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Spot Award.
Serial 298
Signed ~~UN 23~~ 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DAVID P. TABER, USMCR.,
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, Private First Class Taber, 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 - Oneida, New York.

B - Canastota, New York.

014596

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS J. TACHOVSKY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. With his platoon pinned down by shattering machine-gun and rifle fire emanating from a hostile concrete emplacement, First Lieutenant Tachovsky boldly made his way alone across the open fire-swept area to the top of the entrenchment where he could observe the enemy. Signaling half of a squad from his platoon to the area while he voluntarily exposed himself to draw the hostile fire, First Lieutenant Tachovsky then directed them in a brilliantly executed attack, completely annihilating all resistance with well-placed grenade and rifle fire and ultimately leading his men to their assigned objective. By his forceful and determined leadership, his valiant fighting spirit and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Tachovsky contributed materially to the final securing of the heavily fortified island of Betio by 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,

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

R-Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.
B-Palmerton, Pa.

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Spot Award, 1942
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WAYNE K. TALBERT, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 10, 1942. While serving with Company B of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, Private First Class Talbert learned that his company commander had received orders to locate a possible crossing where the Malimbiu River could be forded. Well aware of the fact that hostile snipers were operating in the vicinity of the opposite bank, he, voluntarily and on his own initiative, swam out and reconnoitered the stream until he succeeded in locating a ford. His courageous conduct in the face of imminent contact with the enemy was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R.. DeRidder, Louisiana.

B.. DeRidder, Louisiana.

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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Appd SofN 9-8-45
Serial - 34761
Signed 12 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SALVATORE J. TALLARICO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Radio Operator of an Artillery Liaison Party, serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, Second Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. When overwhelming numbers of the hostile enemy infiltrated our front lines and prepared to launch a final desperate pre-dawn attack against the company command post, Private First Class Tallarico remained steadfast and calm despite the extreme peril, rendering invaluable assistance to his liaison officer in locating the mortar and rocket fire and transmitting information of the enemy's position by radio in the early phase of the fierce action. With the front line situation rapidly becoming more acute as the Japanese continued to lay down their vicious barrages from concealed positions and with the command post unable to function properly under the deadly fire, he rapidly filled his pockets with grenades and crawled to the top of a knoll in a vallant attempt to draw the fire to himself and locate the emplacements. Fatally struck down when the enemy detected him and opened fire, Private First Class Tallarico, by his intrepid courage, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for others in the face of almost certain death, had enabled his comrades to annihilate the attackers and restore a strong line of defense. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout the bitter onslaught reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Tallarico and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R--Cleveland, Ohio.

E--Cleveland, Ohio.

John L. Sullivan

(Acting) Secretary of the Navy.

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Ser. 00435

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JACK G. TAPSCOTT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Sergeant in a Rifle Platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 25 July 1944. Assuming command after his Platoon Leader was wounded while directing the stringing of tactical wire in front of the positions, Platoon Sergeant Tapscott immediately ordered the wire party to their positions and directed fire against the enemy. Then, running fifty yards to an exposed position in front of the lines, he carried his wounded Platoon Leader back to the comparative safety of the lines. During a strong hostile counterattack that night, Platoon Sergeant Tapscott continually moved among his men to distribute ammunition and direct the fire of his unit, thereby contributing materially to repulsing Japanese forces who had been threatening the entire beachhead line. His courage, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Lamoni, Ia.,
B--Council Bluffs, Ia.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT JOE F. J. TAPSCOTT,
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 A, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. When his squad was confronted by two enemy pillboxes from which the Japanese immediately opened fire and stopped the advance of his company, Sergeant Tapscott quickly estimated the situation from an exposed position and, after placing his squad in position to deliver protecting fire, advanced on one of the pillboxes. Closing with the enemy within the emplacement, he killed all four of the occupants, thereby removing a considerable threat to his company and allowing it to continue the attack. Although seriously wounded while attacking another pillbox, he refused to be evacuated until his squad was reorganized and ready to continue the attack. By his outstanding courage and initiative, Sergeant Tapscott served as a source of inspiration to his men, 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..Lamoni, Iowa

B..Lamoni, Iowa

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD J. TARNOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Driver of a Prime Mover of a 37-mm. Gun Platoon of Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When a landing craft laden with casualties was struck by enemy artillery shells and sunk while retracting from the landing beach and the heavy surf began to carry the helpless survivors out to sea, Private First Class Tarnowski witnessed several futile attempts to rescue one wounded Marine and, despite the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire falling in the area, unhesitatingly swam out through the heavy surf and brought the wounded man to safety on the beach. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Detroit, Mich.
B. From River, Mich.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

339967
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Spot Award
Serial 0478
Signed Jul 17 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK F. TASSONE, 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 operations against enemy
Japanese forces at Mambula, Guadalcanal, Solomon
Islands, on December 3, 1942. When the advance
of his company was held up by a Japanese machine
gun, Private First Class Tassone, with utter dis-
regard for his own personal safety, volunteered
to silence it. Skillfully and courageously work-
ing his way through the treacherous jungle, he
reached a position from which he could neutralize
the enemy weapon. In the face of accurate and
severe enemy fire and with grim determination,
he swiftly completed his hazardous mission. By
his heroic conduct and indomitable fighting spirit
he was an inspiration to his comrades and contrib-
uted in saving many lives which otherwise might have
been lost."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Chicago, Illinois

B- Chicago, Illinois

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DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award
Serial 1113
Signed DEC 22 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. TATOM, U.S.M.C.R.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Tanambogo, Solomon Islands, on August 7-9, 1942. Although he sustained a painful wound while participating in a precarious landing, Second Lieutenant Tatom continued the execution of his essential duties, courageously disregarding his own serious condition. With resoluteness of purpose, he directed his men in combat and fought with them against the enemy until he collapsed from pain and suffering. His tenacious determination and relentless fighting spirit, maintained under difficult and hazardous circumstances, contributed immeasurably to the success of our forces on Tanambogo Island and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Buckner, Arkansas

B - Buckner, Arkansas

HEADQUARTERS, USAFISPA
APO #502

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO 498

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CURTIS A. TATUM, USMC.,

"For gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 20 July 1943. During the entire course of an attack lasting about six hours Second Lieutenant Tatum continued to lead his platoon aggressively against extremely heavy opposition from the enemy who were occupying strong positions. Disregarding his personal safety he directed the platoon's fire in the destruction of two hostile machine-gun emplacements which he had personally located. In doing so Second Lieutenant Tatum sacrificed his life."

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 ... Mitchell, Louisiana.
B ... Mitchell, Louisiana.

Official Copy.

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Serial 42755

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES TAUL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 21 February to 17 March 1945. When the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer and Operations Officer of an adjacent battalion became casualties on 21 February, Lieutenant Colonel Taul assumed command of that unit and, with the enemy delivering intense fire from well-concealed positions into our advance ranks, courageously proceeded to the front lines. Moving from platoon to platoon, he ably reorganized his depleted Battalion and then, in the face of the continuing enemy fire, rallied his troops to move three hundred yards forward in an attack against the strongly-defended cliff line on the right flank of the Division, thereby consolidating and building a vital flank of the landing force against hostile counterattack and infiltration. By his courage, aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty throughout many days of combat, Lieutenant Colonel Taul upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Winchester, Ky.
B--Winchester, Ky.

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Serial 00396
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN DENNIS M. TAYLOR,
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, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Landing with his company on the center of the beach, Captain Taylor maneuvered his men against strongly entrenched enemy positions to his front and, in the face of intense machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire, led his assault platoons against high commanding ground, eliminating one block house and six pillboxes which had been effectively firing on our units. On the following day when a large gap occurred between his company and the unit on his right, he proceeded through intense machine-gun and rifle fire to contact the adjacent unit and, upon his return, led men from his company into the gap, clearing it of the enemy and reestablishing contact. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain Taylor and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cades, South Carolina
B--Olanta, South Carolina

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-25-45
Serial 022
Signed Jul 5 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD A. TAYLOR, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with an Assault Company of the Second Battalion,
Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against
enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Islands,
28 September 1944. When his squad was pinned down by
heavy, hostile, automatic and rifle fire and two of the leading
men were wounded, Private First Class Taylor voluntarily
advanced to an extremely exposed position beyond the wounded
men and covered their evacuation by pouring a steady stream
of bullets from his Browning automatic rifle on the enemy
until he was fatally wounded. His courageous initiative and
self-sacrificing conduct reflect the highest credit upon
Private First Class Taylor and the United States Naval
Service. He gallantly gave his life for his comrades."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-Long Island City, NY
B-New York, New York

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 23Aug by CO, MB, NYD, New York
to the mother of the late PFC Taylor, Mrs Helen Taylor, 3177
36th Street LI City, NY at post with appropriate ceremony.

TAYLOR, Fred M.

Corporal

250199

Silver Star (Army)

Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65
Service at Ph. Is.

Previous Awards - None

Born: 12-21-13 - Atlanta, Georgia.

Current Enl. : 1-10-40 - Mare Island, California.

Legal Residence: California. (San Diego)

Next of Kin: Mr. Leonard L. Taylor (Brother)
826 Capistrano Place,
San Diego, California.

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DGP-298-ec

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SPOT
Serial 86491

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD R. TAYLOR, 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, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 8 May 1945. When the advance of his tanks was blocked by impassable terrain during an attack against important and heavily defended hostile positions, First Lieutenant Taylor courageously reconnoitered on foot far forward of the front lines and, constantly exposing himself to heavy enemy fire, located a winding tank route which led through a narrow defile to the rear of the hostile position. Observing that the route was adequate except for a railroad fill running across it at a point well beyond friendly lines, he conceived a daring scheme to blast passage through it and, summoning demolition engineers forward, personally supervised the blasting of a route across the railroad while still under enemy fire. By his valiant efforts, First Lieutenant Taylor enabled his tanks to advance and launch a surprise attack which resulted in the seizure of the objective. By his coolness, initiative and aggressive fighting spirit, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cleveland Heights, Ohio

B--Cleveland Heights, Ohio

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App SofN 7-6-43
Serial 1007 1 1943
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE C. TAYLOR, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Marine Fighting Squadron TWO TWENTY-THREE in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on August 24, 1942. Prevented by a faulty engine from taking off with his flight to attack a hostile force of greatly superior strength, Second Lieutenant Taylor skillfully effected hasty repairs and at the first opportunity took off alone to join his comrades in the action. Although it was his first combat flight and he was entirely unfamiliar with the area, his superb airmanship and dauntless courage under extremely adverse conditions enabled him to destroy one heavy bomber before his own plane was shot down. Second Lieutenant Taylor's exemplary conduct and unswerving devotion to duty were an inspiration to the members of his squadron and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Oakland, California

B - Santa Anna, California, 5-12-1920

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Serial 35172
Signed *ALG 271446*

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

CORPORAL ROBERT H. TAYLOR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Squad Leader of a Demolition Squad, serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from a series of fortifications to its front, Corporal Taylor crawled forward alone through withering hostile fire to place a heavy demolition charge in the most important of the enemy pillboxes and succeeded in destroying it. By his indomitable courage and total disregard for his own life, Corporal Taylor enabled his company to advance and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eureka, California.
B--San Francisco, California.

