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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT S. WACO,
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 L, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. Braving a barrage of enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to go to the aid of his wounded fire team leader, Private First Class Waco attempted to move his comrade from the danger area. Although wounded himself in this attempt, he persevered in his mission and succeeded in bringing the wounded man to a place of safety where evacuation was made possible. By his courage under fire and unselfish devotion to the welfare of a comrade, Private First Class Waco served as an inspiration to all and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Stephenville, Tex.

B..Fort Worth, Tex.

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Signed MAR 11 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CECIL C. WABASHAW,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
Commanding Officer of Company C, Fifth Pioneer Battalion,
Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese
forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945.
Assuming command of a provisional group formed from men
in the pioneer battalion to relieve a rifle company on
the line, First Lieutenant Wabashaw skillfully led his
company in an assault against the Japanese on the morning
of 15 March. Moving among the most forward elements of
his command, he directed their advance and effectively
reorganized groups which sustained heavy casualties and,
in the face of intense hostile fire, led his men in
destroying an enemy pillbox and several automatic
weapons positions and in annihilating approximately forty
Japanese. By his inspiring leadership and cool courage
under fire, First Lieutenant Wabashaw contributed
materially to the success of his unit in reaching its
objective. 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..Martin, So. Dakota

B..Chadron, Nebraska
13 Aug 1913

Citation only

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD S. WADDELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company H, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 February 1944. Volunteering to recover an important heavy machine gun when the crew was killed by enemy gunfire, Private First Class Waddell moved forward with a comrade to the isolated fire-swept terrain and, placing the gun in a more favorable position, laid down a devastating barrage against the enemy. By his courageous action, initiative and zealous devotion to duty, Private First Class Waddell contributed materially to the success of the operations against the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R. Coatesville, Pa.
B

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Serial 01455
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES D. WADE, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Peleliu in the Palau Group, on 20 September 1944. With all members of his machine-gun squad either killed or wounded during a savage fire fight, Private First Class Wade boldly set up his machine gun in a dangerously exposed position and, manning the weapon with determined aggressiveness despite continuous, fanatic opposition, maintained a steady stream of deadly fire on the Japanese force, killing ten enemy soldiers and pinning down the remainder, thereby enabling his platoon to effect successful reorganization with a minimum of casualties. Fighting furiously in the bitter engagement waged later in the day, he was struck down by a burst of enemy fire and subsequently succumbed to his wounds. By his fearless initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty in the face of extreme peril, Private First Class Wade contributed essentially to the success of our operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his undaunted courage and decisive action throughout a period of bitter hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Harvey, Ill.
B..Chicago, Ill.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by OinC, Chicago, Ill., 9-29-45 to the mother of the late PFC Wade, Mrs. Grace F. Wade, 14601 Jefferson Ave., Harvey, Ill. Pres at regular meeting of the MC League, Chicago Detachment.

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

CORPORAL LYLE E. WAGAMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Pinned down with his entire company by a furious barrage of enemy machine-gun fire, Corporal Wagaman unhesitatingly risked his life to advance into an area of hostile blasting and Japanese sniper fire to rescue a severely wounded Marine who was struggling to reach a position of safety. Placing the wounded man on his back, he crawled toward a defiladed position of comparative safety but was mortally wounded by fire from several hostile positions before reaching the protected spot. His unflinching courage and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of his comrade reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Wagaman and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tipton, Iowa.

DEB WILTON, Iowa.

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Signed APR 2 1943

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

CORPORAL CARROLL M. WAGNER, U. S. MARINE CORPS
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Bel Air, Maryland.

B..Mountain City, Tennessee.

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

PRIVATE JOSEPH J. WAGNER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the First Marine Division during action against
enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of a village on New
Britain on December 30, 1943. Although a comrade had just
been killed in the performance of the identical mission,
Private Wagner unhesitatingly crossed an open space swept
by Japanese fire and carried several belts of machine-gun
ammunition to his gunnery sergeant at a critical point in the
battle. Gallantly remaining with his gunnery sergeant to
man the machine gun, Private Wagner was largely respon-
sible in repulsing the enemy attack. His personal valor
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--Chicago, Illinois
B-- " "

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

CAPTAIN LA VERNE W. WAGNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. When his company was counterattacked by a large number of the Japanese who had forced the unit on his right to withdraw, Captain Wagner continued to hold his precarious position and sent out stretcher teams to evacuate four severely wounded men who were lying in front of his lines. After two stretcher-bearers were wounded while endeavoring to reach the casualties, he braved the intense enemy small-arms and mortar fire that had the entire line pinned down to lead the stretcher teams to the casualties and succeeded in evacuating them without further loss. With only a short time before darkness, he skillfully moved his badly depleted company, still under heavy hostile fire, to make solid contact with units on both flanks and directed his forces in repulsing several small-scale Banzai attacks, preventing penetration of our lines. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Dubuque, Iowa.,
B--Galena, Ill.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed AUG 11 1943

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

STAFF SERGEANT LEONARD K. WAGNER, USMC.,
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 Wagner, 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 Wagner 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 - Las Animas, Colorado.

B - La Junta, Colorado, 8-12-1919.

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

SERGEANT ROBERT F. WAHL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 16 March 1945. Observing two wounded comrades in front of the main lines, Sergeant Wahl made his way with a companion under heavy sniper fire to the wounded men. When his companion was hit while on the return trip after removing one of the wounded men, Sergeant Wahl removed him to safety and, making his way alone back to the second Marine, evacuated him also. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 52122
Signed JUL 7 1947

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

PRIVATE BRUCE E. WAKELEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Machine Gun Section of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. Ordered to cover a rifle platoon as it pressed its attack across a wooded draw during his company's furious assault in the Naha-Shuri sector, Private Wakeley instantly took the initiative when visual contact was lost with the advancing troops, unhesitatingly volunteering to go forward to locate the platoon, whose exact position was unknown. Despite the grave hazards involved en route, he succeeded in locating the advancing troops, and in obtaining the necessary information. Disregarding the warning that the return route was under heavy fire, Private Wakeley, stoutly determined to deliver the valuable message, started back to his section, and, although wounded in the arm after advancing only a few yards, persisted in his efforts until killed by enemy machine-gun fire. His indomitable fighting spirit, daring initiative, and unfaltering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Private Wakeley and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-- Madison, Nebraska
B-- Tilden, Nebraska.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARTHUR B. WALDENVILLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving as a member of Company M, Third Battalion, Second Marine Division, at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 November 1943. Landing in the face of intense enemy fire, Private First Class Waldenville observed that tanks could not be advanced from their hazardous position in the water without running over the helplessly wounded personnel lying upon the beach. With absolute disregard for personal safety, he proceeded to move the wounded to a place of safety and continued his voluntary efforts until killed by the intense fire of enemy weapons. By his heroic action on behalf of his comrades, Private First Class Waldenville contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this strongly-defended outpost, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Allison, Park, Pa.
B - Springdale, Pa.

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Serial 004252
Signed APR 18 1945

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

SERGEANT FRANCIS E. WALDO, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Sergeant serving with the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Fonte River Sector, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 25 July 1944. When his platoon leader became a casualty during a heavy night counterattack, Sergeant Waldo immediately assumed command of his unit and began to reorganize the lines and, although he received three wounds which paralyzed the lower half of his body and caused frequent lapses of consciousness, tenaciously continued his heroic efforts and succeeded in preventing a threatened break-through by the enemy before he succumbed to his wounds. Sergeant Waldo's forceful leadership, great personal valor and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men throughout the extremely perilous night engagement and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Comstock, Michigan.
B--Kalamazoo, Michigan.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 7 June '45
by OinC, USMCDHI&RS, Rm501, Griswold Bldg.
121 Griswold St. Detroit 26, Mich. to the
par of the late Sgt. Waldo, Mr. & Mrs. George D.
Waldo, 4056 E. Michigan Ave. RRt. 3, Kalamazoo, Mich.
informally at home.

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App. SofN 4-Jan-45
Serial 004234
Signed APR 21 1945

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

STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM C. WALDROP, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 19 September 1944. When the leader of his engineer platoon became a casualty as a result of heavy fire from well-entrenched machine guns on the slopes of Hill 100, Staff Sergeant Waldrop promptly assumed command of the remainder of the platoon, skillfully coordinating the fire and movement of adjacent infantry units and leading his men forward with demolition charges against the hostile installations. Determined and aggressive in the face of continually increasing casualties, Staff Sergeant Waldrop deployed his men to bring frontal fire on an enemy automatic weapon concealed in thick underbrush and, personally rushing the emplacement in full face of its fire, hurled a heavy charge of explosive into the embrasure and demolished the bunker and the Japanese crew. By his exceptional professional skill and indomitable fighting spirit, Staff Sergeant Waldrop was directly instrumental in attaining the assigned objective, and his courageous devotion to duty under the most perilous conditions was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fort Myers, Florida.

B--Laurens, South Carolina.

SSM, perm. cit. & ltr. fr. CMC pres'd 27 June 1945 by CO, AAF, Tropical Weather Unit, APO #832, c/o PM New Orleans, La. to the brother of the late S. Sgt. Waldrop, M. Sgt. Grady W. Waldrop, AAF Tropical Weather Unit, informally.

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16 November 1943.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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SECTION

Awards of the Silver Star I.

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By the 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:

ANTHONY WALKER, Captain, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in aggressively leading his company under fire in the destruction of numerous enemy strongpoints despite a severe wound on 20 July 1943. Home address: 2009 Belmont Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C.,

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.

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

MAJOR ANTHONY WALKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 1 April to 15 June 1945. Leading his unit on a total of nineteen hazardous reconnaissance missions and five combat missions, and employing tanks as a means of rapid advance, Major Walker penetrated deep into enemy-held territory to locate hostile strong points and gain other valuable information which enabled the infantry units to contact and destroy the enemy with speed. Making numerous reconnaissances to outlying islands in rubber assault craft, ferreting out the Japanese and securing the islands for our use, he aided in the establishment of important Naval installations on Bise Point on the Motobu Peninsula by leading his company in a rapid drive of ten miles through enemy-held territory to seize the desired area and then successfully defended it for eight days until relieved by the advancing infantry. During operations on Southern Okinawa, he led his company in night reconnaissance of the capital city of Naha and, providing valuable information for the subsequent attack across the Asato River, succeeded in seizing a limited objective and assisted in the main attack. Later, Major Walker conducted a reconnaissance of the Oroku Peninsula in advance of the amphibious assault forces and planned and executed the landing on Senage Shima to neutralize hostile positions that were harassing the division's right flank. His courageous leadership, judgment and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Washington, D. C.
B--Baltimore, Md.

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

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE T. WALKER, 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 A, First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 15 and 16 September 1944. With his battalion under intense enemy rifle and machine-gun fire from concealed positions in coral caves hidden by thick undergrowth, Second Lieutenant Walker repeatedly led his men in attacks against the pillboxes which were impeding our advance and, voluntarily taking charge of a demolition team, went into the zone of an adjacent battalion where a rifle platoon was sustaining casualties from the fire of a hostile machine-gun emplaced in a cave reinforced by concrete. Seeing that the Japanese position could not be flanked, he placed his men in position to fire on the embrasure and, running forward, placed a heavy charge of explosive which destroyed the installation. Throughout succeeding engagements, he continued to lead his men in attacks against the enemy until wounded and evacuated. By his professional skill, courage and devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant Walker upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chevy Chase, Maryland.,
B--Washington, D. C.

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Serial 34837
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES E. WALKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 6 March 1945. Held up with his platoon by a terrific concentration of hostile mortar and sniper fire during an aggressive close-in action, Private First Class Walker waged furious combat against the enemy firmly entrenched in a series of rocky crags and caves and, fighting furiously despite the overwhelming odds, moved up with another Marine on a cave position which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon. Suddenly struck by a vicious burst of fire which also felled his comrade, he staunchly braved the continuing barrage to carry the wounded man back to a place of comparative safety. Then refusing first-aid treatment, he worked his way forward to the enemy position a second time, staged a valiant singlehanded attack with rifle and grenades and succeeded in destroying the occupying troops. By his bold courage and gallant fighting spirit, Private First Class Walker contributed materially to his platoon's advance at a critical time and to the destruction of Japanese resistance in that area, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy,
R. E. Cordova, Alabama
R. E. Cordova, Alabama

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES M. WALKER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as pilot of a Naval transport plane attached to Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-FIVE, operating in the Solomon Islands Area on September 14, 1942. Arriving at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, with a cargo of emergency supplies for troops at that point, Second Lieutenant Walker courageously remained at his post, supervising the loading of the wounded during bombing and strafing of the field by Japanese dive bombers and fighter planes. While taking off with fourteen seriously wounded men, he was attacked by four enemy fighters. Although his plane was entirely without defensive armament, Second Lieutenant Walker maneuvered his craft in skillful evasive tactics and succeeded in avoiding the enemy until Navy fighter planes could come to his rescue. His superb airmanship and fearless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ Frank Knox
Secretary of the Navy.

B-Springfield, Mo.
R-Newark, New Jersey

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31 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

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Awards of the Silver Star II
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II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

..
JAMES O. WALKER, (415026), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at Vangunu, Solomon Islands. While a member of a five man patrol which was halted by enemy fire, he aggressively went forward and killed an entire enemy machine-gun crew on 1 July 1943. Home address: Idaho Falls, Idaho.
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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

R ... Idaho Falls, Idaho.
B ... Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES V. WALKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Artillery Forward Observer, attached to First Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. Seriously wounded by hostile fire while proceeding to the front lines and handicapped by the loss of men, First Lieutenant Walker braved intensive enemy mortar fire to return to his artillery battalion and obtain a new radio set after his had been destroyed. Informed that additional radios had not been landed, he requested a radio from the infantry battalion to be operated in the front lines for spotting artillery fire and, carrying the radio a distance of over one thousand yards through a concentrated barrage of fire, succeeded in contacting the artillery to bring fire against the enemy and prevent a counterattack. By his perseverance, indomitable fighting spirit and initiative, First Lieutenant Walker contributed materially to the success of our operation against this strongly fortified stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Dayton, Ohio
E - Carterville, Illinois

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Serial 12587
Appd SofN 4-19-45
Signed 11-13-45

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM S. WALKER, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to the First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 4 July 1944. Following the occupation of his battalion's assigned objective, First Lieutenant Walker continued to advance with his platoon, pushing steadily up strongly fortified Hill 767 and capturing the Japanese key-position which commanded the entire vicinity. Requesting permission by radio, he fearlessly stationed himself in a strategic observation post and, skillfully spotting his powerful artillery fire upon the enemy, succeeded in annihilating a large number of Japanese troops and in forcing the remainder to abandon their deeply entrenched position. By his aggressive leadership, determined initiative and cool courage in the face of fanatic opposition, First Lieutenant Walker contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his decisive conduct throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Clearwater, Florida
B..Athens, Georgia

Secretary of the Navy.

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 1-21-46 by CO, MNFOTD, NAS, Vero Beach, Fla. to the parents of the late First Lieutenant Walker, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence N. Walker, 1007 North Fort Harrison Ave. Clearwater, Fla. Informal pres. at home.

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Serial 21354
Signed 12-11-45

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWIN WALKLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 24 July 1944. Landing on the heavily fortified beachhead with the first assault wave on D-Day, Private First Class Walkley immediately moved into position under the enemy's concentrated barrages and, firing his weapon with deadly accuracy, poured a steady stream of return fire against the emplacements on his right flank. Fighting furiously despite intense opposition, he fearlessly risked his life to destroy the enemy and, while boldly advancing against the positions, was fatally struck down by a bursting shell. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Walkley contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

SS.perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 2-1-46 by
CO, USNAS, Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo. For the President,
to the widow of the late PFC Walkley
Mrs. Edwin Walkley, 5606 Michigan Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.
Informal pres. at home.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmFpac Spot Ser. 00437
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES E. WALL,
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 C, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 28 July 1944. When the advance of his company was halted by enemy troops firing from caves, Private First Class Wall voluntarily went forward to reduce these positions and, making three successive advances over exposed terrain and returning each time for more hand grenades, succeeded in neutralizing six enemy-occupied caves, thereby enabling his company to advance and capture the objective. Continuing his courageous actions during a subsequent engagement with the hostile forces, he was seriously wounded and evacuated on 9 August. His perseverance 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..Concord, N.C.

