalion was assigned the mission of seizing three prominent terrain features, Lieutenant Colonel Shisler courageously led his forces in the face of heavy hostile fire to assault and capture Kunishi Ridge, the first objective. Immediately reorganizing his Battalion, he moved out to seize Mezado Ridge and, when his unit was pinned down and had suffered heavy casualties, fearlessly braved the intense enemy fire to go forward and rally his forces to renew the attack and gain their second objective. Again reorganizing his unit for the assault on Hill Number 69, the third assigned objective, he gallantly led his men in the attack to seize and hold the heavily defended ridge. Displaying determination, fortitude and devotion to duty throughout, Lieutenant Colonel Shisler directed his Battalion in breaking the core of Japanese resistance, thereby enabling the Regiment to carry out the remainder of its mission quickly and effectively. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. J. [Signature]

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Applecreek, Ohio,  
B--Dalton, Ohio

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Ser. 43156

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

CORPORAL CLYDE SHIVERS, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader in a Platoon of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 4 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by exceptionally heavy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire, Corporal Shivers volunteered to return to the rear to guide tanks forward. Although the route to the rear was under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, he returned to the tank area and guided the vehicles to his unit's position. Despite the heavy hostile fire, he directed the fire of the tanks until the Japanese were completely silenced. Guiding the tanks toward the platoon objective, he directed their fire on enemy emplacements, thereby enabling his unit to advance and accomplish its mission. By his courage and daring initiative, Corporal Shivers upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dayton, Tex.,  
B--Saratoga, Tex.



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Serial 002172  
Signed MAR 9 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. SHOEMAKER, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Lynn, Mass. 9-9-20  
E - Lynn, Mass.

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SHOFNER, Austin Conner, Captain

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

The following information is taken from a Fitness Report dated 31 March 1942. Received in Decorations and Medals August 1942.

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:

EXTRACT

AUSTIN C. SHOFNER, Captain, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, during the period March 24 to March 28, 1942. On March 24, 1942, after a heavy bombing attack by enemy planes on Fort Mills, Captain SHOFNER, directed the extinguishing of a fire on a building at Middleside, while shells from a nearby burning ammunition dump were exploding and projecting into the area. On March 27, 1942, he succeeded in extinguishing a fire on buildings north of Middleside barracks caused by incendiary bombs, thus saving the entire line of buildings. Again on March 28, 1942, Captain SHOFNER directed the combating of a fire in an ammunition dump caused by enemy aerial bombardment, and then directed the removal of casualties from a caved-in shelter, all while the island was under shell fire from enemy shore batteries. Place of residence: Shelbyville, Tennessee.

By command of Major General MOORE:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

CERTIFIED A TRUE EXTRACT:

/s/ L. E. WAGNER  
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps.

R.....Selbyville, Tennessee.  
.....Tyner, Tennessee.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

AGPD-B 201 Shofner, Austin C.  
( 14 June 46) USMC

25 July 1946

SUBJECT: ~~SILVER~~ Star (Oak  
Leaf Cluster)

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

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded Lieutenant Colonel Austin C. Shofner, United States Marine Corps, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded to him by General J. M. Wainwright, US Army, for gallantry in action on 15 April 1942.

2. An appropriate decoration and official citation pertaining thereto are inclosed for presentation to Lieutenant Colonel Shofner, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.

EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

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SS (OLC)  
Citation

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

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CITATION FOR ~~SILVER~~ STAR  
( OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

Lieutenant Colonel Austin C. Shofner, United States Marine Corps, on 15 April 1942, while serving with the Fourth Marine Regiment, displayed gallantry in action on Corregidor, Phillippine Islands. Constantly under enemy fire, he organized first aid parties, supervised evacuation of wounded men, and under a heavy enemy artillery barrage, drove the last truckload of wounded men to the hospital. Colonel Shofner's leadership and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Armed Services.



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Serial - 35925

Signed AUG 20 1946

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

PRIVATE HAROLD J. SHORETTE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Gunner of a Machine Gun Squad while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. Consistently alert and skillful in detecting his targets, Private Shorette was quick to act when a friendly rifle platoon was suddenly subjected to a terrific onslaught of heavy enemy fire while waging a relentless attack and, quickly locating the source of the firepower, voluntarily set up his gun in an exposed position and promptly delivered effective supporting fire, thereby releasing the besieged unit for further attack. Undaunted when, with his ammunition expended, the overwhelming volume of Japanese fire cut him off from friendly elements, he skillfully caught additional ammunition thrown to his position across the fireswept area and valiantly continued to direct a smashing barrage against the enemy until he collapsed, fatally wounded. A fearless and intrepid fighter, Private Shorette, by his courageous initiative and unwavering devotion to duty throughout a critical situation upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Island Falls, Maine  
B--Sheridan, Maine

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Serial 44965  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES F. SHORT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Platoon Leader of the Fifth Tank Battalion, Service Troops, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When his tank bogged down forward of friendly lines and received enemy antitank fire, First Lieutenant Short directed fire on the hostile installation and, after destroying it, continued to direct the fire of the other tanks of his platoon until they had expended all their ammunition. Although fully aware of his own peril and constantly exposed to enemy fire, he summoned another tank, dismounted from his armored vehicle and coupled the two tanks together by cable. When his efforts to dislodge the bogged down tank proved futile, he supervised the evacuation of his crew to safety without casualties. His courage, determination and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Auburn, Ala.,  
B--Good Springs, Ala.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JAMES H. SHOVAR,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Rifle Platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Succeeding to the command of his unit after the Platoon Leader had been wounded, Platoon Sergeant Shovar led his men in an attack across a deep valley under heavy machine-gun and mortar fire to a ridge held by a stubbornly resisting enemy and, despite the heavy casualties sustained during the action, was instrumental in capturing the objective and holding the position until the line could be reinforced. He then calmly reorganized his unit and prepared for further combat. His inspiring leadership and gallant fighting spirit throughout this hazardous action were directly responsible for attaining a vital objective and reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Shovar and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B..Toledo, Ohio.

R..Harbor View, Ohio.

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Appd SoIN 4-26-45  
Serial 3156  
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ORVILLE E. SHOWERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine-Gun Squad while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Pinian in the Marianas, on 25 July 1944. Braving a terrific concentration of machine-gun and sniper fire when the entire crew of one machine gun became casualties, Private First Class Showers fearlessly left his protected position and, making his perilous way to a gun that was still serviceable, put it in operation and maintained a steady stream of fire in a valiant effort to clean out a force of Japanese troops who had infiltrated our lines. Although seriously wounded during the furious action, he continued to pour his devastating barrages on the enemy and succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties before he himself was fatally struck down by a burst from a Japanese weapon. By his bold initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and resolute fortitude in the face of savage opposition, Private First Class Showers contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital enemy stronghold, and his undaunted courage and decisive conduct throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R--Merchantville, N.J.  
B--Philadelphia, Penna.

Secretary of the Navy



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SPOT  
Serial 86494  
Signed DEC 16 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT BERMAN C. SHRADER,  
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 enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. Assuming command when his Platoon Leader was killed, Platoon Sergeant Shrader led his platoon in the face of intense machine-gun fire in a determined attack across Motoyama Airfield Number Two. When forced to halt the attack due to constantly increasing casualties, he organized a line of defense, supervised the evacuation of the wounded and, when the position became untenable, personally remained despite his own serious wounds to cover the withdrawal of his men. His leadership, 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

R--Chapel, Va.,  
B--Chapel, Va.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award  
Serial 1113  
Signed DEC 4 1942

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

CORPORAL STANLEY SHULER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Parachute Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Gavutu, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. Although he received serious wounds in the chest and arm while executing an important reconnaissance assignment, Corporal Shuler, with courage and determination, persisted in his task until he obtained valuable information concerning the hostile force and returned to his command with an excellent report of his detailed observations. After he requested but was refused permission to continue in action against the enemy, he proceeded with another wounded marine to the first aid station. While assisting his comrade along the treacherous route, Corporal Shuler, by the skillful use of his weapon, succeeded in driving off two attacking Japanese and thereby undoubtedly saved his companion's life. His outstanding conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

B - Drumright, Oklahoma



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Appd SofN 11-21-45  
Serial 031842  
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT SAMUEL R. SHULL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Rifle Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy machine-gun and small-arms fire during an attack against strong hostile emplacements, Second Lieutenant Shull set up a base of fire from covered positions and moved forward to locate the enemy automatic weapon position which was holding up the advance. In spite of intense fire, he succeeded in locating the emplacement and returned to his platoon to direct the placement of his automatic weapons and neutralize the Japanese position. Mortally wounded while leading his platoon forward to capture the objective, Second Lieutenant Shull, by his initiative, courage and inspiring leadership, 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..Toledo, Ohio.

B..Toledo, Ohio.

SSM w/perm cit ltr fr CMC, delivered to widow, Mrs. Samuel R. Shull, of the late Second Lieutenant Shull, in an informal ceremony, by CG/Dep. of the Pacific, San Francisco, Calif. on 17 Feb 47. USMC

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Serial 7787  
Signed SEP 9 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LOUIS H. SIAU, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Engineer Platoon Leader of Company C, First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 15 September to 17 October 1944. Boldly leading his platoon through heavy enemy fire to carry out an urgent mission, Second Lieutenant Siau succeeded in delivering ammunition to a section threatened by enemy attack, then moved his platoon into the line and actively assisted in the defense of the more heavily besieged units. Undaunted when his battalion's advance into enemy territory was halted by heavily mined terrain, he expertly directed the removal of mines, thereby preventing casualties and opening the route for supply vehicles. Immediately following the capture of Ngabad Island, he personally reconnoitered a channel for landing craft, removed implanted mines and buoyed the channel. With his own platoon in a rest area on 28 September, he readily volunteered to aid an assault company, which had lost all platoon leaders, and skillfully commanded a rifle platoon in the completion of a vital battalion mission. By his fearless initiative, courageous leadership and unwavering devotion to duty throughout, Second Lieutenant Siau contributed materially to the capture of this bitterly defended Japanese base and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Georgetown, S.C.  
B--Georgetown, S.C.



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

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT L. SIEFERT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. After moving across the airfield with assaulting companies to capture a series of trenches on the south coast of the island, Private First Class Siefert immediately pressed forward and set up his machine gun in an exposed position without the usual protection of riflemen to cover the advance of his company following up in reserve. Promptly going into action alone, he delivered a steady stream of fire against the enemy and, despite wounds received during the fierce action, continued to keep the hostile fire silenced and thereby enabled his unit to cross the airstrip with a minimum of casualties. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance, and cool courage at great personal risk, Private First Class Siefert was instrumental in effecting the success achieved by his company in reinforcing assault units then under heavy counterattack from the east flank. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout the fierce hostilities was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Lansing, Mich.,  
B--Lansing, Mich.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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App. SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 12631  
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD SIEGEL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Division Combat Photographer in the Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Siegel landed with the second assault wave and, despite the fact that others were taking cover at the time, made close-range photographs of actual fighting during the initial phase on the beaches in the Saipan operation. While photographing other Marines undergoing a Japanese mortar barrage, Private First Class Siegel sustained mortal wounds. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty and heroic fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Brooklyn, N.Y.

SSN, perm. cit. & letter from CMC pres'd 16 June by CO, MB, NYd, NY, to the parents of the late PFC Siegel, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Siegel, 102 E. 52d St., Brooklyn, N.Y. with appropriate ceremony at post.



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

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

CAPTAIN EUGENE A. SIEGEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Quartermaster of the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 and 21 November 1943. Placed in command of several amphibian tractors during landing operations on D-Day, Captain Siegel fearlessly braved the enemy's shattering barrages to direct the perilous advance. With several members of his tractor crews killed or wounded, he repeatedly led his own vehicle to the beach loaded with troops, ammunition and other necessary supplies and, on the return trip, evacuated casualties from the danger area. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, his outstanding fortitude and daring aggressiveness in the face of tremendous odds, Captain Siegel contributed materially to the establishment of the initial beachhead and to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Florence, Mo.,  
B--Syracuse, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER J. SIEGEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Admiral's Orderly, attached to the U.S.S. LOUISVILLE, in action against enemy Japanese forces off Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 5 and 6 January 1945. After others had been ordered to take cover during the approach of a hostile suicide plane, Private First Class Siegel gallantly remained in an exposed position in order to render the Admiral a personal service. Realizing, after accomplishing his task, that the oncoming plane would strike the ship in his vicinity, he placed himself between the Admiral and the threatening aircraft and, in the ensuing crash, was killed. By his courageous spirit of self-sacrifice and his unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class Siegel upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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Appd SofN  
Serial 14593

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

SERGEANT RAYMOND SIESICKI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Section Leader in a Machine Gun Platoon of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. When shell fragments from heavy enemy mortar fire wounded all the gunners of a supporting machine gun located on high ground under hostile observation, Sergeant Siesicki left his covered position behind a ridge and went forward to continue the firing of the machine gun himself. Although wounded while manning the gun in the face of continuous intense fire, he remained at his post laying down accurate fire in support of the rifle platoon. Only after the platoon had reached its objective and there was no immediate need for supporting fire did he accept first aid and evacuation. By his initiative and skill, he contributed materially to the success of the platoon in completing its mission, and his courageous devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on Sergeant Siesicki and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Nashua, N.H.  
B--Nashua, N.H.

SIGNORELLI, Albert J.

Pvt. 309640

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

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9 March 1943

GENERAL ORDERS )

Number.....56)

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

ALBERT J. SIGNORELLI, (309640), Private, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 22, 1943, at Guadalcanal. During action in which a company was halted by enemy machine gun fire, Private Signorelli, without regard for his own personal safety, manned his automatic rifle in the face of heavy enemy fire and succeeded in silencing the enemy machine gun which supported an enemy attack. The courage displayed by Private Signorelli enabled his platoon to repel the attack of a force of thirty Japanese and to advance with their company. Home Address: Route #1, Box #122, Hammond, Louisiana.

By Command of Major General Thompson

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

OFFICIAL:

WILLIAM A. LORD, JR.,  
LT. Colonel, Inf.  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

R - Louisiana (New Orleans)

B - New Orleans, Louisiana.



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

CORPORAL STANLEY SIKORSKI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Truck Driver and Section Leader of the Second Motor Transport Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 8 July 1944. When several of our tanks beyond the front lines ran out of fuel and ammunition, Corporal Sikorski voluntarily crossed a mined cane field to deliver the supplies to the tanks and, although subjected to heavy enemy mortar and rifle fire, assisted the tank personnel in refueling the vehicles and in loading them with ammunition. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Sikorski and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Pavilion, N. Y.  
B-Buffalo, N. Y.

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Serial 0112  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CAPTAIN MERWIN H. SILVERTHORN, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 10 and 11 July 1944. Exercising great ingenuity and daring as a member of a reconnaissance patrol, Captain Silverthorn swam to the enemy-held beaches on two occasions, at grave risk of detection, to obtain important intelligence information regarding the nature of beaches and terrain and their suitability for invasion by our troops. In spite of the detailed nature of his mission, Captain Silverthorn executed it with such expert skill that his presence was not discovered by the enemy. His gallant spirit, determination and unswerving devotion to duty were contributing factors in the successful conquest of Tinian and reflect the highest credit upon Captain Silverthorn and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Berkeley, Calif.  
B--Vallejo, Calif.

*Copy to Capt. Merwin H. Silverthorn, Jr. via Capt. L. Johnson*



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT SPENCER V. SILVERTHORNE, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Assistant G-2 of the Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 1 April to 21 June 1945. Continually volunteering to lead patrols on dangerous missions which furnished information of great value, First Lieutenant Silverthorne braved enemy fire to enter enemy caves not previously reconnoitered. On 13 June, he voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire for a period of five hours in an effort to induce a strong enemy group to surrender. Moving ahead of the advancing troops, he undertook to persuade Japanese troops to surrender their arms and themselves. By his courage, perseverance and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the successful completion 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..Scarsdale, N.Y.

B..New York, N.Y.

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Signed FEB 21 1944

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

SERGEANT JAMES H. SIM, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Marine Aircraft Group FOURTEEN during a severe shelling by enemy Japanese naval forces off Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 13, 1942. Although he and the three other occupants of his open fox hole were injured when a salvo of enemy shells felled a large tree in the vicinity, Sergeant Sim, upon regaining consciousness, unhesitatingly exposed himself to sustained shellfire in order to extricate his comrades and continued his unselfish efforts in their behalf by placing them in an ambulance and escorting them to the hospital. His courageous action in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/S/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Evanston, Wyoming

B... " "



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILBUR F. SIMLIK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 26 February to 17 March 1945. Landing as a replacement officer, First Lieutenant Simlik assumed command of a rifle platoon during a critical phase of the assault on an assigned objective and skillfully maneuvered his platoon for the successful completion of the attack under the most trying conditions of combat. When his Commanding Officer was wounded and evacuated on 9 March, he immediately assumed command of the unit and, during an attack south from Minami Village, led his company through devastating hostile fire to destroy a series of cave positions from which the enemy had harassed the attacking elements. His outstanding 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--Youngstown, Ohio  
B--Youngstown, Ohio

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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 BERNARD G. SIMON,  
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, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. When his squad leader sustained wounds during an attack against a concentration of enemy pillboxes on the southwest peninsula of the island, Private First Class Simon reorganized his squad and continued the attack. Although painfully wounded in the shoulder during the operation, he steadfastly remained in the fierce action, refusing to be evacuated until the hostile forces were annihilated and the mission of his unit was successfully carried out. By his initiative and courage, Private First Class Simon contributed materially to the destruction of hostile defenses in this area, 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--New York, New York,  
B--New York, New York.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEVE K. SIMON,  
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 B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 22 to 26 July 1944. Despite head wounds which were not sufficiently healed to enable him to wear a helmet, Private First Class Simon obtained permission to rejoin his company on the front lines and participated in repelling a fierce Japanese counterattack, killing at least six of the enemy before his own weapon was rendered inactive by a hostile grenade. Refusing to be evacuated, he remained in position until his company had attacked and restored the lines and then, while returning to the rear, received a third wound by rifle fire from Japanese troops who had infiltrated. His courageous actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Canton, Ohio.,  
B--Malvern, Ohio.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed NOV 14 1944

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALBERT L. SIMPSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of an Assault Rifle Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 30 June 1944. Cool and daring in the face of grave peril, Second Lieutenant Simpson skillfully directed his platoon in fierce combat with the enemy and, on several occasions, succeeded in spotting and wiping out Japanese snipers before they could open fire. Although wounded by enemy action on 30 June, he steadfastly remained with his platoon, until its position could be consolidated. His inspiring 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--Tooele, Utah,  
B--Tooele, Utah.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT DAVID F. SIMPSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Retriever Commander of the First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 7 May 1945. When a friendly tank was disabled upon striking an enemy mine forward of the front lines and its crew was trapped inside by intense hostile machine-gun and sniper fire, Sergeant Simpson left the comparative safety of his tank retriever and, after guiding his vehicle through a minefield, attached its towing cable to the disabled tank. When heavy enemy mortar fire began registering on the vehicles, he threw smoke grenades to form a smoke screen around the tanks and, while still on foot, guided the retriever in towing the crippled tank from the mine field. By his courageous efforts and coolness under fire, Sergeant Simpson contributed materially to the rescue of several comrades and to salvaging valuable equipment. 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..Altoona, Ill.

B..Altoona, Ill.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD F. SIMPSON, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 June 1945. When fire from an enemy-occupied cave killed two Marines and wounded a third, Private First Class Simpson voluntarily, and on his own initiative, crawled forward to the bodies which lay in complete view of the enemy and, assisted by another, dragged the wounded man to safety. Despite the personal risk involved, he crept to the entrance of the cave twice more and assisted in recovering the bodies of the other two Marines. His unselfishness and courage in risking his life to save that of another reflect great credit on Private First Class Simpson and the United States Naval Service."

R - Troy, N. Y.  
B - Troy, N. Y.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS  
Secretary of the Navy.



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

CAPTAIN ROBERT M. SIMPSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the battle of Piva Forks on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 24 November 1943. When his company became disorganized and suffered heavy casualties from an intense enemy bombardment during an advance to the Piva River, Captain Simpson personally moved through his company area and, in the face of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, reorganized his men and led them forward in attack until they had annihilated the Japanese force. By his courage and indomitable fighting spirit, he contributed materially to the success of his Regiment in this engagement. His leadership throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

R-New York, New York.  
B-Springhill, Nova Scotia, Canada

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U. S. Marine Corps

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT M. SIMPSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the battle of Piva Forks on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 24 November 1943. When his company became disorganized and suffered heavy casualties from an intense enemy bombardment during an advance to the Piva River, Captain Simpson personally moved through his company area and, in the face of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, reorganized his men and led them forward in attack until they had annihilated the Japanese force. By his courage and indomitable fighting spirit, he contributed materially to the success of his Regiment in this engagement. His leadership 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--New York, New York.

B--Springhill, Nova Scotia, Canada.



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Serial 01012  
Signed DEC 22 1943

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

COLONEL AMOR LeR. SIMS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from November 4 to 20, 1942. Although the personnel of his command were physically exhausted from previous hard fighting, Colonel Sims gallantly led his regiment into action against a large force of recently landed enemy troops on the north coast of Guadalcanal. Engaging the Japanese in a gruelling series of hand-to-hand combats extending through a period of ten days, he succeeded with his men in driving them back across the Malimbiu and Metapona Rivers and eventually annihilating them in the vicinity of Tetera Village. Colonel Sims' inspiring leadership under continuous fire contributed immeasurably to the completion of a vital mission and his courageous zeal throughout 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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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

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

CORPORAL ROBERT D. SINCLAIR  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as a Squad Leader serving with Company "E," Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands on 21 February 1945. Courageously volunteering to help lead three tanks across five hundred yards of open and level terrain, swept by direct enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and dotted with enemy antitank mines, Corporal Sinclair boldly walked upright in front of one of the tanks, examining the route for mines and other hazards. He directed the tank crew by means of arm and hand signals until they arrived in the vicinity of his platoon, which was heavily engaged in combat against a determined enemy force entrenched in concrete and steel fortifications. Despite a painful injury inflicted when the tank backed up and pinned his foot under a track momentarily, Corporal Sinclair remained at the tank, directing its fire against the enemy positions until the external tank telephone was shot from his hand and destroyed. By his personal valor and inspiring devotion to duty, Corporal Sinclair's dauntless courage enabled the tanks to reach their objective in time to support the assault; thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy



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Appd SofN 2-8-45  
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLIFFORD D. SIRKS, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. During an explosion and resultant fire in an ammunition dump, Private First Class Sirks, stoutly disregarding his own personal safety, unhesitatingly entered the danger area which contained large quantities of explosives, artillery and mortar ammunition and strove desperately to isolate the fire until he was killed by a second explosion. Private First Class Sirks' superb and selfless courage and his unfaltering devotion to duty at the risk of his own life 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..Lawrence, Mass.