SSMw/perm.cit.&CMC ltr. was awarded to the sister of the late Corporal Taylor, Mrs. David H. Brodie by the Cinc, USMC DHRS San Francisco, California on 31Jan47.

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Serial 11920
Signed SEP 25 1947

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

SERGEANT SAMUEL K. TAYLOR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Communication Maintenance Man of Company A, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during the landing on enemy Japanese-occupied Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. When a Marine, who was waiting on the edge of a landing beach reef to guide a tank, slipped and fell into the water and was swept under the ramp of a barge, Sergeant Taylor jumped into the heavy surf in complete disregard of his own safety and, reaching the man, successfully extricated him from under the ramp. Then, despite the heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire falling on the reef, he not only assisted the man whose life he had saved, but also guided the tank to the beach. His heroic action, initiative and unswerving devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Taylor and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. TAYLOR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 26 September to 13 October 1944. Assuming command of his Company after the Leader was wounded, First Lieutenant Taylor held an almost untenable position all night and, on the following morning launched an assault against a fortified hill which was the key point of his sector. When the tank-infantry attack was threatened after one of the vehicles ran out of ammunition and a platoon was cut off and receiving increasingly heavy fire, he bravely worked his way through the barrage to secure other tanks from the command post and, guiding them to the threatened sector, directed their fire, thereby contributing materially to saving the isolated platoon and securing the west side of the hill. On another occasion, when his Company was attempting to seize a hill with exposed approaches from which numerous attacks had been turned back with heavy casualties, he personally reconnoitered forward of his line and, locating new positions and a more favorable approach for his men and weapons, launched a successful attack in which numerous enemy were killed without loss of men in his unit. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Spencer, Va.
B-Spencer, Va.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 02295
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM D. TAYLOR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1 February 1944. When his Commander was mortally wounded and both he and the gunner were injured during a savage attack by the Japanese against his isolated tank, Corporal Taylor unhesitatingly removed the injured gunner and his stricken Commander from the blazing vehicle to the safety of a shell hole, where he administered first aid. When this shelter became untenable due to severe enemy action, he directed the further removal of his Commander until that officer was pronounced dead by a passing medical corpsman, and then personally carried the gunner for a distance of over two hundred yards through enemy territory to friendly lines. Corporal Taylor's courage, great personal valor and heroic spirit, despite shrapnel wounds and severe burns, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Selma, Calif.,
B--Selma, Calif.

JOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 41849
Signed Dec 17 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND W. TEDROW, JR.,
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 B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, 21 February 1945. When the company attack had been halted by heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Tedrow moved forward to a position from which he observed an active enemy emplacement. Armed with his light machine-gun, he advanced across the open terrain and, firing his weapon as he went, pinned down the enemy in the emplacement until he could direct accurate fire into it. Setting up his machine-gun, he fired the rest of his ammunition through an embrasure in the emplacement, thereby neutralizing this position and aiding his company in continuing its advance. His aggressive 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-Mt. Pleasant, Penn
B-Scottdale, Penn

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL DELBERT C. TEEL,
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, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. Dispatched with his automatic weapon to cover the advance of his squad in an attack against a hostile machine gun nest, Corporal Teel immediately assumed a strategic position for delivering effective fire against the enemy. Detecting a second Japanese emplacement firing relentlessly on the advancing troops, he fearlessly crawled forward through the shattering barrage in an effort to draw the fire to himself and away from his unit. Although wounded during the fierce action, Corporal Teel, by his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of others at great personal risk, had assured the advance of his squad and contributed to the success of a perilous mission. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R- Tyler, Texas

B- Urills Point, Texas
17 Oct. 1923

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award
Serial 0478
Signed JUL 17 1943

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

SERGEANT MAJOR RUDOLPH S. TEERELA, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 11, 1942. When a hostile machine gun held up the advance of the company, Sergeant Major Teerela, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, daringly led an assault against the enemy, destroying the gun and its crew. His initiative, courage, and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - San Deigo, California.

B - High Bridge, Wisconsin.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 10-11-45
Serial 35915
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

CORPORAL HENRY L. TERRY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Section Leader, serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. When all the personnel of his section had been killed or wounded by intense enemy mortar fire in an attack from Hill 382, Corporal Terry unhesitatingly proceeded to evacuate his wounded comrades from a sector covered by heavy hostile fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself repeatedly to carry six helpless men to a place of safety behind our lines and was attempting to rescue a seventh when he fell, mortally wounded by Japanese machine-gun fire. His courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty inspired his comrades and reflected the highest credit upon Corporal Terry and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Petersburgh, Illinois.
B--Petersburgh, Illinois.

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Serial 13039
Signed _____
OCT 8 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MORRIS L. TERRY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Sergeant Observer in an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Area, 24 July 1944. When his battalion was pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire, Platoon Sergeant Terry voluntarily proceeded to an observation post in an open field and, undaunted by powerful enemy fire, directed his batteries' return fire against the hostile forces, thereby contributing to the neutralization of the enemy gun emplacements and to the subsequent advance of his battalion. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout this hazardous operation, Platoon Sergeant Terry upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oregonia, Ohio
B--Oregonia, Ohio

03923
AW-298-eps

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18
Signed Mar 18 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH A. TERZI. U. S. M. C. R.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Third Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 13-17, 1942. Having established an outlying listening post, on the night of September 13, Second Lieutenant Terzi volunteered to remain with five of his men to open fire and withdraw to a more advantageous position, giving his only weapon to a man whose machine gun had jammed. When again surrounded by a large enemy force and evacuation became necessary, he instructed each man how to reach the front lines with the result that four of his men came through safely and much valuable information was obtained and used."

For the President

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy

R-New York, (Little Neck, Long Is.)
B- Hoboken, New Jersey

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

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CincPac
Serial 780
Appd SofN 2-8-45
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

SERGEANT LEON A. TESSIER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 25 June 1944. Leading his squad with determined aggressiveness during vigilant clearing operations, Sergeant Tessier fought tenaciously against stubbornly resisting Japanese troops despite a powerful concentration of enemy machine-gun fire. Fatally struck down while attempting to rescue one of his squad from a dangerously exposed position, Sergeant Tessier, by his forceful leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and great personal valor in the face of savage opposition, contributed materially to the ultimate conquest of this vital Japanese stronghold, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout a prolonged period of hostilities reflects 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

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Toppenish, Washington

B..Moxee City, Washington

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, Seattle, Wash
to the parents of the late Sgt Tessier, Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph E. Tessier, at their home, Moxee City, Washington.
Inf pres,.

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DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.
Serial 724.
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

STAFF SERGEANT FRANKLIN P. THAMES, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Fighting Squadron TWO TWENTY-FOUR during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a heavy enemy shell struck dangerously close to a bomb shelter, burying five marines under a mass of earth and debris, Staff Sergeant Thames, hearing cries for help, voluntarily exposed himself to the intense fire of hostile shells and bombs and, with several other men, set to work rescuing their imprisoned comrades. Due to the quick thinking and heroic efforts of Staff Sergeant Thames and his companions, two of the buried men were saved, and the bodies of the other three marines were recovered. His unswerving 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.

R - Cortland, New York.

B - Sumpter, South Carolina.

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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPAC
SPOT
Serial 44532
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JESSIE E. THAMES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Although severely wounded about the face and head while caring for a wounded comrade, Private First Class Thames continued his ministrations and, braving a heavy enemy artillery barrage, dragged the casualty into a shell hole. His courageous initiative, 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--Varnville, South Carolina.
B--Varnville, South Carolina.

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DGP 298 navy mcc

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Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAM C. THEIS, 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 of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. When an enemy machine gun and its supporting rifleman pinned down his platoon with heavy and accurate rifle fire, Private First Class Theis voluntarily moved out into the open without any direct support. Braving the intense machine-gunfire, he singlehandedly attacked the Japanese machine gun nest with hand grenades and rifle fire, destroying it completely and allowing his platoon to continue in the attack. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
E-Spokane, Wash

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

05000
DGP-298-vml

Signed AUG 20 1946
Cincpac
Appd SofN-3-29-46
Serial-2811

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

CAPTAIN FRANK C. THARIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Fighter Pilot, attached to Marine Fighting Squadron TWO ELEVEN and serving with our ground forces during a desperate attempt to repulse enemy Japanese landing on Wake Island, 22 December 1941. Placed in charge of a combat group on the left flank of a line established by his unit to resist Japanese landings after all of his planes had been destroyed by the enemy, Captain Tharin displayed exceptional initiative and brilliant leadership in directing the efforts of his men. Concerned only for the safety of others, he assumed the responsibility of providing protective fire for several unarmed companions who were acting as ammunition and weapons carriers, maintaining an exposed position and manning his weapon with extreme accuracy as the Japanese continued to press forward in overwhelming numbers. When hostile troops momentarily penetrated his line of defense, he fought a furious battle against tremendous odds and, by his superb skill and great personal valor in the face of grave peril, Captain Tharin contributed to the success of his unit in repulsing numerous bitter onslaughts, with many Japanese dead, and his heroic 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..Washington, D. C.

B..Washington, D. C.