B..Glendale, S.C.

Spot Award

Serial 0695

Signed

Com Sec Felt
OCT 9 1944

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

CORPORAL VAN J. WALL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with an antitank unit attached to the First Marine Division during combat with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on December 27-28, 1943. When hostile forces attempted to break through a position on his flank as he led his antitank crew without organic weapons or machine guns into the front lines, Corporal Wall unhesitatingly rushed to the threatened area, leading his section through intense enemy opposition to a firing point only twenty-five yards from a hostile gun emplacement. Courageously maintaining his exposed position, he skillfully directed his men until fatally injured by enemy mortar fire on the following day. Corporal Wall'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 - Holly Grove, Arkansas.

B - Holly Grove, Arkansas.

WALLACE, James Archiebald.

PFC.

338206

SILVER STAR (Army) - Awarded by CG, USA Forces in the South Pacific Area 3-9-43. General Orders #56. Service Guadalcanal 1-22 and 1-26, 1943.

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO #502.

9 March 1943

9 April 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS)

Number.....56)

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2. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

JAMES A. WALLACE. (338206), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 22, and January 26, 1943, at Guadalcanal. On January 22, Private First Class Wallace disregarded the danger to himself of heavy machine gun fire, and rendered aid to a wounded officer, evacuating him to cover. On January 26, beyond the call of his own duties, Private First Class Wallace volunteered to take charge of the transporting and the passing of badly needed ammunition to a battalion which had been ambushed by enemy machine guns and snipers. Private First Class Wallace carried out his duties under intense enemy sniper fire. Home Address: Route #2, Walla Walla, Washington.

By Command of Major General THOMPSON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R.....Walla Walla, Washington.
B.....Walla Walla, Washington.

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DGP-298-mvm

4thMarDiv.
AppdSofN12-29-47
Serial 14763
Signed_____

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. WALLACE,
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 A, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands on 7 March 1945. When the advance of his platoon was stopped by enemy automatic weapons fire from a cave fifty yards to the front, Corporal Wallace voluntarily crawled forward alone to the base of the cone-shaped cave and around to the rear where he came under direct fire from a Japanese machine gun position supporting this cave. Bravely continuing through withering machine-gun fire to the top of the hill in which the cave was located, he threw a charge into the entrance of the emplacement, killing the hostile crew and thereby enabling his platoon to continue the advance and complete its mission. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Wallace and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Passiak, New Jersey.
B--Oswego, New York.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 35624
Signed MAR 3 1947

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

CORPORAL ALLAN R. WALSH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader in a platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. When the enemy's devastating machine-gun and mortar fire halted his company's advance toward Airfield Number Two and prevented contact with the left flank unit, Corporal Walsh unhesitatingly volunteered to cross seventy-five yards of open fire-swept terrain in a daring attempt to determine the position of the other group. With his advance impeded by numerous fire trenches and mortars, he steadily made his way forward with another volunteer until a hostile machine gun suddenly opened fire and forced both men to seek cover in one of the trenches. Remaining in the danger area alone while his companion returned with orders for the 60-mm. mortars, he slowly crawled to a point from which he could ascertain the exact location of the weapon and, when the mortars proved ineffective, raised himself to shout corrective orders to the men. Fatally struck down by a sudden shellburst while directing the furious action, Corporal Walsh, by his courageous initiative, dauntless perseverance and selfless efforts in the face of grave danger, had contributed to the destruction of a Japanese strongpoint and to our sustained advance to capture the airstrip. His valiant conduct 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

R..Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Navy.

B..Boston, Massachusetts.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. E. Oliver, mother of the late Crp. Allan R. Walsh, USMC on 20June47 at a formal ceremony at USMC MARBAR, USNAVB, Boston, Mass. By C.O.

WALSH, SS & perm. cit. sent
to Mr. Wm. F. Walsh (father)
117. Midway Ave., Pueblo, Colo.

299639

DGP-298-bz

Approved SofN 5-26-44

Serial 2542

Signed JUL 21 1944

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN K. WALSH, USMC

299639

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a platoon leader serving with the Twenty-Second Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the landing operations on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 18 and 22, 1944. Immediately assuming command of an adjacent platoon when the leader was killed by enemy fire during an engagement on Engebi Island, Platoon Sergeant Walsh skillfully organized the men and courageously led them forward against severe, determined hostile resistance, thus enabling them to complete their assigned mission. At Parry Island on February 22, he again displayed outstanding initiative and heroism, leading fierce attacks on enemy machine-gun positions and a stronghold of spider-type trenches until he was fatally wounded. Platoon Sergeant Walsh's indomitable fighting spirit and valiant leadership were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

Released
August 8, 1944
R - Pueblo, Colorado.

B - Denver, Colorado.

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DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 4-8-44
Serial 690
Signed JUN 16 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN P. WALSH, JR., USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a rifle platoon attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville Island, on December 12, 1943. When intense enemy fire killed his squad leader and isolated the squad from the platoon during an assault on a strong enemy position, Private First Class Walsh immediately took charge and with heroic initiative led the squad forward under terrific hostile fire, forcing the Japanese to disclose the disposition of their automatic weapons. His valiant fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty throughout this fierce encounter, in which he was killed by hostile fire, contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy 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..St. Louis County, Missouri.

B..St. Louis, Missouri.

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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 891
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

CAPTAIN LEWIS W. WALT, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while commanding an assault company of the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. Exercising keen judgment and distinctive leadership, Captain Walt, with complete disregard for his own safety, directed the attack by his company on a strongly entrenched and cleverly concealed Japanese force, ultimately compelling the enemy to retire. In the same action, observing that several men of his assault force were seriously wounded by hostile fire, Captain Walt, although he, himself, was exposed to intense machine-gun and sniper fire, rushed forward and personally dragged two of his men to cover, thereby saving their lives. His inspiring heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Fort Collins, Colorado

B - Waubunsee, Kansas

342568
DGP-298-vml

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 6881

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

CORPORAL EDWARD G. WALTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tractor Crew Chief of the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. While carrying supplies to a Marine Battalion, Corporal Walter observed an LCI explode and sink immediately in the waters between Peleliu and Ngesebus Islands. Fully aware that the intervening beach and sea were heavily mined, he courageously and unhesitatingly drove his vehicle to the scene of the shipwreck and, in company with another man, saved the lives of eight seamen, boldly swimming to the rescue of the wounded and exhausted. His bravery, initiative and unselfish concern for the lives of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Asheville, N. C.,
B--Charlotte, N. C.

410632
DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 6112
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK F. WALTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Asst CMC
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Enl Perf
Dec & Med

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 3 August 1944. When a Japanese soldier approached his position during his security watch, Private First Class Walter instantly realized that carbine fire would endanger the lives of his comrades and, unhesitatingly tackling the enemy, forced him into a position where he could be killed from an adjacent post when there was a safe field of fire. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fort Worth, Texas
B--El Paso, Texas

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 2798
Signed FEB 18 1948

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

CAPTAIN WILL L. WALTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 22 February 1944. When all of his comrades except one were killed in an attempt to land in the face of an enfilading barrage of enemy machine-gun fire, Captain Walton immediately organized remnants of other assault units on the beach and directed a fierce assault into strongly fortified enemy positions containing a block house, numerous pillboxes and spider-type trenches. By his own indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty, he inspired his men to continue the relentless assault and overrun the enemy, thereby securing the right flank of the Battalion Landing Team and contributing materially to the ultimate destruction of enemy forces on the island. His cool courage, resourceful initiative and forceful leadership throughout the hazardous operation reflect the highest credit upon Captain Walton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Nashville, Tenn.,

B..Nashville, Tenn.

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO #502

310306

16 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
: NO.402)

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

WILLIAM E. WALTRIP, (310306), Corporal, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in killing two of the enemy while he was on reconnaissance, and subsequently leading his squad forward to kill an enemy machine-gun crew and capture their weapon on 20 July 1943. Home Address: Tuscola, Illinois.

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-Matton, Illinois

B- Springfield, Illinois

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ROBERT L. WAHER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company B, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 March 1945. When an enemy bullet penetrated the tank of a flame thrower while its operator and a rifleman were advancing to clean out a cave and the flaming fuel engulfed both men, Corporal Waher jumped to his feet despite enemy fire and hand grenades and, tackling the rifleman, tore his burning clothes away with his hands. Continuing his efforts in the face of hostile fire, he smothered the flames with his body and rolled the man in the dirt to put out the remaining fire, thereby saving the rifleman's life although sustaining painful burns himself. His initiative, courage and unselfish concern for the welfare of his comrade were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Florence, Kans.
B-Florence, Kans.

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DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 41646

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CULLEN M. WARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 17 March 1945. Although painfully wounded, Second Lieutenant Ward volunteered to remain with his company as the sole-surviving Platoon Leader and, after assuming command of three rifle platoons, moved forward in the face of intense mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire to reconnoiter enemy positions hindering the advance of his unit. Skillfully maneuvering his men over difficult terrain, he succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified ridge and, after discovering a Japanese mortar position which had been inflicting severe casualties on all occupying forces of the ridge, entered a tank and directed it into a position to destroy the mortar. His courage and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Atlanta, Ga.

B..Auburn, Ala.

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

CORPORAL DONALD F. WARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 3 March 1945. Courageously volunteering to replace the forward observer of the 81-mm. mortar platoon who had been wounded in the desperate struggle, Corporal Ward exposed himself unhesitatingly to the furious enemy barrage and, advancing to a forward observation post, directed the shattering fire of powerful mortar guns against the Japanese positions, steadfastly maintaining a blasting bombardment in the face of grave peril until struck down, mortally wounded. His cool courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Tonkawa, Oklahoma,
B--Princeton, Missouri.

SSW/perm oit ltr fr CMC presented to parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank B. Ward, at headquarters, on 28Mar1946, by Cinc, SBRD, Oklahoma City, Okla. No publicity desired.

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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 891.
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PRIVATE GEORGE W. WARD, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. During a heavy Japanese counterattack launched at night, Private Ward, disdaining the intense rifle and grenade fire of a numerically superior hostile force, courageously rushed the enemy with an automatic rifle, thereby contributing materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy counterattack. The valor of his act and his complete disregard for his own personal safety were an inspiration to his comrades and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

HANK INOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Birmingham, Alabama

B - Birmingham, Alabama 10-12-1921

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Serial 12711
Appd SofM 1-25-45
Signed 1-30-45

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. WARD, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Rifle Platoon attached to the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific Japanese opposition throughout the invasion and occupation of this strategically important island, First Lieutenant Ward contributed materially to the success of a vital campaign. On 9 July 1944, his company broke through to the final objective and upon reaching the sea was immediately exposed to enemy automatic rifle fire from the cliffs which seriously wounded ten Marines and killed one. Directing a few volunteers and working with hastily improvised stretchers in the face of continuous heavy and accurate hostile fire, First Lieutenant Ward succeeded in evacuating all the wounded while, under cover of darkness, his company withdrew to the cliff line of the beach to set up a defense for the night. His superb leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Arthur M. L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

R--Blackstone Va.

E--Blackstone, Va.

SSM, perm Cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by CinC, USMC Dist. Hqs. Ind. & Rec. Station, Rm. 000-303 Fed. Savings & Loan Assoc. Bldg., 224 E. Broad St., Richmond 19, Va. on 13 Sept 1945 to prnts of the late 1st Lt. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ward, Sr., 310 Brunswick Ave., Blackston, Va. Informal pres. at home without ceremony.

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FMFPacSerial 00422

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

PLATOON SERGEANT LACEY M. WARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. Leading his platoon in support of tanks during an attack against strongly-fortified hostile positions on the southwest peninsula of the island, Platoon Sergeant Ward directed both the tanks and his men in delivering effective fire which inflicted serious damage on enemy emplacements. Painfully wounded during this action, he refused to be evacuated and continued to direct his platoon's attack from an unprotected position in the face of intense hostile machine-gun and rifle fire until he was ordered evacuated by his Commanding Officer. His courage and determination served as an inspiration to his men and were contributing factors in the success of his company's attack and in the final annihilation of a determined enemy. His persistent devotion to duty reflects great credit on Platoon Sergeant Ward and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

- Wolcott, N. Y.
B - Butler, N. Y.

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DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0954 ComSevFlt
Signed OCT 9 1944

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

SERGEANT LACEY M. WARD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as sergeant guide serving with a company in the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 26, 1943. When the left flank of his company was held back in its advance against the enemy by intense machine-gun fire from a strongly fortified pillbox, Sergeant Ward courageously assaulted the hostile emplacement with grenades and rifle fire, hitting three of the enemy and shooting one who attempted a rear escape. Determined to neutralize the hostile emplacement, he boldly plunged into the pillbox with rifle and bayonet and killed the last two Japanese occupants. Sergeant Ward's heroic initiative and fearless conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wolcott, New York.

B..Butler, New York.

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT NORMAN E. WARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. After disembarking assault troops on the heavily fortified beachhead on D-Day, Second Lieutenant Ward boldly returned to the edge of a treacherous coral reef to assist other units halted in the water by the enemy's concentrated shellfire. Using his tractor as a shield by driving between the gunfire and the troops, he effectively covered their advance to shore and, at the same time, skillfully manned his vehicle's mounted machine gun to deliver destructive return fire against the fanatic Japanese. Upon reaching the beach, he dauntlessly continued in the fight, providing overhead fire for oncoming troops until his tractor was completely demolished by a bursting Japanese shell. By his prompt and daring action, his great personal valor and zealous devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, Second Lieutenant Ward contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Houston, Texas.,
B--Los Angeles, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RUDOLPH F. WARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 22 November 1943. With his company pinned down and suffering heavy casualties from heavy enemy fire emanating from a large bomb-proof shelter, Private First Class Ward moved forward with four companions under intense hostile shellfire to a favorable position for providing cover for the advancing demolition squad. After the shelter had been partially demolished and approximately one hundred of the Japanese annihilated, he again advanced with his comrades as two hundred of the enemy emerged from the entrance firing rifles and light machine guns in an effort to withdraw and establish anew defense. Engaging the outnumbering force in close combat, he contributed to the success of his unit in accounting for many more of the Japanese, thereby enabling the battalion to advance and occupy the northeast section of the island. His courage and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Ward and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Lucasville, Ohio
B-Wakefield, Ohio

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM T. WARD,
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 Surveying Party of the Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 20 July and 11 July 1944. When hostile forces attempted to ambush his group on 20 June, Private First Class Ward immediately proceeded to cover the flank of the party and, directing his gunfire against the hostile forces, personally killed three and enabled the other members of his party to take cover. Subsequently subjected to a grenade attack by hostile forces on 11 July, he succeeded in personally killing two of the enemy Japanese and, assisted by two other men of his group, captured thirty-nine prisoners including ten military personnel. By his courage and initiative, Private First Class Ward upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Church Hill, Tenn.
B-Church Hill, Tenn.

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Spot Award, 1943.
Serial 00232
Signed APR 23 1943

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

PRIVATE JOHN C. WARDLOW, 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, Fifth Marines, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 2, 1942. During our advance on hostile gun positions two thousand yards west of the mouth of the Matanikau River, Private Wardlow suffered concussion and was deafened by the explosion of an enemy mortar shell. Although advised by his platoon leader to withdraw for first aid, he, in great pain, resumed his position in the attack and aided in driving back the Japanese until he was fatally wounded by hostile rifle fire. His grim determination and unyielding devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave up his life in the defense of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R.....Peterson, New Jersey
B.....Peterson, New Jersey

Released
First Marine Division

331872-mcc

DGP 298 navy

FMFPac Spot Ser 6067

Signed-----

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM S. WARDZALA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Leader of a Mortar Section of Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 24 June 1944. When his company was subjected to a heavy barrage of enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, Sergeant Wardzala proceeded to the front of the lines to act as mortar observer and directed the mortars of his company in stopping the hostile barrage. In addition, he directed fire upon enemy tanks and buildings, resulting in the withdrawal of the tanks and the destruction of two buildings containing approximately twenty-five enemy soldiers. 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

R- Chicago- Ill.
B- " "

Secretary of the Navy.