B..St. Joseph, Mo.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Detroit, Mich., on 12-13-45 to the parents of the late PFC Sirks, Mr. and Mrs. Sirks. Inf pres at the home of the parents.

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Signed MAR 3 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FREDERICK C. SISK,  
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 H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against the enemy on Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 7 March 1945. Attacking through a heavily defended rocky draw when his unit came under vicious fire from a large enemy-held cave, Private First Class Sisk swiftly and skillfully deployed his squad to engage the Japanese. After directing his unit's fire to drive the defenders inside, he advanced to the entrance and hurled grenades into the cave, causing numerous casualties and forcing the survivors to seek escape through a concealed rear entrance. Observing this flight through the cave, he hurled well-timed grenades at the fleeing enemy, thereby accounting for at least twenty Japanese dead. By his vallant conduct, alert leadership and indomitable fighting spirit throughout the bitter close-quarter struggle against numerically superior forces, Private First Class Sisk constantly inspired his men and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Warsaw, Indiana  
B- Plymouth, Indiana

SSMw/perm cit ltr fr CMC presented to parents, Mr. & Mrs. Donald R. Sisk, on 20 May 1947, by 2ndLt. George C. McNaughton, USMC, USNAD, Crane, Indiana. (Ltr of info fr CO, USNAD).



HEADQUARTERS  
United States Forces in the Philippines  
Fort Mills, P. I.

GENERAL ORDERS )

16 April, 1942.

No. 28 )

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I. - Award, Posthumous, of Silver Star. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously 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:

QUENTIN R. SITTON, (265953), Private, Fourth U. S. Marines. For gallantry in action at Pucot Hill, Bataan, P. I., on January 23, 1942. When the combat patrol of which Private Sitton was a member was prevented from advancing by fire from a hostile machine gun position to the front, this courageous soldier, with one companion, volunteered to go forward in an attempt to reduce the opposing gun. While advancing to a position from which he could effectively use hand grenades on the enemy position, Private Sitton was fatally wounded by fire from the hostile gun. His heroic attempt, however, served as an inspiration to the entire personnel of his patrol.

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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.

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

CORPORAL EDWARD J. SIVICKY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolition Corporal of a Rifle Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Realizing the necessity of demolishing two enemy cave positions which were holding up his platoon's advance, Corporal Sivicky voluntarily entered enemy territory under cover of darkness to place demolition charges in position and, although seriously wounded by a hand grenade while approaching the emplacement, succeeded in destroying both strong points and enemy personnel therein. His courage, fortitude and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. JOHNSON

Secretary of the Navy.

R--West Rutland, Vermont,  
B--West Rutland, Vermont.



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Appd SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 095  
Signed **JUL 5 1945**

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

STAFF SERGEANT HARVEY H. SKAUGEN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Radio Chief serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. Realizing that heavy enemy sniper and rifle fire was seriously hampering the wire communication with one of the component companies during an advance against the Japanese and fully aware that no wire team personnel was available to assist him, Staff Sergeant Skaugen unhesitatingly volunteered to lay wire to the isolated company despite the hazards imposed by the sniper-infested, extremely difficult terrain, but was mortally wounded by hostile machine-gun fire while carrying out his vital task. Staff Sergeant Skaugen's splendid initiative and heroic devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Pittsburgh, Pa.

R--Pittsburgh, Pa.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr OMC pres'd 7 Aug. by OinC, USMCDHRS, 4th Ave. & Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, Pa., to the father of the late S/Sgt. Skaugen, Mr. Hans Skaugen, 10 Coleridge St., Pittsburgh, Pa. informally at home.

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Serial 198  
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM H. SKEENS, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon attached to the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 18 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Skeens rendered vallant service during the invasion of this strategically important island and, by his technical skill and outstanding conduct contributed materially to the success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. On 18 June 1944, the mortar platoon to which he was attached was attacked by an enemy patrol and Private First Claas Skeens, utterly disregarding his own safety, left the mortar to which he was assigned and singlehandedly attacked the hostile platoon, killing several Japanese before he was killed. His self-sacrificing spirit and heroic determination 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--Bloomingdale, N.J.  
E--Bergenfield, N.J.

M, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by 2dLt Richard J. Schening, USMC, on 10-45 to the mother of the late PFC Skeens, Mrs. Geo. E. Skeens, Riverdale, N.J. Inf pres.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RELLEN O. SKELTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. When his Battalion was attacked by tank-led hostile forces, Second Lieutenant Skelton bravely worked his way over almost impassable terrain during the dark hours of early morning to displace his 57-mm. guns forward to meet the fierce attack and, although one of his gun positions had been overrun by an enemy tank, skillfully kept the remainder of his weapons firing. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

EDWARD L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Chehales, Wash.  
E-Hoquim, Wash.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT ALBERT W. SKERSTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 25 June 1944. Leading an assault upon a heavily wooded slope when the first platoon suddenly met intense fire from well-concealed hostile machine gun nests, causing several casualties, Sergeant Skerston immediately seized a rifle grenade launcher and, braving the heavy enemy fire, advanced to within a few yards of the Japanese and fired a rifle grenade, destroying two machine guns and killing three enemy soldiers. Subsequently leading a squad of riflemen against the remaining four emplacements, he destroyed all of them and enabled his company to continue the attack and seize its objective. 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..Mebrose Park, Ill.

B..Melbrose Park, Ill.



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Serial 50040

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LAWRENCE C. SKIBA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. Participating in the destruction of a network of Japanese bunkers which had just been by-passed by attacking elements, Private First Class Skiba assisted in killing several of the enemy before surprise machine-gun fire cut down his platoon leader and six men. Immediately returning effective counterfire, he prevented the Japanese from attacking our wounded and, guiding a corpsman into the locality, covered him while he attended the casualties. Remaining in this hazardous position, he furnished cover for the stretcher party which carried the wounded from the trap and was the last to leave this well defended area which was later captured by the use of many flame throwers and demolition charges. His initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Skiba and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Johnsonburg, Pa.  
B--Johnsonburg, Pa.

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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

GUNNERY SERGEANT FRANK SKELTON, 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 Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 17, 1943. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire during a frontal attack on a strong enemy emplacement and several of his men were killed or wounded, Gunnery Sergeant Skelton unhesitatingly advanced beyond his own lines under a hail of Japanese machine-gun fire in an attempt to evacuate one of his men who was injured and lying directly in the fire lane of hostile machine guns. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he courageously worked his way forward toward his comrade, but was killed before his rescue mission could be completed. Gunnery Sergeant Skelton's heroic spirit of self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Joplin, Missouri.

B...Springfield, Missouri.



488447  
DGP-293-eln

Spot Award  
Serial 00369  
Signed AUG 5 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES M. SKINNER, JR., USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a combat patrol attached to the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on November 23, 1943. When enemy forces, concealed in the thick jungle, entrapped and surrounded his patrol, Private First Class Skinner voluntarily moved forward to gain a position behind the Japanese lines and, by his determined and accurate fire, effectively disconcerted the enemy, breaking up the coordination of the hostile attack and enabling his patrol to escape from the trap. Twice severely wounded during his lone battle against the enemy and weak from loss of blood, Private First Class Skinner, although unable to rise, was still firing when found by a relief party. He later joined in the fire fight against a counter-attacking hostile force, gallantly manning his weapon until he was no longer able to support it. His exceptional fortitude and valiant 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...Franklin, Ohio.

B... " "

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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 721 1943  
Signed W. G. 5

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

SERGEANT HOMER H. SKIPPER, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces at the mouth of the Mataniken River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 27, 1942. Upon seeing men stranded on the opposite bank of the river and unable to withdraw due to his wounds, Sergeant Skipper, at great risk of his life, unhesitatingly swam across the river, continually swept by heavy Japanese machine-gun fire, and, with the help of his platoon leader, brought the wounded man safely back. His great courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Philadelphia, Mississippi.

B - Philadelphia, Mississippi.

NOTE: Portions of citations underlined in red ink should be deleted when published. This is in order to maintain the confidential status of the specific portions underlined.



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Serial 355  
Signed JUL 10 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GERALD R. SKOGMO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of an Artillery Spotting Plane in Marine Observation Squadron ONE during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 5 August 1944. Flying behind Japanese lines in an unarmed plane, without pilot protection and without self-sealing gas tanks, First Lieutenant Skogmo dropped to an altitude of fifty feet over the assigned area and, in spite of intense enemy ground fire which seriously damaged his plane, successfully maneuvered his aircraft and kept it in the air until he could return to base and make a safe landing. Immediately securing another plane, he took off again and, returning to his objective, completed his mission. His airmanship, courage, and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Skogmo and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..St. Paul, Minn.

B..St. Paul, Minn.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser 9468  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALFRED SKOWRONEK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Adjutant of the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Informed that his Battalion's position was overrun by the enemy, First Lieutenant Skowronek assembled personnel of the rear echelon and, equipping them with all available weapons and ammunition, led them forward to aid in defending the position. Skillfully directing his men, he brought them through a confused, fire-swept battle area and successfully contacted and assisted his Battalion. His courage, leadership 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- San Diego, Calif.  
B- Chicago, Ill.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 52019  
Signed MAY 13 1947

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

CORPORAL GEORGE SKUBAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader in a platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 12 May 1945. Locating a concealed hostile emplacement which had been retarding the advance of his company, Corporal Skuban promptly directed his fire team in a flanking movement despite the terrific barrage laid down by the enemy and, although his platoon was unable to provide supporting fire, voluntarily launched an aggressive assault against the position to account for the destruction of three mortars and the annihilation of eleven Japanese during the furious engagement. By his daring initiative, forceful leadership and dauntless perseverance in the face of grave peril, Corporal Skuban contributed materially to the success of his company's mission, and his courageous conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..New York, New York

B..Star Junction, Pa.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres. to Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Skuban, USMCR, BY C.O. HMBAR, N.Y. Nav. Shpyd., Brooklyn, N.Y. via reg. mail on 16 June 47. No publicity given.

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AppdSoft 1-10-46  
Serial 36971  
Signed MAY 26 1947

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM S. SKURA  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company D, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 9 June 1945. Observing that a friendly adjacent unit was halted by heavy fire from two caves mutually supported on both flanks, Corporal Skura unhesitatingly advanced alone and opened fire on the enemy emplacements in the face of heavy opposition, killing three of the Japanese by rifle fire before he was forced to withdraw in the face of superior fire power. Undaunted, he secured hand grenades and, again advancing alone, grimly pressed home his courageous single-handed attack against heavy odds until fatally wounded by hostile rifle fire from his flank. By his outstanding fortitude and determined aggressiveness, he made a singular contribution to the ultimate elimination of a bitterly defended enemy strong point, thereby enabling our forces to continue their advance. His valiant devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R--Stanford, Conn;  
B--Greenwich, Conn.



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Appd SofN  
Serial 20677

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

SERGEANT ALBERT J. SLATE, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Weapons Company, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 17 June 1944. Despite heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Slate placed his 37-mm. gun between the cross-fire of two Japanese pillboxes and set it up directly in the fire zone of an enemy 3-inch fieldpiece which was holding up the advance of a neighboring Regiment. Courageously directing his crew in a point-blank duel with the hostile weapon, he skillfully fought his gun until the Japanese piece was completely destroyed. By his indomitable fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty, Sergeant Slate contributed materially to the advance of the Regiment and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Spot  
Ser. 07434  
Signed

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MAX SLEPIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Service and Supply Company, Fourth Service Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 21 February 1944. Organizing and directing heavy and automatic weapons groups to reduce an enemy pillbox, Platoon Sergeant Slepín defied enemy fire to advance under covering fire from the members of his patrol and hurled several grenades into the emplacement. Boldly entering the dug-out, he killed two of the enemy by gunfire before he was wounded and, although his weapon was rendered inoperable, attacked the remaining Japanese with his bayonet. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Slepín and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Drexel Hill, Penn  
B- New York, N. Y.  
2 August 1899

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-ebg

FMFPac Spot Ser. 8062  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE R. SLEUTEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery I, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Salvaging and repairing an enemy machine gun which he placed near his howitzer, Private First Class Sleutel advanced from his position to meet a counterattack by the enemy and, opening fire with the weapon, forced the Japanese from the front of his gun section, annihilating eight of the hostile group. 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-Harrisburg, Ore.  
B-Harrisburg, Ore.

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

SERGEANT J. P. SLOAN, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands on 26 February 1945. Personally making a tactical reconnaissance of the area when his platoon was held up by a devastating rain of hostile sniper and machine-gun fire, Sergeant Sloan immediately advanced his squad 75 yards forward of the line to a strategic position on higher ground where he initiated a daring attack against strongly fortified Japanese positions despite the lack of flanking support. Repeatedly exposing himself to the merciless slash of enemy fire as he pointed out new targets and directed his men, he waged battle with unrelenting fury for more than two hours and succeeded in silencing several Japanese emplacements, thereby releasing the remainder of his beleaguered platoon and enabling it to move forward against materially reduced opposition. Later on the same day, Sergeant Sloan twice braved heavy machine-gun fire to go to the aid of a wounded, delirious comrade and, while ministering to him on the second occasion, was mortally struck down. His dauntless courage, cool decision and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds 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--Corpus Christi, Texas,  
B--Comanche, Oklahoma.



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Appd SofN 10-25-45  
Serial 35177  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

OCT 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WESLEY C. SLOAN,  
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 a Machine Gun Squad of Company C, Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. With his company's flank endangered by the movement of twenty hostile riflemen into a position commanding our front lines, Private First Class Sloan proceeded under intense Japanese mortar and small-arms barrages to a point affording improved observation and, directing his machine gun squad in firing on the reinforcing enemy, succeeded in killing all twenty before the hostile rifleman could open fire on the Marines and disrupt the company's advance. Falling, mortally wounded, just as he completed his daring mission, Private First Class Sloan had crushed an enemy attempt to deliver a flanking fire that would have caused many Marine casualties at a critical time during the operations against the Japanese on Iwo Jima. His initiative, fearless courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Newburgh, New York  
E--Newburgh, New York

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 1-17-46  
Serial 52785  
Signed MAY 23 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT WILLIAM P. SLOAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Acting Machine Gun Platoon Leader, serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 May 1945. When his assault platoon was cut off from the remainder of the company by devastating machine-gun and small-arms fire from the deeply entrenched Japanese on Sugar Loaf Hill, Platoon Sergeant Sloan immediately set up his guns, exposing himself to the intense fire to place them personally. Seeing that the entire crew of the right flank gun was hit by an exploding mortar shell, he boldly dashed to the gun and, while crawling forward to put it in action, was painfully wounded. Resolutely moving ahead, he reached an advantageous position to pour effective fire on the hostile defenders until he became too weak from the loss of blood to continue. Platoon Sergeant Sloan's outstanding courage and valiant devotion to duty were contributing factors in the successful reorganization of the hard-pressed platoon, thereby reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..Cary, North Carolina.

B..Holly Springs, North Carolina.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. William E. Sloan, parents of the late Pl. Sgt. William P. Sloan on 8July47 by Oinc, USMCHDRS, Raleigh, N.C. informally at the home.



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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 8-16-45  
Serial 34219

Signed JUN 3 - 1946

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

SERGEANT CLEO D. SLIDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Gunto, Ryukyu Retto, 23 April 1945. Observing that his squad was isolated by machine-gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Slider dauntlessly moved beyond the forward elements of his squad in order to direct its fire. Moving directly into the hostile barrage when all but one man of a supporting machine-gun squad had been wounded, he dragged the weapon into a position of temporary safety and courageously directed his men in an orderly withdrawal to the remainder of the platoon, inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese during this action. Assured of the safety of his unit, Sergeant Slider returned to the enemy-strafted area to recover the machine gun and thus prevent it from falling into the hands of the enemy. His daring initiative and determined 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.--Hur, West Virginia  
B.--Mount Zion, West Virginia

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AW-298-ebs

Spot Award, 1942  
Serial 18  
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

PRIVATE DONALD J. SLOCUM, 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 Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 29, 1942. When fires were started in the regimental munitions dump, Private Slocum, unhesitatingly and with utter disregard of flying shell fragments from exploding ammunition, approached dangerously close, to assist in fighting and controlling the fires. His courageous action in a critical situation was instrumental in reducing to a minimum the damage inflicted by the enemy, and in saving much valuable equipment and badly needed ammunition."

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...Knoxville, Pennsylvania.

B...Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.



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DGP-298-cbh

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-20-45.  
Serial 34875  
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

SERGEANT WALTER SLOVINSKY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Platoon Leader of a Machine Gun Platoon while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 21 to 28 February 1945. Held up with his advancing company by heavy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire from the flank, Sergeant Slovinsky observed his unit to be suffering from severe casualties and, determined to turn the battle against the enemy, boldly advanced forward of the lines, courageously risking his own life to reconnoiter the heavily fortified positions. Locating the hostile strong points, he led a section of his machine guns forward, established them for maximum combat advantage, then deployed his platoon so that effective fire could be brought to bear upon the concealed Japanese. Although mortally wounded in the furious action, Sergeant Slovinsky, by his skillful leadership, outstanding courage and valiant devotion to duty, had enabled his men to neutralize the enemy firepower, thereby insuring their continued advance. His resolute fortitude and decisive conduct in the face of extreme peril reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Slovinsky and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R--East Hempstead, New York.  
B--East Hempstead, New York.

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award  
Serial 1113  
Signed DEC 4 1943

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

MARINE GUNNER GEORGE H. SLYE, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. When advancing marines were menaced by intense gunfire from hidden positions, Marine Gunner Slye, with courageous disregard for his imminent danger, exposed himself to the withering blasts of hostile weapons in order to launch a daring attack on a cave which concealed a number of the enemy. In spite of great odds, he plunged through the entrance, engaged the occupants in perilous hand-to-hand combat, and succeeded in killing all the Japanese encountered, thereby eliminating a hazardous obstacle to the advance of our force. His valiant and aggressive fighting spirit was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Washington, D. C.

B - Washington, D. C.



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SPOT  
Serial 45500

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

MAJOR HENRY J. SMART,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Communications Officer of the Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. After a heavy enemy artillery barrage had set fire to a division ammunition and food dump and a U. S. Army radar station situated in the vicinity of the Regimental Command Post, Major Smart organized a fire fighting detail and, braving hostile mortar and artillery fire as well as flying fragments of burning and exploding ammunition which were continuously showering the area, personally directed the activities of this detail at the immediate scene of the fire, thereby preventing the destruction of other large stores of nearby critical materials. 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--Philadelphia, Pa.,  
B--Philadelphia, Pa.

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FMFPac SPOT  
Serial 86492

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MERLIN F. SMIDT,  
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 B, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. When an infantry unit was pinned down on top of a hill and subjected to intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, Platoon Sergeant Smidt courageously dismounted from his tank and, after crawling to the top of the hill, discovered that the Company Commander had been killed and that there were a large number of casualties in urgent need of medical attention. Deploying the riflemen in positions of vantage, he directed them in delivering covering fire on the enemy emplacements and then, organizing a stretcher team, supervised the removal of the wounded from the hill to tanks which evacuated them. By his coolness, initiative and devotion to duty, Platoon Sergeant Smidt upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R - Okito, Kan.  
B - Marshall County, Kan.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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App. SofN 4-23-45  
Serial 2277  
Signed SEP 17 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARLO D. SMITH, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Runner serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. When his company was pinned down on the final objective by a well-concealed enemy emplacement at close range, Private First Class Smith unhesitatingly moved from his covered position to return Japanese fire which was causing heavy casualties. Mortally wounded in this heroic action, Private First Class Smith, by his courageous fighting spirit and zealous efforts, had contributed essentially to the ultimate success of our vital mission on this strategically important island, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout numerous hazardous missions was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SEN, perm cit, ltr frCMC pres by Cinc, For the President,  
Chicago, Ill on 1-10-48 to the mother  
of the late PFC Smith, Mrs Velma Bur-  
gett, at her home in Vermont, Ill.  
Inf pres.

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Vermont, Ill.  
B--Lamont, Iowa.

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FinCPac  
Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 35917  
Signed MAY 2 1947

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

SERGEANT CARL D. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Tank Commander, serving with Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 26 February 1945. Unhesitatingly assuming control of the tanks in his sector after his platoon leader's vehicle was disabled by a mine, Sergeant Smith skillfully led his unit through the mine field, neutralizing several enemy machine-gun positions and pill-boxes during the advance. Bravely exposing himself to the intense barrages of artillery, mortar and small-arms fire bracketing the area as he made contact with the infantry company commander and coordinated joint plans for the renewal of the assault, he boldly pushed ahead through antitank ditches, shell craters and other obstacles, delivering devastating supporting fire to the hard-pressed infantry in the crucial phase of the invasion. Although mortally wounded on 26 February, while assisting a pinned-down infantry company, Sergeant Smith, by his outstanding courage and indomitable fighting spirit, contributed immeasurably to our initial success on Iwo Jima, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his Country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Reno, Nevada  
B - Alvon, W. Virginia

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DGP-298-wlb

Spot Award  
Serial 829  
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CASIMIR A. SMITH, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on the night of October 13-14, 1942. Voluntarily hurrying to fires started by enemy incendiaries and intense heavy shelling by a Japanese battleship offshore, Private First Class Smith and two other marines succeeded in putting out two fires during the height of the bombardment and assisted in combating another in an adjacent area. When a direct hit on a dugout trapped five of his comrades, he fearlessly went to their aid and assisted in extricating the wounded and removing them to a place of safety. As the Army units had just moved into bivouac that night and were undergoing their initial experience under fire, he and other marines made a reconnaissance of the area, offering assistance and looking for the wounded whom they removed to safety. His cool courage and fearless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Erie, Pennsylvania.

B - Springboro, Pennsylvania, 12-29-1918.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES H. SMITH,  
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, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. While his platoon was attempting to advance up a ridge against strongly entrenched Japanese forces, Private First Class Smith moved ahead of his platoon's position to a ridge exposed to hostile fire and, directing the fire of his platoon, at the same time inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy with his own weapon and with grenades. Although wounded during the action, he remained in his position and continued to direct fire for a period of more than an hour until he was evacuated by medical corpsmen. His aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Smith and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hutchinson, Minn.