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DGP 298 Navy tgw

Signed.....
FMFPacSpotSerial 41646

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD J. THERRIAULT,
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 L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Although exposed to intense hostile mortar and machine-gun fire after voluntarily leaving a place of safety, Private First Class Therriault worked his way forward to the weapon of a wounded machine gunner and, although severely wounded during this hazardous mission, immediately put the gun into action against hostile pillboxes, which had inflicted heavy casualties on his company. When wounded again, he refused evacuation and continued firing on these positions until reinforcements arrived to destroy them. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Waterville, Me.
B-Winslow, Me.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-eln

ComSevFlt
Spot Award
Serial 0850
Signed OCT 26 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANDREW F. THIBADEAU, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 9-10, 1944. Detecting a wounded rifleman in a direct line of hostile fire while one section of his platoon was advancing in support of assault companies during a fierce battalion attack, First Lieutenant Thibadeau voluntarily risked his life to effect a rescue and, fearlessly crawling through the fire lane of a Japanese automatic weapon, pulled the injured Marine to safety. Undeterred by devastating enemy machine-gun, sniper and rifle fire throughout the entire attack, he courageously led his group up a steep incline and, after attaining an advantageous position, skillfully directed the effective fire of a 37-mm. gun forward of our assault lines, enabling rifle companies to capture the ridge and successfully defend it against five counterattacks the following night. First Lieutenant Thibadeau's great personal bravery, indomitable fighting spirit and unrelenting 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 - Silver Springs, Maryland.
B - Washington, D.C.

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DPG-298-bgj

CG, FMF, Pac
App. SofN 1-25-45
Serial 17648
Signed Oct 5 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GILBERT I. THIES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Wire Team serving with the Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Thies rendered valiant service during initial landing operations on Saipan Island. Under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he assisted his wire team in finding and repairing a break in the telephone lines used for sending fire commands between artillery regimental headquarters and one of the battalions. Before returning to the unit, the team was caught in an enemy artillery concentration and Private First Class Thies was killed. His heroic spirit and outstanding technical skill contributed materially to the success of this vital campaign and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R_Fredonia, NY
B-Dunkirk, NY

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres from the OinC for delivery to the mother of the late PFC Thies, Mrs. Eva E. Thies in Fredonia, NY on 11-23-45

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Approved SofN 9-16-48
4thMarDiv Serial 14147

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

SERGEANT ALFRED I. THOMAS,
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 a Self-Propelled 75-mm. Platoon of Weapons Company, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Marianas Islands, on 18 June 1944. In the semi-darkness of early dawn, Sergeant Thomas braved intense hostile fire to bring his half tracks into an advantageous position where he coolly held them together while they delivered effective fire which furnished protective cover for the withdrawal of the infantry. His skill, leadership and courageous devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Sergeant Thomas and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Tampa, Florida.
B - Tampa, Florida.

Spot Award
Serial 1113
Signed DEC 4 1943

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

PRIVATE ARTHUR A. THOMAS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Pitchfork, Wyoming.

B - Cody, Wyoming.

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SPOT
Serial 50939

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

CORPORAL DENVER M. THOMAS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 16 to 23 March 1945. Assigned the mission of dozing a road for the tanks ahead of the front lines when the infantry was pinned down and tanks were unable to advance on 16 March, Corporal Thomas drove his lightly-armored tractor over terrain which was intercrossed with ravines containing numerous concealed, mutually-supporting enemy positions, and succeeded in constructing the road to within thirty feet of known enemy positions. When it became necessary to send tanks ahead of the front lines on another flank later that day, he again dozed a road beyond friendly troops within close range of the enemy, and by enabling tanks to close with the Japanese and fire their mission, assisted the infantry in its advance. His initiative, cool 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-McArthur, Ohio
B-Zeleski, Ohio

THOMAS, Per cit & congrat
ltr for SS sent to CO 5th
Marine, 1st Marine Div, FMF

Spot Award
Serial 0737 (ComSec 311)
Signed 9-9-44

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

CORPORAL JAMES E. THOMAS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as a squad leader in A Company, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during an engagement against enemy Japanese forces in the Southwest Pacific Area. Assigned the perilous task of scouting a wood-line 75 yards from the main body of his company, Corporal Thomas valiantly led his squad into the woods where they were met by terrific enemy fire which wounded six of his comrades. Immediately rallying his men, he moved them into the best positions available and, after other Marines arrived to replace his casualties, personally stationed the men of the support squad in such an effective manner that they were able to deliver a devastating attack against the entrenched Japanese and inflict many casualties without loss to themselves. Corporal Thomas' inspiring leadership, cool courage and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

Released Oct '44

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Serial 35924
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CORPORAL LAVERN E. THOMAS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Rifle Squad Leader, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 to 3 March 1945. Quick to act when his squad's advance was hampered by a barrage from two concealed Japanese positions and determined to break through the resistance, Corporal Thomas boldly engaged the enemy in a hand grenade duel. Fighting furiously, he succeeded in neutralizing both positions and releasing his comrades from overwhelming hostile fire, thereby enabling his unit to continue the advance. By his fearless initiative, indomitable aggressiveness and unwavering devotion to duty, Corporal Thomas contributed essentially to the seizure of vital enemy objectives until fatally wounded while directing his men in the assault of a heavily fortified stronghold. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr informally delivered to the father of the late Corp. Thomas, Mr. Charles K. Thomas, on 18 Oct 46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Kansas City, Mo.

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Topeka, Kansas.
B--Deia, Kansas.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed MAR 11 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT NORMAN K. THOMAS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company B, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. When the enemy launched three vicious counterattacks against his company's position during a day and night of fierce hostilities, First Lieutenant Thomas fearlessly made his way up and down the front lines under the enemy's incessant shellfire to direct the activities of his men and, boldly leading them in brilliantly executed attacks, succeeded in thwarting each bitter onslaught with severe losses to the Japanese. By his forceful and determined leadership, daring combat tactics and cool and courageous action in the face of grave danger, First Lieutenant Thomas contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Monterey Park, Calif.,
B--Gulfport, Miss.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT
FltMarForPac
Serial 90505

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

PRIVATE RALPH D. THOMAS,
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 the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 20 May 1945. When his platoon was temporarily halted by a pocket of resistance to its front, Private Thomas voluntarily advanced in the face of enemy fire and initiated a daring one-man assault against the position with automatic-rifle fire and grenades, killing several of the occupants and routing the remainder. Although painfully wounded by hostile fire, he continued to harass the enemy until his platoon reached its objective. His aggressive fighting spirit, marked courage and inspiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private Thomas and the United States Naval Service."

From Decorations & Medals Branch, USMC to:

Individual Record
Division of Public Information
Marine Corps Gazette
Leatherneck Magazine
Headquarters Bulletin
Division of Aviation

For the President,

R. B. ANDERSON

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Cleveland, Ohio
B-Cleveland, Ohio

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FMEPac
SPOT
Serial 86000
Signed _____

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

STAFF SERGEANT RALPH G. THOMAS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Wire Chief in the Communications Section of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 May 1945. During the defense of Sugar Loaf Hill against desperate and prolonged enemy attacks, Staff Sergeant Thomas, learning that greater supplies of ammunition were required by front line units, made three trips through heavy enemy fire to deliver the urgently needed ammunition. Undeterred by enemy mortar and artillery fire covering routes of approach, he procured a quarter-ton truck and trailer and embarked upon his voluntary mission through the darkness. Although his vehicle was several times pierced by shell fragments, and he was twice blown from the vehicle by the concussion of enemy shell bursts, he relentlessly continued in his task of supplying front line units with ammunition, assisting also in the evacuation of the wounded. By his courage and determination, Staff Sergeant Thomas upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-Shenandoah, PA
B-Quakake, PA

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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 ROBERT H. THOMAS, 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 Thomas, 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 - Menlo Park, California.

B - Manhasset, New York.

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DPG-298-rkz

Cincpac
AppdSofN 1-10-46
Serial 37654
Signed Nov 19 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VERN W. THOMAS
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Browning Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 April 1945. Voluntarily moving forward with a comrade to assist a wounded man under intense enemy fire, Private First Class Thomas fearlessly advanced through the vicious machine-gun barrage to a position forward of the casualty in order to spot the hostile emplacement. Quickly locating and destroying the Japanese machine-gun, he elected to remain in his exposed position until the wounded Marine could be given first aid and evacuated. Alert and ready for any sudden enemy move, he succeeded in killing ten more of the Japanese as they approached his position. An indomitable fighter, Private First Class Thomas, by his dauntless initiative, cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, rendered valiant service and his gallant conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R. SanSimson, California
B. Yakima, Washington

SSMw/perm. cit.&CMC ltr. was presented informally to the parents of the late PFC Thomas, Mr.&Mrs. Dorman Thomas in their home near Cottonwood, Arizona on 10Jan47, by the OinC, Sub-District HRS, Phoenix, Arizona

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Spot Ser. 41633
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN JOHN W. THOMASON, III,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Public Relations Officer of the Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Landing on D-Day on a beach under continuous heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Thomason exposed himself to the hostile barrages to organize the few remaining medical corpsmen and lead them in collecting and treating the wounded. Then locating stretchers, he induced several of his public relations personnel to act as stretcher-bearers and, still under heavy fire, established a system for evacuating casualties on small craft, thereby contributing to the saving of many lives. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain Thomason and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R. Huntsville, Texas
B. Comaguey, Cuba
14 June 1920

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Serial 79426
Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT DANIEL L. THOMPkins,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. During the attack on a strongly-defended enemy ridge, Platoon Sergeant Thompkins went forward along with two others of his platoon armed with hand grenades and automatic weapons and, assaulting a hostile position which was vital in the defense of the ridge, assisted in killing sixteen of the enemy and in capturing an enemy machine gun, a mortar and a number of rifles. By his outstanding courage and leadership, Platoon Sergeant Thompkins contributed materially to the successful seizure of the ridge in the shortest possible time, 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--Pueblo, Colo.
B--Gowen, Okla.