07776
DGP-298-fl

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 359
Signed JUL 10 1947

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

CAPTAIN RICHARD G. WARGA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a Detachment of the First Armored Amphibian Battalion, First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Leading his unit across a difficult reef in the initial assault on the island, Captain Warga pressed home his attacks against Japanese pillboxes lining the landing beaches and, defying enemy heavy caliber fire which destroyed five of his tanks, continued his assault and destroyed the hostile beach defenses. As our troop-carrying tractors neared the beach, he moved his tanks inland and covered the debarkation of the troops and, as the troops moved inland, maneuvered his tanks under heavy fire to advance before the infantry, ferreting out and destroying enemy pillboxes until the terrain prevented the further advance of the tanks. Throughout the day, Captain Warga, placing his own tank in the lead of the unit and taking under heavy fire every target that appeared, coolly directed his men and, despite heavy losses, effectively reorganized his forces. His leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Beech Haven, N.J.

B..East Hoboken, N.J.

426717
DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 3-24-44
Serial 919 (Cincpac)
Signed JUN 16 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND WARREN, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Quickly realizing that a demolition group attacking a hostile bomb-proof shelter was being pinned down by the Japanese within the structure, Private First Class Warren courageously exposed himself to heavy machine-gun and mortar fire in order to divert the enemy to himself and allow the demolition group to advance. Fatally wounded during the violent action which followed, he steadfastly continued to support the advance until the assault units had placed their charges. Private First Class Warren's heroic spirit of self-sacrifice 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..Silverdale, Kansas.

B..Arkansas City, Kansas.

031815
DGP-298-wg

Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 52138
Signed MAY 23 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT M. WARREN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company G, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. Skillfully and courageously leading his platoon in an assault against heavily defended Japanese positions, First Lieutenant Warren consistently exposed himself to intense enemy mortar and machine-gun fire to deploy his troops and control the fire of his supporting weapons more effectively. Later in the day, as the attack continued across an open field, he dauntlessly subjected himself to heavy hostile fire to coordinate the attack of his platoon with supporting tanks and, directing accurate fire from our armor upon the enemy stronghold, routed the fanatic defenders and enabled our forces to enter the town of Dakeshi. By his indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive leadership, he was largely instrumental in achieving a difficult objective, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..Vienna, Virginia.

B..Portland, Oregon.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. lRobert M. Warren, widow of the late 1st Lt. Robert M. Warren, on 1Aug.47 by CO. USNS, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif. with formal ceremony at the barracks, here.

06335
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 002853
Signed SEP 29 1944

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

MAJOR RICHARD T. WASHBURN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Marine Raider Battalion in action against enemy Japanese forces at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 1 and 8, 1943. When his commanding officer was mortally wounded during the landing operations, Major Washburn immediately assumed command and heroically led the battalion in the successful accomplishment of its mission. With inspiring and daring initiative, he later guided his command in a vigorous assault against the enemy, enabling his men to repel three frontal attacks and annihilate over two hundred and fifty of the hostile forces. Major Washburn's superb leadership and valiant fighting spirit throughout this vital mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hartford, Connecticut.

B..Hartford, Connecticut.

06335
DGP-298-wlb

Spot Award.
Serial 0478
Signed 17 1943

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

CAPTAIN RICHARD T. WASHBURN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Another "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Marine Raider Battalion, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, between November 4 and December 4, 1942. On November 11, while leading his company to the assistance of Company C, which was already heavily engaged, Captain Washburn encountered a numerically superior Japanese force crossing the Metapona River. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he unhesitatingly attacked the enemy, inflicting heavy losses, but was finally forced to withdraw in the face of overwhelming machine-gun, mortar and 20mm. fire. Quickly reorganizing his company in the jungle, he dauntlessly led his men in a second attack against the enemy. His keen judgment and outstanding courage saved the lives of many in this engagement who otherwise might have perished. During subsequent operations his daring and skillful leadership and fearless devotion to duty were an inspiration to both officers and men throughout the battalion and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Hartford, Connecticut

B- Hartford, Conn.

297593
AW-298-wlb

Spot Award, 1943
Serial 00192 APR 2 1943
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ALEXANDER WASHICK, U.S.M.C.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 3, 1942. During an offensive action in the area of the Matanikau River, Corporal Washick capably performed his duties as squad leader of a 60mm. squad of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, until the situation no longer warranted mortar fire. As the riflemen closed in with the enemy and suffered a number of casualties, he proceeded unhesitatingly and on his own initiative, to bring his wounded comrades off the firing line to a point where they might safely receive medical aid. His unselfish courage in braving heavy fire from hostile machine guns, rifles and hand grenades undoubtedly saved the lives of comrades who otherwise might have perished."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R...Long Island, New York.

B...Chester, Pennsylvania.

379026
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 1083
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PRIVATE LEO J. WASHVILLO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Eighth Marines, Reinforced on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from November 18 to 20, 1942. When his patrol temporarily withdrew to the Matanikau River, leaving three seriously wounded marines behind, Private Washvillo with two comrades voluntarily remained to protect these men. Under continual threat of the enemy, he succeeded the following day in reaching the Army's front lines and reported the location of the injured men and their protectors. Skillfully and courageously leading a rescue party through the Japanese infested territory back to his imperiled comrades, he contributed in a large measure to the evacuation of the wounded within the safety of our lines. His keen initiative and extreme personal valor were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Syracuse, New York

B - Syracuse, New York 6-3-1918

New book

Cinepac
Appd SofN 10-25-45
Serial 031021
Signed NOV 4 1946

SECOND LIEUTENANT SIDNEY WASSERMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader, attached to Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa, Ryukyu Group, 11 June 1945. With his platoon's advance disrupted by heavy automatic weapons fire, Second Lieutenant Wasserman ran forward of the lines to seek a covered route by which his men could advance and returned to lead his unit to a position near the objective. Twice he re-organized his scattered platoon under intense hostile barrages. When the attack from his position was halted by machine-gun fire, he launched a lone assault against the Japanese, destroying an enemy emplacement before he fell, fatally wounded. His outstanding leadership, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty inspired his men to complete their mission 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.

B - Baltimore, Maryland

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Sub. 273097
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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MAR 4 1945

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

FIRST SERGEANT JAMES O. WASSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in charge of a Rifle Platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 4 July 1944. During the attack on a hostile strong point, an enemy hand grenade was thrown in the immediate area of First Sergeant Wasson and several of his men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he leaped forward, picked up the grenade and was attempting to throw the weapon back at the enemy when it exploded a few feet in front of him. Although seriously wounded, First Sergeant Wasson advanced and personally shot the Japanese soldier who had thrown the grenade. His heroic conduct and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Grove, Okla.,
B--Harrison, Ark.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

280436
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award
Serial 0564
Signed NOV 4 1944

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

SERGEANT GEORGE W. WATERS, III, USMC.,
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 Marine Division operating against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 13, 1943. Courageously leading his squad as advance patrol for a rifle company engaged in penetrating enemy-infested territory, Sergeant Waters proceeded to within fifteen feet of a Japanese machine-gun nest before he was halted by a volley of bitter fire from the hostile emplacement. Although seriously injured in both legs, he crawled to the side of a wounded companion under a withering barrage from enemy automatic weapons and skillfully administered first aid, subsequently working his way back to his own lines with valuable information concerning Japanese troop positions. By his fearless determination and resolute devotion to duty, Sergeant Waters contributed greatly to the success of our forces in this vital area and his gallant 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 - Greensboro, N.C.
B - Goldsboro, N.C. *no*

474311
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 8062
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS IAN C. WATERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Cannoneer of Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. When enemy forces were attacking his battery position with machine-gun and rifle fire at close range, Private First Class Waters remained at his post despite serious wounds and continued loading his section's artillery piece until the battery was ordered to withdraw when numerically superior enemy forces threatened to overrun the position. By his action, Private First Class Waters contributed materially to the infliction of severe casualties on the enemy and to the arresting of the counterattack in the area. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Tarrytown, N.Y.

B..Tarrytown, N.Y.

262510
AW-298-ebs

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

SERGEANT JOHN R. WATERS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 29, 1942. When fires were started in the regimental munitions dump, Sergeant Waters, unhesitatingly and on his own initiative, risked his life in the midst of flying shell fragments from exploding ammunition to assist in fighting and controlling fires, until shell wounds necessitated his evacuation. His courageous action in a critical situation was instrumental in reducing to a minimum the damage inflicted by the enemy, and in saving much valuable equipment and badly needed ammunition."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R...Norwich, Conn.

B...Norwich, Conn.

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DGP-298-rlb

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CinCPac
Appd SofN 9-18-45
Serial 34877
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CORPORAL VERNON J. H. WATERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Demolition Sergeant while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. Determined to neutralize the devastating enemy fire which was inflicting heavy casualties on his company, Corporal Waters courageously volunteered to advance and destroy two mutually supporting Japanese pill-boxes. Fearlessly disregarding the blasting fury of the hostile barrage, he worked his way across thirty yards of open, fire-swept terrain and, charging furiously, destroyed one emplacement while under direct fire from the other. Then, advancing on the second Japanese fortification in the face of savagely continued opposition, he carefully placed and detonated a demolition charge, thereby destroying the second pillbox. Instantly rushed by three of the enemy from a near-by cave, he hurled a deadly grenade at the charging group and annihilated all three. Boldly aggressive in combat, Corporal Waters, by his dauntless valor and cool decision during a critical period of action, contributed materially to the advance of his unit and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to
the mother of the late Corp. Waters,
Mrs. Verna L. Waters, at an informal
ceremony in Williston, N.Dak., on # 30 Oct
46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Fargo, N.Dak.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.-- Froid, Montana

B.-- Froid, Montana

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ELWOOD WATKINS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 22 November 1943. With his company pinned down and suffering heavy casualties from heavy enemy fire emanating from a large bomb-proof shelter, Private First Class Watkins moved forward with four companions under intense hostile shellfire to a favorable position for providing cover for the advancing demolition squad. After the shelter had been partially demolished and approximately one hundred of the Japanese annihilated, he again advanced with his comrades as two hundred of the enemy emerged from the entrance firing rifles and light machine guns in an effort to withdraw and establish a new defense. Engaging the outnumbering force in close combat, he contributed to the success of his unit in accounting for many more of the Japanese, thereby enabling the battalion to advance and occupy the northeast section of the island. His courage and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Watkins and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Lexington, Kentucky
B-Frankfort, New York

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-ebg

FMFPac Spot Ser. 79496

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD B. WATKINS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 7 May to 15 June 1945. Assuming command of a rifle company when wounds necessitated the evacuation of the previous commander, First Lieutenant Watkins ably led the unit and, by his inspiring courage and tactical skill, contributed materially to the repeated and continuous success of his company. On one occasion, he crawled to a position exposed to deadly enemy fire in order to remove to a place of safety a platoon leader who had been critically wounded and, on another occasion, skillfully guided his men in a successful night assault and in maintaining the newly occupied position which was isolated from all adjacent units and subjected to devastating enemy small-arms and mortar fire. His fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Manchester, Conn.

B..Manchester, Conn.

C25247
DGP-293-sbg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00597-45
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD B. WATKINS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When the Japanese counterattacked after he had led his platoon in a successful assault on a ridge heavily defended by enemy machine-guns, Second Lieutenant Watkins went to the assistance of one of his men engaged in hand-to-hand combat with an enemy officer and, by killing the enemy officer, saved the Marine from virtually certain death. Using hand grenades and his sub-machine gun as the attack continued, Second Lieutenant Watkins killed or wounded twenty of the enemy and succeeded in repulsing the attack. His aggressive fighting spirit, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Manchester, Conn.
E-Manchester, Conn.

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DGP-298-Navy-'RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 48443
Signed _____

JAN 22 1948

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

CORPORAL AARON F. WATSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. With his platoon pinned down by intense Japanese machine-gun fire from the front and temporarily out of contact with other elements of the company, Corporal Watson volunteered to go thirty yards forward of his platoon in an effort to silence the enemy weapon holding up the advance. Proceeding alone under intense fire which pierced his back at least once, he attacked and destroyed the hostile gun position with hand grenades, killing at least six of the enemy. By his courage and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the success of the attack and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denver, Colorado.,
B--Denver, Colorado.

348449
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 JOHN E. WATSON,
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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. Unhesitatingly volunteering for an extremely dangerous task during an advance by his company against the fanatic Japanese, Private First Class Watson repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire to direct the fire of medium tanks supporting the attack, thereby contributing materially to the success of the operation and to the eventual capture of this vital hostile stronghold by our forces. His daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage throughout the fierce hostilities reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Watson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Lake Charles, La.,
B--Des Moines, Iowa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-tes

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FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 41646

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

PRIVATE LEWIS R. WATSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in a Rifle Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When intense hostile rifle fire from a supporting position prevented one of our flame thrower and demolition groups from destroying a strongly-held enemy bunker, Private Watson voluntarily launched a frontal attack against the position and, although wounded in the encounter, diverted the fire from his comrades, thereby enabling them to close in and destroy the bunker and all of its defenders. 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--Montevallo, Alabama
B--Siluria, Alabama

014735
DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.
Serial 0069
Signed JUN 8 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS A. WATSON, USMCR.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Fifth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands, November 1-3, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Second Lieutenant Watson, along with another officer, formed a forward-observer liaison team which rendered invaluable service to a battalion which was in direct support of other marines. Under almost constant fire from hostile artillery, machine guns and snipers, he maintained continuous observation and communication under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. Wherever required, he not only called for and observed supporting artillery fires in front of the battalion, but also for adjacent units of marines which were at times out of communication with supporting artillery units. His courageous aggressiveness was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Gordonsville, Virginia.

B - Augusta, Georgia.

031816
DGP-298-db

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 00436
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT T. WATTIE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 13 October 1944. Reorganizing and setting up a night defense after leading his platoon halfway across an airstrip under heavy artillery, mortar and small-arms fire, Second Lieutenant Wattie efficiently directed the repulse of a hostile counterattack inflicting heavy damage on our forces. Leading his platoon in an assault against the enemy, who were strongly posted in concrete pillboxes and large caves, on 27 and 28 September, he bravely supervised the attack from an exposed position and successfully directed the destruction of many of the fortifications which formed the last stronghold on the northern tip of the Island. Leading his platoon on a combat patrol along a precipitous hill, well-fortified with pillboxes and caves, on 11 October, he skillfully executed an attack up the hazardous incline to kill eighteen of the enemy and destroy hostile positions, thereby making it possible for his company to capture this vital objective the following morning. His courageous devotion to duty and leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..New York, New York

B..Somerville, Massachusetts

029372
DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 3-22-45
Serial 01211
Signed NOV 19 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE S. WEABER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Fourth Joint Assault Signal Company, Fleet Marine Force, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 27 September 1944. While leading his men back to the command post through enemy infested territory after completing a successful fire mission from the forward observation post, Second Lieutenant Weaber immediately retracted when the rear elements of his platoon were suddenly pinned down by a vicious hostile attack. Concerned only for the safety of his men, he climbed through withering enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to an advantageous position for covering their withdrawal and, while performing his hazardous task, was fatally struck down by a burst of hostile shellfire. By his outstanding fortitude, great personal valor and self-sacrificing efforts, Second Lieutenant Weaber contributed to the saving of many lives 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..Enid, Okla.

B..Tacoma, Okla.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 6067
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL CLARENCE E. WEATHERFORD, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery I, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. When his battery's left flank was attacked and the left-flank machine gun destroyed by enemy grenades during a Japanese counterattack, Corporal Weatherford brought a right flank machine gun to protect the left flank of the position area and set it up under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Firing point-blank with an automatic rifle, he successfully drew the hostile fire on himself to enable his machine gun crew to locate the enemy automatic weapons. His outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Carrizo, Texas.,
B--Slaton, Texas.

Secretary of the Navy.

362015
DGP-298-egc

ComSevFlt
Spot Award
Serial 01054
Signed NOV 29 1944

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM J. WEATHERLY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader serving with the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces in the New Britain Area on December 28, 1943. Thrown against a numerically superior enemy force when his company was extending the perimeter of a defensive area, Sergeant Weatherly fought valiantly in the face of overwhelming opposition and, when his platoon leader was seriously wounded, promptly directed his squad to new firing positions. Unhesitatingly risking his life under fierce enemy fire, Sergeant Weatherly then carried the wounded platoon leader for a distance of twenty-five yards through an open field to a place of comparative safety. His inspiring courage and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bennettsville, S.C.
B-- " " "

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16 November 1943.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

ROBERT E. WEAVER, (406374), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in aggressively exposing himself to hostile machine-gun and sniper fire to retrieve an abandoned machine gun as it was about to fall into the hands of the enemy on 20 July 1943. Home Address: 126 West State Street, Akron, Ohio.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R- Akron, Ohio

B- Youngstown, Ohio.