B..Chisholm, Minn.



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Cincpac  
Serial 3990  
SPOT  
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES H. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a platoon of Amphibious Reconnaissance Company, Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 22 February 1944. Resolutely determined to remain in action despite numerous grenade wounds, Private First Class Smith requested permission from the platoon leader to remain in combat when directed to withdraw by his platoon sergeant. Ordered to report to the aid station for medical treatment, he proceeded toward the rear and, meeting hospital corpsman enroute, received emergency first aid treatment and returned immediately to the firing line. Plunging into the furious fire fight, he again engaged the enemy, personally accounting for the lives of four Japanese as the battle raged and later manning a fox-hole to aid in holding the forward defense line throughout the night. His initiative, determination and self-sacrificing devotion to duty during a critical stage of the action reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Smith and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..San Diego, California.

B..Bakersfield, California.

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 2-13-46  
Serial 53475  
Signed MAY 2 1947

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

CORPORAL CHESTER L. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Leader of a Fire Team, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 April 1945. With his company pinned down by intense and devastating fire from Japanese gun emplacements during the final assault on Mount Yaetake, Corporal Smith disregarded the order to withdraw and, skillfully maneuvering his fire team forward to a vantage point, fearlessly exposed himself to the savage barrage and directed their accurate, powerful fire against the hostile positions, thereby neutralizing the enemy fire and enabling his company to continue its advance. Instantly killed while carrying out his hazardous mission, Corporal Smith, by his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and great courage in the face of deadly opposition, had contributed directly to the ultimate conquest of this vital enemy stronghold, and his heroic conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-- Germantown, Ohio  
B-- Middletown, Ohio

SSM, cit. & CMC ltr. were presented to parents Mr. & Mrs. Raymond W. Smith, Route #1, Germantown, Ohio at an informal ceremony at their home at 1400, 4 June 1947.



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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-22-45  
Serial 12047  
Signed 7-30-45

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

SERGEANT DANIEL T. SMITH, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during our landing operations on D-Day, on the enemy Japanese-held Island of Saipan in the Marianas Group, 15 June 1944. After a tank of his platoon had been loaded on the port side of an LCM, causing a dangerous list to the vessel, Sergeant Smith promptly volunteered to accompany other members of the crew to the starboard in a valiant attempt to upright the craft and prevent it from capsizing before reaching shore. Assuming an exposed position on the lighter's gunwale despite a fierce barrage of hostile mortar and artillery fire emanating from the beach, he steadfastly continued his determined efforts until a hostile shell struck the vessel, setting it afire and instantly killing the crew on the starboard side of the lighter. His daring initiative, great personal valor and cool courage in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Smith and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

*Walter L. Gates*

Secretary of the Navy.

*Arthur J. Brown*

R--Birmingham, Ala.

B--Birmingham, Ala.

SSM, perm. Cit, ltr fr. CMC pres'd. by CinC, USMC DHIRS, Rm 210, Farley Bldg., Birmingham 3, Alabama on 28 Aug 45 to mother of the late Sgt. Smith, Mrs. Daniel T. Smith, 4300 Ninth Ave., Wylam, Birmingham, Alabama. Informal pres. at home before members of the family.

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Cincpac  
SPOT  
Serial 12108  
Signed SEP 25 1947

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

CORPORAL DANIEL W. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Gunner in a Tank Crew of the Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. When his tank received fire from the rear as it boldly advanced into the Japanese lines to attack three hostile dual-purpose gun positions, Corporal Smith quickly located the enemy guns and immediately destroyed one of them. Continuing to man his weapon with skill and courage as the tank advanced on the remaining positions, he successfully destroyed the second gun and crippled the third. Forced to abandon the tank when it received fatal hits and he himself sustained a broken arm, Corporal Smith braved heavy enemy rifle fire to make his way five hundred yards to friendly lines. His fortitude, technical skill and zealous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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DGP-298-eln

CG,FMF,PAC  
App. SofN 2-8-45  
Serial 13003  
Signed MAY 16 1945

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

SERGEANT DAVID M. SMITH, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twentieth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan Island in the Marianas Group on 6 July 1944. When the advance of an entire battalion was held up on the edge of a sharp precipice by shattering volleys of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire from caves located in the cliff, Sergeant Smith fearlessly risked his life to lead a detail of demolition men down the treacherous face of the sheer wall in a bold and determined effort to clear the caves. Pressing forward over terrain so difficult that supporting fire was impossible, he made a valiant attempt to place an explosive charge in one of the caves, but was instantly killed by enemy gunfire while executing his perilous task. An indomitable fighter, Sergeant Smith, by his intrepid initiative and resolute leadership, contributed materially to the final crushing of Japanese resistance in this area, and his self-sacrificing devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Westfield, Mass.

B--Springfield, Mass.

Temp cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 2 Aug. by CO,MB,NYd,Boston to the ~~widow~~ mother of  
late Sgt. Smith, Mrs. Nancy E. Jeffs, 23 Leonard Ave., Westfield, Mass.  
informally at home

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SPOT  
Serial 34317  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

WARRANT OFFICER DONALD V. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Motor Transport Officer of the Second 155-mm. Howitzer Battalion, First Provisional Field Artillery Group, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 20 February 1945. While assisting in the unloading of an LST, Warrant Officer Smith braved intense hostile mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire to expedite the unloading. When an intense enemy artillery concentration on the ramp of the ship made further unloading impossible, he boldly went out on the ramp to guide an LVT aboard, thereby saving it from the destruction which befell a similar vehicle parked alongside it. Returning to the ramp which was still drawing the enemy's fire, he cut the line which held the bow doors open and, by enabling the doors to be closed, diverted the possibility of the spread of a fire caused by the burning LVT on the beach to the ammunition-laden interior of the tank deck. By his daring initiative, courage and steadfast devotion to duty, Warrant Officer Smith upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Diego, California.

B--Los Angeles, California.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN DOUGLAS M. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 21 September 1944. When an intense barrage of machine-gun and mortar fire from a hidden enemy position inflicted heavy casualties among personnel, Captain Smith courageously proceeded through the hazardous area at great personal risk to reorganize his unit and, personally locating the concealed Japanese installations, directed his men in delivering accurate fire against them, thereby contributing in large measure to the final destruction of these enemy batteries. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty throughout this dangerous operation were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Short Hills, N.J.

B..Orange, N.J.

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SPOT  
Serial 20906  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DUDLEY SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a member of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 19 June 1944. When well-concealed and camouflaged enemy emplacements in caves were holding up the advance of his company, Private First Class Smith volunteered to carry a bright yellow panel several hundred yards in front of our front lines to mark the camouflaged caves for the tank and half-track gunners who were unable to locate them. Though seriously wounded, he carried out his mission and enabled the supporting arms to destroy the enemy. 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--Milwaukee, Wisc.  
B--Milwaukee, Wisc.



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AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to

CORPORAL HAROLD W. SMITH, USMCR.,

"For gallantry in action at Enogai, New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 10 July 1943. Although critically wounded, he refused evacuation and remained with his squad, skillfully leading his men and firing his weapon in an attack on a strong enemy defensive position. With courage and fortitude he stayed in the fight until he no longer was physically able to carry on. Corporal Smith died later from his wounds."

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.

Official Copy.

R ... Millburn, New Jersey.  
B ... Millburn, New Jersey.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS X. SMITH,  
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 D, Second Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 18 May 1945. When his platoon was ordered to attack one of the most heavily-defended key points on the Naha-Shuri line, First Lieutenant Smith moved forward through enemy fire and, after thoroughly familiarizing himself with the terrain in his zone of advance, remained well in the lead during the ensuing assault. Once on the objective, he participated in the hand-to-hand fighting, moving along the line at great risk to his life to give instructions and encouragement to the men. His indomitable fighting spirit, 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..Woodside, N.Y.

B..New York, N.Y.



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Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 34671  
Signed OCT 18 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HERBERT G. SMITH, JR.,  
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. When his company became pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun fire while engaged in a patrol action in a vitally strategic sector, First Lieutenant Smith boldly moved forward of the front lines in a daring lone reconnaissance across the unfamiliar terrain. Disregarding the savage fire directed against him, he dauntlessly continued on his perilous mission until fatally struck down by an enemy bullet. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Smith contributed in large measure to the ultimate success of the mission and served as an inspiration to the men of his command, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Newport News, Virginia.

B..Newport News, Virginia.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Herbert G. Smith Sr. on 16Jan47 at a ceremony at MarBar., Norfolk Nav. Shpyd. Portsmouth, Va. by the CO USMC, Portsmouth, Va.

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 FIRST CLASS HOMER F. SMITH, U.S.M.C.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, between August 18 and September 12, 1942. When fires were started in munitions and gasoline dumps, Private First Class Smith, unhesitatingly and with utter disregard of flying shell fragments from exploding ammunition, assisted in fighting and controlling the fires in the face of sustained enemy assault. His cool and courageous action in a critical situation was instrumental in reducing to a minimum the damage inflicted by enemy bombs and naval shell fire, and in saving many lives and much valuable equipment."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

That portion of the above  
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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 Division.

R...Jacksonville Beach, Florida

B...Quitman, Georgia.



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DGP-298-wlb

Spot Award.  
Serial 298  
Signed JUN 23 1943

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

SERGEANT JAMES SMITH, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of September 13-14, 1942. Separated from his Communication Platoon when the positions of his battalion were under severe attack by the Japanese, Sergeant Smith, on his own initiative, proceeded with four of his comrades to the front lines and fiercely engaged the enemy in close combat. His great personal valor during this action, in which he was wounded, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cleveland, Ohio.

B - Cleveland, Ohio.

276495  
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 881  
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

SERGEANT JAMES SMITH, U.S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. With his patrol subjected to intense Japanese machine-gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Smith, disregarding his own personal safety, worked his way, with great difficulty, around the enemy's flank and from this position charged the Japanese forces, thus neutralizing the hostile fire and enabling his patrol to destroy the enemy in that area. His gallant leadership and heroic conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cleveland, Ohio

B - Cleveland, Ohio 12-6-1920



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11. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

JAMES M. SMITH, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, wherein he voluntarily accompanied a platoon of marine tanks committed to knocking out several hostile pillboxes which were impeding the advance of an infantry regiment, and successfully effected his mission at the cost of a serious injury to himself on 16 July 1943. Home Address: Cleveland, 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- Handley, Texas

B- Henderson, Texas.

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Appd SofN 9-6-45  
Serial 35228  
Signed OCT 16 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD J. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 22 February 1945. When attempts to evacuate two wounded Marines from a rocky fire-swept beach south of Mount Suribachi had failed, Private First Class Smith asked permission to attempt the rescue by sea and, with the aid of three companions, procured a cork life raft from a destroyer in the anchorage and a landing craft to tow the party to the beach. Aware of the danger from jagged, submerged rocks lining the beach approaches and with his battalion engaged in a bitter fire fight near the selected landing point, Private First Class Smith and his comrades were towed by the landing craft to within two hundred yards of the shore where they donned life jackets and boarded the raft. Dashed against a rock by a large breaker and thrown into the treacherous surf during the approach, they succeeded in uprighting the craft and, proceeding to shore when the sea subsided, secured one of the wounded men to the raft for towing to a destroyer anchored a mile offshore, subsequently returning to evacuate the other Marine despite extreme exhaustion. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of others in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Smith contributed to the saving of two men who otherwise might have perished and his valiant conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hamtramck, Michigan.

B--Hamtramck, Michigan.



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SPOT  
Serial 12084  
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MALCOLM N. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 21 June 1944. Riding unprotected on the top of a tank through withering hostile fire to a shell hole forward of our lines where his commanding officer lay seriously wounded, First Lieutenant Smith bravely assisted in placing the stricken man on the vehicle and then shielded him with his own body on the return trip. His daring initiative, great personal valor and concern for another in the face of grave danger reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Smith and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Glencoe, Illinois

B..Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

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FIRST LIEUTENANT MAX D. SMITH, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
as Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion,  
Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division,  
during action against enemy Japanese forces on  
Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Painfully  
wounded during his approach to the beach in an  
amphibian tractor on D-Day, First Lieutenant Smith  
steadfastly refused evacuation and, gallantly  
carrying on in the face of the enemy's unceasing  
barrages, boldly led his men through a most criti-  
cal stage of the battle. Subsequently ordered  
to leave the area for medical treatment, he un-  
loaded cases of extra ammunition from the tractor  
in which he was to be evacuated then manned the  
vehicle's machine gun to cover, then continued  
the inland advance of his platoon. Returning  
to duty following a short period of convalescence,  
he continued to lead his platoon in sustained,  
aggressive attacks against a fanatic enemy until  
the successful completion of the campaign. His  
daring initiative, his forceful and inspiring  
leadership and great personal valor maintained  
throughout the fierce hostilities reflect the  
highest credit upon First Lieutenant Smith and  
the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Serial 58485  
Signed DEC 16 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MERLIN F. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine Gun Squad of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. When his entire squad, which he was leading up a precipitous slope in support of his company's attack, became casualties from heavy hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Smith shouldered a gun and tripod and, placing a box of ammunition under his arm, continued alone in the face of great danger. Upon reaching the objective, he placed the gun in action and, after further exposing himself by making two additional trips under enemy fire to replace his ammunition supply, was instrumental in neutralizing two hostile automatic weapons. 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..Kansas City, Mo.,

B..Miami County, Kan.

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CG, FMF, Pac  
Serial 11756  
Spot Award  
Signed AUG 18 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NATHAN E. SMITH, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 3 July 1944. With his platoon pinned down and several men severely wounded during an attack against a heavily fortified hostile ridge and with Japanese riflemen attempting to infiltrate our lines, Private First Class Smith immediately proceeded to a strategic firing position where several men manning the weapon had been killed or wounded and occupied the position despite the enemy's merciless barrage. Fighting a gallant battle against tremendous odds, he poured a steady stream of fire against the hostile troops, inflicting heavy casualties and denying the approach to the enemy. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and valiant fighting spirit, maintained at great personal risk, Private First Class Smith contributed essentially to the success of the engagement, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Birmingham, Alabama  
B-- " "



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Prepared--15 May 1946

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Signed 16 MAY 1946

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

COMMANDER PAUL CLIFFORD SMITH, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE  
FORMERLY

SECOND LIEUTENANT PAUL CLIFFORD SMITH  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commander of a Rifle Platoon in Company C 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Guam, Marianas, on July 26, 1944. Although his own platoon had been reduced by combat losses to twenty-five men, Commander (then Second Lieutenant) Smith instantly responded to an urgent request for assistance from the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, when that unit's Command Post on Fonte Hill above the Asan Beaches was pinned down and inoperative under siege by Japanese forces attacking with rifles, machine guns and mortars. Determined to destroy the enemy and insure the security of the fiercely contested Fonte Hill position, Commander Smith personally reconnoitered under heavy machine-gun, mortar and small-arms fire and ordered a tactically sound flanking maneuver. Effectively deploying his small force, he launched a furious counter-attack into the enemy's machine-gun and grenade discharger fire, completely annihilating the besieging Japanese troops within an hour and without casualty to his own platoon. A brilliant leader and fighter, Commander Smith inspired his men to heroic effort during the critical stage of a vital operation and, by his professional skill, personal valor and unrelenting aggressiveness in the face of fanatic opposition, contributed essentially to the ultimate capture and return to United States Sovereignty of this Pacific Base. His conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon Commander Smith and the United States Naval Service."

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STAR MEDAL by Board of Review 14 May 1946

For the President,

James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy

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Spot Award  
Signed NOV 7 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAY E. SMITH, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the First Marine Division in action against  
enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain,  
on December 29, 1943. When the troops had expended all  
available hand grenades during a fierce assault and an  
emergency call was made to the rear for additional ammuni-  
tion, Private First Class Smith promptly loaded his jeep  
with hand grenades and drove within fifty yards of the enemy  
positions. Despite hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, he  
coolly distributed grenades to the troops and, returning to  
the ammunition dump, twice performed this daring and  
hazardous mission. Private First Class Smith's courageous  
initiative and selfless conduct were in keeping with the highest  
traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Smyrna, Delaware,  
B - Greensboro, Maryland.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

STAFF SERGEANT RICHARD D. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Sergeant of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 26 June 1944. Observing his Commanding Officer receive serious wounds while directing advanced tank fire during the battle for Fonte Hill, Staff Sergeant Smith voluntarily exposed himself to heavy enemy small-arms fire to go to the aid of the officer. Severely wounded during this action, Staff Sergeant Smith, by his initiative and courageous devotion to duty, served as an inspiration to his men at a most crucial point of the battle, thereby reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Sedro, Washington  
B--Oso, Washington

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader in a Rifle Platoon of Company F, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. When darkness settled before his company could reorganize and make contact with adjacent units following the day's offensive action over extremely rough terrain covered with dense undergrowth, First Lieutenant Smith voluntarily led a small patrol approximately four hundred yards through enemy-infested territory in the face of heavy hostile fire to contact the adjacent company. Then, returning to his platoon, he placed his men within fifteen yards of the enemy lines in order to close the existing gap, enabling his company to hold its position during the night and launch a successful attack the following morning. His courageous initiative, determination 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- Seattle, Wash.

B- ~~Kansas City, Kan.~~

*Independence, Mo.*

**EDWIN L. SULLIVAN**

Secretary of the Navy.



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8-5-47  
Bd. Ser. 3475

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Depot Company A, Branch Number Three, Fourth Base Depot, First Marine Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, 1 October 1943. When aerial bombs hit and set afire an LST unloading on the beach, Second Lieutenant Smith went aboard the vessel and, despite the danger from gasoline and ammunition explosions, entered the burning hold to salvage medical supplies for the care of the wounded. Rendering first aid until medical assistance arrived, he assisted in the evacuation of the wounded and participated in salvage operations. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Smith and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Seattle, Wash.,  
B--~~Kansas City, Mo.~~

*Independence, Mo.*

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Serial 79499  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT G. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. Braving hostile small-arms and mortar fire, Private First Class Smith voluntarily led a tank through friendly lines into enemy-held territory and skillfully directed the tank's fire against a hostile position which had halted the advance of his company. Constantly exposed to the rain of enemy fire, he continued to maneuver the vehicle among the Japanese positions and aided greatly in eliminating the enemy strong point, thereby making it possible for his company to move forward and continue the advance. By his bravery, aggressive fighting spirit and initiative in the face of great personal danger, Private First Class Smith upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hannibal, Missouri

B..Warren, Missouri



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Serial- 35613  
Signed APR 1 1946

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

SERGEANT ROY V. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader with an Assault Rifle Company while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 3 March 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by intense, accurate machine-gun and sniper fire, Sergeant Smith volunteered to lead a patrol of men and two tanks into strongly fortified enemy territory and through his capable leadership and direction enabled the tanks to destroy two positions before he himself was mortally wounded and the patrol forced to withdraw because of fire from a previously undisclosed position. His courageous fighting spirit and total disregard for his own safety reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Smith and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Tampa, Florida,  
B-Graham, Florida.

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Appd SofM 10-25-45  
Serial 36304  
Signed AUG 27 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT W. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman in a platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 3, 4 and 24 March 1945. When the Japanese opened a gap in the line protecting a sector of his platoon's defensive position during a savage hostile counterattack, Private First Class Smith boldly moved along the line, covering the platoon's weak defense point with streams of deadly fire and thereby preventing a serious enemy breakthrough. Detecting Japanese treachery when orders were shouted from a distance to evacuate the platoon, he held his men fast in their positions and continued to defend his sector. Trapped by the enemy as he attempted to rescue two wounded comrades, on 24 March, he engaged in a furious exchange of hand grenades with at least twelve Japanese, fighting off his attackers until he fell, mortally wounded by the blast of an enemy explosive. His fearless leadership, alert presence of mind, dauntless courage and unwavering devotion to duty under fire were inspiring to those with whom he served and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Smith and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

B--Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.



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16 November 1943.

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Awards of the Silver Star.....  
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III

III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

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

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THOMAS W. SMITH, (322818), Corporal, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in voluntarily swimming across a lagoon under severe enemy fire to convey and bring back an important message from friendly troops when his platoon lost contact with the company on 20 July 1943.  
Home Address: 2731 Ontario Road, Northwest, Washington, D.C.  
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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 ... Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
B ... Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

GENERAL ORDERS )

16 April, 1942

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II. - Awards 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 men of the United States Marine Corps, and United States Navy, detached for service with the United States Forces in the Philippines:

WILLIAM A. SMITH, (251730), Sergeant, Fourth U. S. Marines. For gallantry in action at Pucot Hill, Bataan, P. I. on January 23, 1942. When his combat patrol was prevented from advancing by fire from a hostile machine gun position to the front, Sergeant Smith, with one other soldier, volunteered to go forward in an attempt to reduce the opposing gun. While advancing to a position from which he could effectively use hand grenades on the enemy position, his companion was fatally wounded by fire from the hostile gun. This courageous non-commissioned officer returned the enemy fire with his sub-machine gun, but enemy bullets, twice striking his weapon, put his sub-machine gun out of action. Sergeant Smith then hurled two grenades at the hostile gun position, after which he remained weaponless in his forward position to direct the movement of his patrol. His heroic action resulted not only in the withdrawal of the enemy group, but in providing the personnel of his patrol with an effective example of courageous devotion to duty, which was a factor in their successful advance.

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By command of Lieutenant General WAINWRIGHT:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

SS. (Army award) off copy of cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 1-12-46 by Commandant 12th Naval Dist. ( Commander Charles M. Bertholf, USN) to the father of the late Sgt. Smith, Mr. Cecil M. Smith, Box #4, Carmel, Calif. Informal pres. at home. Due publicity given.



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Signed SEP 25 1947

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Serial 20683  
Signed SEP 25 1947

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

SERGEANT WALTER M. SMITH,  
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 Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. Landing with his squad on a small beach under intense hostile machine-gun and sniper fire, Sergeant Smith coolly gained control of his men and led them across the beach, although many Marines were pinned down by the accurate enemy fire. While directing attacks on several Japanese positions, he personally cleared out three known pockets of resistance, using hand grenades and a carbine. After being wounded by hostile fire, Sergeant Smith carried on for another thirty minutes, directing his men in destroying two more positions and in seeking out the enemy in the area adjacent to the landing beach, until he lost consciousness. His outstanding leadership, courageous conduct under fire 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.--Orwigsburg, Pa.  
B.--Orwigsburg, Pa.