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SPOT
Serial 86000
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL DUEY C. THOMPSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Oroku Peninsula, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 June 1945. While his unit was moving onto Hill 58, Corporal Thompson observed an enemy mortar firing on friendly troops from a cave on the forward slope of the hill. Braving the enemy fire, he made five trips down the forward slope, throwing a grenade into the cave on each occasion. Failing to destroy the enemy mortar with his grenades, he quickly prepared a demolition charge and, rushing to the cave, dropped the charge into the entrance, thereby sealing the cave and destroying the enemy. By his courage and gallant devotion to duty, Corporal Thompson upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Paducah, Texas.,
B--Paducah, Texas.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HERBERT W. THOMPSON, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 20 September 1944. When units on his flanks were pinned down during an assault on a high and barren coral ridge, First Lieutenant Thompson led his platoon forward over open ground covered with enemy machine-gun and sniper fire for about a hundred yards until halted by a severe mortar concentration which caused serious casualties. Although twice wounded by machine-gun fire, he refused to be evacuated and organized a position to hold the ground they had seized. He then remained with the remnants of his platoon for three hours until all other casualties were removed before he himself was evacuated. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Thompson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ John L. Sullivan
Secretary of the Navy

R-Chicago, Illinois
B-Chicago, Illinois

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Serial 48443
Signed MAY 3 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEON C. THOMPSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, from 20 February to 4 March 1945. Bowled over when a Japanese shell exploded at his feet as he issued night defensive orders to his company on D-Day-plus-1, First Lieutenant Thompson, quick to recover from the shock of the blast which killed two Marines and wounded four others, immediately directed the removal of the casualties and applied first aid to his own wounds. Remaining at his post despite severe pain, he completed his orders and established the evening defense lines before accepting evacuation for necessary medical treatment. Returning to front line duty on D-Day-plus-7, he took over the company command, rallied his stouthearted forces and waged a furious battle against heavily fortified enemy positions garrisoned by stubbornly resisting troops. In the forefront of action at all times, he consistently led the foremost elements of his command in assault and served as an inspiration to his men during critical stages of the almost continuous action, spurring them to heroic effort as they blasted hostile defenses, smashed enemy positions and annihilated Japanese troops. Seriously wounded a second time while

R.--Staten Island, New York
B.--Staten Island, New York

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directing an adroit maneuver to relieve the pressure on a besieged platoon on 4 March, he resolutely refused medical aid or rest until he had properly yielded his company to his next in command. Fighting with indomitable courage and iron determination throughout a period of bitter conflict, First Lieutenant Thompson, by his forceful leadership, sustained aggressiveness and unfaltering professional skill, contributed substantially to the success of his division's operations against this vital outpost of the Japanese Empire, and his gallant conduct in the face of savage opposition upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Staten Island, New York
B.--Staten Island, New York

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Signed JUL 9 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MILTON W. THOMPSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Machine Gun Squad Leader, serving with Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy surprise machine-gun fire from an enemy cave against which there was no covered firing point, Private First Class Thompson brilliantly maneuvered his squad into a position directly facing the cave, set up his machine gun in a completely exposed spot, took the place of the gunner and silenced the hostile fire by engaging in a sharp duel with the Japanese until mortally wounded. By his valiant initiative and utter disregard for his own personal safety in the face of almost certain death, Private First Class Thompson saved the lives of many of his comrades and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

John R. Sullivan
Acting

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Joliet, Illinois
B.--Minooka, Illinois

SSMw/perm cit & GMC ltr mailed to the parents of the late Pfc. Thompson on 14Sep46 by the CinC, USMC DHRS, Chicago, Ill.

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

SERGEANT NORMAN E. THOMPSON, 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 Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during combat with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, from January 3 to 8, 1944. Braving intense hostile automatic fire, Sergeant Thompson led his squad in a vigorous attack against a strongly fortified enemy position, enabling his men to effect an initial penetration of the hostile emplacement which was subsequently captured. Displaying cool and aggressive leadership in a later attempt to seize a fiercely defended enemy ridge retarding the advance of the battalion, he directed his unit throughout five hostile counterattacks until fatally injured during a hand to hand struggle with the enemy. Sergeant Thompson'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

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Brooklyn, New York.

B - Brooklyn, New York.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT N. THOMPSON, JR.
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July to 10 August 1944. During the Battle of Finegayan, Second Lieutenant Thompson skillfully led his platoon in an attack against strongly organized enemy entrenchments at an important road junction and, when his platoon was subject to intense enemy machine-gun, rifle and grenade fire, worked his way forward under fire to locate the hostile emplacements, pointing out the well camouflaged enemy to his men. Although sustaining serious wounds from several high explosive charges thrown at him, he continued to lead his platoon throughout the three-hour battle, personally destroying an enemy machine-gun emplacement and killing several of the enemy. By his aggressive leadership, he contributed materially to the capture of the objective with heavy losses to the Japanese and with minimum losses in his platoon, and his courage and devotion to duty throughout the campaign upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-Cowden, Illinois
B-Cowden, Illinois

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ROBERT R. THOMPSON,
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 Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 26 June 1944. During a heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun concentration on his platoon's position, Platoon Sergeant Thompson braved Japanese fire three times to go forward and carry wounded men to a protected area where they could receive medical aid. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Thompson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Indianapolis, Ind.,
B--Marristown, Indiana.

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Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER D. THOMPSON, JR.
UNITED STATES 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 9, 1942.
While serving with Company C, First Battalion,
Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in the
area south of Point Cruz and west of the Matanikau
River, Private First Class Thompson, voluntarily
and without orders, passed through a section of
enemy-occupied territory under heavy fire in order
to deliver a message from his commander to a por-
tion of his company which had become separated from
the main group during the course of battle. By his
courageous initiative and cool fearlessness, he
conveyed valuable information which otherwise could
not have been communicated because of injuries
sustained by the company's signalman."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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Medals Division.

R.F. Detroit, Michigan.

B... Detroit, Michigan.

General Order No. 206

FAR EAST ARMY FORCES
APO 925

3 February, 1945

THOMSON, DAVID W.Capt.

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For gallantry in action over Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 12 December 1944. This officer was leading a flight of three Hellcat fighters flying protective cover for a convoy over Ormoc Bay when twenty-four enemy aircraft were sighted. Captain Thomson unhesitatingly led his flight into the attack, although the odds were eight to one against him. The Japanese formation was broken up, and in the ensuing engagement eleven hostile aircraft were shot down. The remainder were prevented from reaching their target. Captain Thomson's flight accounted for five of the planes shot down, and this officer personally accounted for two of them. The gallantry and leadership exhibited by Captain Thomson are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

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Signed APR 22 1944

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

SERGEANT LUTHER L. THORNTON, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
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 attack on Puruata Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Serving as a member of the five-man crew on a 75 millimeter self-propelled anti-tank gun, Sergeant Thornton 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 fire which killed or wounded the entire crew at the adjacent gun,~~ he pressed home a vigorous attack and kept his weapon in action until the hostile stronghold was destroyed. Sergeant Thornton's 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 - Klamath Falls, Ore.
B - Prescott, Ariz.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT W. THORPE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company B, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 23 May 1945. Although aware that there was no need for flame throwers in the rifle attack against a hostile village, Private First Class Thorpe voluntarily exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar fire and, despite his own wounds, aided in the evacuation of other casualties to a covered position. After assisting the corpsman in administering first aid, he proceeded to the Battalion Aid Station, guided a stretcher party to the company's position, and then fainted from loss of blood, thereby revealing for the first time that he was wounded. His courage under fire 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--Jerome, Idaho
B--Twin Falls, Idaho

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH M. THUROW, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Radio Operator in Headquarters Company, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. Accompanying his Company Commander on a reconnaissance of front line positions when the enemy attempted a large scale infiltration at dusk and the Company Commander was seriously wounded, Private First Class Thurow accurately reported the tactical situation by radio despite heavy enemy fire falling in the vicinity and, after completing the report and aiding in removing the Company Commander to a covered position, continued to transmit valuable information concerning the attack until a shell fragment struck his radio and rendered it inoperative. His outstanding courage 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---Milwaukee, Wisconsin

B---Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARTHUR J. TIESLING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Crewman of Company C, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. When his tank was disabled and its radio equipment rendered useless after the vehicle had struck an enemy land mine, Private First Class Tiesling manned his bow machine gun for over two hours, destroying two squads of Japanese soldiers and twice repairing stoppages. Voluntarily leaving the safety of his tank to go for aid, he traversed fifty yards under enemy fire to a chain of abandoned trenches and back to our lines. Contacting another tank, he informed the crew of his tanks position and returned to his disabled vehicle under intense machine-gun fire. By his courageous action, he enabled the remaining members of his crew to make their way back to our lines under the covering fire of the second tank. His initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Appleton, Wisc.,
B--Hortonville, Wisc.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD A. TILGHMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader and later as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 23 March 1945. When his platoon was split and pinned down by intense enemy fire from all directions on 23 February, First Lieutenant Tilghman moved back fifty yards in the face of heavy fire to obtain tank support. Leading the tanks into position to move against enemy forces on his left flank, he crossed a one hundred and fifty yard gap at the risk of his life to direct his right flank squad. Although heavy casualties had decimated the front line units and caused them to become disorganized, he courageously held the lines intact until relief arrived. His professional ability, courage under fire and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Philadelphia, Pa.
B-Manchester, England.

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19 December 1943.

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Awards of the Silver Star..... Section
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111. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

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

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BUD TINKER, First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, when in a crucial moment of combat he put the company's mortars into action on his own initiative with such effectiveness as to enable the continued advance of friendly troops on 20 July 1943. In addition, he moved to the front and supervised the replacement of wounded machine gunners, the replenishment of ammunitions, and on several occasions administered first aid and evacuated wounded personnel. Home Address: San Pedro, California

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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 ... Long Beach, California.
B ... Lawton, Oklahoma.

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App. SofN 4-26-45
Serial 3156
Signed 12-11-45

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANK P. TISDALE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Tinian in the Marianas, on 25 July 1944. Making a determined stand when his platoon received the full force of desperate Japanese countermeasures, Second Lieutenant Tisdale fearlessly disregarded all personal danger to place his automatic weapons fire with deadly effectiveness and, repeatedly exposing himself to the enemy's merciless machine-gun and rifle barrages as he continuously moved about, checking his guns and strengthening his line, succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy and in beating back three furious frontal attacks initiated by the fanatic Japanese. By his inspiring leadership, persevering fortitude and indomitable fighting spirit in the face of savage opposition, Second Lieutenant Tisdale contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital enemy stronghold, and his undaunted courage and decisive conduct throughout the period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy.

SS. temp cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 1-8-46 by Commander, NATB, Pensacola, Fla. to the mother of the late Second Lieut. Tisdale, Mrs. Byron Tisdale, P.O. Box 535, Crestview, Fla. Informal pres. in Aud. of NAS, R--Crestview, Fla. Pensacola, Fla. Co, MB, NAS, and relative of the B--Evergreen, Ala. late Lieut. Tisdale attending.
Due publicity given.