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R ... Akron, Ohio.

B ... Youngstown, Ohio.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LUTHER H. WEBB,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Squad Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 March 1945. Upon learning the location of several casualties, Private First Class Webb placed his squad in the hands of his second in command and, dashing through a lane of fire, administered first aid to one seriously wounded man and returned to his platoon for a litter with which to drag the Marine to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Webb and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Marietta, Ga.,
B--Marietta, Ga.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed OCT 28 1947

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

CORPORAL ROBERT L. WEBB,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Runner in Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 6 March 1945. When his platoon's advance was being held up by a large number of enemy troops throwing hand grenades from an entrenchment, Corporal Webb ran forward through an intense hostile barrage, spraying the enemy position with automatic fire from his sub-machine gun and calling for his platoon to close with the enemy. By his courageous action, he encouraged his comrades to annihilate the enemy and to advance to the objective. His aggressive spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

By the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lancaster, Ohio
B--Fairfield, Ohio

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Serial 35934
Signed APR 8 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM K. WEBB,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader, attached to Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. When his platoon was halted by intense enemy small-arms, artillery and mortar fire, Second Lieutenant Webb fearlessly exposed himself to direct the fire of our tanks on several of the Japanese pillboxes from which the intense fire was emerging. By his valiant action in the face of fierce opposition, he was instrumental in reducing the hostile positions and enabling the advance to continue. His courageous initiative and gallant fighting spirit throughout this action reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Webb and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..Prairieville, Louisiana

B..Hope Villa, Louisiana

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Hiriart E. Webb, parents of the late 2nd Lt. William K. Webb on 5 Sept. 47 by CO USNAS, New Orleans, La.

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Serial 0647
Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD A. WEBBER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Second Tank Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 and 23 November 1943. With radio communications inoperative during this period of bitter offensive action, Private First Class Webber repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy's shattering barrages to carry vital messages between the Battalion Command Post, tanks, and infantry front line positions, contributing materially to the maintenance of tank unit communications and to the ultimate success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold. By his fearless determination, his outstanding fortitude and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Private First Class Webber served as an inspiration to others in the area, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Fort Hall, Idaho.
B--Waterloo, Iowa
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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SERGEANT RICHARD H. WEBBER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for serving as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Squad Leader of an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 to 17 September 1944. Unhesitatingly assuming command when his Platoon Leader, Platoon Sergeant and Sergeant Guide became casualties shortly after landing, Sergeant Webber fearlessly led his platoon in a daring assault on hostile pillboxes defending the north end of the beach. Skillfully deploying his men and directing the effective use of fire power, white phosphorous and rifle antitank grenades, he was responsible for the complete destruction of these positions. During the defense of his newly won positions over a period of forty-eight hours, he strategically disposed his men and, by his coolness under fire, encouraged them to repulse three counterattacks and annihilate the enemy. His indomitable fighting spirit, exemplary leadership and gallant devotion to duty were contributing factors in the success of our forces in that area and reflect great credit on Sergeant Webber and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Beverly, Mass.
B- " "

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Serial 79500

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARNOLD L. WEBER,
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 E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 June 1945. When his Squad Leader was wounded and the gunner was absent from his machine gun during a night attack on Kunishi Ridge, Private First Class Weber kept the machine gun in action, refusing to be evacuated although suffering from concussion caused by enemy hand grenades. Remaining at his post even after the return of the gunner, he skillfully carried out his duties as assistant gunner and, despite the use of only one arm, rendered invaluable assistance in repelling the enemy attack. His courageous and unswerving devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Canton, Ohio

B..Woodsfield, Ohio

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Signed _____

JAN 26 1948

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

PRIVATE GEORGE A. WEBER,
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 Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 22 February 1944. Steadfast and courageous in the face of heavy and continuous hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, Private Weber rendered valuable service during the battle for Parry Island. On one occasion, he expertly maneuvered around an enemy machine gun to destroy it with grenades and rifle fire, relieving advancing troops who were pinned down by the devastating fire. By his courageous action, initiative and devotion to duty, Private Weber contributed materially to the success of the operations against the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Schaghticoke, N. Y. For the President,
B. Valley Falls, " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0855
Signed NOV 17 1944

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN E. WEBER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, from December 26, 1943, to January 16, 1944. In the initial phase of the landing, the battalion under Lieutenant Colonel Weber's capable command quickly overran Hill 450, thereby facilitating the successful landing of remaining troops. When his men captured Hill 150 to outflank a Japanese position and secure the beachhead line, and later, during a midnight engagement, while his battalion held a position tenaciously against repeated attacks by the enemy, Lieutenant Colonel Weber moved from point to point along his front lines, coolly directing operations despite enemy small arm, machine-gun and mortar fire from concealed positions. His inspiring leadership and gallant fighting spirit were contributing factors in the heavy losses inflicted on the enemy and in our success in that area. His courageous devotion to duty throughout this period was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Seattle, Washington,

B..Valdez, Alaska

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Serial 6068
Signed JAN 30 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEW E. WEBER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while service as a Member of a Machine Gun Squad of Company K, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June: 1944. When an enemy tank broke through the front lines and delivered heavy fire into his company's command post and mortar positions, Private First Class Weber voluntarily moved forward into the path of the oncoming tank and, despite heavy machine-gun fire, scored hits on the vehicle with antitank grenades. Although he was in open level terrain without cover, he held his ground until assisted by heavier weapons which destroyed the tank. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Weber and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Galveston, Texas.,
B..Galveston, Texas.

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Serial 14698
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT PAUL WEBER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 26 February 1945. When his company was prevented from setting up a night defense in favorable terrain because of withering fire from an enemy blockhouse, Second Lieutenant Weber called for 60-millimeter mortar fire on the blockhouse and, standing on a commanding ridge, entirely without cover, courageously braved enemy fire to observe and to direct accurate mortar fire on the objective. Although severely wounded during this action, he continued to call for mortar support until the enemy had ceased firing and the riflemen had moved into position. His efficient performance of duty and cool courage served as an inspiration to his company and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Washington, Pa.
B--Lawrence, Pa.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ALBERT F. WEBSTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Section Leader of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When guns of his section could not be placed in position to support the attack because of unfavorable terrain, Corporal Webster charged directly into the enemy position carrying a light machine gun and, firing as he advanced, succeeded in destroying the hostile strong point, thereby enabling his company to continue the attack. His aggressive fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Meridan, Conn.
B - Meridan, Conn.

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Serial 50040

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

SERGEANT HARTIE E. WEBSTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 27 February 1945. Demonstrating outstanding ability, Sergeant Webster led his squad in the assault through heavy hostile small-arms, grenade and artillery fire and, when an enemy machine-gun in a pillbox prevented the advance, crawled seventy-five yards to the position across open fire-swept terrain in full view of the Japanese. Upon reaching the pillbox which contained a machine gun manned by four enemy soldiers, he singlehandedly destroyed it and then, resuming the advance with his squad through intense hostile fire, assisted the flanking unit in taking its objective. During this action, Sergeant Webster repeatedly exposed himself to intense small-arms and mortar fire while personally directing the fire of each man in his squad. 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--Avinger, Texas
B--Linden, Texas.

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Serial 20645
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY C. WEDELL, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against the enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 18 June 1944. Fearlessly braving heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Wedell went forward of our lines and dragged a wounded comrade to a covered position where he administered first aid. Later, he went to the assistance of his commanding officer who was ambushed and subjected to close-range fire by an enemy rifleman. Without hesitation, he pushed his commanding officer out of danger with one hand and, firing his weapon with the other, killed the enemy. His indomitable spirit, self-sacrificing efforts and courage in the face of danger reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Wedell and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wasco, California

B..Wasco, California

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARVEY C. WEEKS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Advance Reconnaissance Man of Company A, Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, 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, First Lieutenant Weeks 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 First Lieutenant Weeks 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 First Lieutenant Weeks and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Northbrook, Ill.,
B--Joplin, Mo.

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 WILLIAM J. WEHNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Machine Gun Section of the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. When one gun on the right flank was knocked out, the gun crew killed or wounded and the position overrun by the Japanese during a fire fight, Sergeant Wehner left his position to recover the gun and aid the wounded men. Braving heavy enemy fire, he brought the gun back and put it in action again. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Wehner and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..St. Genevieve, Mo.

B..St. Genevieve, Mo.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 074
Signed JUN 27 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM B. WEHRLI, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader with an Assault Company attached to the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Second Lieutenant Wehrli rendered valiant service by leading his assault platoon in support of tanks crossing an enemy-held airfield. Disregarding his own personal safety when numerous casualties inflicted by enemy artillery and machine-gun fire threatened to disorganize the attack, he walked up and down the line, encouraging his men as he gave instructions and directed their fire. Although killed by hostile fire during this action, Second Lieutenant Wehrli had undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and had prevented the disorganization of the attack, thereby contributing materially to the ultimate success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. His outstanding leadership and daring initiative 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..Casper, Wyo.

B..Casper, Wyo.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 22 July by OinC, USMC
DHIRS, Rm 219, Cooper Bldg., 1009-17 St., Denver, Colo., to
the parents of the late 2dLt. Wehrli, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J.
Wehrli, 1024 S. Durbin St., Casper, Colo., informally at
home.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 094
Signed 7-5-45

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE R. WEILAND, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Group, 4 October 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire, Private First Class Weiland rendered vallant service during operations on this strategically important island. While covering the advance of his unit with automatic fire, he maintained his station steadfastly during the increasing fury of the attack and, despite his extremely hazardous position, continued to cover the withdrawal of the wounded until he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. By his self-sacrificing spirit and unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class Weiland contributed materially to the ultimate success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. His bravery and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Milwaukee, Wisc.
B--Milwaukee, Wisc.

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Review Section 6/26/45-222
Edw. H. B. Fay, USNR

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DONALD L. WEILER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving as Commanding Officer, Company B, First Battalion, Third Marine Division, during the assault against Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, 1 November 1943. Assigned to the initial assault of the fortified beach, Lieutenant Colonel (then Captain) Weiler found on approaching the beach that his landing craft were being diverted from their objective by enemy gunfire. Placing himself in the forefront, he personally led an assault on to the beach and through the enemy position, escaping the interlocking bands of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire designed to interdict the beach. Having reached the rear of the position, he reversed the direction of his company and proceeded to destroy enemy bunkers and strong points in his zone. Although continually exposed to hostile fire, Lieutenant Colonel Weiler remained calm and skillfully directed his men in carrying out the attack until the foe had been annihilated. A victim of normally incapacitating tropical diseases acquired while in training for the campaign, his superb mastery of them and his courage and devotion to duty throughout served to inspire all who observed him. His valorous acts in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy

R - Yuba City, Calif.

B - Pasadena, Calif. 2 May 1917

From Decorations & Medals Branch, USMC to:

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

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Serial 0558
Signed SEP 14 1944

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

SERGEANT PAUL J. WEIR, USMC.,

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 Empress Augusta Bay Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 17, 1943. Sub-
jected to devastating hostile machine-gun and rifle fire while advancing with his platoon in a frontal attack against strong hostile entrenchments, Sergeant Weir was forced to withdraw in the face of the withering fire during the initial assault leaving a wounded comrade behind. Gallantly risking his life to effect a rescue, he courageously pressed forward under fire from two Japanese light machine guns and, with the assistance of a Marine officer, carried the injured man back to his own lines. Sergeant Weir's splendid initiative, daring aggressiveness and great personal valor in the face of grave peril reflect great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Brooklyn, New York.
B - Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Serial 04388
Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JAMES J. WEISGERBER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of a Reconnaissance Party of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 16 to 19 February 1945. In charge of a section of swimmers, Platoon Sergeant Weisgerber led his group on a preliminary survey of the enemy's beaches and, despite heavy hostile artillery, mortar and small-arms fire which caused severe casualties in his section, successfully completed this hazardous mission which contributed materially to the subsequent saving of many lives. By his leadership, courage and devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial Special
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ARTHUR WEISS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on 5 October 1942. Although convalescing from a badly infected foot, Second Lieutenant Weiss insisted upon leading his platoon as part of the company on combat patrol to determine enemy strength on the east bank of the Matanikau River southward from the ocean. When the patrol was ambushed by approximately a battalion of the Japanese and resulting severe casualties necessitated immediate withdrawal, he fearlessly abandoned a place of comparative safety to direct his platoon and to aid the wounded. Gravely wounded during this action, Second Lieutenant Weiss, by his courage and devotion to duty in removing the patrol from a dangerous position, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Carrollton, Ga.
B--Birmingham, Ala.

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Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 59156
Signed JUN 30 1947

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

PRIVATE CLARENCE F. WEISS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Armored Bulldozer Operator, serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Sixth Engineer Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 June 1945. Highly vulnerable in the open cab of his bulldozer, Private Weiss courageously moved ahead of the infantry into shattering Japanese artillery, mortar and small-arms fire to pioneer a road essential for a planned tank assault upon an enemy-held ridge line and, pressing grimly forward in his cumbersome vehicle, successfully completed his mission. Mortally wounded while working his way back to friendly lines when a suicidal enemy soldier threw two satchel demolition charges into the open cab, Private Weiss, by his fortitude, determination and devotion to duty, had enabled the tanks to achieve their objective, 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..Elgin, North Dakota

B..Elgin, North Dakota

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Clarence F. Weiss, widow of the late Pvt. Weiss on 20Aug.47 by OinC USMC HDRS, Minneapolis, Minn. informally by reg. mail.

[Handwritten signature]

Signed AUG 27 1946

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CALVIN L. WELCH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE.

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 9 March 1945. With his company pinned down by the enveloping barrages of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire emanating from a Japanese pillbox on the right front, Private First Class Welch voluntarily braved the continuous enemy fire to advance alone and, taking station in a strategic position, delivered an accurate and devastating stream of fire on the hostile emplacement, quickly neutralizing it and thereby enabling a flame thrower operator to advance and destroy the pillbox, with the result that many lives that otherwise might have been lost were saved. Dauntless and indomitable, Private First Class Welch, by his outstanding initiative, judgment and courage in the face of grave peril, rendered valiant service and his conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Norwalk, California.
B--Hollywood, California.

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Appd SofN 11-21-45
Serial 35275
Signed JAN 30 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK J. WELCH, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. When his squad's advance was held up by an entrenched Japanese automatic weapon which was inflicting severe casualties among the men, Private First Class Welch immediately armed himself with a pistol and, fearlessly risking his life, advanced on the hostile gun position, where he fought the enemy hand-to-hand until he had disarmed and killed the Japanese. Although mortally wounded later in the day by shrapnel, Private First Class Welch, by his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of his squad's advance, and his valliant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

E--Newark, N. J.
E--Newark, N. J.

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Serial 0296 295
Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES D. WELKY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, III Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. After the Squad Leader and Assistant Squad Leader were wounded, Private First Class Welky reorganized his men and moved them into position. Headless of danger, he secured aid for the wounded and assisted in their evacuation. By his presence of mind and quick action, he was materially responsible for avoiding further casualties in his squad and for maintaining the squad's position in the company line. His aggressive fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Welky and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Milwaukee, Wis
B-Milwaukee, Wis

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT
Serial 0848
Signed OCT 28 1947

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

CAPTAIN ERSKINE W. WELLS,
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, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, 9 and 10 January 1944. Maintaining personal reconnaissance along the entire front line of his battalion during its assault against heavily fortified enemy emplacements and throughout fierce counterattacks against the battalion's hastily established defense position, Captain Wells transmitted valuable information to his commander, thereby enabling the skillful deployment of troops and weapons. On several occasions throughout this engagement he bravely directed mortar and howitzer fire and, by his daring initiative and outstanding efficiency, contributed essentially to the successful completion of this engagement. His unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 43156
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ROBERT J. WELLS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Scout with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. When his company's advance was held up by heavy mortar fire, Corporal Wells advanced beyond the front lines to reconnoiter the enemy position and, after locating a strongly fortified mortar position returned to his own lines with this information. Although wounded by hostile sniper fire, he led a demolitions squad forward and directed the destruction of the enemy emplacement, bringing his men back to their lines without casualties. His courage, initiative and outstanding leadership greatly aided his company in continuing the advance, and reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Wells and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bridgeport, Nebr.
B--Sutton, Nebr.