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Appd SofN 10-30-45  
Serial 032106  
Signed JUL 24 1946

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM L. SMITH,  
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 Observation Team of Battery P, Fifth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against the enemy Japanese on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 May 1945. While participating in the repulse of a counterattack by a strong Japanese force heavily armed with grenades, mortars and automatic weapons, Corporal Smith heard a seriously wounded Marine call for aid and crawled beyond the front lines to his assistance. Exposing himself to vicious enemy cross-fire, he carried the wounded man to safety and then collapsed from mortal wounds. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM/perm cit & CMC ltr presented For the President,  
to the prnts of the late Corp.  
SMITH, Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Smith,  
was forwarded via registered mail JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
to Box 137, Merville, Iowa on  
20 Nov 46 by the OinC, USMC, DHR, Acting Secretary of the Navy.  
Omaha 2, Nebraska.

R.--Merville, Iowa  
B.--Merville, Iowa



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ FEB 18 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ZEB C. SMITH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 November 1943. Repeatedly exposing himself to intense enemy machine-gun, mortar and sniper fire, Private First Class Smith succeeded in rescuing six men from drowning. By his courage, dauntless determination and concern for the safety of others, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R. Shreveport, La.  
B. Tauckua, Okla.

431566  
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CincPac  
Appd SofN 3-15-45  
Serial 01389  
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

CORPORAL JOHN SMITS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Peleliu in the Palau Group, on the night of 20-21 September 1944. Advancing relentlessly against fierce opposition as his platoon pushed the enemy southward down a narrow peninsula, Corporal Smits fought with determined aggressiveness throughout the day and, foreseeing the danger of an impending hostile attack when his unit came under a heavy Japanese mortar barrage late in the evening, quickly assembled a group from his platoon, fearlessly led them through the concentration of enemy fire and disposed them in a strategic position which had been entirely open to hostile attack. Defending his position with decisive valor, he succeeded in holding off the enemy troops until struck down and mortally wounded by shrapnel from a Japanese mortar. An indomitable fighter, Corporal Smits, by his resolute leadership, keen foresight and tenacious determination during a critical period in the bitter hostilities, enabled his company to hold its line throughout the night, and his undaunted courage and zealous devotion to duty in the face of fanatic resistance reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Paris, Ky.

Secretary of the Navy.

B..North Middleton, Ky.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Louisville, Ky, on 11-28-45 to the parents of the late Corp Smits, Mr and Mrs William Smits, Sr., at their home in Paris, Ky. Inf pres made in presence of the immediate family.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAJOR TOLSON A. SMOAK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion,  
Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division,  
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo  
Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. When his  
Battalion suffered extremely heavy losses while  
fighting against a fanatically defended enemy  
pocket of resistance, Major Smoak thoroughly re-  
organized his command and laid plans for a coord-  
inated attack. As the attack was about to jump  
off, he was severely wounded in the head and  
shoulder and his right arm was rendered useless.  
Although in a state of severe shock as a result  
of his wounds, he refused evacuation and issued  
orders to the next in command to carry on until  
he was able to resume control. Returning to the  
front lines within three hours, he guided subor-  
dinate units and coordinated the attack by mov-  
ing between the front line companies, spurring  
his men to greater efforts and contributing ma-  
terially to the annihilation of the last organ-  
ized Japanese defenses on the Island. His indom-  
itable spirit, aggressive leadership and unswerv-  
ing devotion to duty were in keeping with the  
highest traditions of the United States Naval  
Service."

R--Norway, S. C.,  
B--Sumter Co. S. C.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FMFPac Spot Ser. 54919  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL GILBERT J. SMOOT,  
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 C, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. Assuming command after the Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant were wounded, Corporal Smoot voluntarily moved forward alone in front of his company's lines to locate a hostile mortar position which was inflicting heavy casualties on his company. Courageously scaling a cliff while under intense enemy small-arms fire, he succeeded in discovering the position and, armed with an automatic rifle, shot and killed twenty of the enemy and forced the remainder to take cover. By his heroic action, Corporal Smoot enabled his company to continue its advance and, by his fortitude, initiative and devotion to duty, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Baltimore, Md.

B..Baltimore, Md.



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Serial 2873  
Signed DEC 28 1943

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. SMOLKA, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 26, 1942. On two occasions while under heavy fire from hostile machine guns and rifles, Corporal Smolka stood on an exposed stretch of beach near the mouth of the Matanikau River and communicated by semaphore to a United States Navy destroyer off shore. As a result of his courageous act an officer of the First Battalion was picked up by boat and taken aboard the destroyer so that he might direct the gunfire of the vessel against enemy-held shore positions. Corporal Smolka's heroic conduct, maintained with complete disregard of personal safety, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B. Graceton, Pa.  
R. Niles, Ohio.

SMYTHERS  
Per.Cit. for SS to: Mr. James  
W. Smythers, (father) Woodlawn,  
Va.

Spot Award

Serial 0727

Signed

*Com. S. H. H.*

SEP 23 1944

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

SERGEANT ROLAND P. SMYTHERS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a squad leader in the First Marine Division during combat against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, Western New Britain, January 7, 1944. When intense fire from well-concealed enemy positions retarded the advance of his squad, Sergeant Smythers courageously made his way forward in a valiant attempt to locate the hostile machine-gun emplacements. Maintaining an exposed position, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he succeeded in accomplishing his hazardous mission before he was fatally wounded by enemy fire. Sergeant Smythers' inspiring leadership and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hillsville, Virginia.

B - Woodlawn, Virginia.

*Released Oct '44*



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Spot Award.  
Serial 927  
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD W. SNEDEKER, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Division Signal Officer, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 13, 1942. When the opening salvos of gunfire from hostile warships interrupted all wire circuits on the division switchboard, Lieutenant Colonel Snedeker, realizing that the security of our beachhead was threatened by the probability of a land attack, personally took charge of a wire repair crew. With utter disregard for his own safety, he fearlessly exposed himself during more than one hour of intensive naval bombardment in an effort to restore communications. His heroic conduct, employed at great risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy

R - Benkelman, Nebraska.

B - Peoria, Illinois.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL DONALD M. SNELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. With all the officers and a number of men in his platoon either killed or wounded during the fierce hostilities on D-Day, Corporal Snell immediately assumed command and effected a prompt reorganization and, despite a shrapnel wound in his leg received during the bitter action, boldly led his men in sustained attacks against a fanatic enemy. Continuing his same daring tactics, he skillfully directed the activities of his men throughout the entire operation against this heavily fortified stronghold, thereby contributing materially to the success of our forces in overcoming all Japanese resistance in this vital war area. His forceful and determined leadership, valiant fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave danger served as an inspiration to others in the vicinity and reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Snell and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Hollywood, Calif.,  
B--Long Beach, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Serial 90496  
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

SERGEANT FRANK D. SNELSON, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Sergeant of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 4 June 1945. When an enemy position one hundred and fifty yards to the front temporarily halted his platoon with intense mortar, machine-gun and small-arms fire, Sergeant Snelson charged the position with three comrades and, despite additional hostile fire, succeeded in capturing two enemy mortars and killing twelve of the Japanese, thereby enabling his platoon to advance to its objective. During the attack, he carried a wounded comrade thirty yards to a covered position. 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--Sedro Woolley, Washington.,  
B--Asheville, North Carolina.

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Serial 0976  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM N. SNIDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot and Flight Leader in Marine Fighting Squadron TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE, attached to the U. S. S. BUNKER HILL, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Japanese Homeland on 18 March 1945. Courageous in the face of hostile antiaircraft fire during a fighter sweep in this area, Captain Snider boldly led his ten-plane flight in carrying out a damaging rocket and strafing attack against the Kumamoto Aircraft Plant at Kyushu and, when an overwhelming force of enemy aircraft attacked his group during the return to base, promptly engaged and shot down three of the thirteen fighters destroyed before returning his flight safe to base. By his superb skill as an airman, leadership and devotion to duty, Captain Snider contributed to the success of the mission, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Memphis, Tennessee.,  
B--Caivo, Illinois.



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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner in a Platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 May 1945. When the platoon with which he was serving became immobilized by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Snively repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy fire to maintain contact with adjacent platoons, thereby enabling his company to withdraw safely to a less exposed position. During the withdrawal, he aided in evacuating the wounded and, upon learning that a Marine casualty still remained under hostile fire, volunteered to return. Fearlessly, he again exposed himself to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and succeeded in rescuing his wounded comrade. Private First Class Snively's courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 45782  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL IRVIN W. SNOW,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Crew Chief of an Amphibian Tractor of Company H, Eleventh Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Volunteering to carry a critically needed cargo of flame throwers, fuel and nitrogen gas cylinders to a battalion which was holding up its attack pending the arrival of this vital equipment, Corporal Snow traveled over open ground and, despite artillery near misses which covered his tractor with shrapnel and debris, persistently drove forward to deliver his cargo to the waiting battalion and assist in the unloading. Remaining exposed to hostile fire until a blood transfusion had been given a seriously wounded man at a nearby aid station, he loaded this man and several other casualties aboard his tractor and transported them to a place of safety. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Provo, Idaho.,  
B--Burley, Idaho

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Serial 9243  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CORPORAL FRANK V. SNYDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Crew Chief of Company B, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces during three assault landings in the Gilbert and Marianas Islands, from 20 November 1943 to 30 July 1944. Although severely wounded himself during the attack on Tarawa, Corporal Snyder administered first aid to other wounded men in his tractor and evacuated them to safety. Despite his own serious condition, he made three additional trips to the beach, carrying troops and evacuating casualties, until loss of blood prevented further efforts. His courage, initiative and grave concern for the welfare of his comrades reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Snyder and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Cleveland, Ohio  
E--Cleveland, Ohio.

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DGP-298-rlm

Spot Award.  
Serial 0069  
Signed JUN 15 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LESTER R. SNYDER, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company F, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on November 11, 1942. While acting as a platoon runner, Private First Class Snyder, along with a corpsman, worked his way through the grass in the face of hostile machine-gun fire and brought out a seriously injured comrade who otherwise might not have received first aid treatment. Reporting to his platoon command post, then calling for a stretcher, he made sure the wounded man was under proper care before he returned to duty. His heroic conduct, maintained at great risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hull, Illinois.

B..Hull, Illinois.



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DGP-298-wlb

Spot Award.  
Serial 298  
Signed JUN 23 1943

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

CORPORAL MORRIS E. SNYDER, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of September 13-14, 1942. Separated from his Communication Platoon when the positions of his battalion were under severe attack by the Japanese, Corporal Snyder, on his own initiative, proceeded with four of his comrades to the front lines and fiercely engaged the enemy in close combat. His great personal valor during this action, in which he was wounded, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Fairfield, Connecticut.

B - Syracuse, New York.

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DGP-298-dmr

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SPOT  
Serial 51256

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

SERGEANT ROLLAND L. SNYDER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Rifle Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When his company was held up by strong enemy forces entrenched in caves and pillboxes on a strategic ridge, Sergeant Snyder braved the intense hostile fire and, moving rapidly forward over a distance of thirty yards, neutralized an enemy position with grenade and automatic rifle fire at point-blank range. In a similar manner, he reached a hostile pillbox which was covering one end of the contested ridge with heavy fire and, by grenade and automatic rifle fire from a distance of a few yards, succeeded in killing the enemy within. By his courageous efforts in reducing Japanese opposition, Sergeant Snyder contributed materially to the success of his company in seizing the ridge, and his aggressive fighting spirit was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lafayette, Ohio.  
B--Toledo, Ohio.



Serial-34888

Signed JUL 9 1946

Cincinnati  
AppdSofN-9-6-45

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

SERGEANT CLARENCE F. SOBBA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Squad, serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. Fearlessly exposing himself to shattering machine-gun, mortar and antitank gunfire laid down by the enemy, Sergeant Sobba gallantly directed a platoon of tanks through the front lines in a vigorous attack against a heavily fortified hostile position. With the tanks unable to spot targets accurately, he unhesitatingly advanced to the leading vehicle and, despite the unceasing barrage, boldly directed its fire by telephone before proceeding to two additional tanks to carry out the devastating strike. Determined to consolidate the positions, he continued his bold efforts, inspiring his squad in the spearhead thrust and contributing to the success of the bitterly fought engagement before he was fatally struck down by hostile fire. By his daring leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds, Sergeant Sobba aided materially in combating a fanatic enemy during the Iwo campaign and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--Clayton, Missouri.  
B--Vinita, Oklahoma.

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT  
Serial 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT DAVID SOKOL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Dozer Commander of Company C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 5 May 1945. While under heavy enemy antitank, small-arms and mortar fire, Sergeant Sokol ably directed the dozing of a road through a railroad cut and, leaving his turret hatch open, daringly exposed himself outside his tank to constant enemy fire in order to accomplish the mission in the minimum amount of time. By his outstanding leadership and coolness under fire in completing this mission, Sergeant Sokol enabled friendly tanks to fire on the enemy's rear, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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ComSoPac  
Spot Award  
Serial 00772  
Signed DEC 28 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB SOLOMON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a Combat Patrol serving with the Second 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. Withdrawing with his patrol after conducting a successful reconnaissance of a heavily fortified Japanese position, Private First Class Solomon observed four wounded comrades lying within a few yards of the hostile emplacements and, gallantly braving an intense barrage of close range, Japanese rifle fire, made four separate trips into the dangerous area to evacuate the helpless men. Private First Class Solomon's daring initiative, unflinching courage and selfless efforts in voluntarily risking his life for others despite extreme peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

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

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CincPac  
AppdSofN 3-27-47  
Serial 778  
Signed Oct 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACK B. SOMERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Squad Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Eighth Marines (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, 24 November 1942. Boldly taking the initiative when several attempts by his squad and platoon to dislodge an enemy machine gun located on a strategic knoll had been repulsed, Private First Class Somers worked his way up the knoll despite the merciless fury of Japanese gunfire and then, attacking single-handed, hurled deadly hand grenades into the deeply entrenched gun position. Undaunted by the stubborn defense of the hostile emplacement after he had waged two furious assaults, he returned under fire to the base of the knoll and replenished his supply of grenades for a renewed attack. Although killed by enemy fire during his third effort to silence the Japanese weapon and thereby enable his squad to secure its objective, Private First Class Somers had rendered valiant service in the face of unrelenting opposition, and his cool courage, unfaltering determination and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Wife of the late Mr. Jack B. Somers, California.  
DHHS, Room G-38, Post Office & Court House, Temple and  
Carter Sts., California on 6 April 1948 for the Navy.  
The late PFC Somers, Mrs. Alice Somers, 3818 Motor Ave.,  
Sunnyvale, Cal. & CMC JPL was delivered to the mother of



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Serial 04124  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL WARREN T. SOMERVILLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of an Advanced Reconnaissance Team of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 February 1945. Assigned with his team to carry out a reconnaissance of the landing beaches at Iwo Jima, Corporal Somerville braved heavy artillery and automatic weapons fire from shore-based batteries which scored hits on both swimmers and boat crews participating in the mission. Despite the extreme danger involved, he completed his mission and gained valuable information which aided materially in saving the lives of many Marines. By his courage, initiative and determination, Corporal Somerville upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

Officer 040109  
Enlisted 375367  
DGP 298 Navy FBB

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT CHARLES A. SOOTER,  
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 C, Second Tank Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 23 November 1943. With radio facilities inoperative during this period of bitter offensive action, Platoon Sergeant Sooter repeatedly risked his life to carry vital messages between the Tank Battalion Command Post, tanks in the field and infantry front line positions, completing each perilous assignment expeditiously and with extreme courage despite the enemy's incessant shellfire. By his daring aggressiveness, outstanding fortitude and unwavering determination in the face of grave danger, Platoon Sergeant Sooter contributed immeasurably to the maintenance of communications of tank units throughout the fierce hostilities and to the eventual success of the campaign. His zealous 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..Rolla, Mo.

B..Eldon, Mo.  
24 Dec. 1921



2-15-46

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

PRIVATE HARLAN E. SOULE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 14 March 1945. Determined to prevent the enemy's capture of one of his company's machine guns after the position had been destroyed by hostile fire, Private Soule boldly advanced alone during the night into enemy territory in an attempt to remove the machine gun and ammunition. Courageously exposing himself to enemy attack, he continued through the darkness on this perilous mission until struck down, mortally wounded by Japanese fire. By his heroic conduct and tenacious devotion to duty at great risk to his own life, Private Soule upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

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Secretary of the Navy.

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R--Independence, Mo.  
B--Kingsville, Mo.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES E. SOULEN,  
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 A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 6 May 1945. When, while going to the aid of two tanks disabled by enemy antitank fire during the assault upon a strongly-fortified hostile position, his own tank was hit by enemy projectiles which set it on fire and wounded three crew members, Second Lieutenant Soulen remained in his vehicle until he had extinguished the fire and evacuated his wounded crewmen. Immediately thereafter, he returned on foot despite intense Japanese mortar and small-arms fire to the two tanks previously disabled and directed the evacuation of the remaining wounded to another tank. Upon completion of this hazardous task, he located the hostile antitank gun position and relayed that information to another tank which was able to silence the enemy gun. By his quick actions and coolness under fire, Second Lieutenant Soulen contributed materially to the rescue of twelve members of his platoon, and his courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hopkins, Minn.  
B--Minneapolis, Minn.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LYMAN D. SOUTHWELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Rifle Platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 February 1945. When his platoon's advance was held up by intense hostile rifle and automatic fire from a series of strongly fortified emplacements, Sergeant Southwell volunteered to direct the fire of a tank against these positions and, discovering that the vehicle's telephone was out of order, boldly exposed himself to the enemy fire to beat upon the ports of the tank and attract attention. After establishing contact, he remained in his exposed position to direct the fire of the vehicle in destroying five enemy pillboxes, thereby enabling his platoon to continue its advance. By his aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty, Sergeant Southwell upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- San Francisco, Calif.  
B- Pueblo, Colo.  
25 Aug 1923

Citation only

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 021  
Signed JUN 27 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GORDON N. SOUVEY, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a member of an Assault Company attached to the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Islands, on 26 September 1944. When his platoon was first to reach the top of the northernmost hill on Peleliu Island, during an attack by his company, Private First Class Souvey saw the enemy advancing up the reverse slope and, under heavy, Japanese rifle fire, was leading his fire team around the enemy's flank to attack them when he discovered a hostile automatic weapon firing on friendly troops. His fire team being unable to neutralize the gun from their masked positions, Private First Class Souvey voluntarily advanced alone and succeeded in killing two of the crew before he was killed. By his heroic action, he succeeded in holding up the enemy until reinforcements could be brought to complete the mission. His determined initiative and self-sacrificing conduct reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Souvey and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chesterland, Ohio

B..Malcville, N.Y.

SSM, cit, ltr fr CMC, pres'd by OinC, Cleveland, Ohio, 9-16-45 to the widow of the late PFC Souvey, Mrs. Gordon N. Souvey, 171 Mayfield Road, Chesterland, Ohio. Form cer. pres at Comm Church, Chesterland, at 1045., CMC ltr delv'd same time.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL OSCAR D. SOWERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery I, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Manning a machine gun post with his crew during an enemy counterattack, Corporal Sowers kept the weapon in action until his position was destroyed by hostile hand grenades and before his gun was destroyed, accounted for thirty-three enemy dead. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Sowers and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Houston, Texas.

B..Weldon, Texas.

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Appd Sofn 10-25-46  
Serial 34401  
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

CORPORAL ROBERT E. SPAIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine-Gun Squad Leader, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. With the leader and all non-commissioned officers of an assault rifle platoon killed or wounded during an attack against heavily-fortified enemy positions, Corporal Spain voluntarily assumed command and, continually exposing himself to devastating hostile fire, reorganized the platoon and joined his men with an adjacent company. With all communications destroyed, he proceeded across one hundred yards of an area under intense rifle fire to report conditions to the commanding officer of his company and, upon his return to the platoon, carried up urgently needed ammunition supplies. His courage, initiative and self-sacrificing 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--Springfield, Illinois.

B--Springfield, Illinois.

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Signed MAR 17 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEPHEN J. SPANO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Assistant Machine Gunner, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 18 April 1945. Instantly taking the initiative when the advance of his company was retarded by a vicious enemy machine-gun and mortar barrage, Private First Class Spano, armed with a pistol and hand grenades, voluntarily exposed himself to move forward in the direction of the hostile weapon. Despite a painful wound, he fearlessly dashed forward and persisted in hurling his grenades at the enemy position until he had destroyed the gun and killed its crew of four men. By his indomitable fighting spirit, aggressive determination and unfaltering devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Spano contributed to the successful completion of his company's mission, and his heroic conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Jersey City, New Jersey  
B-- Jersey City, New Jersey

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 20 June 1944. When an explosion occurred in an ammunition dump starting serious fires in the vicinity, Private First Class Spatz unhesitatingly entered the blazing area where large quantities of dynamite, artillery and mortar ammunition were stored in a valiant attempt to isolate the raging flames. Working tirelessly despite the grave danger, he fearlessly continued his courageous efforts until mortally wounded by a second sudden detonation. His daring initiative, resolute determination and unwavering devotion to the completion of an extremely perilous mission reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Spatz and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Saginaw, Michigan SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 2-9-46 by CO,  
B-- " " " " MTD, NTS, Dearborn, Mich. to the parents of the  
late PFC Spatz, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand J. Spatz,  
1809 Stone St., Saginaw, Mich.  
Informal pres. at home with family and friends  
attending.



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Serial 92227

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

FIELD MUSIC FIRST CLASS DONALD D. SPENCER,  
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 C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 9 May 1945. When the ammunition carrying party which he was guiding to assault elements was subjected to devastating enemy fire and one of the men was seriously wounded, Field Music First Class Spencer braved the intense hostile barrage to go to his assistance. After administering first aid to the casualty, he personally carried him to a defiladed position. Then, still aware of the importance of delivering the ammunition to the front lines, he again exposed himself to fire to retrieve the wounded man's weapon for him and, having provided him with a means of self defense, continued forward with the carrying party and completed his assigned mission. Field Music First Class Spencer's coolness under fire and courageous conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Portland, Oregon.  
B--Portland, Oregon.

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

SERGEANT RICHARD K. SPENCER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader in a Rifle Platoon while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands, on 16 April 1945. Having located a well-concealed enemy pillbox which was slowing the advance of his platoon, Sergeant Spencer advanced toward it alone to gain a vantage position from which to point out the hostile emplacement to his squad. After all other methods of target designation had failed, he deliberately exposed himself to fire from the pillbox and succeeded in pointing out the location before he was killed by enemy fire. His indomitable fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own personal safety throughout this action reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Spencer and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Pontiac, Mich.  
B - Pontiac, Mich.