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Signed JAN 3 1946

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

CAPTAIN JOHN A. TITCOMB,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to a Marine Air Support Party serving with the United States Army Forces during action against enemy Japanese forces in Northern Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 1 March 1945. Setting up his radio equipment and expeditiously establishing his observation post in a dangerously exposed position affording coverage of the target area during a vigorous assault against heavily fortified Bacsil Ridge, Captain Titcomb fearlessly risked his life to observe and command the close air support of our aircraft and, remaining steadfast at his post under the enemy's shattering machine-gun and sniper fire, expertly directed our planes in pressing home brilliantly executed attacks against a fanatic enemy, thereby enabling our infantry units to advance and seize the assigned objectives. By his forceful and determined leadership, dauntless perseverance and indomitable fighting spirit during this and numerous other engagements in guerrilla warfare carried out behind Japanese lines, Captain Titcomb contributed materially to the success of our sustained drive against the enemy in the Pacific Theater and 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,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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ST ALBANS R.-Farmington, Maine.

LITCOMB B2-Newton, Mass. HERE'S 12MCO at an informal ceremony on 22. born off. & PLE. IT. CMC presented to widow, Mrs. John A.

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Signed FEB 18 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT SILAS J. TITUS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. With the platoon on his left suffering heavy casualties and the entire company advance temporarily halted by fire from a heavily fortified hostile strong point, First Lieutenant Titus unhesitatingly left his position of comparative safety and, fearlessly exposing himself to the merciless barrage, moved to an open area on his left flank to direct the evacuation of the wounded. By his daring initiative, gallant fortitude and cool and courageous action in the face of grave danger, First Lieutenant Titus contributed materially to the success of our forces in this hazardous campaign and 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.

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Serial 034562
Signed Apr 11 1947

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

CORPORAL CARL L. TOBIASSEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Fire Team Leader, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 June 1945. When his squad was suddenly attacked by cross-range enemy sniper and machine-gun fire during an extremely hazardous patrol into Japanese-held territory, Corporal TobiasSEN voluntarily moved forward with another Marine despite the deadly barrage of hostile fire and, deliberately exposing himself to the enemy enabled his unit to determine the strength and disposition of Japanese troops. When his companion was struck down by the accurate fire of three Japanese riflemen, he quickly turned on the attackers and, after completely destroying them, successfully evacuated his wounded comrade. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and cool courage under fire, Corporal TobiasSEN contributed materially to the ultimate capture of this vital Japanese stronghold, and his heroic conduct throughout this perilous mission was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-Nevada City, California
R-San Bernardino, California

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRUCE B. TOLAND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery D, Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, the night of 23 November 1943. When two Japanese soldiers infiltrated his sector and crawled into a foxhole occupied by two Marines, shooting one in the arm and bayoneting the other, Private First Class Toland, upon hearing the commotion, fearlessly risked his life to aid his comrades. With one of the enemy making his escape as he approached and his rifle failing as he attempted to shoot, he engaged the second Japanese soldier in hand-to-hand combat and succeeded in killing him. Then, despite the danger of being fired upon by friendly sentries in the darkness or the possibility of attack by the enemy, he assisted in carrying the wounded men to an aid station for prompt medical attention. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of others, Private First Class Toland served as an inspiration to those with whom he served, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Benton, Harbor, Michigan
B-Benton, Harbor, Michigan

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

CORPORAL EDMOND A. TODD,
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 Rifle Platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 June 1945. Wounded when the enemy launched the first of a series of counterattacks on a newly-seized ridge, Corporal Todd refused evacuation and, when the Japanese made a second fanatical charge, fired his automatic weapon from a completely exposed position to repel the assault single-handedly. By his heroic conduct, he inspired his comrades to crush the last efforts of the enemy later in the morning, and only then was the seriousness of his wound discovered and his immediate evacuation ordered. Corporal Todd's unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R - Houston, Texas.
B - Self, Arkansas.

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 8531

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

TECHNICAL SERGEANT CHARLIE W. TOLAR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. Repeatedly volunteering to go on patrols into enemy-infested territory, Technical Sergeant Tolar twice contacted the enemy and, on the first occasion, guided a patrol into a swamp filled with hostile snipers and personally annihilated eight of the Japanese. At another time, he went forward to help form a front line after an artillery position had been overrun by the enemy and, taking up his position, rendered valuable assistance to our troops. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Technical Sergeant Tolar and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Columbia, Miss.,
B--Columbia, Miss.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. TOLLES, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy.

R-West Haven, Conn.

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Signed MAR 11 1946

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

CORPORAL GEORGE E. TOMAIKO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Rifle Company attached to the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Guam in the Marianas Group, 27 July 1944. Proceeding ahead of his squad in full view of the enemy to investigate a hostile machine-gun emplacement, Corporal Tomaiko put the gun out of action and destroyed the three enemy gunners manning it. Then directing his machine-gun fire into the next enemy pillbox, he killed nine of the enemy and, although wounded during the action, completed his mission, inflicting severe casualties on the enemy and contributing materially to the success of our forces. His aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Tomaiko and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Akron, Ohio
B-
5 April 1922

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 6881
Signed _____

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

TECHNICAL SERGEANT TERRELL W. TOMLIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of all Stretcher-Bearer Teams of the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 18 September to 10 October 1944. During this extended and hazardous campaign, Technical Sergeant Tomlin ably supervised his overworked and short-handed teams in evacuating the many wounded of his Battalion. When his command suffered heavy casualties during an attack across fourteen hundred yards of open airfield under extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrages, he effectively led his teams in removing all casualties back through the hostile fire to the Battalion Aid Station and, although a number of his men were wounded from enemy mortar fragments, encouraged the teams to redouble their efforts and accomplish their mission. By his courage, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty throughout, Technical Sergeant Tomlin upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bessemer, Alabama.
B--Bessemer, Alabama.

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Spot Award
Serial 0347
Signed MAY 26 1945

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

MAJOR RATHVON McC. TOMPKINS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Marine Division during landing operations on the enemy Japanese-held island of Tarawa in the Gilberts, on 20 November 1943. Informed upon landing that elements of a Marine battalion were pinned under Betio Pier by continuous Japanese machine-gun, sniper and intermittent cannon fire and that numerous casualties were helpless in the water, Major Tompkins unhesitatingly braved the savage bombardment to swim to a native skiff and, returning under the blasting salvos of deadly fire, rescued three wounded men from the treacherous waters under the pier and transported them to a Higgins boat, subsequently proceeding to a reef off the beach where he evacuated four additional casualties from a damaged landing craft. By his daring initiative, resolute fortitude and persevering efforts in the face of overwhelming odds, Major Tompkins saved seven Marines from almost certain death. His valiant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denver, Colorado
B--Boulder, Colorado

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM C. TOMPKINS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. Voluntarily moving forward to an exposed sector on a coral ridge which was being subjected to intense hostile mortar, hand grenade and rifle fire, Private First Class Tompkins fired into the face of the enemy with such devastating effectiveness that their attack was momentarily halted. Sighting two Japanese in Marine helmets, he quickly recognized them as members of the hostile force and again exposed himself to fire upon them. Later, with his squad leader wounded, he unhesitatingly assumed command and skillfully led the unit in maintaining its defensive position throughout the night. His outstanding courage, daring initiative and valiant fighting spirit in the face of vicious enemy fire reflect great credit upon Private First Class Tompkins and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

DAN A. RANDALL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Houston, Texas
B-New York, New York

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DGP-298-rkz

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FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 0116
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT THEODORE TOOLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Advance Reconnaissance Man, attached to Company A, Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 10 and 11 July 1944. Swimming ashore in the immediate presence of Japanese soldiery and fortifications, Second Lieutenant Toole made a perilous reconnaissance of the beaches and reefs of enemy-held Tinian to determine the location and nature of beach obstacles, the depths of water on reefs, the height and characteristics of cliffs and of terrain inland from the beaches and the suitability of the area for invasion by our troops, vehicles and landing craft. The skill displayed by Second Lieutenant Toole throughout this mission contributed substantially to the success attained by the patrol in completing the assignment without casualties or detection by the enemy. His intrepid spirit, professional skill and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Toole and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Garden City, Long Island, N.Y.
B--Columbus, Ohio.

05773
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

CAPTAIN HARRY L. TORGERTSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Parachute Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Gavutu, Solomon Islands, August 7 to 9, 1942. While conducting hazardous demolition projects which involved action against dug-outs still occupied by the enemy, Captain Torgerson, with valiant disregard for his imminent danger, executed his essential duties with outstanding skill and dauntless courage. Although sustaining a painful wound in his left wrist, he persevered until he had destroyed the designated hostile positions, thereby completing with success an exacting assignment. Captain Torgerson's unswerving devotion to duty 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 - Rosedale, New York.

B - Brooklyn, New York.