355433
DGP-298-wlb

Spot Award
Serial 829
Signed AUG 27 1948

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

PRIVATE FRED L. WELSH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with B Battery, Special Weapons Battalion, attached to the First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese tank forces at the mouth of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 23, 1942. In the face of terrific enemy fire and with two of his comrades wounded, Private Welsh and the remaining members of the crew steadfastly remained at their post and continued to keep the 37mm. anti-tank gun in action until the enemy attack was completely repulsed. His skill, tenacity, and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Millington, Michigan.

B..Vassar Twp, Michigan, 4-30-1920

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Signed.....

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM S. WENDELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 3 July 1944. When the front line company with which he was serving was pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Private First Class Wendell unhesitatingly advanced in front of his own lines without the protection of covering fire and, succeeded in destroying the hostile machine gun position. His courage, initiative and zealous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R. Amberstdale, W. Va.
B. " " 29 March 1922

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APO #502

17 March 1943.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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CHARLES A. WEST, (224058), Corporal, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 16, 1943, at Guadalcanal. The advance of a company of Marines was halted by enemy gun fire. Through intense fire from the enemy, Corporal West moved out to a position, where, by using hand grenades, he could destroy an enemy machine gun emplacement. The enemy machine gunners were killed and their weapon was demolished as a result of his action.

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By Command of Major General THOMPSON:

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

OFFICIAL:

s/ William A. Lord, Jr.,

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

R- Rockingham, North Carolina

B- Anderson, South Carolina

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

MAJOR FRASER E. WEST,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the attack on Fonte Hill, Guam, Marianas Islands, 25-26 July 1944. Ordered to advance with his Company to protect the left flank of his Battalion, Major West skillfully led his men forward approximately four hundred yards under heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire and personally directed the occupation of his Company's night defensive position. Throughout the night, he traversed the lines from foxhole to foxhole, checking with his men, transferring ammunition to the company on the right, and directing tank fire against enemy counterattacks. When the majority of his men had expended their hand grenades, he proceeded two hundred yards to a friendly tank and returning with more grenades, distributed them to the men in the lines. Consistently disregarding enemy fire during the ten hours of fighting, he continued to lead his men until wounded by an enemy bullet while directing tank fire on new targets on the morning of 26 July. His courageous leadership throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Reno, Nev.,
B--Wash., D.C.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmFPac Spot Ser. 6068
Signed JAN 22 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT R. WESTERN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 30 June 1944. With his platoon pinned down by fire and its advance halted, Private First Class Western braved heavy machine-gun fire to make his way across an open field to guide to safety men who had become isolated from his squad. Then, returning to action, he led a patrol which destroyed the enemy emplacement. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Western and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..San Rafael, Calif.

B..San Rafael, Calif.

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Serial 43156

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

CORPORAL HERBERT C. WESTFALL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 2 March 1945. Ordered to move his squad forward under heavy enemy fire to fill a gap between two advancing platoons, Corporal Westfall led his men with great courage and determination in the bitter fighting which ensued. Although painfully wounded in the left arm while placing his unit in position, he refused medical aid or evacuation until his squad was reorganized and joined with the flanking elements of his company. Despite his wound, he braved heavy mortar and machine-gun fire to move from one position to another, placing his men, contacting leaders of adjacent squads and deploying his attached machine gun. By his inspiring leadership and daring initiative, Corporal Westfall contributed greatly to the successful fulfillment of the company's mission, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Aberdeen, Idaho.

B--Aberdeen, Idaho.

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Serial-84190

The President of the United States takes pride in pre-
senting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to ~~signed~~ JUN 19 1946

FIRST LIEUTENANT WAYLAND L. WEYAND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a Rifle Platoon, attached to Company I, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 21 to 28 February 1945. Bravely fighting his way across heavily fortified Motoyama Airfield Number Two on 24 February, First Lieutenant Weyand gallantly led his men through devastating machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire in a sustained bitterly fought advance forward and, despite the overwhelming odds, succeeded in destroying seven entrenchments and capturing this vital airstrip after repeated fierce hand-to-hand encounters with the fanatic Japanese. Although fatally wounded by a shell fragment when the enemy delivered heavy artillery and mortar concentrations on our positions later that night, followed by a vicious counterattack on the left flank of his company, he promptly rallied his men and, personally directing his reserve squad to the critical flank, boldly engaged the enemy in a terrific hand-grenade fight to restore the line and account for many Japanese dead. Subsequently succumbing to his wounds, First Lieutenant Weyand, by his forceful and determined leadership, valiant fighting spirit and great personal valor maintained in the face of extreme peril, had contributed to the saving of many lives and to the success of our sustained drive against the enemy on Iwo. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty throughout this and other engagements reflects the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Weyand and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

R--Western, Nebraska.
B--Sycamore, Illinois.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD M. WHALEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Mortar Observer of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 23 July 1944. Volunteering to go forward of his own front lines in an effort to locate and destroy enemy positions holding up an attack by his company, Private First Class Whalen advanced alone for seventy yards over open ground in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire which was enfilading the company from both flanks. Then, directing the fire of the mortars on five enemy pillboxes which resulted in the annihilation of twenty-five Japanese and the rout of fifteen others, he enabled the company to execute a coordinated attack and seize its objective. 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..Brooklyn, N.Y.

B..Orange, N.J.

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Serial 6112

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JAMES P. WHALEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 19 June 1944. When a small group of Japanese suddenly charged toward his company which was preparing defensive positions for the night on a recently gained ridgetop, Platoon Sergeant Whalen skillfully fired his rifle at the oncoming screaming group and, when his rifle suddenly failed him at a critical phase in the engagement, immediately picked up an entrenching shovel and ran forward to meet the attackers brandishing their swords. Bravely swinging his shovel, he almost decapitated the first Japanese, thereby temporarily disorganizing the group and giving his comrades time to organize effective gunfire which killed the entire enemy group. By his courageous act he saved two officers from possible serious injury or death and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Duluth, Minn.

B--Duluth Minn.

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DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0954 *Com Sec Alt*
Signed SEP 23 1944

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

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PRIVATE JOHN X. WHALEN, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the First Marine Division during an attack
against enemy Japanese forces in Cape Gloucester Area, New
Britain, on January 24, 1944. Bravely intent on helping a
wounded comrade who lay exposed to hostile fire, Private
Whalen unhesitatingly risked his life by swimming across a
stream and crawling over a sandspit to attempt a rescue.
Failing to accomplish his mission despite the most heroic
efforts, Private Whalen remained with his companion until
the Japanese machine guns were silenced four hours later.
His vallant action on behalf of another was in keeping with
the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - St. Albans, New York.

B - Brooklyn, New York.

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DGP-298-rkz

ComGenPac
Serial 13031
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT POWELL J. WHALEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of an Engineer Platoon of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. While attempting to knock out enemy positions with demolition charges and grenades, First Lieutenant Whalen unhesitatingly led three of his men against a powerfully entrenched hostile strong point which was holding up the company's advance, continuously exposing himself to terrific Japanese fire in order to accomplish his mission. Wounded during this heroic action, First Lieutenant Whalen, by his intrepid courage and zealous efforts, contributed materially to the success of his company's operations on this island, and his unfaltering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Burlington, Vermont.

B..Ottawa, Canada.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 79496
Signed _____

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

BERGEANT WILLIAM J. WHALEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of Company A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. Observing a friendly tank forward of the front lines hit and disabled by an enemy antitank gun, Sergeant Whalen immediately dismounted from his own tank and, while under intense hostile fire that had nearby troops pinned down, worked his way to the disabled vehicle. Upon reaching the tank and finding the tank commander dead and several of the crew wounded, he evacuated the wounded to safety and administered first aid to them. Returning to the crippled vehicle, he recovered the body of the tank commander. By his courageous efforts and coolness under fire, Sergeant Whalen saved the lives of his wounded comrades, 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-Clinton, Iowa
B-Clinton, Iowa

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5 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:

EDWIN B. WHEELER, Captain, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 10 July 1943, when he directed his company with such skill and aggressiveness that heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and seven of their machine guns were captured. On 20 July 1943, commanding a composite company, he directed the company with such courage, heavy casualties were again inflicted on the enemy. Home address: 77 Glendale Place, Port Chester, New York.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R-Port Chester, New York

B-Port Chester, New York.

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Signed DEC 4 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY E. WHEELER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer of the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 26 October 1944. When two of our companies lost contact in the hills on 19 September, First Lieutenant Wheeler established the company flanks and, crossing the large gap alone under relentless hostile sniper fire, succeeded in reestablishing contact and thereby prevented a possible enemy break-through. With his battalion occupying positions on ridges to the rear of a long draw on 22 September, he led a patrol up the draw in the face of intense Japanese mortar, artillery and sniper fire and, by his resolute efforts, was in large measure responsible for the establishment of contact with the adjacent unit and for the location of an enemy artillery emplacement which was causing heavy casualties in a regimental weapons company. By his heroic courage on these and numerous other occasions, First Lieutenant Wheeler contributed materially to the success of our operations in these areas, and his devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R..Washington, D.C.

B..Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Spot Award
Serial 01741
Signed JAN 21 1944

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

MASTER TECHNICAL SERGEANT JOHN F. WHEELER, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-THREE during the bombing of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese forces on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a direct bomb hit demolished a dugout in which six men had taken shelter, Master Technical Sergeant Wheeler answered a call for assistance and worked tirelessly to uncover four of the men still buried in the debris. Exposed to enemy shells from aircraft and surface vessels and lacking tools, he dug with his bare hands in a desperate but vain attempt to extricate his comrades. His great 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.

B. Patron, Colorado.
R. Denver, Colorado.

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 00437
Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ROBERT T. WHEELER, SR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Combat Patrol of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. Engaged in the elimination of Japanese cave installations preparatory to the attack on Mount Chachao, Platoon Sergeant Wheeler heroically crawled thirty feet to aid a wounded Marine and succeeded in dragging him to safety despite intense enemy rifle and grenade fire which had already caused five casualties in his platoon. His courage and perseverance were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..San Diego, Calif.

B..San Bernardino, Calif.

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Spot Award
Serial 0704 (ComSevFlt)
Signed NOV 17 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WARREN S. WHEELER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as platoon leader attached to a company of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 7, 1944. Unexpectedly coming upon approximately forty of the enemy in a bivouac area, First Lieutenant Wheeler skillfully dispersed his squad and launched a vigorous attack, inflicting heavy damages upon the hostile unit before withdrawing his own forces with but one minor casualty. Discovering his company engaged in a bitter fire fight upon his return to friendly lines, he boldly moved through dense underbrush and assumed command of his platoon, skillfully directing the fire of his men until fatally wounded by a hostile machine gun. First Lieutenant Wheeler's inspiring leadership and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Pomona, California.

B..Portland, Maine.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN R. WHELAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company F, Second
Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Di-
vision, in action against enemy Japanese forces
on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945.
When his entire platoon and parts of adjacent
units were held up by concentrated hostile machine-
gun fire, Second Lieutenant Whelan unhesitatingly
went forward over terrain that afforded little
cover or concealment to reconnoiter the enemy po-
sitions. Quickly making a decision and issuing
an attack order, he led the platoon in a bold and
daring frontal attack on the emplacements and per-
sonally participated in neutralizing the remaining
Japanese and destroying their weapons, thereby en-
abling the company to continue its advance to the
assigned objective. His courageous and decisive
leadership in the face of enemy fire reflect the
highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Whelan and
the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Quincy, Mass.,
B--Waltham, Mass.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 0556

Signed SEP 5 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES M. WHELDON, 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 Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 22, 1943. Braving devastating enemy machine-gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Wheldon voluntarily risked his life to effect the rescue of a critically wounded comrade lying in front of Japanese lines. Crawling through hostile fire lanes for a distance of fifty yards, he securely fastened a toggle rope about the injured Marine and, with the assistance of a companion, dragged him to a safe area where first aid could be administered. Private First Class Wheldon's courageous initiative, daring aggressiveness and heroic self-sacrifice in the face of grave peril contributed to the saving of a life, and his gallant action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Mount Morris, Illinois.
B - Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Serial 1175
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

PRIVATE JOHN M. WHIFFEN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 26 June 1944. When an incalculable number of Japanese troops was holding up the advance of his company in its attack on Mountain Tapotchau, Private Whiffen volunteered to scout out the enemy. Deliberately disregarding his own safety, he daringly entered a dangerous area in an effort to draw hostile fire and, although mortally wounded, was able to send valuable information back to his company and was thereby instrumental in continuing his company's advance without casualties. His self-sacrificing spirit and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Whiffen and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, ~~perm cit, ltr fr CMC~~ sent by registered mail to the parents of the late Pvt Whiffen, Mr and Mrs Charles F. For the President, Whiffen, 444 11th Ave, San Francisco, Calif.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

Perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by COM San Francisco, Calif., on 12-15-45 to the parents. Inf pres according to parents wishes.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT BURBETH L. WHIPPLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 30 June 1944. Assuming command of his company when the Commanding Officer was wounded and evacuated, First Lieutenant Whipple constantly exposed himself to hostile machine-gun and rifle fire to reconnoiter the area when his company was surrounding a pocket of strong Japanese forces emplaced in deep ravines and rocky cliffs. Ordering his men to attack and eliminate the many points of resistance, he personally led them through heavy small-arms and mortar fire and, during the assault on one emplacement, braved the continued barrage to climb the side of a rocky cliff and direct fire on a hidden enemy position. Although wounded by mortar fragments, he continued the skillful performance of his duties, thereby contributing materially to the elimination of several strong points and to the advance of our forces. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Los Angeles, Calif.

B..Detroit, Mich.

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

CAPTAIN DOUGLAS WHIPPLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Patrol Commander of the First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 24 December 1943. Reconnoitering hostile trails and positions, Captain Whipple led his patrol a distance of twelve hundred yards through Japanese-infested territory to discover and enter the bivouac area of a strong enemy force whose heavy barrage of machine-gun, grenade and rifle fire separated his patrol into two groups. Boldly meeting the challenge, he led his group in an aggressive attack during which it annihilated ten Japanese in an entrenchment and inflicted numerous other casualties after which he skillfully disengaged the group and led it around the hostile position to his own lines. When several of his men became separated from the group while retiring from the area, he returned alone into the jungle and, after killing a Japanese soldier whom he encountered, located all the missing men. By the valuable information secured on this hazardous mission, he contributed materially to the safety of our positions by enabling our forces to plan accurate artillery fire and aerial bombardment upon the enemy emplacements. His courage, leadership and gallant 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--Pomona, Calif.,

B--Boston, Mass.

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DGP-298-ec

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SPOT
Serial 42755

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

CORPORAL RUSSELL L. WHISENANT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Driver of a Medium Tank of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Observing a hostile antitank gun firing at another friendly tank while he was supporting a rifle company during an attack, Corporal Whisenant skillfully maneuvered his vehicle into a position where it could fire at the enemy weapon. Although painfully wounded when his tank was hit several times and one shell had penetrated and set it on fire, he backed the flaming vehicle out of the gun's line of fire, thereby enabling the crew to evacuate safely. By his courage, coolness under fire and aggressive fighting spirit, Corporal Whisenant upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Choctaw, Okla.
B--Choctaw, Okla.

05712
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Spot Award
Serial 6073
Signed APR 4 1944

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

CAPTAIN JOHN L. WHITAKER, JR., U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as pilot of a Naval transport plane attached to Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-FIVE, operating in the Solomon Islands Area October 12 and 13, 1942. Arriving at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, with a cargo of emergency supplies, Captain Whitaker remained at his post, supervising the loading of the wounded while the field was under continuous shelling by enemy naval forces. Although the wings, fuselage and tail section of his plane were seriously damaged by shrapnel, Captain Whitaker waited only for temporary repairs and then took off his heavily loaded and damaged plane, successfully evacuating fourteen wounded men to safety. His superb airmanship and fearless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Seattle, Wash. 12-10-14
R - St. Paul, Minn.