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Serial 41646

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

CORPORAL VINTON L. SPENCER,  
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 a Mortar Platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When only four men remained in the entire mortar section shortly after the initial assault on Iwo Jima, the rest having been wounded or killed, Corporal Spencer courageously assumed command, effectively directing the evacuation of the wounded, organizing the three remaining men and salvaging three mortars and forty rounds of ammunition. Then, despite intense enemy fire, he and his comrades carried the mortars and ammunition five hundred yards forward until contact had been regained with his company. Within a few moments he had directed them into position and, although only one sight was available for all three mortars, delivered effective fire in support of the attack. His cool courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R. Marysville, California  
B-Smartville, California

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Serial 002194  
Signed ~~MAR 21 1944~~

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM J. SPIERDOWIS, U.S.M.C.R.,

For service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving as a gunner with an anti-aircraft detachment of the Ninth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, protecting Tanana Beach, New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands, on July 8, 1943. Despite extremely difficult conditions imposed by almost impenetrable jungle undergrowth, Corporal Spierdowis unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a patrol on a hazardous assignment to clear an adjacent area of an unknown number of Japanese who were endangering personnel and vital installations on the only American beachhead. In the action following contact with the hostile forces, he contributed to the success of his patrol in destroying or capturing five of the enemy. Corporal Spierdowis's heroic conduct and outstanding devotion to duty throughout this mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

Norwood, Mass. 5-14-22  
Norwood, Mass.



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Serial 0592

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE H. SPIERRING,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Marine Fighting Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE, attached to the U. S. S. BENNINGTON, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Kure Naval Base, Southwest Honshu, Japan, 19 March 1945. Penetrating a strongly-defended Japanese sector, First Lieutenant Spierring braved overwhelming opposition to assist his group in destroying nine airborne enemy aircraft and damaging seven more. When his formation was intercepted by numerically superior hostile planes, he unhesitatingly maneuvered to destroy another Japanese plane and flew through intense antiaircraft fire to protect his comrades and fight off enemy forces even after his own plane was severely damaged, thereby contributing materially to the safe return of thirteen of the fifteen planes, eleven of which were badly damaged. His outstanding airman-ship and devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R - Milwaukee, Wisc.  
B - Milwaukee, Wisc.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
Serial 8584  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

SERGEANT PATRICK J. SPILLANE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Tank Retriever Crew of Company C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 23 September 1944. Participating in an operation to salvage a tank disabled in advance of our lines, Sergeant Spillane braved hostile small-arms fire to dismount from the turret of his vehicle and personally guide it through a Japanese mine field for approximately twenty-five yards. Then, hooking towing cables from his tank retriever to the disabled tank, he proceeded to guide both vehicles back in the face of direct hostile fire and, by his persevering efforts, succeeded in maneuvering them around enemy mines to a place of comparative safety. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Boston(Roxbury)Mass.,  
B--Boston, Mass.



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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD F. SPINDLER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Adjutant of the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 24 September to 4 October 1944. Volunteering to dispose of Japanese snipers harassing our troops in the area of a medical company, Second Lieutenant Spindler bravely and daringly eliminated one sniper and at the same time discovered an abandoned Marine tank in an enemy dominated valley to which, after thoroughly reconnoitering and discovering numerous hostile caves, he returned with a tank retriever and a flame thrower and, directing covering fire, enabled the retriever to rescue the disabled tank and the flame thrower to burn out the mouths of the caves. Igniting a Japanese ammunition dump in one of the caves which resulted in ten hours of explosions and heavy fire and the annihilation of six of the enemy, Second Lieutenant Spindler, determinedly volunteered to return the next morning to complete the extermination of the remaining deeply-entrenched troops and, leading a small Army infantry group, supported by two tanks, accounted for fifteen more Japanese and closed several of the caves with the tanks. Again on 4 October, in the face of sniper fire, he returned to the valley and infiltrated into the hostile positions to evacuate wounded Marines. His outstanding perseverance, courageous initiative and untiring devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Spindler and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cleveland, Ohio  
B - Akron, Ohio

039110  
805551  
DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award  
Serial 01012  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 22 1942

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

SERGEANT RICHARD P. SPINDLER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 9, 1942. During his employment as a sniper far behind hostile lines, Sergeant Spindler sighted a large Japanese force moving toward envelopment of an area intended for occupation by a Marine unit. Realizing the immediate danger confronting his comrades and the imminent threat to their proposed objective, he cautiously worked his way back through enemy-infested territory in order to convey his information to headquarters. As a result of his alert presence of mind and courageous initiative, a combat unit was dispatched to the point in time to engage and hold the enemy until reinforcements could be brought up and the Japanese driven out. His heroic foresightedness contributed materially to the successful operation of our forces in this area and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy,

R - University Heights, Ohio

B - Akron, Ohio



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

CORPORAL DONALD A. SPINNEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Fire Team Leader of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. When his Squad Leader was wounded during an attack against hostile forces entrenched in deep coral caves and well protected by mortar and machine-gun fire, Corporal Spinney immediately assumed command and skillfully deployed his men in advantageous positions from which to fire on the enemy. After his squad had been ordered to withdraw to a better location, he fearlessly remained in an exposed position and, delivering effective covering fire, enabled several wounded to be carried to places of safety. Although seriously wounded, Corporal Spinney continued to expose himself to the hostile fire until he was assured that the new defensive positions had been established. His heroism, initiative and determination under heavy enemy mortar, rifle and grenade fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Andover, Mass.

B..Andover, Mass.

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DGP-298-Navy-RLC

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial-6067  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PHILLIP A. SPRY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Cannoneer of Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. During a fanatical enemy charge, Private First Class Spry coolly loaded his section's piece which was delivering direct fire at the hostile forces who were attacking the battery position at a range of less than one hundred yards. Although under Japanese rifle and machine-gun fire at this time, he stayed at his post until seriously wounded and ordered to withdraw just before a superior number of hostile forces overran the battery position. By his calm actions while under enemy fire, he contributed to the infliction of serious casualties on the attacking force and greatly aided in disrupting their advance and stopping the attack in the Battalion area. 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. Meeneth, Michigan  
B. Jackson, Michigan



06222  
DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award  
Serial 1995  
Signed NOV 11 1943

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

CAPTAIN LYMAN D. SPURLOCK, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a company in the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 18-19, 1942. When his company was assigned the task of capturing Matanikau, Captain Spurlock, doubtful of the success of a frontal attack against the enemy's strong entrenchment in the village, led his men in a strenuous flanking maneuver through five miles of exceptionally difficult terrain. Taking the enemy by complete surprise, he and his company killed seventy Japanese, routed the remainder of the hostile force and captured large stores of supplies. His skillful leadership and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service"

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

8  
R - Lincoln, Nebraska.

B Lincoln, Nebraska.

446181  
DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmFPac Spot Ser. 11741  
Signed DEC 4 1947

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

CORPORAL ELMER A. SQUIRES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Chief Scout of the Intelligence Section of the Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 10 July 1944. Leading reconnaissance patrols on hazardous missions including encounters with enemy troops, Corporal Squires rendered valuable assistance in securing important information and capturing prisoners. Although not a part of his regular duties, he also assisted in leading combat patrols to eliminate enemy forces who were hiding in caves for protection and, on these missions, accounted for forty-six of the enemy. 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..Indianapolis, Ind.

B..Saline County, Ark.



451367  
DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 47760  
Signed MAR 4 1948

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

CORPORAL LEE H. STACEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine-gun Squad of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. Observing intense enemy machine-gun fire halt and pin down a stretcher team attempting to evacuate a wounded man, Corporal Stacey risked his life to draw the hostile fire from the stretcher team and permit it to withdraw to cover. Then, crawling through heavy Japanese fire, he dragged the wounded man to safety, although wounded himself while performing this deed. His initiative, cool courage and unselfish devotion to the welfare of his comrades were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Bellmore, N.Y.

B..Seaford, N.Y.

273103  
DGP-298-swb

P  
FMF PAC  
SPOT  
Serial 8584  
Signed NOV 20 1947

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

CORPORAL RICHARD H. STACEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. Observing a wounded officer struggling in the water off the beach, Corporal Stacey immediately left his amphibious tractor and, braving an intense barrage of enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, waded approximately fifty yards into waist-deep water to rescue the man and evacuate him to a place of comparative safety on the beach. Then, courageously working his way along the beach for approximately two hundred yards in the face of heavy enemy fire, he secured a hospital corpsman from an aid station and returned with him to assist in administering first aid to the wounded officer. By his initiative, courage and devotion to duty, Corporal Stacey upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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



07262  
DGP-298-rf

Approved 5-3-43

Serial 750

Signed JUL 21 1943

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

CAPTAIN RICHARD Y. STAFFORD, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, engaged in an attack mission against enemy Japanese positions on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 9-11, 1942. Upon completing a forced march through hazardous jungle and swamps for two days and nights, Captain Stafford immediately deployed his company and initiated an attack against unexpectedly strong enemy positions. After establishment of contact with the enemy, he personally directed the assault, leading his men with courage and determination until he was killed from ambush by a Japanese rifleman. His resolute fighting spirit in the face of hardships and dangers was an inspiration to the men of his command in the fulfillment of an important mission."

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Windsor, Missouri.

B - Windsor, Missouri..

358867  
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award  
Serial 0704 (ComSecStt)  
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

PRIVATE WILLIAM H. STAGG, JR., 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 during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 28, 1943. Immediately after his platoon contacted the enemy, Private Stagg crawled to a vantage point, risking his life to observe and fire upon the hostile units. Despite intense enemy rifle and mortar fire, he unwaveringly pointed out targets to members of his squad and, remaining in this exposed position for nearly two hours, inflicted many casualties before he, himself, was fatally wounded. Private Stagg's daring initiative and inspiring devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Birmingham, Alabama.  
B - Birmingham, Alabama.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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8 July 1946

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SILVER STAR MEDAL - Posthumous awards.....II

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), a Silver Star for gallantry in action during the periods indicated was awarded posthumously by General J. M. Wainwright, United States Army, the the following named officers and enlisted men:

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FIRST SERGEANT DARRELL S. STALEY, United States Marine Corps, from 24 April to 6 May 1942, displayed gallantry in action on Corregidor, Philippine Islands. Charged with the defence of a portion of the north shore facing Bataan Peninsula, he held his positions under heavy, daily artillery and air bombardment. Despite their extremely adverse conditions, the men, under his leadership, maintained a strong defensive force and inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking enemy forces. Sergeant Staley's determination, fighting skill, and personal courage reflect great credit on himself and the armed services.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD F. WITSELL,  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

AGPD-B 201 Staley, Darrell S.  
(14 Jun 46) USMC

26 June 1946

Silver Star

Commanding General  
Second Army  
Baltimore, Maryland

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, a Silver Star was posthumously awarded by General J. M. Wainwright, U. S. Army, to First Sergeant Darrell S. Staley, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action from 24 April to 6 May 1942.

2. The Commanding General, Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, has been directed to have a Silver Star Medal appropriately engraved and to forward it to you for presentation to the widow of Sergeant Staley, who is Mrs. Julia Marie Staley, 2114 Jersey Avenue, Overbrook, Norfolk, Virginia.

3. The official citation pertaining to this award is inclosed for presentation with the decoration.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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Citation

E. N. GARDNER

Adjutant General

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

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CITATION FOR SILVER STAR  
(POSTHUMOUS)

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Approved by WD on 14 June 1946  
Station: Philippine Islands  
Next of Kin: Wife---Virginia

Copy for: Commandant  
US Marine Corps  
Washington 25, D.C.

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DGP-298-he

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

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

PRIVATE JACK R. STAMBAUGH, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on the night of November 22, 1943. Engaged with his company in repulsing a bitter enemy counterattack, Private Stambaugh discovered a wounded comrade in an isolated position about to be attacked by four Japanese soldiers and, in the face of almost certain death, rushed forward and killed the entire group with his rifle and bayonet. Seriously wounded by the sword of an enemy officer during the fierce hand to hand fighting, Private Stambaugh died before aid could reach him. His daring aggressiveness and extremely heroic conduct 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-Bowie, Texas  
E-Wichita Falls, Texas



383870  
AW-298-gjd

Spot Award, 1942.  
Serial 00431  
Signed APR 23 1943

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

PRIVATE WILLIAM L. STANDER, U.S.M.C.R.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving aboard the U.S.S. CHICAGO during the engagement with enemy Japanese aircraft near Rennell Island on January 29 and 30, 1943. Seriously wounded by a bullet from a torpedo bomber which strafed the ship, Private Stander, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, refused to leave his station as gunner on a 20mm. machine gun and continued to fire two additional magazines of ammunition at hostile planes which swooped down toward the ship. Only after all enemy aircraft had been shot down or had retired did he allow himself to be replaced. His heroic fighting spirit and outstanding devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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.

530056  
DPG-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 1-18-45  
Serial 12600  
Signed Apr 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHESTER J. STANEK, USMCR.,

For service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 1 August 1944. With the Regimental Observation Post pinned down by devastating enemy machine-gun fire, Private First Class Stanek unhesitatingly left his position of comparative safety and, valiantly exposing himself to the withering barrage, proceeded to the nearest friendly troops to secure aid for his comrades. Although mortally wounded while carrying out his hazardous mission, he succeeded in making his way back to his own lines to point out the position of the hostile emplacement before he succumbed to his wound. By his daring initiative and great personal valor in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Stanek enabled our troops to advance and destroy the machine-gun nest, thereby contributing to the saving of many lives. His selfless 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. Cleveland, Ohio  
B- " "

SSM, perm.cit & ltr fr. CMC pres'd on 30 June 1945 by the OinC Cen. Pro. Div. Induction and Recruiting Dist of Cleveland, Fed. Bldg., Public Sq. & Superior Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio., to the parents of the late PFC Stanek, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanek, 5206 Ira Avenue, Cleveland Ohio. Presentation was with informal ceremony at the station at 10 o'clock.



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DGP-298-vml

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 41628  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

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CORPORAL EDWARD ~~A~~. STANICK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Bazooka Man in a Rifle Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Observing an enemy antitank gun that was inflicting heavy casualties on his company, Corporal Stanick voluntarily left a position of comparative safety, maneuvered himself into a position behind the enemy emplacement and, although exposed to the fire of two enemy machine guns protecting the weapon, destroyed it in spite of painful wounds received when an enemy mortar shell exploded near him. His 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--Lowell, Mass.,  
B--Lowell, Mass.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETER R. STANKIEWICZ, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against dissident forces at Hsin-Ho, China, on 5 April 1947. Bearing rifle and grenade fire in the immediate vicinity of his sentinel post at the ammunition supply point, Private First Class Stankiewicz unhesitatingly pressed forward and engaged in a fire fight with an overwhelming number of dissident forces. Although pinned down by hostile fire and seriously wounded by an enemy grenade, he delivered accurate and concentrated rifle fire and succeeded in diverting the advance until reinforcements arrived. His daring initiative, fighting spirit and unselfish devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Illinois

B--Chicago, Illinois



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DGP 298 navy flw

FMFPAC  
SPOT  
Serial 86000  
Signed\_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL STEPHEN STANKOVICH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Guide of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. When his platoon commander became a casualty during a vicious enemy night attack on our forces occupying Sugar Loaf Hill, Corporal Stankovich voluntarily braved devastating enemy fire to advance and assumed control of the platoon. Despite the intensity of the enemy fire, he continued to direct the efforts of his men, persisting in his courageous conduct until the hostile attack was repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. By his courageous and determined leadership, Corporal Stankovich upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-St. Clair, PA  
B-Eagle Hill, PA

256145  
017985  
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ComSevFlt  
Serial 0717  
Spot Award  
Signed

DEC 30 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN S. STANKUS, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as an Intelligence Officer with the Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 30, 1943. Aggressive and courageous in performance of duty, First Lieutenant Stankus boldly sought out the enemy and led one of our patrols to the hostile positions where a daring attack was launched. Subjected to a fierce bayonet charge by the Japanese during the ensuing action, he remained steadfast at his forward position and, by his heroic defiance of danger, rallied our troops to repulse and annihilate the enemy. When the platoon leader was wounded during a second bayonet attack, First Lieutenant Stankus unhesitatingly risked his life to advance under heavy fire and carry the injured Marine to shelter behind our lines. By his inspiring valor in the face of grave danger, First Lieutenant Stankus contributed to the complete rout of the hostile forces, and his exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Wallingford, Conn.  
B--



017985  
256145  
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 925  
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN S. STANKUS, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 27, 1942. In the midst of an engagement near the headwaters of Matanikau River, Private First Class Stankus, on his own initiative and single-handed, carried his light machine gun through a deadly curtain of hostile fire to a vantage point on the edge of a creek where, by effectively neutralizing a vigorous enemy shelling from the opposite bank, he enabled his comrades to evacuate their seriously wounded Battalion Commander. Despite tremendous crossfire, he persisted in manning his weapon until ordered back, and then succeeded by means of hand grenades, in repelling two Japanese rushes directed toward the capture of his machine gun. His heroic conduct, employed at great personal risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Wallingford, Connecticut.

B - Wallingford, Connecticut. 7-23-16.

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DGP-298-Navy-1 RDA

CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 01489  
Signed JAN 26 1948

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

SERGEANT JOHN G. STANLEY,  
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, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 November 1943. Sighting several wounded men lying helpless in the shallow waters many yards from the beach, Sergeant Stanley unhesitatingly waded out across the dangerous coral reef and, repeatedly exposing himself to heavy enemy machine-gun fire, succeeded in bringing the wounded ashore to receive medical treatment. By his courageous initiative, Sergeant Stanley saved the lives of men who otherwise might have perished, and his devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Blackfoot, Idaho.,

B..Orient, Iowa.



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DGP-298-ec

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 42755

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

CORPORAL LYLE B. STANLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Medium Tank Driver of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When his tank was hit by a napalm bomb during an infantry attack, Corporal Stanley courageously remained alone in the tank and drove it from the fire. Using an extinguisher, he put out the fire to save the vehicle from complete destruction. By his coolness, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty, Corporal Stanley upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rockford, Ill.

B--Chatfield, Minn.

304359  
DGP-298-egg

CincPac  
Serial 1005  
Appd SofN 3-1-45  
Signed NOV 19 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT RUSSELL J. STANLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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 Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. When his platoon was ordered to a new position to consolidate the front lines of the beachhead, Platoon Sergeant Stanley fearlessly led his men through an area of thick undergrowth and rough, rocky terrain where they were pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire. Completely disregarding his own safety, he boldly advanced toward the machine gun, deliberately exposing himself to draw its fire and thereby enabling his platoon to flank its position and destroy the gun. By his self-sacrificing spirit and unwavering devotion to duty, he had contributed materially to the ultimate success of this vital mission before he was mortally wounded during this action. His courageous initiative and heroic fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
B-- " " "

and Mrs. Stanley  
In June 1944 and when the presentation ceremony with the medals of Mr.  
Stanley was made with appropriate ceremony on  
June 17, 1944, at the home of the late Mr.  
Stanley, the late Mr. Stanley was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley



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DGP-298-rlb

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 8-16-46  
Serial 84086  
Signed JUN 3 - 1946

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

CORPORAL PAUL H. STANSBERRY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader of a Rifle Company, serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 13 March 1946. With the advance of his platoon halted by hostile fire from two bunkers, Corporal Stansberry volunteered to advance alone for a distance of one hundred yards through terrific enemy rifle and machine-gun fire to destroy the opposition and, carrying his own explosives as he unhesitatingly crawled ahead of the lines, succeeded in destroying his first bunker with a demolition charge. Boldly continuing his self-assigned mission, he had reached the second bunker when he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. On reducing the volume of opposing Japanese fire by his destruction of one bunker, Corporal Stansberry had enabled his platoon to move forward and, his dauntless spirit and great personal valor in the fulfillment of a hazardous mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Dunkirk, Ohio  
B.--Upper Sandusky, Ohio

SSM presented to Mrs. Paul H. Stansberry, at a Marine Corps League Meeting in Lima, Ohio, 13 August 1946.

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DGP-298-egg

CincPac  
Serial 1133  
Appd SofN 3-1-45  
Signed 10-19-45

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

CORPORAL ROY STAR,  
UNITED STATES MARINECORPS 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 Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 23 June 1944. Refusing evacuation for a wound incurred during the initial assault, Corporal Star assumed command of his squad when its leader became a casualty and successfully attacked numerous enemy-held positions, aiding materially in clearing his company's sector of the beach until he was evacuated under orders. Returning to duty on the recently captured Mt. Tipo Pale, Corporal Star took command of a unit subjected to numerous night attacks in which he was exposed to fierce grenade fire hurled by the concealed enemy. Blown from his hole and severely wounded by a direct hit, he valiantly returned to his position, tirelessly reorganizing other wounded men in the area and holding the line until he fell, mortally wounded by another strike. His heroic courage, indomitable spirit and unflinching devotion to duty throughout at the risk of his own life reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Star and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSN, perma cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, Oakland, Cal. For the President, 12-28-45 to the  
partners of the late Corp Star, Mr and Mrs  
Paul Star, 2372 East 21st St., Oakland, Cal. JAMES FORRESTAL  
Inf pres at their home. Oakland Tribune  
carried picture of pres and the story.

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oakland, California  
B--Fresno, California



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App. SofN 3-2-43  
Serial 28  
Signed July 21, 1943.

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

FIRST SERGEANT JEROME J. STARK, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of September 13-14, 1942. Repeatedly leading units into assault on the ridge about 1,000 yards south of Henderson Field, First Sergeant Stark, with relentless fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own personal safety, engaged the enemy in violent hand-to-hand combat until he was severely wounded and forcibly evacuated from the front lines. His inspiring leadership and courageous persistence contributed materially to the successful defense of the airfield and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/S/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Flint, Michigan.

B - Dunlo, Pennsylvania.

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CG, FMF, Pac  
Appd SofN 4-19-45  
Serial 12587  
Signed NOV 13 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND STARKIE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Runner serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 19 June 1944. When his company was pinned down by a powerful concentration of hostile fire during a bitter engagement, Private First Class Starkie continuously exposed himself to the enemy's devastating barrages to move forward in close coordination with his commanding officer in an attempt to cover him in his advance to the company's right flank and, fearlessly drawing the Japanese fire away from the officer and upon himself, fought his weapon with determined aggressiveness and succeeded in annihilating eight Japanese soldiers before he fell, fatally wounded by an enemy sniper. By his resolute initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and bold tactics during a critical period of the fierce hostilities, Private First Class Starkie contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his undaunted courage and self-sacrificing conduct in the fulfillment of an extremely hazardous mission 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--Springfield, Mass.  
B-- " "

SS. W/ perm cit ltr fr CMC pres (by registered mail) 18 Feb 1946  
to Mother, Mrs Lena A. C. Starkie, Box# 13, West Fairlee,  
Vermont. Mail at request of Mother.