818187
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0858
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

SERGEANT GEORGE M. TOTH, 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,
January 7, 1944. When well-entrenched enemy units tempo-
rarily halted the advance of his platoon, Sergeant Toth dar-
ingly assumed a position within point-blank range of hostile
emplacements and, countering with hand grenades and auto-
matic weapon fire, succeeded in destroying an enemy ma-
chine gun and its crew. Sergeant Toth's courageous 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

831927
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 JOSEPH W. TOTH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Assistant Machine Gunner of Company B, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. Steadfastly refusing to leave his position despite a severe side wound sustained in a previous bitter engagement, Private First Class Toth immediately went into action when four Japanese launched a vicious attack during the night. With the success of his fire threatened by the instability of the gun's position on the sandy bank, he promptly seized the barrel of the weapon and held it in position until all the enemy had been killed. Although severely burned on the hands while performing his self-sacrificing task and forced to evacuate the area for treatment shortly thereafter, Private First Class Toth, by his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude, and cool courage in the face of tremendous odds, has contributed materially to the success of an extremely dangerous engagement and his valiant 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-Toledo, Ohio
B-Toledo, Ohio

814049
DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Appd SofN 1-18-45
Serial 004270
Signed JUN 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE C. TOWNSEND, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Guam in the Marianas, on 22 July 1944. Carrying out a pre-dawn mission to inform friendly troops situated between the battalion command post and Bangi Point that reinforcements were moving up along our front lines to the point, Private First Class Townsend fearlessly risked his life to proceed under a merciless rain of mortar and machine-gun fire, boldly crossing the open fire-swept fields despite the additional risks encountered from illuminating shells and infiltrating enemy troops. Completing his mission, he worked tirelessly in evacuating many of the wounded from the frontline area to positions of comparative safety, continuing his voluntary efforts until daylight. Fatally wounded later in the day while executing a hazardous patrol, Private First Class Townsend, by his comprehensive knowledge of the difficult terrain and his great personal valor in the face of savage, unceasing opposition, contributed essentially to the successful reinforcements of Bangi Point without loss during the night and to the subsequent repulse of the enemy's ruthless counterattacks. His resolute conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Townsend and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

295654
DGP 298 Navy rmh

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FmFSpot Ser. 3305
Signed _____

DEC 10 1947

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

CORPORAL GROVER C. TOWNSEND, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rocket Launcher Operator of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Skillfully using his bazooka and exposing himself to hostile fire while moving to positions of advantage along his company's front lines, Corporal Townsend contributed materially to the break-up of an enemy tank counterattack. Always present where the Japanese were concentrated, he continued to fight without first aid despite wounds received in battle until the tank attack had been repulsed. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Red Springs, N.C.
B. Red Springs, N. C.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-eln

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Spot Award
Serial 0735 MAR 20 1945
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT WARREN H. TRACEY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Patrol of ten men serving with the Seventh Marines, Reinforced, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Hill 80, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 26 December 1943. Upon contacting another part of his patrol and finding one man wounded and pinned down by heavy fire from positions concealed in the dense jungle undergrowth, Sergeant Tracey quickly secured a machine gun to cover his action and, crawling to an enemy pillbox from which intense fire emanated, hurled in four hand grenades. When the grenades proved ineffectual, he withdrew from the line of fire, obtained six more and threw them into the hostile emplacement, immediately silencing the enemy fire and making possible the evacuation of the wounded man. Sergeant Tracey's heroic initiative and disregard for personal safety 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--Flint, Michigan.
B--Flint, Michigan.

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DGP-298-rlb

Cincpac
Appd SofN 7-19-45
Serial 32313
Signed MAY 27 1946

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

SERGEANT LOUIS W. TRAFTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Sergeant in a Rifle Platoon serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. Volunteering to go in search of two of his group who had become separated from the platoon, Sergeant Trafton unhesitatingly proceeded into enemy territory and, finding the two members of his platoon and another Marine wounded, returned to his own lines for aid. Prevented by enemy machine-gun fire from advancing with stretcher bearers, he daringly maneuvered six of his men forward and, in the face of withering hostile small-arms and mortar fire, succeeded in placing an automatic rifle team in position to neutralize the enemy's fire, thus directing the removal of the wounded men to safety. By his inspiring leadership and great personal valor in the face of grave peril, Sergeant Trafton upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Guilford, Maine

B.--Guilford, Maine

SSM, permanent citation & CMC's ltr was presented to TRAFTON's mother Mrs. Velma A. Trafton, Guilford, Me., on 10 Jul 46 by representative officer of the CO, MB, USNAS, Brunswick, ME. informally for which no publicity was desired.

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DCP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 56881
Signed_____

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

CORPORAL DAVID F. TRAVIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Rifle Platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 21 May 1946. Although painfully injured, Corporal Travis assumed command of his platoon after the Leader was wounded, and receiving the order to retire from an untenable position, skillfully and successfully directed the withdrawal of his men. Firing rifle grenades while retiring, he personally destroyed a hostile machine gun and mortar, killing several of the enemy. His outstanding 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--McComb, Mississippi.
E--Summit, Mississippi.

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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Approved SofN 4-22-43
Serial 648
Signed **AUG 17 1943**

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

PLATOON SERGEANT LONDON L. TRAW, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Release

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the ~~First Battalion, Seventh Marines~~, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Lunga Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 24 and 25, 1942. Undeterred by terrific enemy fire, Platoon Sergeant Traw coolly directed and controlled the fire of the machine guns of his section against repeated assaults of enemy forces greatly superior in numbers. The combat achievements of his platoon under his inspiring and courageous leadership contributed greatly to the rout and virtual annihilation of a Japanese regiment. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

/s/ **FRANK KNOX**
Secretary of the Navy.

Release 7-oct-43

R - Hoxie, Arkansas.

B - Pocahontas, Arkansas.

014277
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 1170
Signed SEP 13 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT MELVIN A. TRAYLOR, JR., USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an artillery forward observer attached to a Marine infantry patrol in the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, December 27, 1942. In order to reach a position from which he could better control artillery fire, Second Lieutenant Traylor, at his own request and with complete disregard for his personal safety, accompanied an advance patrol into exceedingly dangerous territory in front of his lines. When the only infantry officer present was killed as a result of heavy enemy fire, Second Lieutenant Traylor immediately assumed command of the patrol and by his inspiring leadership and indomitable courage, kept it intact as a fighting unit. Through effective and accurate direction of artillery fire, he was later able to render vital aid in neutralizing the heavy enemy resistance. His resolute determination and valiant devotion to duty under extremely adverse conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Winnetka, Illinois
B - Chicago, Illinois

*Released
6/15/43*

339965
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH J. TRGOVICH,
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 Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on 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, Corporal Trgovich fought furiously and without rest throughout three days and nights of bitter offensive action, contributing materially to the successes 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."

R--Whiting, Ind.,
B--Whiting, Ind.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM term cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 28 July by R. M. EM. Pace, USN, to the mother of the
lat PFC Trimble, Mrs. Hazel T. Hunt, 819 N. Sierra Bonita, Hollywood, Calif. at combined
formal ceremony at Naval Training School (radio), Naval Reserve Armory, Los Angeles.

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 1-11-45
Serial 004322
Signed APR 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN J. TRIMBLE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Wire-
man of an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon serving with an assault
rifle company of the Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third
Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces
during the Battle of Fonte Hill, Guam, Marianas Islands, 25
July 1944. Although seriously wounded in the right arm
while repairing a broken telephone wire, Private First Class
Trimble stoically disregarded his painful condition and re-
quested permission to continue his work of maintaining a
system of communication with the platoon. Permitted to
return to his duties after receiving first aid, he again coura-
geously exposed himself to a withering barrage of heavy
enemy fire, laying, splicing and repairing telephone wire as
fast as it was broken by hostile mortar fire until he was
fatally wounded by an accurate burst from Japanese guns.
By his skillful maintenance of vital communications be-
tween the assault rifle company and the supporting mortar
platoon, Private First Class Trimble contributed materially
to the success of our forces in this strategic war area. His
great personal courage and unflinching devotion to duty in
the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest tra-
ditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave
his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, Calif.
B--Santa Ana, Calif.

313426
DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.
Serial ⁷²⁴
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

STAFF SERGEANT ORBAN P. TRIPLETT, U. S. MARINE CORPS.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Fighting Squadron TWO TWENTY-FOUR during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a heavy enemy shell struck dangerously close to a bomb shelter, burying five marines under a mass of earth and debris, Staff Sergeant Triplett, hearing cries for help, voluntarily exposed himself to the intense fire of hostile shells and bombs and, with several other men, set to work rescuing their imprisoned comrades. Due to the quick thinking and heroic efforts of Staff Sergeant Triplett and his companions, two of the buried men were saved, and the bodies of the other three marines were recovered. His unswerving 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.

R - Cleveland, Ohio.

B - Louisa, Kentucky. 6-23-1916.

846594
DGP-298-sps

ComGenFMFPac SPOT Ser 48904
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT ROGER S. TRIPP,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader of an Engineer Demolition Squad of Company B, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 9 to 14 March 1945. On 13 March, while working with an infantry company, Sergeant Tripp volunteered to lead his squad forward of the front lines in an effort to destroy an enemy position which had delayed the advance of the infantry for two days. He then led his men forward to a vantage point from which he could reconnoiter the position and, under cover of his squad's fire, went forward alone and placed a demolition charge on the enemy-held fortification. Although subjected to intense small-arms and hand grenade fire from the enemy while placing this demolition charge, Sergeant Tripp carried out his mission, and by destroying the position, enabled the infantry to advance. His leadership, heroic spirit and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Middleboro, Mass.
R - Middleboro, Mass.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 98300
Signed_____

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

PRIVATE JOHN F. TRONSOR, JR.,
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 H, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 7 June 1945. Participating in an attack by his company, Private Tronsor volunteered to rescue a man lying wounded at the mouth of a cave covered by enemy fire and, undaunted by wounds sustained in his arm and leg on two trips to the cave, succeeded in moving the wounded man to safety and then refused medical aid and evacuation until other casualties had been cared for. 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-Valley Stream, L. I.
B-Freeport, L. I., N. Y.

323629
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 00466
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL EDWARD F. TROTT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 to 27 July 1944. Voluntarily exposing himself to heavy machine-gun fire which had his platoon pinned down, Corporal Trott personally directed supporting tanks to an enemy pillbox and, leading his men behind the tanks, effected the assault and destruction of the Japanese position despite wounds sustained in the action. 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-Yonkers, N.Y.
B-Yonkers, N.Y.

028559
DGP-298-1fg

Cincpac:
Appd SofN 10-4-45
Serial 031619
Signed Aug 12, 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. TROUT,
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 A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. Leading his platoon in an attack across an open, fireswept field under intense hostile machine-gun and heavy mortar barrages with resultant severe casualties to his unit, First Lieutenant Trout constantly rallied his platoon and, directing the men forward in small groups, skillfully coordinated the attack. Quick to act when three of his men were pinned down in a shellhole, he fearlessly disregarded all danger in an effort to bring up another machine gun but fell under the enemy's blasting fire before he had completed his valiant attempt. His unfaltering courage and outstanding initiative inspired his men to complete the mission successfully and reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Trout 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--Fort Worth, Texas.
B--Wichita Falls, Texas.