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Spot
Serial 2689
Signed DEC 9 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLEON B. WHITE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of an Assault Rifle Squad of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. When the remainder of his squad was withdrawn from an exposed position, Private First Class White remained behind with two wounded men who could not be moved. Armed only with a pistol, he protected them from infiltrating enemy groups for four hours and dressed their wounds, undoubtedly saving the life of one of the men. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Private First Class White upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..McComb, Miss.

B..McComb, Miss.

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DGP-298-fl

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SPOT
Serial 0851
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE O. WHITE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Scout with Company K, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 3 January 1944. With his company pinned down, Private First Class White daringly moved forward in the face of hostile rifle and machine-gun fire through dense jungle undergrowth and, after killing several of the Japanese with the fire of his own rifle, succeeded in silencing the enemy machine gun with hand grenades. By this heroic advance, he enabled his company to ascend the knoll held by the enemy and materially assisted in the advance of the battalion. His bold initiative and unselfish service were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Fayetteville, Georgia

B..Fayetteville, Georgia

No correspondence received.

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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 GLENN F. WHITE, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as automatic rifleman serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, on the night of November 22, 1943. While acting as part of the screening force covering the organization of the battalion's main line of resistance, Private First Class White with other members of his squad became isolated forward of the lines. Mortally wounded during the engagement and suffering intensely, he steadfastly continued to man his weapon until he succumbed to his injuries. Private First Class White's extreme courage and unswerving devotion to duty contributed to the defeat of the enemy in this sector 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..Emporia, Kansas.

B..Emporia, Kansas.

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Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 53028
Signed FEB 26 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES WHITE;
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 21 May 1945. Disregarding his own personal safety to rescue a severely wounded comrade lying in the path of enemy machine-gun fire, Private First Class White courageously ran forward and dragged the casualty to a partially concealed position. After administering first aid, he advanced in an attempt to destroy the hostile machine gun or at least divert its fire from the wounded man and, by his vallant fighting spirit and perseverance, effected his comrade's evacuation to safety. Fatally wounded during the exchange of fire, Private First Class White, by his extreme bravery and unselfish devotion to duty, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Beaumont, Texas

E-- Wichita Falls, Texas

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JAMES L. WHITE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 26 February 1945. Voluntarily assuming command when his Platoon Leader was wounded and the platoon disorganized by enemy fire, Corporal White skillfully reorganized the unit and boldly led it forward through intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire. Although seriously wounded, he exposed himself repeatedly to intense enemy fire and, moving among the elements of his platoon, gathered them together and directed their movement forward to the completion of their mission. During the course of the advance, Corporal White singlehandedly assaulted and destroyed a hostile machine-gun position by killing the crew of the gun with rifle fire. By his tactical skill and courage, he contributed greatly to the seizure of the objective. 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-New York, N. Y.
B-Union City, N. J.

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App. SofN 4-8-44
Serial 689
Signed JUN 16 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES O. WHITE, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on December 12, 1943. When the rifle platoon to which he was attached was engaged in an assault on a strong enemy position, Private First Class White unhesitatingly risked his life to advance beyond his own lines to an exposed area and by making himself a challenging target for hostile fire caused the Japanese to reveal the positions of their automatic weapons. Although mortally wounded during this action, he courageously signaled to the members of his platoon and directed the throwing of hand grenades into enemy emplacements. By his daring initiative and outstanding heroism, Private First Class White enabled his platoon to continue its advance and his valiant conduct throughout 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

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Detroit, Michigan.

B..Parish of Orleans, La.

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Signed--

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

SERGEANT ROBERT L. WHITEHEAD,
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-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. Leading a group of seven men in an aggressive attack against a heavy concentration of well-concealed hostile machine gun and rifle positions which were holding up the advance of our troops with intense grazing fire, Sergeant Whitehead courageously advanced alone after nearing the enemy positions and boldly attacked each strong point singlehandedly. Continuing his daring actions until severely wounded, he succeeded in inflicting severe damage on several emplacements and in forcing the Japanese to reveal their positions to our troops. To permit his men to follow up in the attack, Sergeant Whitehead steadfastly refused medical aid from others and, although suffering from intense pain and shock, made his way to the Battalion Aid Station alone. His leadership, aggressive fighting spirit and determination were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Salt Lake City, Utah
B- Santa Monica, California

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN W. WHITESIDE,
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 Company F, Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. When one squad of his platoon became separated from the remainder of his unit during the initial assault, Platoon Sergeant Whiteside reported the situation to his Platoon Leader and voluntarily went alone, armed only with his carbine, across four hundred yards of open ground to search for the missing men. Finding them after a hazardous search, he returned them to their proper position on the platoon's flank and directed their fire against the enemy closing in from the right, thereby aiding materially in strengthening a dangerously insecure position. Constantly in view and exposed to hostile fire while carrying out his mission, he was fatally wounded. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Whiteside and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

14/ John L. Jackson
 Secretary of the Navy
 R - Detroit, Mich.
 B - La Grange, Ky.

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App. SofN 3-8-45
Serial 01450
Signed OCT 19 1945

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM R. WHITFORD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu Island, Palau Group, from 15 to 19 September 1944. Although severely shaken when his tank was disabled in running over a land mine, Corporal Whitford unhesitatingly made his way through bitter, concentrated enemy fire to another tank and volunteered to replace a wounded member of the crew. On the following day, voluntarily assuming the duties of tank commander after two succeeding commanders had become casualties, he fearlessly exposed himself from the turret in order to pick out enemy positions on the ridges, directing his tank in support of the infantry until 19 September, when he was mortally wounded while issuing fire orders in the face of a direct enemy attack. His dauntless courage and unfaltering devotion to duty at the risk of his own life reflected great credit upon Corporal Whitford and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the president,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Anderson, California.

B..Oakland, California.

Silver Star Medal with permanent citation and letter from CMC was presented to the parents of the late Corporal Whitford USMCR, with appropriate ceremony and was given due publicity.

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Serial 00422

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

CORPORAL HAROLD W. WHITHAM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. When intense hostile rifle fire from a wrecked Japanese plane stopped the advance of his machine-gun squad across an airfield, Corporal Whitham made several unsuccessful attempts to annihilate the enemy by firing from covered positions. Changing tactics, he boldly charged across the open airfield to the hostile aircraft and, delivering damaging fire from his sub-machine gun, succeeded in annihilating the occupants. His coolness under fire and courageous actions were contributing factors in preventing casualties in his squad and in permitting his unit to continue its advance. His exemplary devotion to duty reflects great credit on Corporal Whitham and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed FEB 17 1948

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

SERGEANT BILLY L. WHITLEY,
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 Marines, 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, Sergeant Whitley 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, Sergeant Whitley 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,

R--Dallas, Texas.,
B--Dallas, Texas.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 44534
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL PHILIP M. WHITNEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. Observing that his platoon was unable to advance and was suffering heavy casualties due to intense hostile machine-gun fire coming from a draw to the front, Corporal Whitney voluntarily maneuvered the members of his group into a position from which they were able to neutralize the enemy fire. Alone, he deliberately entered the draw to force the Japanese fire and reveal their positions and, while doing so, destroyed four of the hostile machine gun nests. Exposing himself constantly to enemy fire, Corporal Whitney directed his men in clearing the position of all resistance, thereby enabling the remainder of his platoon to pass through and continue the assault. His outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Sharon, Mass.,
B--Sharon, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 6068
Signed JAN 22 1948

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT COYLE H. WHITWORTH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Group, 20 June 1944. Leading his party through enemy mortar and small-arms fire to a position two hundred yards ahead of the established line to observe the enemy, Second Lieutenant Whitworth fired numerous missions from this vantage point, thereby breaking up an enemy counterattack forming in the valley beyond and denying the enemy the approaches to his position. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Whitworth and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Athens, Ga.,

B..Hull, Ga.

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Serial 2798
Signed May 28, 1946

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

CAPTAIN CHARLES F. WIDDECKE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C., First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, Reinforced, Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands 22 February 1944. Boldly and courageously leading his troops in a landing assault in the face of a furious barrage from hostile heavy mortars and machine guns, Captain Widdecke aggressively advanced and, fearlessly exposing himself to the steady hail of machine-gun bullets in order to remain in full view of his men, continued to encourage and direct them in a headlong attack against the fanatically entrenched enemy. His forceful leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his men and reflect the highest credit upon Captain Widdecke and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Dallas, Texas.
B.--Bryon, Texas.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHNIE L. WIDEMON,
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 I, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 18 May 1945. When his squad leader became a casualty during an assault against strongly fortified enemy-held positions on a ridge, Private First Class Widemon immediately assumed command of the unit and, despite intense hostile automatic-weapons and small-arms fire, moved forward to within a few yards of an enemy position to evacuate the wounded leader. He then led his squad in an assault upon the ridge top and personally accounted for eight enemy dead. By his outstanding leadership, courage and inspiring devotion to duty, Private First Class Widemon upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

U. S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - DeKalb, Texas
B - Hot Springs, Ark.

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Appd SofN 1-1-45
Serial 07608
Signed MAY 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH H. WIDSETH, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader attached to the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 26 September 1944. When an assault platoon suffered extremely heavy casualties during a bitter engagement, First Lieutenant Widseth was relieved of his command as mortar platoon leader and ordered to lead the remaining 25 men in an attack against the right sector of a strategic, heavily fortified hill. With the left flank of the company pinned down by bitter enemy fire, he boldly pressed forward and, leading his platoon up the 200-foot coral incline, succeeded in reaching the crest of the objective before he was mortally wounded by enemy mortar fire. By his brilliant leadership, daring initiative and great personal valor, First Lieutenant Widseth contributed to the subsequent capture of this vital stronghold, and his valiant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..McIntosh, Minnesota

B..Connick, Minnesota

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by OinC DHIRS, Minneapolis, Minn., 9-15-45 to the mother of the late 1stLt Widseth, Mrs. Caroline G. Widseth, 2119 Arthur N. E. Minneapolis, Minn. Inf. pres.

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Serial 6112
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT JACOB P. WIEDRICH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 1 August 1944. Although wounded by grenade fragments while leading his squad in an assault against hostile caves, Sergeant Wiedrich steadfastly refused evacuation and, by courageously directing his unit in three successive assaults on the bitterly defended hostile caves, contributed materially to the capture of these enemy strong points. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hazen, N. Dak.
B--Hazen, N. Dak.

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Serial 44965
Signed_____

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. WIELAND,
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 D, Second Battalion, Twenty eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. In order that the Battalion Commander could plan the final assault, Corporal Wieland volunteered to form and lead a patrol of two men up the sheer cliffs of the volcano to locate enemy resistance and find routes of approach. Leading his men toward the summit over terrain in the face of heavy enemy rifle fire, he aided in repulsing several enemy attacks, including one hand-to-hand engagement. Under his skillful leadership, the patrol ascended to the summit of Mount Suribachi, the first American troops to reach this vital position, and brought back information of great value for the subsequent seizure of this Japanese stronghold. Corporal Wieland's resolute courage, indomitable spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Ser. 13017 of 16 Feb "45
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN D. WIETERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 and 16 June 1944. Painfully wounded during his approach to the beach in an amphibious tractor on D-Day, First Lieutenant Wieters aggressively fought on and, leading his platoon forward through the enemy's shattering artillery and small-arms fire, continued to press the attack until he sustained two more wounds and was forced to evacuate the area. By his forceful and determined leadership, his indomitable fighting spirit and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Wieters contributed materially to the success of a critical phase of the battle and to the ultimate capture of his vital hostile stronghold. His zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Charleston, S. Carolina
B- " " "

17 June 1913

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18 MAR 18 1943
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE LLOYD G. WIGGINS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during hostile attacks on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of September 14-15, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private Wiggins volunteered to guide an ammunition truck over a ridge then under violent enemy machine gun fire. Assuming control of the truck, he risked his life to deliver vital ammunition to hard pressed defending forces, enabling them to repel the enemy from a highly strategic position. His valiant devotion to duty reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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not be given either
verbally or in writing
to any person without
the permission of the
officer in charge of
the Decorations and
Medals Division.

R...Bowie, Texas.

B...Kiowa, Kansas.

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Serial 00396
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HUGH WIGINTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner in an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Moving inland after landing with his platoon, Private First Class Wiginton discovered that his Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant had been killed and the majority of his platoon killed or wounded and, resolutely assuming command of the men, reorganized the available remnants of his platoon. With his men directly to his front, he ordered them to hold their position at all costs and, manning the radio, informed the rear company command post of the situation. Throughout the day, he maintained his position against enemy infiltration attacks until dusk, when he received orders to withdraw under the protection of tanks to a more strategic line. Concerned for the welfare of his men, he first evacuated the wounded, then moved his men to a new position. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty under fire reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Wiginton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hamilton, Alabama
B--Hamilton, Alabama

WILD, Per cit & cong ltr for
sent to CG Training Comm-
and, Camp Jos H. Pen^{le}gon
Oceanside, Calif

Spot Award
Serial 0737 (Com Sec 961)
Signed 9-5-44

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

SERGEANT FORREST W. WILD, USMCR.,

257 304

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

WFW
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as guide
of a platoon in Company A, First Battalion, First Marines,
First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese
forces in the Southwest Pacific Area on December 28, 1943.
While his company was engaged in a fire fight, Sergeant Wild
continually assisted his platoon by pointing out targets, check-
ing ammunition supplies and giving his comrades advice and
encouragement. On one occasion when his section was out of
grenades, he daringly exposed himself to enemy attack in
order to bring an armload of the weapons to the firing line and
distribute them among his men. Sergeant Wild's inspiring
leadership 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 - Waupum, Wisconsin.

B - Oak Center, Wisconsin.

372138
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Spot Award
Serial 00317
Signed AUG 26 1944

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

CORPORAL FRANK L. WILDER, 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 Marines, Third Marine Division, as a radio operator in the Regimental Radio Net during the landing operations at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. When the boat carrying his highly important radio truck was forced to land on the wrong beach, Corporal Wilder, with the aid of a comrade, immediately commandeered another boat and, in the face of intense enemy fire which had sunk numerous landing craft, transported the truck to the proper point and set up his station despite the hazards imposed by the raging battle. Subsequently, after being ordered to remove the truck to a safer area and finding that the jungle interfered with the radio, he brought the vehicle back into position and, although exposed to persistent hostile machine-gun fire, remained at his post throughout the day and night, performing his essential duties courageously and with expert technical skill. Later, when the troops advanced, he established his station near the front lines and maintained a continuous watch for sixty hours without relief. Corporal Wilder's splendid initiative and valiant devotion to duty throughout this period of vital offensive operations were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Spring Hope, North Carolina.
B - Spring Hope, North Carolina.

501268
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 10910
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALLACE W. WILDER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Bulldozer Operator of Headquarters and Service Company, Twentieth Marines (Engineer), Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 22 June 1944. Charged with clearing an obstructed road in the front lines, Private First Class Wilder boldly drove an unarmored bulldozer into an area under heavy enemy mortar and rifle fire and, at great risk to his own life, coolly and efficiently cleared the road block, thereby enabling our tanks and half tracks to continue the assault. By his unwavering courage and gallant devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the advance of our troops and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Painsville, Ohio.,

B..Painsville, Ohio.

038534
DGP-298-bgj

Cincpac
App. SofN 7-12-45
Serial 31894
Signed FEB 15 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HERBERT A. WILDMAN, JR.,
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 during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands on 19 February 1945. Landing his platoon on the beach against a terrific bombardment of Japanese artillery, mortar and rocket fire, Second Lieutenant Wildman repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy's continuous barrage as he reorganized his men and moved them into position within the company's assigned zone of operation and, voluntarily making an extended reconnaissance to search out hostile gun emplacements, subsequently returned to his platoon and was directed to lead his company in the attack. Mortally wounded while advancing toward the objective under the shattering blasts of powerful Japanese guns, Second Lieutenant Wildman, by his cool courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, rendered valiant service during a critical period of the action 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..New York, N.Y.
B..Stamford, Conn.

SSM w/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres to widow, Mrs. Herbert A. Wildman, Jr., at a ceremony at MB, on 8 April 1946, by Capt. W. L. Beck, District Staff Hdqts., 4th NavDis, USNB, Philadelphia, Pa.