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Appd SofN 9-13-45  
Serial 35617  
Signed JUL 9 1946

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

SERGEANT JACK R. STARR,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Armorer with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 3 and 15 March 1945. On 3 March, when a guide was seriously wounded while leading a working party bringing supplies and ammunition to the front, Sergeant Starr unhesitatingly assumed command, scouted the area to find a safe route to the front lines and, after leading the party there safely, returned to the wounded guide, administered first aid and carried him to the rear. On 15 March, when several of the enemy rushed the company command post from a by-passed cave, he discovered and killed three of the attackers immediately and was himself killed while pursuing a fourth who was escaping. His courageous fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own personal safety reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Starr and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--St. Paul, Minnesota.  
B--Council Bluffs, Iowa.

SSM/perm.cit ACMC ltr.pres. to prints of the late Sgt. Starr, Mr&Mrs. Floyd E. Starr, Sr. at HQ Anniversary Celebration, Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. on 9 Nov 46 by the Cinc USMC DHRS, Minneapolis, Minn.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT EARL J. STEARNS,  
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 D, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. Skillfully directing the setting up of his platoon's machine guns among the most forward elements of the assaulting force in order to gain striking superiority over enemy weapons firing relentlessly from positions then under attack, First Lieutenant Stearns daringly led his men in delivering withering, close-range barrages against the emplacements, completely neutralizing their fire and enabling men with TNT and grenades to close in and destroy the occupants. Fearlessly exposing himself to the enemy's fierce resistance, he continued his same bold tactics, courageously moving his weapons into open positions and calmly and efficiently controlling their devastating shellfire throughout repeated assaults against a fanatic enemy. By his forceful and determined leadership, his dauntless perseverance and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, First Lieutenant Stearns contributed materially to the success of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Woodhousen, Long Island N. Y.,     JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
B--Cassopolis, Mich.

Secretary of the Navy.



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Spot Award  
Serial 0735  
Signed MAR 20 1945

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

CORPORAL CARL L. STEELE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine Gun Squad serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 2 January 1944. With his squad pinned down by heavy enemy fire from hostile positions concealed in dense jungle undergrowth, Corporal Steele courageously attempted to operate his gun and, although wounded in the effort, tried once again and succeeded in firing his weapon until he was hit and his gun put out of action. Despite his wounds and the overwhelming enemy opposition, he persisted in his heroic efforts up to the last minute, encouraging and inspiring his men in their attacks before leaving the field for medical attention. Corporal Steele's great personal valor and indomitable fighting spirit 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--Fairfax Station, Virginia.  
B--Larimer, Pennsylvania.

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

MASTER TECHNICAL SERGEANT JOSEPH S. STEFONCIK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. After a heavy enemy artillery barrage had set fire to a division ammunition and food dump and a U. S. Army radar station situated in the vicinity of the Regimental Command Post, Master Technical Sergeant Stefonicik braved hostile mortar and artillery fire as well as flying fragments of burning and exploding ammunition which were continuously showering the area and assisted in controlling and extinguishing the fire, thereby preventing the destruction of other large stores of nearby critical materials. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Jackson Heights, N. Y.

B--Canonsburg, Pa.



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Appd SofN 1-11-45  
Serial 004189  
Signed APR 18 1945

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

SERGEANT TERENCE STELGES, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while acting as Platoon Sergeant of an assault rifle company serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty Second Marines, First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. Although mortally wounded when the battalion rear guard of which he was in charge was attacked by the enemy from surrounding heavy brush, Sergeant Stelges courageously and with aggressive determination directed his men against the numerically superior hostile forces and, by his expert tactical skill and inspiring leadership, completely disrupted the fierce attack and forced the Japanese to withdraw in disorder before he succumbed to his wounds. Sergeant Stelges' splendid initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and unselfish devotion to duty under extremely perilous conditions 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--Galveston, Texas  
B-- " "

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr. fr. CMC pres'd on 20 June 1945 by the OinC, SPD, Hq. Induction and Recruiting Dist. of San Antonio, Bedell Bldg., 118 Broadway, San Antonio 5, Texas, to the parents of the late Sgt. Stelges, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Stelges, 1207 Ave. M, Galveston, Tex. Presentation was with private ceremony at the home of the immediate family and was given local newspaper publicity.

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Serial 48904

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN J. STEMKOSKI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Platoon Leader of the Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 22 February 1945. Although handicapped by a rain-fogged periscope, enemy smoke, antitank fire, and terrain pockmarked by deep shell holes, Second Lieutenant Stemkoski pressed home a determined tank attack and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. For a period of one hour after reaching his objective, he voluntarily fought forward and destroyed enemy weapons which he discovered with great difficulty and usually only when they fired upon his platoon. When his vehicle was hit by an enemy antitank shell which killed his assistant driver and wounded the driver, gunner and himself, he directed the evacuation of the other wounded crew members and succeeded in removing all the wounded to safety. He refused evacuation until his unit had been reorganized to continue the fight. His skilled leadership, heroic spirit and untiring devotion to duty were contributing factors in making an advance of four hundred yards, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Cheboygan, Mich.  
B--Cheboygan, Mich.

**FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS**  
Secretary of the Navy.



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Appd SofN 9-13-45.  
Serial 35922  
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CORPORAL LEROY B. STENBERG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Group Leader, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 26 February to 3 March 1945. Fearlessly disregarding all personal danger, Corporal Stenberg crawled forward over hazardous terrain to neutralize an enemy pillbox which was impeding his platoon's advance. Exposing himself to constant hostile fire, he succeeded in placing a demolition charge and annihilating the position, thereby clearing a field of advance for his platoon. Persisting in his valiant efforts, Corporal Stenberg again risked his life on 3 March, to crawl through Japanese sniper fire to aid a wounded comrade, but was himself mortally wounded. His bold initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Stenberg and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New Rockford, North Dakota.

B--Hamburg, North Dakota.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented at an informal ceremony to the parents of the late Corp. Stenberg, Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Stenberg at their home on 28 Sep 46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Portland, Ore.

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Pac Ser. 4785  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. STENBERG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 May 1945. Despite heavy enemy machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire, Second Lieutenant Stenberg crawled forward of his own lines to an observation point where he was exposed to the fire of both the enemy and a supporting 37-mm. gun platoon. In order to communicate with these 37-mm. gun positions and direct their supporting fire, he repeatedly crawled from his observation post through an open area to a telephone. By his courageous action, he was directly responsible for the destruction of three hostile pillboxes and the driving of the enemy from several other positions in caves and behind natural cover. Under his accurate fire direction, his platoon gained a fire superiority which made it possible to deploy tanks and troops in a successful attack on the position. His skill in fire direction, fortitude and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Stenberg and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Milwaukee, Wisconsin

B..Chicago, Illinois



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

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ARNOLD N. STENSLAND,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. With several enemy machine guns still in operation to the left of his beachhead defense line and firing relentlessly on our troops as they waded ashore, Platoon Sergeant Stensland immediately seized a .50 caliber machine gun from an abandoned amphibian tractor, secured it to the antiaircraft mount on the turret of a stalled medium tank and opened fire on the emplacements, neutralizing the shattering fire and enabling the Marines to gain the beachhead. With his ammunition expended, he again risked his life to man the tank's 75-mm. turret gun and, directing a steady, accurate stream of shellfire against the enemy, contributed to the success of further landing operations. Aggressive and determined throughout subsequent engagements with the fanatic Japanese, he continued his same bold tactics, destroying the enemy on numerous occasions and securing and holding the ground gained by his unit in each bitter action. His daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Stensland and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Inglewood, Calif.,  
B--Los Angeles, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award  
Serial 0956  
Signed JUL 17 1944

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

CORPORAL RALPH STEPHENS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during an attack along the Numa Numa-Piva trail, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 8, 1943. Although painfully wounded in the shoulder, arm and leg by an exploding Japanese mortar shell while leading his squad in a fire fight against withering enemy opposition, Corporal Stephens administered effective first aid to five injured comrades and then, despite heavy hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, carried a badly wounded hospital corpsman to a place of safety. His brilliant leadership and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Detroit, Mich.  
B - Bono, Ark.



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

PLATOON SERGEANT WILLARD H. STEPHENS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 19 August 1944. Ordered to reconnoiter an enemy bivouac area which was reported as having been occupied by a group of well-armed Japanese, Platoon Sergeant Stephens led his eight-man patrol to a point about a mile from the area where he was pinned down by heavy fire from a numerically superior hostile force. For a period of four hours, he constantly moved from man to man, controlling and directing accurate and effective fire which resulted in the withdrawal of the enemy. Conducting a systematic search of the area, he found nine enemy dead and some Japanese rifles, mortars and ammunition which were destroyed by the patrol. His aggressive leadership, fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Platoon Sergeant Stephens and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ponsford, Minn.

B--Park Rapids, Minn.

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM G. H. STEPHENS, JR.,  
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, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Braving heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire on D-Day, Captain Stephens organized and led an attack for 250 yards over open terrain which afforded no cover or concealment, seizing Adelup Point with a loss to the enemy of sixty-five men, two 75-mm. fieldpieces and one 37-mm. gun. Then organizing his defenses, he successfully fought off continuous hostile counterattacks for a period of eleven hours with an additional loss to the Japanese of seventy men. His aggressive leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

R-Woodland, California  
B-Woodland, California

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Appd SofN 10-18-45  
Serial 35791  
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

CAPTAIN EDWARD V. STEPHENSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 28 February to 4 March 1945. When his attack on a strongly fortified hostile position was halted and disorganized by the fire from four concealed enemy tanks on 28 February, Captain Stephenson went forward through heavy rifle, machine-gun and cannon barrages to lead an attack on the tanks with flame throwers and rocket launchers. Completely destroying two tanks, scoring damaging hits on a third and causing the fourth to flee, he quickly reorganized his company and continued the assault. On 4 March, with the advance of his left flank halted by point-blank fire from a heavy fieldpiece, he immediately went forward of his front lines in an attempt to locate the source of the Japanese fire, persevering until he fell, mortally wounded. By his inspiring leadership and great personal courage throughout, Captain Stephenson contributed to the success of his company 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.--Madison, North Carolina

B.--Seaboard, North Carolina

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*Our hero*

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH C. STEPHENSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Section Leader in Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 25 February to 1 March 1945. Courageously leading his men forward in support of assault units advancing across Motoyama Airfield Number Two on 25 February, Sergeant Stephenson had succeeded in establishing positions beyond the airstrip when our troops met a shattering barrage of machine-gun and mortar fire which forced them to withdraw. In the resulting confusion, he remained steadfast and calm and, skillfully organizing his own section as well as others in the vicinity, conducted them to the immediate rear and established a new line of defense. Fearlessly risking his life in his grave concern for others, he repeatedly led stretcher bearers back through the danger area to locate and evacuate men who had been struck down during the furious action. After our lines were again secured, he voluntarily penetrated the enemy-infested area alone to destroy guns left in two disabled friendly tanks, thereby preventing the infiltrating Japanese from training the guns on our troops. With a by-passed hostile pillbox spraying the area with small-arms fire and grenades from a strong point behind our lines as he was attempting to establish contact with the company on his right flank during a fierce



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Signed JUL 24 1946

engagement on 1 March, Sergeant Stephenson promptly placed his machine guns in position and, assuming command of a rifle squad and two flame throwers, boldly led a coordinated attack to neutralize the emplacement before he was struck down by a sudden shellburst. By his daring initiative, superb leadership and vallant fighting spirit, maintained in the face of tremendous odds, Sergeant Stephenson contributed to the saving of many lives and to the success of the bitterly fought Iwo campaign. His constant 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

*Acting* Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MILTON R. STEPHENSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company M. Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Painfully wounded in the hand during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Stephenson steadfastly refused to leave the area, and, fighting furiously against tremendous odds, attacked and neutralized several heavily fortified Japanese emplacements, killing more than ten of the enemy as they attempted to escape from their concealed positions. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Stephenson contributed materially to the success of our forces in overcoming Japanese resistance in this area and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..White Salmon, Wash.,

B..Strong City, Okla.



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Serial 0296-295  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ JAN 22 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN L. STERLING,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as  
a Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth  
Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade,  
Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy  
Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July  
1944. During repeated enemy counterattacks through-  
out the night, First Lieutenant Sterling skillfully  
led his outnumbered forces in repulsing the enemy and  
in inflicting severe losses although most of his men  
were casualties before morning. Later in the campaign  
in an assault against Japanese-held pillboxes, he  
directed his men until he was seriously wounded. His  
leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest  
credit upon First Lieutenant Sterling and the United  
States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Greenwich, Conn.,  
B--Greenwich, Conn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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App. SofN 2-1-45  
Serial 0394  
Signed JUL 5 1945

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

CORPORAL JAMES V. STEVENS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. While his company was making an extremely hazardous advance over a steep and broken ridge in the face of intense fire from Japanese guns, Corporal Stevens observed the inability of an adjacent company to see the position of an enemy machine gun that was holding up their advance. Immediately taking an exposed position from which he could bring accurate fire to bear on the Japanese emplacement, he maintained a continuous stream of fire upon the enemy installations despite fierce opposition and succeeded in neutralizing it before being mortally wounded by fire from another source. By his daring initiative and unwavering determination in the fulfillment of a vital mission, Corporal Stevens contributed materially to the success of an important campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. His valiant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Claira, Miss.

B..Leaksville, Miss.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Birmingham, Ala., 9-28-45 to the mother of the late Corp Stevens, Mrs. Ida Stevens, 415½ Dauphin St., Mobile, Ala. Inf pres.



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Serial 475  
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

CORPORAL ORVILLE H. STEVENS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 2 July 1944. Wounded by a hostile grenade while attacking a strategic enemy position, Corporal Stevens steadfastly refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his team's operations in the furious assault until his platoon was pinned down by an overwhelming concentration of Japanese machine-gun fire. Fearlessly disregarding all personal danger, he boldly stationed himself in front of his unit and, locating concealed enemy gun emplacements, skillfully directed a continuous barrage of heavy tank fire against the hostile positions until instantly killed by a savage burst from an enemy gun. By his indomitable fighting spirit, resolute initiative and daring tactics, Corporal Stevens destroyed several Japanese pillboxes and contributed materially to the success of our operations in this vital area, and his great personal courage and valiant conduct in the face of terrific odds 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--Casper, Wyo.  
B--Cheyenne, Wyo.

SSM w/perm cit, ltr fr CMC delivered to the mother of the late Corp Stevens, Mrs. Lue E. Tubbs at her home on 23Oct46 by the Cinc, USMCDHRS, Denver, Colo.

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SPOT  
Serial 9241  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T. D. STEVENS, 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 an Assault Engineer Platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. When his command post was attacked in the rear by hostile forces, Private First Class Stevens armed himself with an automatic rifle and, proceeding into a hazardous, exposed area, steadfastly directed his fire against the attacking enemy forces, continuing in his courageous efforts until his supply of ammunition was depleted. Then, unarmed, he crawled forward in the face of intense hostile machine-gun and rifle fire to administer first aid to a wounded comrade and subsequently succeeded in evacuating him to a place of comparative safety. By his heroic efforts and concern for the welfare of others, Private First Class Stevens 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--Humble, Texas  
B- Humble, Texas



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Spot Award  
0057 (Serial)  
Signed APR 22 1944

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

CORPORAL WENDELL T. STEVENS, U.S.M.C.R.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Marine Division during the landing attack on Puruata Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Serving as a member of the five-man crew of a 75 millimeter ~~self-propelled anti-tank gun~~, Corporal Stevens unhesitatingly advanced into the jungle to assist in reducing an enemy position of three strongly defended pill boxes well protected by hostile snipers. Although seriously wounded by severe enemy fire which killed or injured every man in the adjacent gun crew, he steadfastly continued to keep the gun in action until the hostile stronghold was destroyed. Corporal Stevens' great personal valor and tenacious devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Miller City, Ill.  
B - Miller City, Ill.

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DGP-298-sps

ApprovedSofN 6-20-49  
FMFPac Serial 00422

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

SERGEANT CARL R. STEVENSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 30 September 1944. Painfully wounded while leading his squad in an assault against a hostile position which was strongly-defended by intense rifle and grenade fire, Sergeant Stevenson continued to control the advance and fire on his unit, refusing to be evacuated until the enemy position was overrun. His inspiring leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and exemplary devotion to duty were contributing factors in the destruction of the hostile position and reflect great credit on Sergeant Stevenson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy

R-South Bristol, Me.  
B-Champaign, Ill.



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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

FIRST LIEUTENANT NIKOLAI S. STEVENSON, U.S.M.C.R.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, August 21, 1942. When machine gun fire from an attacking unit of 37 Japanese raked the left platoon of the company, causing several casualties, including the leader, First Lieutenant Stevenson maneuvered his remaining platoons to surround and isolate the enemy unit from its main body. In the ensuing fierce hand-to-hand combat which resulted in the destruction or capture of the entire enemy unit, First Lieutenant Stevenson personally killed the Japanese leader. His outstanding leadership and inspiring conduct contributed to the success of the engagement and eventually to the destruction of the entire enemy main body."

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...Montclair, New Jersey.

B...New York, New York.

011643  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 2788  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. STEVENSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in combat with enemy Japanese forces in the Kwajalein Atoll Area on 31 January 1944. Determined to land his vehicles despite the lack of boats to transport his tanks across an open stretch of water, First Lieutenant Stevenson fearlessly exposed himself to direct enemy fire as he waded across a seaward submerged reef to within a short distance of the beach on Ennugarret Island to reconnoiter possible routes of approach for his tanks. Although still under hostile fire, he retraced his steps to Ennumennent Island and, personally led his platoon of tanks across the dangerous reef. By his valiant disregard of personal danger and prompt action in a critical emergency, he made available tanks to support the attack on Ennugarret Island and to assist by fire the assault on Namur Island. His heroic fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty throughout this hazardous operation reflected the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Stevenson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Honeoye Falls, N.Y.,

B..Woodcliff, New Jersey.



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Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-15-45  
Serial 1171  
Signed R-18-45

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HOYT M. STEWART,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*B C*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 7 July 1944. During a fierce enemy attack on his battery's position, Second Lieutenant Stewart fearlessly exposed himself to intense machine-gun and rifle fire in order to organize defenses and keep them constantly supplied with ammunition. Courageous and daring under enemy fire, he was leading reinforcements to isolated outposts when mortally wounded before he could reach his objective. Second Lieutenant Stewart's inspiring valor and unyielding 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--Iowa Park, Texas.

B--Marurgee, Texas.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr mailed to the widow of the late 2dLt. Stewart, Mrs. Hoyt M. Stewart, on 15Oct46 by the CO, NATB, USNAS, Corpus Christi, Tex.

031793  
DGP-298-ebg

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

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT IRVING H. STEWART,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Painfully wounded by enemy machine-gun fire he left a stranded amphibian tractor, Second Lieutenant Stewart braved the intense hostile machine-gun fire to direct the movement of his troops across a drying reef to the beach. Although weak from loss of blood upon arrival at the beach, he directed his men through an intense enemy mortar barrage to positions affording some cover. Only until the safety of his men had been insured did he consent to be evacuated. By his outstanding courage and unwavering devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant Stewart served as a constant inspiration to the men under his command, 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-Ashburn, Ga.  
B-Decatur, Ga.



350054  
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award  
Serial 00669  
Signed NOV 27 1944

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

CORPORAL SUMNER G. STEWART, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 24, 1943. Courageously penetrating deep into enemy-infested territory while serving as scout for a reconnaissance patrol, Corporal Stewart skillfully effected a thorough investigation, gathering valuable information on numerous Japanese positions discovered by his patrol. When his party became pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun, grenade and rifle fire in an enemy bivouac area, he unhesitatingly advanced to within a few yards of a hostile gun emplacement and, with two comrades, fiercely attacked and killed all seven Japanese occupants, enabling his patrol to extricate itself from the perilous position. Subsequently preceding his men in the hazardous return to our front lines, Corporal Stewart fearlessly broke the trail through difficult swamp terrain and brought the others safe to their destination. His daring initiative and resolute devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Las Vegas, Nevada.  
B - Alamo, Nevada.

STEWART, Thomas L.      Pvt. First Class      270377

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

Previous Awards - None.

Born:                      2-12-20      -      Pasadena, California.  
Current Enl.:            10-24-39      -      Los Angeles, California.  
Legal Residence:      Long Beach, California.  
Next of Kin:            Mr. Thomas Stewart      (Father)  
                             1907 Atlantic Avenue,  
                             Long Beach, California.