SSMw/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres to parents of late 1STLT. Trout, Mr. & Mrs. Verna F. Trout, at USNAS, Dallas, Texas, on or about Aug or Sep 1946 by CC

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BILLIE R. TROUTMAN,
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 C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 8 October 1952. When only he and one other Marine were able to defend the left flank of the position after his unit was depleted by casualties during a determined enemy infantry assault accompanied by a devastating mortar and artillery barrage, Private First Class Troutman bravely moved forward to an exposed position and delivered deadly fire on the advancing force. After the enemy had gained friendly trench positions and were attempting to move down the trench lines toward the crest of the hill, he unhesitatingly moved from one exposed position to another in an effort to halt the attackers and continued to sweep the enemy with accurate fire, forcing them to abandon the attack. By his indomitable fighting spirit, courageous initiative and resolute determination in the face of heavy odds, Private First Class Troutman was directly instrumental in preventing the enemy from overrunning the position and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

C. S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Baltimore, Md.
B - Concord, N. C.

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DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 3-24-44
Serial 919
Signed JUN 9 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH E. TROWBRIDGE, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 21, 1943. When a sudden break in the telephone line disrupted vital communications with the battalion fire direction center while Private First Class Trowbridge's forward observer party was adjusting artillery fire on enemy positions, he volunteered to trace the line and repair the break. Although the greater part of the route was still under intense enemy fire, he coolly and courageously set out upon his perilous mission and, despite a severe wound which later caused his death, steadfastly continued his task until communications were re-established. Private First Class Trowbridge's great personal valor and unswerving 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 - Two Harbors, Minn.
B - Two Harbors, Minn.

520594
DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 47152
Signed_____

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

CORPORAL HAROLD W. TRUEMPY,
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 of Battery I, Third Battalion, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. When the Officer in Charge of his team was wounded by enemy action and fell into a cave occupied by the Japanese, Corporal Truempy fearlessly entered the cave with another Marine and effected the rescue of the Officer. His calm and decisive action together with his courageous devotion to duty in the face of constant hostile mortar and small-arms fire upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cannelton, Indiana.
B--Cannelton, Indiana.

525386
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 LAWRENCE O. TRUETT,
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 A, First
Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in
action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian,
Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. During an enemy
counterattack against his company, Private First Class
Truett moved forward of the front lines and waited
until the enemy was within thirty yards of his position
and opening fire, almost singlehandedly broke up the
hostile attack. His courage and devotion to duty
reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class
Truett and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R-Del Norte, Colo.
B-Canon City, Colo.

493788
DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 44534
Signed FEB 19 1948

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

CORPORAL ARTHUR C. TRUMAN, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Reconnaissance Company Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When a hand grenade was thrown into the position occupied by him and three other men during an attempted infiltration by the enemy, Corporal Truman immediately seized the grenade and threw it clear of the position, thereby saving all four men from severe injury and possible death. Using grenades and rifle fire, he then succeeded in breaking up the infiltration and eliminating this threat to our lines. His outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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B. " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES W. TRUMP,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company B, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. Alternating with another man at operating and directing an armored bulldozer, one inside the armor and the other outside, Private First Class Trump constructed a road for tanks through a deep, rubble-filled ravine in enemy territory while under hostile mortar and rifle fire. When two tanks passed through the road to engage hostile positions and were followed by a third tank which struck a mine and was immobilized in the ravine, he attempted to tow the damaged tank out of the ravine to save it from further destruction by the enemy and to clear the way for the return of the other two tanks upon completion of their mission. Unsuccessful in this task, he then constructed a by-pass around the disabled tank, thereby saving two critically needed tanks at a time when their loss would have seriously hampered the combat operation. His courageous initiative and determination 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_Reading, Pa.
B-Bloomsburg, Pa.

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Signed DEC 16 1947

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

SERGEANT HAROLD J. TUBBS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company I, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 23 May 1945. When enemy artillery fire ignited white phosphorous shells and caused the detonation of high explosive projectiles in a mortar ammunition dump, Sergeant Tubbs, in company with another Marine, unhesitatingly began to remove the ammunition from the area, and despite severe burns about his hands and arms, continued to clear the shells from the fire until all danger to his comrades in the area was eliminated. By his initiative, concern for the welfare of others and untiring devotion to duty, Sergeant Tubbs upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Plainsfield, Wisc.

B..Lead, S.C.

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DGP-298-Navy-rmh

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Signed Dec 16 1947

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

CORPORAL JOHN F. TUCHNOWSKI,
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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. Realizing that his squad was unable to advance because of intense hostile fire, Corporal Tuchnowski volunteered to continue on despite heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and, effectively using his hand grenades, neutralized the obstructing fire, thereby enabling his squad to renew the attack and seize its objective. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R. Pittsburg, Pa.
B- " "

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Serial 52320
Signed MAY 13 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD J. TUCKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving in a platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Twentysseventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 14 March 1945. Headless of his painful wounds and refusing evacuation in order to remain with his men in continuance of an assault against the bitterly defending Japanese, Private First Class Tucker unhesitatingly braved a deadly hail of hostile rifle and machine-gun fire to rescue a wounded Marine lying in an exposed position. Although mortally wounded while administering first aid to his stricken comrade, Private First Class Tucker, by his unselfish courage and devotion to duty, had strengthened the morale and fighting spirit of his entire company, 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--Detroit, Michigan
E--Detroit, Michigan.

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LUD R. TUCKER,
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 TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR in action against enemy Japanese forces off Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 13 May 1945. Flying on combat air patrol to provide protection for a group of Naval patrol vessels, Second Lieutenant Tucker participated in an attack on four enemy aircraft which were closing with our surface force. When one of the enemy planes attempted a suicide run on a destroyer, he dived through a terrific barrage of antiaircraft fire from the ships and, skillfully fighting his plane, assisted another pilot in shooting the hostile craft down in flames. By his superb airmanship, courage and devotion to duty, he contributed materially in saving the ship from destruction and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Huntsville, Tex.
B-Huntsville, Tex.

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Serial 34413
Signed *4-12-46*

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT NION R. TUCKER, JR.,
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 Platoon attached to Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Confronted by the enemy's solid, coordinated system of defenses shortly after hitting the beach in the initial landing wave, First Lieutenant Tucker boldly led his unit in a frontal assault against strong fortifications, delivering concentrated mortar, machine-gun and artillery fire in the beach area and, charging four pillboxes and an almost impregnable blockhouse with fierce aggressiveness, succeeded in destroying all five of the enemy strong points as he advanced 300 yards across the beach. With his platoon reduced to one-third its original strength when he discovered that his company commander had become isolated with the remnants of another platoon and was lying seriously wounded under intense enemy fire approximately 400 yards to the left, he unhesitatingly led the remainder of his squad in a second assault, repeatedly exposing himself to the merciless blasts of deadly gunfire as he smashed through the surrounding pillboxes and reached the besieged group. Again risking his life to direct the last of his men into a position of comparative safety, he was fatally struck by a burst of shrapnel and collapsed where he stood. An able and inspiring leader, First Lieutenant Tucker, by his daring tactics, cool decision and dauntless courage in the face of overwhelming odds, aided materially in the reestablishment of his company. His vallant devotion to duty during this critical phase of the action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R--San Francisco, Calif.
B--Burlingane, Calif.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CARL W. TUELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer and later Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 10 August 1944. Serving as Executive Officer, First Lieutenant Tuell aided in an attack by the Battalion down a neck of rough terrain, strongly defended by enemy bunkers and flanked on one side by a swamp and on the other by a wide road. Assuming command of his company on 27 July, after his Company Commander was killed and two other officers of his unit were wounded, he skillfully reorganized the unit and pushed on to spearhead a breakthrough which ended the organized enemy resistance in that sector of the Orote Peninsula. His leadership, courage 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-Milwaukee, Wisc.
B-Andersonville, Ind.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH W. TUFTS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When his company was held up by heavy machine-gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Tufts contacted a flame throwing tank for cleaning out the pocket of resistance and, leading the tank onto an airstrip, pointed out numerous pillboxes and blockhouses from which intense fire was being directed on our troops. As the enemy were forced out by the flames, he quickly killed all that escaped the machine-guns of the tank, accounting with his carbine and pistol for thirteen of the Japanese. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

C. S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Exeter, N. H.
B - Exeter, N. H.

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Serial 1113
Signed Dec 4 1943

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

PLATOON SERGEANT HARRY M. TULLY, 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 7-8 1942. Without regard, for his own
safety, Platoon Sergeant Tully fought a lone mission
for two days and nights against hidden Japanese, whose
dangerously accurate fire menaced the marines and
retarded the thorough occupation of the island. By
daylight he deliberately exposed himself in order to
draw hostile fire from concealed snipers and, upon
locating their exact positions, he displayed marked
skill with his weapon in killing all of the hostile
force whom he encountered through this ingenious method.
Taking an advantageous post on the beach at night, he
accounted for many more of the enemy as they attempted
to swim ashore behind logs and oil drums. His cool
courage and daring aggressiveness were in keeping with
the highest traditions of the United States Naval
Service."

For the President

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy

R-Seattle, Washington
B-Hastings, Nebraska

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Serial 48443
Signed MAR 25 1947

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

MAJOR WILLIAM R. TUMBELSTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. After making a thorough reconnaissance of the ~~battalion~~ forward positions under heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire, Major Tumbelston obtained permission to assault a strongly defended Japanese position which had held up the advance of the battalion and was inaccessible to tanks. Courageous in the face of concentrated enemy fire, he issued his attack order and, stationing himself in the front lines to direct his men, proceeded with the assault of the ~~enemy~~ ^{Japanese} strong point. By his heroic leadership under fire, Major Tumbelston inspired his men to overrun the hostile position and to advance three hundred yards in the extremely difficult terrain. His fighting spirit throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
B--Vineland, New Jersey.

No Correspondence Received.

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

PRIVATE JOHNNIE J. TURNAGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Automatic Rifleman while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 11 March 1945. Voluntarily advancing in the face of withering machine-gun and sniper fire from a large hostile bunker, Private Turnage accurately directed a volley of hand grenades upon this strategic emplacement until he forced the occupants to come out into the open. Although mortally wounded, he rushed forward firing his weapon and succeeded in destroying six of the enemy before succumbing to his own wounds. Private Turnage's destruction of this vital target enabled his squad to advance and carry out its attack and, his vallant fighting spirit and unselfish performance of duty throughout consistently 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--La Grange, North Carolina.