454978
DGP-2988-dmr

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 70500

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

SERGEANT HERSCHEL T. WILHELM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of the First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 June 1945. During an important coordinated tank-infantry attack against a heavily-fortified enemy position, Sergeant Wilhelm was directing the fire of a flame thrower tank by radio from his own tank when communications failed. Instantly realizing that advancing friendly troops were greatly imperiled by uncontrolled fire from this tank, he courageously dismounted from his vehicle, ran forward and climbed upon the rear of the turret of the flame thrower tank. Although completely exposed to heavy hostile fire, he boldly remained in this position and continued to adjust fire on the Japanese stronghold until it was destroyed. By his aggressive and prompt action at a critical time, Sergeant Wilhelm rendered invaluable assistance in completing a difficult mission. His courage 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--Ames, Texas.
B--Ames, Texas.

910980
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 98716
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARL L. WILHITE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 June 1945. When two men were killed and a third was seriously wounded while attempting to enter a cave occupied by armed enemy troops, Private First Class Wilhite courageously and voluntarily crawled forward to the entrance of the cave where the bodies were lying in complete view of the enemy and, with the assistance of another Marine, dragged the wounded man to safety. Then, a second and third time, he and his companion exposed themselves to the enemy to crawl forward and recover the bodies of their comrades who had been killed. By his initiative, fortitude and devotion to duty, Private First Class Wilhite upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Avondale, Ariz.

B..Dallas, Tex.

858186
DGP-298-vml

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 24042
Signed SEP 25 1947

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

PRIVATE JOHN W. WILHOITE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Third Armored Amphibian Battalion (Provisional), Third Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. Recovering an abandoned armored amphibious tractor, Private Wilhoite singlehandedly drove the vehicle up to an active hostile pillbox and calmly maneuvering the tractor into position, left the controls to man the 75-mm. gun and completely destroy the pillbox. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Diego, California.,
B--Fresno, California.

043567
DGP-298-vml

Appd SofN 5-28-48
FMFPac
Serial 44534

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WILKE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 3 March 1945. When the sole remaining officer of his company was absent and word was received that an immediate attack would start, Second Lieutenant Wilke effectively prepared the assault platoons for an attack against strong enemy defenses forward of Hill 382. Although unable to maintain visible contact with supporting units because of the nature of the terrain, he fearlessly ran from one to another, keeping the advance of the platoons coordinated, thereby enabling them to move forward with such aggressiveness that the Japanese were routed from their strongly-entrenched positions. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on Second Lieutenant Wilke and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..New York, N.Y.,

B..New York, N.Y.

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Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-20-45
Serial 34917
Signed AUG 21 1946

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

CAPTAIN AARON G. WILKINS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. With his company pinned down by devastating hostile fire emanating from a series of heavily fortified emplacements artfully concealed and deeply entrenched in rock-studded cliffs, Captain Wilkins fearlessly exposed himself to the shattering barrage to maintain contact among his assault platoons and, calmly walking through the front line areas, skillfully located strong points and personally directed powerful gunfire against the enemy, inspiring his men to hold fast and lending encouragement throughout the bitter engagement. Realizing the necessity for close observation, he dauntlessly penetrated Japanese-infested territory alone under a concentrated barrage of mortar and small-arms fire to single out his designated targets and then, returning to the skirmish line, promptly directed his machine-gun and mortar section in delivering a furious assault to gain the objective and inflict heavy casualties on Japanese forces with minimum loss to his own. Constantly in the forefront of action, he again led a daring strike against a fiercely resisting enemy later that same day and, while indicating targets and directing the assault, was fatally struck down by a sudden hostile shellburst. Inspired by Captain Wilkins' heroism, indomitable spirit and aggressive determination, his company pushed relentlessly forward to silence the indicated positions and continue the sustained advance to capture the island. His selfless devotion to duty, maintained in the face of tremendous odds, reflects the highest credit upon Captain Wilkins and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

R.--Denver, Colorado
B.- Denver, Colorado

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-898-nvw

Spot Award
Serial 0056
Signed ~~JUL 17 1944~~

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT G. WILLARD, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the Second Marine Raider Battalion during a landing attack against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area on Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Realizing the necessity of reducing an enemy reinforced trench containing eight armed Japanese soldiers in order to prevent his platoon from becoming immobilized, First Lieutenant Willard immediately organized and led an attack on the hostile stronghold. Preceding his troops in the hazardous approach to the hostile position, he fired his weapon with grim determination and, despite withering enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, personally killed four of the Japanese soldiers. First Lieutenant Willard's brilliant leadership and heroic devotion to duty enabled his platoon to reach its objective and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Fallon, Nevada
B - " "

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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 6112
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARVIN A. WILLIAMS,
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, Twenty-ninth Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 28 June 1944. When a stiff fire fight occurred during a patrol against a strong pocket of hostile resistance retarding the advance of his entire battalion, Private First Class Williams courageously charged a machine gun position and, while subjected to enemy fire from the mutually supporting weapons of the strongpoint, killed the crew and then jumped into the emplacement and destroyed the gun. Immediately returning to his unit, he tirelessly assisted other members of the patrol in destroying additional Japanese gun emplacements. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Barrie, Texas.
B--Barrie, Texas.

Our File

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CincPac
Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 260
Signed JUL 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BILL J. WILLIAMS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Rifleman with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, from 5 to 7 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific Japanese opposition, Private First Class Williams repeatedly volunteered as scout for his platoon during cleaning-up operations on isolated points of enemy resistance behind the front lines. Although mortally wounded on 7 July while preceding the others into a thickly wooded area, he steadfastly refused medical aid and accurately pointed out the exact location of the enemy weapon to his platoon leader. By his outstanding initiative and resolute devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Williams contributed materially to the success of a vital mission. His unselfish spirit and valiant conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Texarkana, Texas
B--Mt. Pleasant, Texas

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

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

HEADQUARTERS
First Battalion, Fourth Marines.

28 March, 1942.

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

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

FANTONE, John S.		First Lieutenant, USMC
GALAYAG, Cesar G. B.	(Not a member of the Marine Corps)	Second Lieut., PA
LINVILLE, Bert S.	223548	Platoon Sergeant, USMC
WILLIAMS, Everett S.	275917	Sergeant, USMC
BAUM, Benjamin G.	285672	Corporal, USMC
PETERSEN, Melvin W.	273460	Corporal, USMC
FARNER, Robert P.	273003	Private First Class, USMC
HOOPS, James L.	290269	Private First Class, USMC
LAKE, Donald E.	271842	Private First Class, USMC
NELSON, George B.	279899	Private First Class, USMC
SWANN, Berkley R.	279837	Private First Class, USMC

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

HEADQUARTERS
First Battalion, Fourth Marines

28 March, 1942.

Subject: Recommendations for award of Silver Star.

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

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

CURTIS T. BEECHER

R.....Omaha, Nebraska.

B.....Plainwell, Michigan.

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DGP-298-mlr

Serial
RevBd 345
Appd SofN 4-29-46
Signed FEB 26 1947

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

MAJOR FRANCIS H. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of the Beach Defenses, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Corregidor, Philippine Islands, 2 May 1942. When direct hostile artillery hits on our powder magazines caused disastrous explosions and set fire to several ammunition dumps nearby, Major Williams unhesitatingly made his way through the flaming debris and flying shell fragments to take charge of a group of volunteers attempting to evacuate the wounded and to extinguish the inferno. Calmly directing his valiant men under the most chaotic conditions, he succeeded in controlling the fire and in removing valuable materials from the battery and, ignoring renewed artillery and air bombardments, removed many wounded and trapped men to safety. By his resolute courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Major Williams was instrumental in saving numerous lives, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

B..Tampa, Florida

SSM w/perm cit ltr fr CMC transmitted to Mrs. Francis H. Williams, widow, by Cmdr, NB, Philadelphia, Pa., on 11 April 1947, in accordance with her request.

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DGP-288-pmb

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Ser. 6881

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE C. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 26 October 1944. When his squad was pinned down by automatic fire from a coral emplacement during an advance over exceedingly rugged terrain, Private First Class Williams courageously moved into position and singlehandedly neutralized the enemy position. Taking charge when several of the platoon's non-commissioned officers were wounded, he immediately reorganized the men about him and efficiently directed their activities. Wounded in action, he refused to be evacuated and remained on the line for the entire Campaign. By his initiative and aggressive fighting spirit, Private First Class Williams upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Pa.,
B--Washington, D.C.

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DPG-298-Navy-RLC

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SERIAL-54919
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL HAROLD F. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 10 March 1945. When the advance of his squad was halted by intense small-arms and grenade fire enitting from an enemy emplacement strongly entrenched on a steep cliff, Corporal Williams fearlessly advanced alone up the precipitous slopes through an intense hostile grenade barrage and destroyed the enemy machinegun position and several rifle-men, thereby enabling his platoon to continue its advance and also to evacuate numerous wounded Marines. His selfless courage, initiative and grim determination during this action reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Williams and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Akron, Ohio
B-Akron, Ohio

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-flm

Cincpac
Appd SofN 11-21-45
Serial 35 9
Signed JAN 8 1947

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

CORPORAL IRVING R. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Squad Leader, serving in a platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Quickly detecting a strategic enemy position seventy-five yards to the front which was directing heavy machine-gun fire upon his platoon during the initial landing, Corporal Williams directed his squad to set up their gun for delivering effective fire upon the hostile emplacement. Hit by shrapnel from a mortar shell, he refused to be evacuated, valiantly remaining at his post until a second shell killed or wounded every man of his squad. Undaunted by the intensive enemy fire, he personally took over the gun, directing a barrage of devastating fire upon the hostile position until the Japanese were silenced. Although mortally wounded during this heroic action, Corporal Williams, by his courageous and resolute fighting spirit, had been instrumental in furthering his company's advance, thereby upholding 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..Freeport, Maine.

B..Brunswick, Maine.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC were presented to the father of the late Corporal Williams, Mr. William Williams on 5Feb47 by the OinC, USMC DHRS Portland, Maine. Presentation was made in accordance with expressed desire of recipient with due ceremony at MCRS, Portland, Maine. Due publicity with

photograph was accorded at event by local press.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 11-21-45
Serial 37628
Signed JAN 8 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES J. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Leader of a Machine Gun Squad in a platoon of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. With his platoon pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire, Private First Class Williams volunteering to evacuate a severely wounded Marine, led three other men across a thirty-yard section of terrain exposed to a withering cross-fire of hostile machine guns. Carrying a stretcher, he succeeded in reaching the wounded man and, kneeling in an exposed position entirely without cover, succeeded in placing him upon the stretcher. Courageously guiding the litter bearers back through the fire lanes, Private First Class Williams, although struck down by Japanese fire just before the completion of his mission, enabled his comrades to bring the wounded man to a point of safety where he was treated by a corpsman. His aggressive and courageous conduct served as an inspiration to his men and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Grantsville, Utah

B..Grantsville, Utah

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of a Tank Platoon, of the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Employing expert tactics during a night attack by enemy tanks, First Lieutenant Williams proceeded on foot ahead of his tanks and, despite the total darkness, placed his vehicles in a strategic position to repel the enemy attack. By his courageous and skilled action, he enabled his platoon to destroy three hostile tanks and to repel an attack which might have resulted in a major break-through to the newly established beach-head. His tactical ability, cool leadership in the face of enemy attack and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on First Lieutenant Williams and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ Francis P. Matthews
Secretary of the Navy.

R- Quincy, Ill
B- " "

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Serial 779
Signed

AUG 17 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LLOYD O. WILLIAMS, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the ~~Eleventh~~ Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When tremendous bombardment by hostile warships set fire to an area occupied by the quartermaster of a battalion, Second Lieutenant Williams, with the aid of men from the ordnance section, quickly extinguished the fires, thereby preserving ammunition and property, and preventing Japanese ships from using the flames as target indications. Later, when an enemy spotting plane dropped an incendiary bomb in an ammunition dump, he braved a thick rain of hostile shell-fire to suppress the blaze before it could reach disastrous proportions. His heroic initiative, employed at great personal risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

B - Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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SPOT
Serial 00437
Signed _____

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARLOWE C. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion,
Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in
action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam,
Marianas Islands, from 22 to 26 July 1944. Re-
peatedly moving along his lines at great risk
to his own life, Lieutenant Colonel Williams in-
spired his men to maintain their positions on
the beachhead against repeated enemy night attacks
and heavy hostile mortar and artillery fire which
resulted in the loss of one-third of the Battalion's
combat strength. When a determined hostile coun-
terattack in force broke through the center of
his Battalion on the night of 25 July, wiping
out the remnants of one company and attacking
the Battalion Command Post and mortar platoon,
he maintained control over his remaining front
line company to wipe out all Japanese forces within
his position and to restore his lines with great
loss to the enemy. His leadership and devotion
to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United
States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Des Moines, Iowa.,
B--Indianola, Iowa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

04469
DGP-298-vml

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FMFPAC
SPOT
Serial 42768

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT H. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 26 March 1945. When the advance of his Regiment, during the assault on Mount Suribachi, was retarded by adverse weather conditions and by extremely severe casualties, Lieutenant Colonel Williams went to the front lines and, constantly exposed to hostile artillery, mortar and small-arms fire, courageously moved among his men to direct them in an attack which resulted in the capture of the position. By his outstanding professional skill and courage, Lieutenant Colonel Williams served as an inspiration to the officers and men of his Regiment and rendered invaluable assistance to his Commanding Officer throughout the Iwo Jima Operation. His devotion to duty was at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bryn Maur, Wisc.,
B--Arbor Vitae, Wisc.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT K. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Officer in Charge of two mine-clearing squads of the Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. When it became necessary to clear a passage for tanks through an enemy mine field strongly defended by close-range enemy fire, First Lieutenant Williams took charge of two mine squads on the right flank of a combat team and, working under fire inside hostile lines for several hours, skillfully directed the removal of a number of mines by hand, one of them from under the tread of the tank. By his leadership and cool courage under fire, First Lieutenant Williams enabled the tanks to advance one hundred fifty yards beyond friendly lines despite the extremely rough terrain and contributed materially to the subsequent success of the infantry and tank assault. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R-San Bernardino, Calif.
B-Sioux City, Iowa

231852
DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award
Serial 0057
Signed APR 22 1944

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

BERGEANT RONALD B. WILLIAMS, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
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 Marine Division during the landing attack on Puruata Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Serving as a member of a 75 millimeter self-propelled anti-tank gun, Sergeant Williams unhesitatingly advanced into the jungle to assist in reducing an enemy position of three strongly defended pill boxes well protected by hostile snipers. Although seriously wounded by severe enemy fire which killed or injured every man in the crew, he steadfastly continued to keep the gun in action until the hostile stronghold was destroyed. Sergeant Williams' 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 - Long Beach, Calif.
B - Long Beach, Calif.

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DGP-298-tes

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 42768

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TED W. WILLIAMS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 10 March 1945. After the advance of an assault platoon was held up by a concealed enemy machine gun, Private First Class Williams voluntarily went forward of the front lines despite intense hostile fire to reconnoiter and, upon locating the enemy position, returned to his own lines with vital information. Still under fire he guided a tank into position and directed its fire to destroy the three Japanese manning the machine gun. 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--Mt. Clemens, Michigan
B--Eldon, Missouri

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 2-8-45
Serial 746
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

CORPORAL VAN W. WILLIAMS, JR., USMC.,
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, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Braving the terrific fire of a Japanese counter-battery attack, Corporal Williams unhesitatingly went forward and valiantly assisted in extinguishing an artillery ammunition dump fire which threatened further vital stores at his position. Mortally wounded while carrying out his heroic action, Corporal Williams was instrumental in saving numerous lives and vast supplies of vital ammunition, and his resolute initiative, outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty at the risk of his own life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Ft. Worth, Texas.

B..Belton, Texas.

SSM, cit ltr fr CMC, pres'd by CO, NAS, Dallas, Tex., 9-20-45 to the mother of the late Corp Williams, Mrs. Gretta Newson. Inf. pres.