013530

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. STEWART, 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. Assuming command of a platoon whose leader was severely wounded, First Lieutenant Stewart directed his men in an attack on a strongly fortified enemy position and, realizing that further advance was impossible in the face of withering enemy fire, expeditiously withdrew his platoon a short distance. Although wounded, he courageously remained in action to reorganize his group and lead it in a decisive second attack, thereby contributing materially to the destruction of the hostile position and the neutralization of organized enemy resistance to our occupation of the Island. First Lieutenant Stewart's great personal valor and outstanding leadership 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-Susquehanna, Pennsylvania  
B-Sheffield, Vermont

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Ser. 0296

Signed-----FEB 27 1945-----

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. STEWART,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 27 July 1944. During the assault on Orote Peninsula, Captain Stewart led his men against the full force of the enemy resistance and, although his company suffered severe losses, sustained a steady advance in the day-long fight. His leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain Stewart and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Susquehanna Pa.  
B. Sheffield Vt.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 00396

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

CORPORAL JOHN C. STIEFERMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Fire Team in an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Taking command when his squad leader and several others became casualties shortly after landing, Corporal Stieferman reorganized the remnants of the squad and led a fierce assault on enemy positions defending the north end of the beach. Observing that his platoon was suffering casualties from an enemy machine gun in a pillbox, he led his men forward against the strong point and accurately hurling a hand grenade, personally killed three Japanese protecting the outside of the pillbox. Then, waging a direct assault against the position, he succeeded in capturing the pillbox. Although painfully wounded by a grenade during the action, he steadfastly refused evacuation until the strong point had been taken and its occupants destroyed. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Stieferman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..St. Louis, Missouri

B..St. Louis, Missouri

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DGP-298-db

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 101474  
Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT VICTOR L. STIER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Intelligence Officer of the Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 2 March 1945. During an attack against a strategic position commanding an airfield, First Lieutenant Stier's battalion was halted by intense mortar and machine-gun fire and the assault companies engaged in violent hand to hand combat. When the Battalion Commander was wounded, he volunteered to reconnoiter the area for the information needed to consolidate their gains and arrange the defense for the night. Despite heavy enemy fire, he toured the lines to observe the condition of the Battalion. Finding the assault companies disorganized and decimated, he directed the consolidation of the positions until long after dark, working with the company commanders to build their lines, tie in their flanks and strengthen their positions. When his mission was accomplished, he made the dangerous return trip at the risk of being fired on by friendly and hostile forces. Time after time, he personally led his intelligence section as carrying parties. By his inspiring leadership and heroic devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Stier contributed materially to the success of the operations, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oakland, California  
B--Detroit, Michigan



07848  
DGP-298-rkz

FMF  
SPOT  
Serial 330  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

CAPTAIN HOUSTON STIFF,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Having been informed of the presence of two large enemy ammunition dumps somewhere forward of our lines, the explosion of which would endanger the lives of a large number of our men, and knowing full well that the Japanese might blow up these dumps at any instant, Captain Stiff on his own initiative fearlessly took a patrol forward during the night, successfully located, seized and guarded these dumps. Later while he was supervising the final assault on hostile positions at Marpi Point, he courageously directed the separation of civilians, mostly women and children, from a large group of fanatical Japanese soldiers who were exploding grenades and demolition charges among the civilians in order to kill them or force them to a suicidal jump off the high cliffs into the sea. By his prompt action, the annihilation of the enemy soldiers and the saving of the lives of hundreds of non-combatants was achieved. By his expert leadership, courage and devotion to duty, Captain Stiff upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denton, Texas.  
B--Waco, Texas.

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DGP-298-cag

FMFPac  
Serial 6112  
Appd SofN  
Signed MAR 25 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. STILES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader, attached to Company I, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 4 August 1944. Quick to act when his platoon was suddenly trapped in difficult terrain by heavy fire from enemy machine guns located in a cave, Second Lieutenant Stiles rallied and organized his remaining men and, securing demolitions, cautiously led the platoon up to the cave. After successfully neutralizing the position despite grenades and demolition charges thrown by the Japanese, he braved constant enemy sniper fire to supervise the evacuation of twelve wounded men. His courage and skilled leadership under fire reflect great credit upon Second Lieutenant Stiles and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Greenfield, Mass.

B..Greenfield, Mass.



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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6887  
Signed FEB 10 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL D. STILGEBOWER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as  
an Automatic Rifleman of Company L, Third Battalion,  
Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action  
against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas  
Islands, on 24 June 1944. Advancing up a thickly  
wooded slope with the scout element of a rifle pla-  
toon which was suddenly pinned down by a camouflaged  
enemy gun crew at extremely close range, Private  
First Class Stilgebouer braved the intense enemy  
fire and, although wounded in the action crawled  
forward and fired point blank into the hostile po-  
sition. By his courageous action, he killed three  
of the enemy, destroyed the Japanese machine gun  
and enabled his platoon to take its objective with-  
out further casualties. His bravery, initiative  
and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with  
the highest traditions of the United States Naval  
Service."

For the President,

R--Oceanside, Calif.,  
B--McCook, Nebr.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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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 CHALLIS L. STILL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Light Machine Gun Operator of Company B, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. Accompanying with his machine gun crew a night combat patrol operating behind enemy lines, Private First Class Still aided in establishing an ambush on a trail used by the Japanese for moving reinforcements and supplies to the front. Ordered to fire when a column of hostile troops approached, he held his fire until the head of the column was a few feet from the muzzle of his gun and, opening fire, killed a large number of the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Still and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Trenton, N. J.,  
B--Bristol, Penn.



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DGP-298-he

Spot Award  
Serial 00192  
Signed JUL 13 1944

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

CORPORAL GORDON C. STILL, U; S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Parachute Regiment during action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, December 9, 1943. Leading his squad around the enemy's left flank until halted by heavy fire, Corporal Still, despite continuous shelling, crossed the lanes of two light machine guns and destroyed their crews and emplacements. While returning to his own unit, he discovered two wounded squad members and, while dragging them to safety through a hail of bullets, was shot through the leg. Despite this painful injury, however, he refused evacuation and medical attention until he had contacted his platoon leader and had given him an accurate account of the situation. His bold determination and cool courage in the face of grave personal danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Clarksdale, Miss.  
B-Parsons, Tenn.

369698  
DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 0010  
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

CORPORAL JOHN V. STILWELL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Squad serving with the Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When his platoon leader was wounded during an assault on the enemy-held ridges north of the airport, Corporal Stilwell unhesitatingly risked his life to pull the helpless man to safety under an intense, devastating Japanese artillery barrage and, subsequently assuming command of the remaining elements of the platoon, courageously continued the vital, hazardous attack against the highly strategic enemy positions. Wounded and evacuated the following day, he voluntarily returned to combat action on 21 September but was later killed by a hostile sniper. Corporal Stilwell's splendid initiative and selfless 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,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.  
Acting

R..Morris, N.J.

B..Summit, N.J.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by CO, N.Y., 9-20-45, to the father of the late Corp Stilwell, Mr. Wm. C. Stilwell, 27 Kennedy Rd., Morris Plains, N.J. Inf pres. by Maj K. B. Stiles, USMCR., at the home of Mr. Stilwell.



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Approved SofN 2-16-44  
Serial 0057  
Signed APR 4 1944

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

CORPORAL FRANK R. STINE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Marine Division during the landing on Puruata Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Serving as a member of the ~~five-man~~ crew of a ~~25 millimeter self-propelled~~ anti-tank gun, Corporal Stine unhesitatingly advanced into the jungle to assist in reducing an enemy position of three strongly defended pill boxes well protected by hostile snipers. Despite the gun's limited armor protection, ~~ineffective against intense enemy opposition~~, he pressed home a vigorous attack and kept his weapon in action until he was killed by hostile fire. Corporal Stine's great personal valor and tenacious 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,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Sturgeon Lake, Minn.  
R - Carlton, Minn.

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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6112  
Signed\_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL DALE V. STINSON,  
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 Weapons Company, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on the night of 31 July and the morning of 1 August 1944. Although four members of his crew were wounded and evacuated to the rear, Corporal Stinson skillfully reorganized his squad and efficiently continued the operation of his 37-mm. gun. Suffering a serious wound during a hostile attack, he steadfastly refused evacuation and, realizing that his weapon's continuous operation was vital to the defense of the dangerous terrain, remained active at his gun station, thereby contributing materially to the successful repulse of this strong counterattack. 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--Dillon, Mont.  
B--Dillon, Mont.



260445  
DGP-298-db

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MARVIN O. STINSON,  
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 E. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 21 June 1945. Assuming command of a platoon which was becoming disorganized due to the loss of the Platoon Leader and severe casualties sustained from intense enemy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire, Platoon Sergeant Stinson quickly reorganized the platoon while exposed to the hostile fire and led a renewed attack which resulted in the capture of the objective. Advancing alone ahead of the position, he then destroyed an enemy machine gun and crew which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his unit. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Indianapolis, Indiana

B..Scotsville, Kentucky

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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 HOMER J. ST. JOHN,  
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 December 1943. Fighting furiously in the face of tremendous odds during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class St. John fearlessly advanced alone ahead of friendly troops and, calmly and efficiently preparing demolition charges and inserting them directly into pillbox aperatures despite the enemy's incessant shellfire, succeeded in destroying many resisting hostile emplacements, thereby contributing to the forward advance of our forces and to the ultimate defeat of the Japanese in this vital war area. By his daring aggressiveness, his indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage under fire, Private First Class St. John served as an inspiration to others in the area and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Niagara Falls, N.Y.,

B..Niagara Falls, N.Y.



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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 101473  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED J. ST. LAURENT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Fifth Pioneer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 18 March 1945. When heavy enemy fire pinned down his attacking group and supporting tanks fired in the wrong direction, thereby endangering friendly forces, Private First Class St. Laurent courageously left his covered position and ran to the tank of the platoon leader. After attracting the tank platoon leader's attention, he oriented the tanks and directed their fire on the enemy strong point holding up the advance of his group. His fearless initiative, 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..Providence, R. Is.

B..Dover, N.H.

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DGP-298-vml

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 7912 SEP 9 1947  
Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES R. STOCKMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon Leader of the First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 26 June 1944. When one of the companies of his battalion was held up by intense enemy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire, First Lieutenant Stockman courageously went forward to his observation post and personally directed his mortars against the strong Japanese position until it was neutralized and the enemy were forced to abandon the area. By his initiative and courage, First Lieutenant Stockman enabled the company to continue its advance, and his 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--Malta Bend, Mo.,  
B--Malta Bend, Mo.



305489  
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 780  
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DAVID A. STOKES, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Re* *Released*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with ~~Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 8, 1942. In the midst of tremendous fire from hostile machine guns and mortars, Private First Class Stokes, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, carried a wounded comrade out of the danger area to a place of comparative safety. His heroic spirit of self-sacrifice in saving the life of another at great risk to his own was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX  
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Columbus, Ohio

B - Columbus, Ohio, 5-15-22.

306858  
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

SERGEANT LONNIE B. STOKES, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Parachute Battalion in action against numerically superior enemy Japanese forces near Koi-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. When his advancing squad was suddenly hit by withering enemy ground and sniper fire, Sergeant Stokes immediately maneuvered his men into positions most effective for returning the hostile fire and coolly directed their efforts. Observing that three members of his squad were severely wounded during the action, he unhesitatingly risked his life to remove them to the battalion aid station, repeatedly passing through known enemy machine-gun fire lanes. The courageous conduct and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Stokes 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...Winston-Salem, N.C.  
B...Cyle, N.C.



308901  
AW-298-vgv

Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 083  
Signed MAY 16 1943

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

CORPORAL JOHN S. STOKLOSA, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity aboard the U.S.S. HORNET while that vessel was under tremendous aerial attack by enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz Islands on October 26, 1942. Jolted from the seat of his anti-aircraft gun by concussion of an exploding bomb, Corporal Stoklosa, although severely wounded, immediately returned to his battle station and, without medical attention, continued his fire throughout the duration of the attacks. His heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Detroit, Michigan.

B..Detroit, Michigan.

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415503  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

F  
FMBPac  
SPOT  
Serial 56878  
Signed MAR 11 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE C. STOLIECKAS,  
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-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. When men were needed to lead our tanks forward across five hundred yards of open terrain, swept by heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire from the heights of Mount Suribachi, Private First Class Stolieckas volunteered for this hazardous mission. Fully aware of the great personal danger involved, he courageously walked in an upright position in front of the lead tank, giving the necessary arm and hand signals as he proceeded. After reaching a point approximately fifty yards from the tank's objective, Private First Class Stolieckas sustained severe wounds. His bravery, initiative and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Grand Rapids, Mich.,  
B--Grand Rapids, Mich.

Secretary of the Navy.



HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA  
APO #502

21 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)  
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NO.....421)

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Awards of the Silver Star . . . . . 11

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11. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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JAMES L. STONAKER, (369901), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in volunteering to swim across a lagoon under severe enemy fire to convey and bring back an important message from friendly troops on 20 July 1943. Home address: New Roads, Louisiana.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R - New Roads, Louisiana.  
B ... Baton Rouge, Louisiana

350503  
AW-298-ebs

Spot Award, 1942  
Serial 18  
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES B. STONE, U.S.M.C.R.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Regimental Intelligence Observer of the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, August 21, 1942. By his accurate and timely observation and report of enemy activity, Private First Class Stone rendered valuable service until the communication wire from his station to the Command Post had been severed. Promptly taking a position on the front lines, he engaged the enemy in furious hand-to-hand combat and aided effectively in driving back the enemy with great losses and in preventing them from establishing a foothold on the western side of the Tenaru River. Although wounded during the action, Private First Class Stone continued to hold his position in spite of intense opposition throughout the Japanese attack."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..South Charleston, W. Va.

B..Cranberry, W. Va.

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020217  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 88926  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN P. STONE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 1 June 1945. When his company was engaged in a furious fight for the Schichina Ridge, First Lieutenant Stone was ordered to take a heavily defended enemy hill six hundred yards ahead of our lines which dominated the entire front of two infantry battalions. Placing himself at the head of his men, he led a successful attack through heavy hostile fire and reduced all enemy resistance, thereby enabling a general advance to be made. During this action, he was instrumental in destroying three light artillery pieces, two mortars and three light machine guns. His indomitable fighting spirit, 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..Montville, Ohio.,

B..Ashtabula, Ohio.

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

CORPORAL ODIS STONE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OR  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Severely wounded while fighting off a persistent Japanese night attack against his battalion's positions at the base of Mount Suribachi, Corporal Stone steadfastly refused to be evacuated and, continuing to wage battle with unrelenting fury despite the terrific odds, succeeded in annihilating five of the enemy before the seriousness of his own condition forced his evacuation. Stout-hearted and indomitable in the face of the enemy's ruthless assault tactics, Corporal Stone rendered gallant service in defense of his station and his undaunted courage, tenacious determination and resolute fortitude throughout the bitter conflict 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.

General Delivery, Stephenville, Texas in accordance with per request transmitted by registered mail on 22 March 1945 to Mrs. Odis Stone, 2241 Bern St. and letter from Commandant of the Marine Corps were

R--Stephenville, Texas,  
B--



13276  
DCP-298-fm

ComSoPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0945  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Compass Man of a Six-Man Reconnaissance Patrol of Company D, Third Tank Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 20 to 24 December 1943. After advancing into hostile territory and engaging the Japanese in a brief fight, Corporal Stonesifer and his patrol proceeded around the opposing force into Japanese bivouac area where they remained throughout the night and obtained valuable information. Disregarding the intense pain from wounds received the next day in fierce combat with the enemy on two occasions, he personally destroyed a machine-gun nest with hand grenades and killed two Japanese attempting to emplace another gun. Then, penetrating farther into enemy lines, he successfully remained at an observation post a few feet from hostile activity for twenty-three hours until all possible information had been obtained. His aggressive determination and zealous devotion to duty in the face of grave peril served as an inspiration to his patrol and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Littletown, Pa.  
B.--Littlestown, Pa.

356680  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00406-45  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MILTON T. ST. ONGE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 to 27 July 1944. When his platoon was suddenly pinned down by fire from a concealed enemy machine gun on Orote Peninsula on 27 July, Private First Class St. Onge continued alone in the assault against the hostile position and had advanced to within fifteen yards of the enemy when hit by hostile fire. Although he sustained serious wounds, he doggedly continued to attack and, by his persistent firing, contributed materially to disrupting the enemy, thereby allowing his platoon to resume the attack. 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..Mackinac Island, Mich.

B..Mackinac Island, Mich.



837764  
DGP-298-vml

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 24043  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LYLE E. STOOPE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Eighth 155-mm. Gun Battalion, Third Corps Artillery, Third Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 30 September to 2 October 1944. When a hospital corpsman was wounded in an attempt to reach an officer needing immediate help, Private First Class Stoops ran to the wounded man and in the face of hostile fire, dragged him to the comparative safety of a machine-gun emplacement and rendered first aid, after which the corpsman returned to treat the wounded officer. Private First Class Stoop's 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--Ames, Iowa.,  
B--Ames, Iowa.

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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT PERCY L. STOTT,  
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 Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 April 1945. Undaunted by the hazards involved, Sergeant Stott volunteered for an intelligence patrol which was to operate in an area infested with dangerous enemy sniper banks. When the officer in command was killed and the patrol scattered during a sudden ambush while returning to friendly lines after successfully accomplishing its mission of locating the bivouac area of a particularly troublesome enemy force, Sergeant Stott immediately assumed command and skillfully directed the re-grouping of the patrol. After leading the patrol over the hazardous route to make contact with friendly forces, he guided an attack group over the same route to locate and destroy the enemy force and, returning to his patrol, assisted in the evacuation of two wounded men over a dangerous route to the rear. 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--Rigby, Idaho  
B--Blackfoot, Idaho



358927  
AW-298-1na

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 WILLIAM H. J. STOVER, U. S. M. C. R.,  
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 November 3, 1942. During an offensive action in the area of the Matanikau River, Private First Class Stover capably performed his duties as ammunition carrier in a 60mm. squad of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, until the situation no longer warranted mortar fire. As the riflemen closed in with the enemy and suffered a number of casualties, he proceeded, unhesitatingly and on his own initiative, to bring his wounded comrades off the firing line to a point where they might safely receive medical aid. His unselfish courage in braving heavy fire from hostile machine guns, rifles and hand grenades undoubtedly saved the lives of comrades who otherwise might have perished."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R. Boothwyn Pennsylvania  
B. Pittston, Pennsylvania

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 11-21-45  
Serial 35204  
Signed JAN 8 1947

CORPORAL HERMAN F. STRAIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Rifle Squad in a platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 10 March 1945. After two unsuccessful attempts had been made to destroy four enemy bunkers which were holding up the advance of his platoon, Corporal Strain crawled forward to a point from which he could observe the Japanese and, while under constant heavy fire, skillfully fired rockets at the enemy emplacements until they were all destroyed. His extreme courage, initiative and self-sacrificing devotion to duty contributed materially to the advance of his company and reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Strain and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fayetteville, Arkansas.

B--Siloam Springs, Arkansas.



272338  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 00435-45  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT J. R. STRAIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Rifle Platoon Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, 3 August 1944. In company with his Platoon Leader who had just assumed command, Gunnery Sergeant Strain courageously advanced in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to two hostile machine gun positions which had impeded the advance of his company. Despite the great personal danger involved, he boldly assisted his Platoon Leader in destroying the enemy guns. Then, he proceeded to stand in the center of the road which was continually swept by the fire of our tanks to make possible the destruction of a hostile road block, remaining in his hazardous position until wounded. By his fortitude, determination and aggressive fighting spirit, Gunnery Sergeant Strain upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Floydada, Tex.  
B-Plano, Tex.

272338  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 00435-45  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT J. R. STRAIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Rifle Platoon Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, 3 August 1944. In company with his Platoon Leader who had just assumed command, Gunnery Sergeant Strain courageously advanced in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to two hostile machine gun positions which had impeded the advance of his company. Despite the great personal danger involved, he boldly assisted his Platoon Leader in destroying the enemy guns. Then, he proceeded to stand in the center of the road which was continually swept by the fire of our tanks to make possible the destruction of a hostile road block, remaining in his hazardous position until wounded. By his fortitude, determination and aggressive fighting spirit, Gunnery Sergeant Strain upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Floydada, Tex.  
B-Plano, Tex.



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DGP-298-cbh

Signed MIN 19 1946  
Cincpac  
Appd Soft 9-27-45.  
Serial 34902

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALLEN H. STRASBURGER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Runner, serving with Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-Seventy Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 7 March 1945. Performing his hazardous duties with enthusiastic devotion, Private First Class Strasburger made countless trips under the fiercest enemy fire to contact the squads, sometimes when they were pinned down by the intense hostile barrage, bringing accurate reports back to his commanding officer. Wounded and evacuated to a hospital ship, he left without orders, returning to his platoon in the front lines and remaining with it against the advice of a medical officer. Under close and accurate enemy rifle, machine-gun and hand grenade fire, he volunteered to direct the litter teams carrying out the many casualties and personally braved the fire to bring smoke grenades from back of the lines to cover the evacuation of the wounded. Fatally wounded on the last of the voluntary trips forward to aid wounded comrades who otherwise might have perished, Private First Class Strasburger, by his indomitable fighting spirit, unflinching courage and valiant devotion to duty in the face of extreme peril 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--Dallas, Texas.

E--Dallas, Texas.

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315489  
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award  
Serial 0695 ComSevFlt  
Signed OCT 9 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PALMER F. STRAUSSER, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Division during combat with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on December 29, 1943. Although fully aware of the danger involved in such a hazardous operation, Private First Class Strausser unhesitatingly volunteered to charge a Japanese sniper position well entrenched in the roots of a large banyan tree. While courageously making the advance toward the enemy emplacement, he was fatally wounded. Private First Class Strausser's daring initiative and heroic 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..Williamstown, Pennsylvania.

B..Hegins, Pennsylvania.



NOV 4 1946

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

SERGEANT MAJOR THOMAS F. SWEENEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Marines in action against enemy Japanese forces at Corregidor, in the Philippine Islands, on the night of 5 May 1942. Correctly gauging the threat to our forces when the invading enemy established a machine gun on top of a water tower on the eastern part of the island fortress, Sergeant Major Sweeney resolutely determined to silence the savagely firing weapon. Quick to act, he fearlessly made his way to the base of the tower under cover of darkness and, boldly exposing himself to the slashing fury of enemy rifle fire, rapidly scaled the face of the structure and succeeded in reaching the top, despite the sudden intensity of hostile shellfire which assailed him on all sides. Taking the gun crew by surprise, he dropped a live grenade among the occupying Japanese, then dived head-first into the group of enemy soldiers remaining alive after the grenade explosion, thereby frustrating their attempts to fire. Fiercely engaging in hand-to-hand combat, he killed the fanatically fighting Japanese one by one before he himself fell, mortally wounded. Unable to leave the tower, he succumbed shortly after the heroic fulfillment of his voluntary mission. Stouthearted and indomitable, Sergeant Major Sweeney, by his dauntless initiative, aggressive fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, had singlehandedly annihilated an extremely effective, strategically placed Japanese installation and his outstanding valor and cool decision in a critical situation reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORBES

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rockford, Ill.  
B--Rockford, Ill.

SSMw/pern cit & CMC ltr pres to son of the late Sgt Sweeney on 5 May 1951 with appropriate ceremony.

289224  
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award

Serial 0954 *Com Sec Lt*

Signed

SEP 23 1944

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

CORPORAL CLAYTON J. L. STRAW, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*OK*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as gunner  
in a 75-mm. gun half-track serving with a company in the  
First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division,  
during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape  
Gloucester, New Britain, January 6, 1944. Engaged with his  
company in a coordinated attack against a heavily fortified  
road block, Corporal Straw repeatedly risked severe enemy  
fire by climbing to the top of the vehicle hood for clearer  
vision in his determined search for heavy hostile machine  
guns, antitank guns and riflemen skillfully concealed in the  
dense jungle undergrowth. Locating four Japanese positions,  
he directed his guns with deadly accuracy, firing at point-  
blank range of 50 yards and completely annihilating them.  
Corporal Straw's splendid initiative and heroic conduct in  
the face of enemy fire were in keeping with the highest tra-  
ditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Washington, D.C.