E--Greene County, North Carolina.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered informally to the parents of the late Pvt. Turnage at La Grange, N.C. on 27Aug46 by Lt.Col. W.C.Capehart, H&SBn. MB, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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Serial 0737 (ComSec 1lt)
Signed 9-9-44

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

CORPORAL PHILIP J. TURNBULL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a squad leader in the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, January 6, 1944. Leading his squad over swampy, unfamiliar terrain through dense jungle undergrowth, Corporal Turnbull courageously proceeded against an enemy fortified roadblock consisting of numerous pillboxes flanked on one side by the sea and on the other by a deep swamp. As one of our tanks bogged down in the jungle, he skillfully continued fire with his squad, protecting the vehicle against antitank mines thrown by the enemy and silencing hostile field pieces with grenades and rifle fire. Later he helped to carry the wounded to safety, continuing his gallant efforts until he, himself, was struck down by the Japanese and evacuated from the battle area. Corporal Turnbull's heroic devotion to duty contributed to the success of the attack and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Brooklyn, New York.
B - Malone, New York.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HERBERT B. TURNER,
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, 20 May 1945. When his platoon was set upon by a group of enemy close-combat tank destroyers carrying smoke pots and demolition charges while attacking beyond friendly lines, Second Lieutenant Turner fearlessly exposed himself above his turret and, firing into the attackers with his pistol, killed one and halted the activity of the remainder. Although increasing hostile fire was being brought to bear against him, he remained exposed and directed the fire of his platoon in order to break up another close-combat assault against an adjacent friendly tank platoon. By his outstanding leadership and coolness under fire, Second Lieutenant Turner prevented the probable destruction of the tanks of two platoons, 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--Forest, Virginia.

B--Lynchburg, Virginia.

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Signed AUG 18 1945

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

CORPORAL GORDON H. TURNER,
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, Sixth Marines, Second
Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces
on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, Courageous and ag-
gressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns,
Corporal Turner rendered valiant service during the in-
vasion of this strategically important island and by his
technical skill and outstanding conduct contributed mate-
rially to the success of a vital campaign. On 1 July 1944,
his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun
fire, and Corporal Turner, utterly disregarding his own
safety, fired anti-tank grenades from his rifle and destroyed
the gun but was killed by hostile sniper fire. His self-sac-
rificing spirit and unwavering devotion to duty were in keep-
ing 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.

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SAIPAN ISLAND, MARIANAS ISLANDS, JULY 1, 1944
CORPORAL GORDON H. TURNER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

R--Pardeeville, Wisc.
B--Ford Du Lac, Wisc.

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Signed NOV 15 1946

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

CORPORAL JOHN M. TURNER, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rocket Launcher Operator in a platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. During an assault against a strongly fortified hostile position, Corporal Turner fearlessly and courageously worked his way from shell hole to shell hole toward the enemy and, despite hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, succeeded in maneuvering into positions from which he could advantageously use his rocket launcher against the Japanese. After destroying three pillboxes which had been keeping the right flank of his platoon pinned down, he continued his advance forward, and was struck down during a valiant attempt to rescue two comrades who had been isolated about one hundred yards in front of the friendly lines. Corporal Turner's extremely courageous actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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B-CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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Serial 13017
Signed JAN 3 1946

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

PRIVATE RICHARD S. TURNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

SP "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 7 July 1944. With his platoon pinned down by concentrated enemy automatic and small-arms fire during an advance across a deep ravine, Private Turner unhesitatingly crawled forward alone and, fearlessly maintaining his exposed position, relentlessly threw grenades into the mouth of the cave to destroy the Japanese emplacement, persisting in his hazardous mission until mortally wounded by a bursting hostile shell. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, Private Turner contributed materially to the success of the engagement and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Seattle, Washington
B--Tacoma, Washington

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Serial 0647
Signed-----

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL C. TURNER,
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,
Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during
action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa,
Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. With
his Commanding Officer killed and many of the men
casualties during the approach to the beach on
D-Day, First Lieutenant Turner assumed command of the
Company and, promptly reorganizing the remainder of
the unit under the enemy's unceasing shellfire,
boldly led his troops in establishing a narrow beach-
head line. Facing severe hostile resistance the
following day, he aggressively directed his company
in delivering relentless, determined attacks against
the fanatic Japanese until sufficient beachhead was
established to permit landing of replacements and
supplies for the Division. By his daring initiative,
forceful and inspiring leadership and cool courage
in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Turner
contributed materially to the success of our forces
in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his
steadfast devotion to duty throughout was in keeping
with the highest traditions of the United States
Naval Service."

R--Murtaugh, Idaho.,
B--Murtough, Idaho.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award: November 1942

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

CAPTAIN WALTON L. TURNER, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity as Director Officer on board the U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO in action against enemy Japanese Naval Forces in the Solomon Islands Area on November 12 and 13, 1942. After his director had become useless and the station raked by enemy fire, Captain Turner, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, directed the fighting of fires and assisted in caring for the wounded. His heroic devotion to duty 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- West View, Pennsylvania

B- Warren, Ohio, 1-2-1918

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MAROLD K. TURPIN,
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 18 September 1944. During an attack against well-fortified, hostile emplacements on southern Peleliu, Private First Class Turpin went forward of the lines with an automatic weapon to provide protection for a demolition squad which was attempting to destroy Japanese pillboxes. Constantly exposing himself to hostile fire, he returned effective counterfire, annihilating approximately thirty-five of the enemy and thereby greatly aided the advance of friendly troops. His initiative, aggressive fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on Private First Class Turpin and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mariaville, Neb.
B--Newport, Neb.

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Serial 0647
Signed Feb 27 1948

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

CORPORAL FRANK C. TUSHER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery C, First Battalion, Tenth Marine, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. Boldly carrying his pack howitzer forward to the limit of the heavily fortified beachhead, Corporal Tusher promptly assembled the weapon under the enemy's incessant shellfire and, launching an aggressive attack against a pillbox sheltering a hostile antiaircraft gun which was inflicting heavy casualties among reinforcements landing on the shore, succeeded in destroying the position with his accurate fire. By his dauntless perseverance, his outstanding fortitude and cool courage in the face of extreme danger, Corporal Tusher contributed materially to the success of the mission 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-Alton, Mo.
B-Alton, Mo.

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

SERGEANT GEORGE H. TUTHILL,
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Fonte Hill, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 25-26 July 1944. While in command of a machine-gun section protecting the left flank of the Battalion position, Sergeant Tuthill skillfully employed his guns to inflict heavy casualties and to baffle the enemy concerning our strength and dispositions despite heavy mortar machine-gun, rifle and grenade fire. After the leader of the rifle unit protecting his guns had been wounded, he assumed complete control of the left flank of the Battalion sector and, throughout the night, repulsed repeated hostile attacks. 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--St. Louis, Mo.

B--St. Louis, Mo.

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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 DELBERT G. TUTTLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Although wounded in the right shoulder and ordered to retire from combat, Private First Class Tuttle twice brought ammunition to the front lines while under hostile fire, and directed the fire of our tanks against the enemy until a second wound forced his evacuation. 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.

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B--Tuscola, Ill.

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

SERGEANT JACK E. TUTTLE,
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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Although severely wounded, Sergeant Tuttle directed his squad across open ground under heavy machine-gun and mortar fire and, striking at an enemy position, continued the attack until three hostile machine gun positions were destroyed. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Copy to:
Public Relations, Navy Dept.
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B-Burcs, La.
B-Houston, Texas

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 00620
Signed SEP 28 1943

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

CORPORAL LOUIS P. TUTTLE, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with a detachment of Marine Observation Squadron TWO FIFTY-ONE against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, On October 14, 1942. While his airfield was under shellfire by the enemy and a raid expected at any moment, Corporal Tuttle, realizing several fighter planes had not been prepared for flight, entered the shelled area, started one of the aircraft, and taxied it to the take-off spot in time for a pilot to man the ship and meet an incoming wave of Japanese bombers. His skill, initiative, and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Seattle, Washington

B - Wenatchee, Washington, 6-21-1919.

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Signed 9-9-44

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM E. TUTTLE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the Third Marine Division during action against
enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on Sep-
tember 25, 1943. Acting as captain of a 40 millimeter anti-
aircraft gun mounted on a cargo ship which was being attacked
while at anchor by a large number of hostile aircraft, Cor-
poral Tuttle ably directed the firing of his gun crew, destroy-
ing at least one Japanese plane before the ship was struck by
two heavy bombs which caused serious casualties in the gun
crew. With the ship in flames and its cargo of ammunition
and gasoline exploding beneath the deck where the single re-
maining gun was mounted, Corporal Tuttle speedily organized
a new crew from the survivors, gallantly manned the gun and
continued to fire at the enemy until the attacking Japanese
aircraft were driven off. His splendid initiative, cool courage
and fearless 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 - Wayzata, Minnesota.

B - St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner and Scout of Company G, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 and 19 September 1944. After locating a hostile machine gun which had opened fire on his company's defensive lines on the evening of 18 September, Private First Class Twiford ran back to the Company Command Post and, securing a rocket launcher, single-handedly knocked out the position. The first to volunteer for an eight-man patrol whose dangerous mission was to fight its way to the top of a commanding hill in the vicinity of Bloody Nose ridge on 19 September, he annihilated five enemy snipers while scouting for the patrol and knocked out two hostile caves in which resistance was encountered. Although seriously wounded when the patrol was forced to withdraw, he succeeded in reaching the Battalion Observation Post with an urgent message from his patrol leader. His aggressive fighting spirit, courageous efforts and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN E. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Weldon, N.Car.
B--Weldon, N.Car.

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

CORPORAL WAYNE B. TYLER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Fire Team, serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 13 May 1945. Fighting furiously throughout a vigorous assault against a heavily defended hostile position, Corporal Tyler repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy's shattering small-arms fire to locate camouflaged machine-gun positions scattered throughout the area and, fearlessly leading his men forward, boldly directed their deadly fire against the entrenchments. With a well-concealed pillbox inflicting heavy casualties on our troops during the sustained advance, he voluntarily made his way forward of our lines and, locating the source of the blistering shellfire, singlehandedly charged the emplacement, destroying the weapon and accounting for the entire crew. Fatally struck down while returning to his own lines, Corporal Tyler, by his inspiring leadership, intrepid courage and vallant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, had contributed materially to the success of the bitterly fought Okinawa campaign and 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 mother of the late Corp.
Tyler, Mrs. Pearl L. Tyler, on 7 Nov 46
informally by the OinC, USMC DHRS,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
B--Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,