B - Kermoor, Pennsylvania.



222188  
DGP-298-feo

Spot Award  
Serial 1113  
Signed DEC 22 1943

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT THADDEUS W. STRIBLING, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

OK "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 8, 1942. When advancing marines were menaced by intense gunfire from hidden positions, Gunnery Sergeant Stribling, with utter disregard for his imminent danger, exposed himself to the withering blasts of hostile weapons in order to launch a daring attack on a cave which concealed a number of the enemy. By his courageous and skillful employment of demolitions he succeeded in killing all the Japanese inside the cave, thereby eliminating a hazardous obstacle to the advance of our force. His valiant and aggressive fighting spirit was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Dallas, Texas

B..Coleman, Texas

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cong ltr sent CG, FMF, Pac.

DGP-298-bz

Spot Award

Serial 0748

Signed

*Com Sec Alt*

*10-9-44*

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT PAUL D. STROHKIRCH, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
attached to the First Marine Division in combat against  
enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain,  
December 26, 1943. When the right assault company was  
pinned down by heavy machine-gun fire from enemy pillboxes  
along the coast road, Second Lieutenant Strohkirch daringly  
moved toward the front with a section of two armored trac-  
tors, deploying his vehicles and directing their advance as  
he walked between them. After the Japanese had disabled  
one of his tractors, he climbed to the top of the other, fear-  
lessly exposing himself to hostile fire as he pointed out  
enemy positions to his own gunners and to the infantry troops  
nearby. His great personal valor in the face of grave danger  
and his indomitable fighting spirit were an inspiration to his  
comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Rochester, Michigan.

B - Mission Creek, Minnesota.

*OK row 10/3/44*

*Released 31 Oct 44*



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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 3-29-45  
Serial 2942  
Signed OCT 5 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HULEN L. STROMQUIST,  
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 First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during the assault and occupation of enemy Japanese-held Saipan Island in the Marianas from 15 to 30 June 1944. Landing on the fireswept beaches on D-Day with his rifle company, Second Lieutenant Stromquist persistently sought out strategic observation positions in advance of our lines despite the deadly unceasing barrages from powerful Japanese gun emplacements and, skillfully controlling the fire of his batteries, materially aided the infantry troops in breaking down stubborn enemy resistance. Manning a forward observation post ahead of the front lines on 21 June, he directed accurate artillery fire on hostile activities at Garapan, holding indomitably to his exposed position in the face of a sudden concentration of mortar fire which inflicted serious casualties on our troops and forced the withdrawal of three other teams. By his constant vigilance, unfaltering technical ability and cool courage during this period of bitter hostilities, Second Lieutenant Stromquist contributed materially to the ultimate conquest of this vital Japanese stronghold, and his valiant conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R..El Paso, Texas.

JAMES FORRESTAL

B..Melvin, Texas.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Capt. John F. Green, USMC, El Paso, Tex. 1-7-46 to the mother of the late 2dLt Stromquist, Mrs. Alma Hellenguard, 3811 Memphis St., El Paso, Texas. Inf. pres.

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Approved Sofn FMF  
Pac 22760

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HUBERT R. STRONG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on the night of 13 October 1944. Assigned to defend a strategic hill in the central part of the island, Second Lieutenant Strong courageously directed his platoon in repulsing repeated hostile banzai charges. Braving heavy sniper fire, he made repeated trips in front of his own lines to lay new barbed wire and repair the wire which had been cut by the enemy. His cool leadership, tactical ability and devotion to duty in the face of hostile fire reflect great credit on Second Lieutenant Strong and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

Gibson

R - Port Gibson, Miss.  
B - Utica, Miss.



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Serial 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ROSCOE C. STRONG,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. Attacked from the rear by an enemy soldier with a rifle and fixed bayonet after leading his squad through intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire in an assault on a strongly-defended enemy position near the village of Dakeshi, Corporal Strong realized that to fire upon the hostile attacker would endanger friendly troops to his rear and, engaging the enemy in hand to hand combat, disarmed and killed him. By his courageous leadership, Corporal Strong contributed materially to the success of the assault, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hartford, Conn.  
B--Willsboro, N.Y.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANCIS J. STROTHKAMP,  
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, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces, on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 8 July 1944. Repeatedly braving enemy machine-gun and mortar fire during an enemy counterattack on the beach below Kaberra Pass, Private First Class Strothkamp provided effective protection for his company's machine guns. Although the flanks on both sides of his position were unprotected after several neighboring guns were knocked out, he continued to assist in repelling counterattacks and, by holding his position, kept the enemy from penetrating into the heart of our defense. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Strothkamp and the United States Naval Service."

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

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

MAJOR HENRY D. STRUNK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer, attached to First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian Islands, Marianas Group, from 15 June to 1 August 1944. Landing on the beach in the face of intense enemy fire which caused numerous casualties in his battalion, Major Strunk rendered invaluable service in reorganizing and coordinating the companies to maintain a strategic position and reach the objective. Organizing his patrol with another group, he directed the blasting of several caves where engineers were pinned down in a ravine and successfully evacuated the wounded and led both patrols to a safe position. Voluntarily leading another patrol into enemy territory, he assisted in destroying one machine gun and in blasting two caves to enable his battalion to advance and secure a strategic sector. By his gallant conduct and indomitable fighting spirit, Major Strunk contributed materially to the success of our operations against this heavily fortified Japanese stronghold, and his inspiring devotion throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Reading, Pa.  
B - Reading, Pa.

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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 JACK N. STRUNK, U.S.M.C.R.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 14-15, 1942. Volunteering to guide an ammunition truck through intense enemy fire, Private Strunk arrived at a very critical time when the hard pressed battalion on the front line had virtually expended the ammunition supply. His keen foresight and valor were largely instrumental in enabling the defending troops to repel the Japanese attacks."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Harriman, Tennessee.

B..Terre Haute, Indiana.

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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Serial 86003  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR J. STUART,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
as Commanding Officer of the First Tank Battalion,  
First Marine Division, in action against enemy  
Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14  
June 1945. During a tank-infantry attack against  
firmly entrenched forces on an enemy-held ridge,  
Lieutenant Colonel Stuart drove his tank beyond  
the most forward advance of infantry troops to  
reconnoiter Japanese defenses and routes of ap-  
proach for the assaulting troops and, after gain-  
ing valuable information of the enemy and terrain,  
left the cover of his tank to convey this infor-  
mation to a rifle Company Commander. Continuing  
his support mission, he executed and directed  
numerous advances until his tank received a di-  
rect hit, killing one and injuring two others.  
Although wounded himself, he joined a near-by  
tank platoon after returning the other casualties  
to the aid station, led this platoon into action  
to destroy hostile fortifications which he had  
previously located and, personally killing several  
enemy infiltrators armed with antitank grenades,  
successfully demolished these pockets of resist-  
ance. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty  
were in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Littleton, Mass.,  
B--Boston, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 61534  
Signed\_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT LAWRENCE M. STUBBINGS, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. Assuming command when his Platoon Leader became a casualty during fierce enemy action and his platoon was halted by extremely heavy fire from a Japanese machine gun emplacement which caused numerous casualties, Platoon Sergeant Stubbings exposed himself to intense hostile fire to assist the wounded men to safety, thereby enabling them to receive prompt first aid. Subsequently advancing through heavy enemy fire, he assaulted and neutralized the Japanese emplacement. 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.

H--Denver, Colorado.  
B--Dayton, Ohio.



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

SERGEANT SHERMAN D. STUBE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 17 June 1944. With three members of his squad severely wounded and lying in an exposed area one hundred yards in advance of his position, Sergeant Stube unhesitatingly risked his life to attempt a rescue and, advancing across the open expanse through withering enemy small-arms and automatic fire, expeditiously evacuated the helpless men to a safe area and obtained medical assistance for them. By his fearless initiative, his outstanding fortitude and cool and courageous action in the face of grave danger, Sergeant Stube served as an inspiration to his men throughout this and subsequent perilous engagements, and his untiring devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."<sup>14</sup>

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Syracuse, N.Y.,

B..Syracuse, N.Y.

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App. SofN 3-1-44  
Serial 0056  
Signed May 13 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN W. STUDER, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during a landing attack on Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Observing that concealed sniper fire was retarding the advance of his platoon, Private First Class Studer unhesitatingly rose from cover and preceeded to an open space in order to draw enemy fire and disclose hostile positions. Injured and thrown to the ground by withering enemy opposition, he struggled to his feet and again made himself a target for the Japanese gunners, enabling his platoon to locate and kill the snipers, although he himself was fatally wounded. Private First Class Studer's outstanding initiative and heroic devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the successful advance of our forces in this vital area and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Acting

Secretary of the Navy

R- Baker Oregon  
B- " "



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Serial 00437  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GERALD V. SUCHER,  
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 Combat Patrol of Headquarters and Service Battery, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Asan River, Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. When enemy assault troops penetrated our lines and captured a machine-gun position in the regimental command post, Private First Class Sucher volunteered to join a patrol assigned to attempt a flanking attack on the enemy. After his patrol was fired on, he took charge and, placing his men in position to fire on the Japanese, proceeded to a location exposed to enemy small arms fire and delivered accurate and effective fire which forced the enemy to take cover and enabled his patrol to advance. Later in the same engagement, he volunteered to go with a patrol to recover the bodies of men killed in action and, after this mission, returned to participate in the final frontal attack on the enemy position. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Dayton, Ohio.,

B..Dayton, Ohio.

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Serial 52179  
Signed NOV 4 1946

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

FIELD COOK ROBERT A. SUCHY,  
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, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 May 1945. Volunteering to lead two stretcher teams into a valley where men from his unit were retarded by heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, Field Cook Suchy and the stretcher-bearers had picked up two wounded men and started working their way back to the battalion aid station when a hostile machine gun opened fire, wounding one of the stretcher-bearers. Realizing the need for concealment, Field Cook Suchy immediately threw two white phosphorous grenades, concealing the area while he courageously led the men to safety. Promptly returning to the exposed valley after completing this heroic mission, he risked his own life on three additional trips to assist in treatment and evacuation of wounded Marines. His initiative and courage under enemy fire were instrumental in saving the lives of five comrades, and his loyal devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Ferguson, Missouri.  
Mr. Saskatchewan, Canada.



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Signed APR 8 1947

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

CAPTAIN RICHARD L. SULLIVAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Liaison Officer, D-2, of Headquarters, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, Marianas Group, 5 August 1944. Leading a patrol while searching enemy command posts and communication centers of intelligence information, Captain Sullivan observed enemy soldiers withdrawing into a cave and, after an unsuccessful attempt to persuade the enemy to surrender, forced an entrance into the cave and led his men against the barricaded Japanese. Although wounded by hand grenades, he continued to direct the patrol until the enemy were destroyed and a search for possible documents left behind by high Japanese military officers had been completed. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain Sullivan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT JOHN F. SUMMERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Platoon Leader of the First Tank Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 June 1945. When his tank ran over two large land mines which completely shattered the suspension system while attacking far in advance of friendly lines, Sergeant Summers ordered his crew to remain temporarily within the comparative safety of the tank and to continue firing and, dismounting from the vehicle while under heavy enemy fire, reconnoitered for a covered route of egress from his tank to friendly lines. Succeeding in this mission, he returned to his vehicle and, after removing all material of military importance, courageously led his crew to safety. His outstanding coolness and devotion to duty under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Mt. Carmel, Ill.,

B..Mt. Carmel, Ill.



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SPOT  
Serial 778 AUG 15 1947  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Acting Tank Commander while serving with Company A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Peleliu in the Palau Group, from 15 to 19 September 1944. Undeterred by relentless enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Summers advanced his tank across an airstrip in support of an assault infantry company, pushing forward against heavy resistance until his tank had expended its entire supply of ammunition. With his radio inoperable, he disregarded the bursting shells to dismount from his tank and make his way on foot to the platoon command tank to call for ammunition, thus enabling his armored vehicle to remain on the front lines. Later, when his tank was disabled by a land mine, he called for a maintenance crew to move forward and repair the disabled vehicle and, during the ensuing wait, boldly manned his guns and blazed away at targets of opportunity. When the maintenance crew appeared about five hundred yards away, he braved the intense fire to dash to the repair tank and lead it to his position and, within two hours after being crippled, ~~his~~ his vehicle was back in action. His fearless leadership, inspiring courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Summers and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Mt. Carmel, Ill.  
B.--Mt. Carmel, Ill.

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Spot Award  
Serial 0939  
Signed SEP 14 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN S. SUNNY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the First Marine Division during action against  
enemy Japanese forces at Natamo Point, Cape Gloucester,  
New Britain, on January 25, 1944. Sighting a wounded Ma-  
rine lying exposed to hostile fire, Private First Class Sunny  
fearlessly swam across a stream and crawled over a sand-  
spit in the face of devastating enemy machine-gun fire in a  
vallant effort to effect a rescue. Critically injured upon  
reaching the side of his fallen comrade, he was forced to  
remain in his perilous position until friendly forces silenced  
the enemy fire and finally rescued him four hours later.  
Private First Class Sunny's daring initiative and self-sac-  
rificing efforts in behalf of another at great risk to his own  
life reflect great credit upon himself and the United States  
Naval Service.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Brownsville, Pa.  
B-Dearth, Pa.



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Serial 12862  
Signed FEB 27 1947

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

PRIVATE LEROY F. SURFACE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Antitank Rocket Launcher Operator serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 24 July to 3 August 1944. Fearlessly leaving his foxhole during a severe enemy counterattack the first night ashore, Private Surface pursued and disabled two hostile light tanks, boldly exposing himself to formidable Japanese fire to carry out his dangerous mission. By his daring courage and alert initiative, Private Surface contributed materially to the success of his unit at a critical stage of the operation, and his unflinching devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Amity, Mo.  
B-St. Joseph, Mo.

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

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

CORPORAL WALTER J. SUSKEY, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. While leading his fire team in support of a tank against strongly defended enemy pillboxes, Corporal Suskey was severely wounded. Although weak from loss of blood, he gallantly continued to direct the fire of the tank and his men against the enemy positions until he collapsed and was evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station. By his indomitable fighting spirit and valiant action, he contributed greatly to the annihilation of a determined enemy, 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--Meadville, Pa.  
B--Mc Keesport, Pa.



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Appd SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 028  
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EMERY C. SUTTON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Assistant Machine Gunner serving with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. When two Japanese machine guns in a strongly-defended jungle position opened fire and inflicted numerous casualties on his company as it was attacking eastward across the enemy-held airport, Private First Class Sutton unhesitatingly exposed himself to the intense, persistent hostile fire in order to point out the Japanese positions and direct the fire of his gunner and, although he was killed while engaged in this vital task, many of the enemy were destroyed and the remainder forced to retreat as a result of his heroic action, thus permitting his company to continue its advance. Private First Class Sutton's brilliant initiative and unselfish devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Mehama, Oregon

B..Calgary, Canada

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Co, 1st Lt Thomas W. Cox, USMCR of Casualty Co., NAS, Tillamook, Ore, 10-17-45 to the parents of the late PFC Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton, Rt. #1, Box 12, Lyons Ore. Inf pres.

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Spot Award  
Serial 724 AUG 11 1943  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LEONARD A. SVEC, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-THREE during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the early morning of October 16, 1942. When the terrific fire of a Japanese surface craft blasted and felled a tree which killed one marine and seriously wounded another caught beneath it, Sergeant Svec, at great risk of his life, voluntarily rushed out in the face of intense Japanese fire, and with several companions succeeded in extricating their wounded comrade and getting him prompt medical attention. The unselfish initiative and heroic efforts of Sergeant Svec and his men were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - East Bernard, Texas.

B - Austin County, Texas, 1-7-1922.



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Serial 51256  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN PAUL E. SVOBODA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Maintenance Officer of the Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. In addition to his regular duties, Captain Svobeda volunteered to act as a Liaison Officer with a Marine infantry regiment. When the corps attack was temporarily stopped by an extremely strong hostile defensive position, the main enemy line of resistance, Captain Svobeda offered his services to the infantry Regiment spearheading the assault when all tanks in the corps were ordered to attack in support of this Regiment. After the initial tank attack had failed due to extremely heavy Japanese fire and land mines, he made a reconnaissance to the front line positions, located the only feasible route for the tanks to enter the hostile area and coordinated the removal of mines along this route. Undaunted by the extremely heavy hostile fire attracted by the approach of large numbers of tanks, he led on foot the leading tanks into the attack position and, by his voluntary and skillful actions, was instrumental in enabling them to break through the middle of an airfield which was the initial objective. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

ROBERT L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lincoln, Nebr.  
B--Omaha, Nebr.

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

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

B.....Isanti, Minnesota.

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Spot Award  
Serial 00317  
Signed AUG 26 1944 ✓

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD E. SWAIN, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Released*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while in command of a machine gun platoon in the Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in the landing at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. Leading his platoon through the enemy beach defenses to a place of relative safety, First Lieutenant Swain immediately began a reconnaissance to locate his flank units. Finding that he was surrounded by a series of Japanese bunkers concealed in the brush in support of the beach defense bunkers, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire in order to study the situation and determine upon a plan for their destruction. Although severely wounded as he returned to his men and informed them of his intentions, he continued issuing orders, conducted his gun sections to positions from which they could fire upon the gun ports of the bunkers and then personally led grenade and submachine gun attacks against the bunkers, killing the defenders and destroying the coordinated support of the beach defense installations. First Lieutenant Swain's inspiring leadership, splendid initiative and valiant devotion to duty under extremely difficult conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Ruby, Louisiana.  
B - Ruby, Louisiana. ✓



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Serial 36629  
Signed May 23 1947

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

CORPORAL GRANVILLE SWANSON  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Group Leader, serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. With the enemy's devastating shellfire retarding the advance of his company one hundred yards offshore during landing operations on D-Day, Corporal Swanson turned his group over to the next in command and fearlessly pressed forward alone in an attempt to locate the concealed entrenchments. Sighting the muzzle blast of a machine gun, in an open trench to his right front, which was firing down on troops emerging from landing crafts in an adjacent zone of action, he boldly crawled to a vantage point for launching an attack and, delivering enfilading fire into the emplacement, killed eight of the enemy and destroyed a machine gun despite repeated attempts by the Japanese to force him from his position. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive determination in the face of grave peril, Corporal Swanson contributed to the success of our landing operations on this heavily fortified hostile stronghold, and his heroic conduct throughout the bitterly fought action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-Cawood, Kentucky  
B-Cawood, Kentucky

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Louis Swanson, parents of the late Corp. Granville Swanson on 21Aug47 by OinC, CRD, Louisville, Ky. in a private ceremony held at their home.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JOHN E. SWANSON,  
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, on 17 June 1944. During a hostile night tank and infantry attack, Corporal Swanson bravely left the safety of his foxhole to attack the hostile tanks with antitank grenades, thereby rendering at least one of the vehicles inoperative. After his ammunition supply was depleted, he continued to move about his platoon sector through intense enemy fire to remove the wounded from the paths of the oncoming tanks. His courage, devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--South Bend, Indiana  
B--South Bend, Indiana



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Serial 6881  
Signed

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

SERGEANT FRANCIS M. SWEENEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Sergeant Guide of Company B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 to 28 September 1944. After his platoon had fought its way to the edge of the airstrip on the first day of the campaign, Sergeant Sweeney courageously and voluntarily ran twenty yards out on the open airfield under hostile sniper and mortar fire to lay out an aircraft panel and inform our planes of the infantry's position. Although wounded in the course of this action, he refused to return to the aid station. On 26 September, when his Platoon Leader was wounded and his Platoon Sergeant killed during an assault in the northern sector of the island, he quickly reorganized the unit and set up a hasty defense for the night. On the following day, he boldly led his men in blowing up caves and in mopping up the remainder of the resistance, and succeeded in securing the left sector of the hill. By his able leadership, courage and unselfish devotion to duty, Sergeant Sweeney upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mt. Pleasant, Pa.  
B--Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER B. SWENCESKI,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Tank Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces prior to and during the assault on Betio, Gilbert Islands, from 18 February to 21 November 1943. An efficient leader and organizer, Lieutenant Colonel Swenceski planned and directed the training and employment of a medium tank company operating for the first time in the Pacific from a landing ship dock. Although severely wounded by an enemy shell while going ashore during the battle, he ordered combat troops to proceed forward and, making his way onto some wreckage, continued to exhort the wading troops until he became unconscious. Reviving during the night, he struggled to the beach to join his unit and was evacuated later that day after being severely wounded at daylight by enemy grenades. By his professional knowledge, courage under fire and unfaltering devotion to duty throughout, Lieutenant Colonel Swenceski contributed materially to the success of his Tank Battalion in this engagement and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

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

PLATOON SERGEANT WILLIAM G. SWENSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 1 April 1945. When the ship on which he was embarked was attacked and set afire by enemy aircraft, Platoon Sergeant Swenson assisted dazed and shocked Marines to abandon ship, despite the hazards from exploding ammunition and intense heat. After entering the water, he towed a dazed and drowning man to a rescue vessel and swam back to the vicinity of the blazing ship through burning gasoline and debris to assist five more survivors to safety. His initiative, cool courage and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Rego Park, N. Y.,  
B--Orlando, Sweden.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT EUGENE M. SYPHERS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. When his platoon was engaged in battle against strong hostile forces deeply entrenched in three bunkers, Platoon Sergeant Syphers courageously directed the destruction of the first and immediately laid plans for the liquidation of the other two of these emplacements which constituted the main heavy enemy defenses of Motoyama Airfield Number Two. Subsequently placing his men where they could provide the best fire cover and, directing a demolition man around the left flank, he personally attacked the second bunker by crawling forward to throw smoke and fragmentation grenades into the embrasures and, after the explosion, bravely charged in with assault fire. Attacking the third pillbox in a similar manner, he destroyed all remaining opposition. His indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Platoon Sergeant Syphers and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Waterbury, Conn.  
B--Mars Hill, Maine.



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Section

Awards of the Silver Star . . . . . I.

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

HENRY P. SZEWCZAK, (290526), Platoon Sergeant, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands. When the advance of his platoon was halted, he aggressively reconnoitered the hostile position well to the front with such skill as to effect its subsequent destruction by his platoon on 9 July 1943. Home address: 3545 Harper Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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 ... Detroit, Michigan.

B ... Hamtramck, Michigan.