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Spot Award
Serial 00317
Signed AUG 10 1944

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

CORPORAL CARROLL J. WILLIFORD, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Marines, Third Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle of the Koromokina River, Bougainville Island, on November 7, 1943. Ordered to accompany the Regimental Executive Officer from the Regimental Command Post to the scene of action two miles distant along the front line of the beach defenses, Corporal Williford, fully realizing that the beach defense groups had been instructed to shoot anyone moving in the vicinity during the night and that they were unaware of the password, unhesitatingly stepped out in front and led the party along the shore, accurately estimating the positions of the defenses and challenging the groups to hold their fire until his party passed. Arriving successfully at the destination, he stood watch over the Command Post for the remainder of the night to protect it from enemy patrols and the following day repeatedly exposed himself to intense hostile fire, carrying messages for his commanding officer, guiding officers and conducting units into position. As the lines advanced during the final attack, Corporal Williford fearlessly plunged into the thickest jungle despite the presence of enemy snipers and, locating a cache containing invaluable Japanese intelligence information, subsequently directed the Division Intelligence Officers to the area where they collected much vital data. Corporal Williford's splendid initiative and valiant devotion to duty under extremely difficult conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

RALPH A. BARD

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..Mooreville, N.C.

B..Mooreville, N.C.

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Spot Award
Serial 724
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

CORPORAL OLIVER J. WILLMAN, 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, Corporal Willman, 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 Corporal Willman 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 - St. Louis, Missouri.

B - St. Louis, Missouri, 10-19-1921.

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Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 35604
Signed APR 7 1947

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

SERGEANT CALVERT T. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader, in a platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. When his entire platoon became pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire coming from a concealed position twenty-five yards to the front, Sergeant Wilson boldly reconnoitered the area to discover the hostile emplacement and, heroically climbing out of his foxhole and waving for his men to follow, charged across the open terrain to succeed in killing two of the enemy while his comrades destroyed the remaining three. Mortally wounded by machine-gun fire while leading this fierce assault, Sergeant Wilson, by his inspiring leadership, valiant fighting spirit and devotion to duty, had enabled his platoon to continue its successful advance, 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..San Diego, California.

B..New York, New York

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Basil T. Wilson, parents of the late Sgt. Wilson on 23May47 by the CG, MCB, San Diego, Calif. via reg. mail, informally.

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Serial 24031
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DOYLE E. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of the Air Liaison Team of the Second Joint Assault Signal Company, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. After landing on the beach and becoming separated from his air liaison team while looking for team equipment, Private First Class Wilson advanced alone through a fire trench and encountered a Japanese soldier whom he killed in a hand-to-hand fight. Then, starting across an airstrip, he picked up a submachine-gun, killed eight enemy soldiers and, while attempting to induce other Japanese to surrender, sustained a severe wound in his shoulder. After holding his position for nearly two hours until his shoulder and arm became useless due to stiffness, he started to retire across the airfield where he was shot again through the side and, before being evacuated, sustained another wound from the explosion of an artillery shell. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Keltys, Texas,
B--Chireno, Texas.

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SPOT
Serial 8405
Signed OCT 28 1947

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

PRIVATE EUGENE N. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 26 October 1944. Participating in a fierce attack against the enemy on Bloody Nose Ridge, Private Wilson skillfully and effectively directed his machine-gun fire to neutralize or destroy several hostile positions and during the ensuing action thwarted numerous enemy attempts to infiltrate our lines. Although wounded three times in the furious engagement, he refused to be evacuated and, remaining steadfast at his post, contributed essentially to the success of his company in the completion of an important mission. His intrepid fighting spirit, unfaltering endurance and great personal valor in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Private Wilson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Sioux City, Iowa.

B..Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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DGP-298-nvw

App. SofN 3-1-44
Serial 00250
Signed APR 22 1944

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

SERGEANT HERVE WILSON, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on November 25, 1943. While engaged with his platoon in a fierce assault upon a strongly defended hostile position in thickly overgrown jungle terrain, Sergeant Wilson was painfully wounded in one leg during an advance toward enemy entrenchments. Courageously refusing to be evacuated, he continued to fight with his platoon through a withering hail of fire from Japanese mortars, machine guns and heavy grenades until he was mortally wounded by a second shell. His bold determination and aggressive fighting spirit, maintained with utter disregard of personal safety, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..El Dorado, Arkansas.

B..Shreveport, Louisiana.

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DGP-298-eme

Cincpac
Appd SofN 2-7-46
Serial 034550
Signed MAY 28 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES B. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Carrier in a Mortar Squad of Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Dakeshi Ridge, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 May 1945. Quick to respond when volunteers were needed for an evacuation mission, Private First Class Wilson repeatedly entered a valley exposed to accurate enemy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire to aid in the evacuation of his wounded comrades and, by his courage and spirit of self-sacrifice, was instrumental in saving the lives of four Marines. 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..Pacific Grove, Calif.

B..Fresno, California.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. James B. Wilson, widow of the late PFC. James B. Wilson on 2Aug.47 by CO.USNS, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif. with an informal ceremony.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JEROME V. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Wireman serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Peleliu in the Palau Group, on 4 October 1944. Alert and resourceful, Private First Class Wilson performed his essential duties with outstanding efficiency and, working tirelessly during the furious engagement, aided greatly in maintaining communications in the heavily besieged area of the battalion command post. Toward nightfall, when wire communications with a supporting unit failed, he fearlessly advanced through a hazardous swamp area infested with Japanese machine-gun and rifle snipers, laying wires as he crawled through the treacherous terrain and continuing his valiant efforts under the added hazard of darkness until mortally wounded by the merciless enemy machine-gun fire. By his daring initiative, tenacious determination and undaunted courage in the face of terrific odds, Private First Class Wilson contributed materially to the success of our operations against this important Japanese stronghold, and his resolute conduct throughout a period of fierce hostilities was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 2-10-46
by CO, MAD, USNAS, Norman, Oklahoma,
Capt. Kenneth B. Nelson, USMCR, to the
parents of the late PFC Wilson, Mr. and
Mrs. Ed Wilson, Box D. Elmer, Oklahoma.
Informal pres. at home. Due publicity
given.

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Elmer, Oklahoma,

B-- " "

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Serial 3 933
Signed MAY 13 1947

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

PRIVATE KARL B. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, serving with a platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 2 March 1945. With his platoon pinned down by shattering small-arms fire emanating from a cave during an advance against the enemy, Private Wilson bravely pressed forward against the opposition and, when a companion was fatally struck down as he attempted to fire over the mound in front of the cave, left his position of comparative safety and boldly moved to the top of the ridge under an intense barrage laid down by the enemy. Encountering six Japanese as he scaled the incline, he immediately opened fire and, despite the tremendous odds, continued his accurate shelling until his weapon failed to function. Remaining steadfast and calm, he skillfully repaired his rifle and again opened fire, killing the six Japanese during the furious action and enabling his comrades to advance with demolitions and wipe out the entrenchment. By his superb marksmanship, daring initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, maintained in the face of grave peril, Private Wilson contributed to the sustained advance of his company, and his courageous devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Mecosta, Michigan.

B..Lakeview, Michigan.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mrs. Karl B. Wilson, widow of the late Pvt. Karl B. Wilson on 13 June 47 by the Oinc USMC HDRS, Detroit, Mich. via reg. mail.

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Serial 58485
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT RAYMOND D. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. While his squad was advancing against strong hostile opposition, Sergeant Wilson succeeded in reaching three of his comrades who had been wounded as they gained the top of a ridge. Administering effective first aid while under intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, he made three successive trips down the hill to carry the wounded men to safety, thereby saving their lives. His courage and grave concern for the safety of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Berkeley, California.
B--Haskell, Oklahoma.

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CinCPac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 52125
Signed FEB 26 1947

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

CORPORAL ROBERT C. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 June 1945. Alert and courageous, Corporal Wilson fearlessly led his gallant squad in a ferocious assault on Japanese-controlled Kunishi Ridge, fighting with aggressive determination against relentless blasts of grenade, mortar and automatic-weapon fire emanating from strongly fortified enemy emplacements well concealed in and around a coral pinnacle. Courageously defying the devastating fire, he skillfully directed his men over the jagged coral formation toward a strategic position from which he launched his vicious onslaught, persevering in his attacks until he had destroyed several Japanese pillboxes and inflicted numerous casualties before he himself fell, mortally wounded. By his valiant leadership and unfaltering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, Corporal Wilson contributed greatly to the ultimate completion of his company's mission, and his heroic conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ashville, Alabama.

B--Ashville, Alabama.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROY R. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Air Warning Squadron EIGHT in action against enemy Japanese forces on Ie Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 30 April 1945. When his patrol was pinned down by intense fire from an enemy-held cave, Private First Class Wilson twice exposed himself to hostile fire to aid a wounded comrade and to hurl several grenades into the cave. By his initiative, leadership and courageous devotion to duty, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Logan, Ohio
B-Rockbridge, Ohio

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER R. WILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 8 May 1945. Leading his rifle company against strongly entrenched enemy forces on a vital ridge, First Lieutenant Wilson skillfully directed his men as to the most advantageous positions to utilize their limited firepower. Despite the company's extremely critical position at nightfall due to heavy casualties from the severe mortar and small-arms fire, he enabled his troops to repel three Japanese counterattacks during the night, repeatedly reconnoitering the lines to prevent enemy infiltration. Working tirelessly, he subjected himself to both friendly and hostile fire as he moved from man to man through the inky darkness, rallying them to heroic efforts in repelling the attacking enemy. At one time, realizing the imminence of a breakthrough, he personally reorganized the threatened point in the face of devastating hostile fire, effectively preventing the Japanese from disorganizing the defenses. First Lieutenant Wilson's brilliant leadership, aggressive fighting spirit and inspiring devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. "

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy.

B-Cleveland, Ohio
R-Lakewood, Ohio

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HILLERY E. WINDHAM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Carrier in an Antitank Unit of Weapons Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. When his gun commander became a casualty upon reaching the beach, Private First Class Windham unhesitatingly assumed command and directed the movement of his 37-mm. gun through the volcanic sands of the beach to a position two hundred yards inland, despite heavy hostile artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire which was directed against his weapon and causing casualties among his men. With only half of his crew available, he moved back and forth to designate targets and supply the gun with ammunition, bringing extremely accurate fire to bear upon the slopes and base of Mount Suribachi. By his cool and efficient action, he greatly aided the advance of the assaulting infantry with covering fire at a time when supporting weapons were critically needed to establish the beachhead. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Richmond, Calif.
B- Klamath Falls, Calif

Citation only

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SERGEANT RAYMOND R. WINDLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine Gun Platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. When numerous spider traps, three pillboxes and heavy mortar fire held up the advance of his company, Sergeant Windle placed his machine guns in position and moved forward to ascertain the situation which he reported to his Commanding Officer. Upon the arrival of the supporting tanks he had requested, he personally directed their movement to targets holding up the advance and moved from one platoon to another giving advice and encouragement to the men and to the Corporals who were Acting Platoon Leaders. By his skill, initiative and exemplary courage, he contributed materially to the continued advance of his company, and his unselfish 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--Snyder, Oklahoma.
B--Snyder, Oklahoma.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS C. WINDSOR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. While carrying a load of barbed wire in an amphibian tractor to supply front line units, Private First Class Windsor braved heavy mortar fire while traveling through an area known to contain land mines. Under intense enemy fire, he crawled in front of the vehicle, probing and searching for mines and, despite the numerous hazards, succeeded in delivering his cargo at a time when it was vitally needed. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B..New Boston, Tex.

R..Lubbock, Tex.

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Appd SofN 9-13-45
Serial 35918
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CORPORAL RICHARD A. WINEGAR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Group Leader in a Marine Rifle Platoon, of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. Although wounded and awaiting evacuation at his company command post, Corporal Winegar volunteered to deliver a message directing one of the platoons to place fire to its left flank from which very intense enemy barrages had been inflicting numerous casualties on the remainder of the company. Unable to locate the platoon leader after proceeding through heavy hostile rifle and machine-gun fire and finding that the leader of the squad on the left flank had just been mortally wounded, he assumed command and directed fire on the Japanese positions, completely neutralizing them. While searching for the platoon leader to inform him of the situation, he was fatally wounded by an enemy mortar shell. His courageous initiative and inspiring leadership reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Winegar and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Post Office Building, Building 2, Secretary of the Navy.
The ONIC, Head, Building 2, Office of Building Room 402,
Building of the late Colonel Herbert A. Muehl, ONIC, pl
Permanent Station & ONIC 1st, presented information to the

R.--Alden, New York

B. Alden, New York

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-22-45
Serial 11815
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

CORPORAL CLAUDE C. WINKLER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Photographic Section, Third Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, during the invasion of the enemy Japanese-held Island of Guam, Marianas Islands in July 1944. A skilled and aggressive combat cameraman, Corporal Winkler landed on the heavily fortified beach-head with the second assault wave under continuous, intense hostile fire and, working tirelessly throughout the bitter operation, obtained vital photographs of the action for use by Marine Intelligence and Public Relations. Volunteering to photograph a dog platoon flushing out enemy snipers on Orote Peninsula on 28 July, he fearlessly pressed forward despite the extreme danger and, while remaining in his exposed position recording the ensuing action, was fatally struck down by enemy sniper fire. His daring initiative, outstanding professional ability and cool courage in the face of grave peril throughout this and numerous previous combat missions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..Vincennes, Indiana

B..Vincennes, Indiana

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC, fwd by reg. mail 9-15-45 to the parents of the late Corp Winkler, Mr and Mrs. Winkler, 420 Butin St. Vincennes, Ind.

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NO 515

AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AUDREY G. WINN, JR., USMCR.,

"For gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 20 July 1943. Acting as an ammunition carrier Private First Class Winn constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to carry ammunition to a machine gun in a forward position. When the gun crew was pinned down by accurate, hostile fire he aggressively returned to the rear and brought back badly needed ammunition. In the successful accomplishment of this courageous task Private First Class Winn 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 ... Collins, Mississippi.
B ... Memphis, Tennessee.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, JULY 9, 1918, HAS
AWARDED

A SILVER STAR

TO

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN WINTERHOLLER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

in the Philippine Islands in 1942

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 11th DAY Of October 1946

RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

/s/

Major General
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

SECRETARY OF WAR

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WINTERHOLLER, John, 1st.Lt.

Letter of Commendation (Army)
(Army) Silver Star ✓

APR 27 1942

Awarded by dispatch
Service in Philippine Islands

Filed on case 1740-55-65 ✓

Previous Awards - None

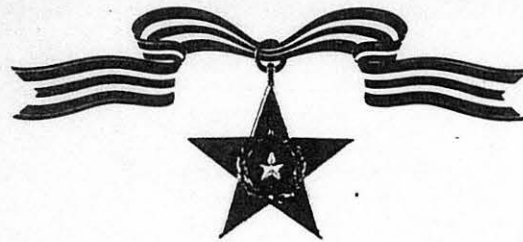
Born - 2-3-16 Billings, Montana

Appointed from Wyoming to USMC 7-6-40.

(Formerly in USA Res.)

Next of kin: Mother - Mrs. Marie Winterholler
Box 483,
Lovell, Wyoming.

Legal Residence- Lovell, Wyoming



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MAJOR GENERAL
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

SECRETARY OF WAR

WINTERMAN, Mike

Sergeant

271428

USMCR

(Army)

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

Previous Awards - None

Born: 7-14-14 - Boston, Massachusetts.
Current Enl.: 4-24-39 - Spokane, Washington.
Legal Residence: 623 S. Howard Street, Spokane, Wash.
Next of Kin: Mrs. Rose Rappaport, (Sister)
268 Armond St., Rochester, New York.

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND
FORT MILLS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

GENERAL ORDERS)

14 April, 1942.

Number.....24)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Philippine Coast Artillery Command, to the following-named officer and enlisted men for gallantry in action, to be worn with the Silver Star previously awarded each, as indicated:

EUGENE O. HAYNES, 279813, Corporal, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. Corporal HAYNES is authorized to wear the Oak Leaf Cluster with his Silver Star (awarded by General Orders No. 21, Headquarters Philippine Coast Artillery Command, 6 April, 1942), in recognition of the following act of gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Corporal HAYNES, without regard for his personal safety voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work. Place of residence: St. Joseph, Missouri.

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

HOUSTON L. DAVIS, 219708, Platoon Sergeant, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in

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

JOHN R. BREEZE, 263592, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping men therein, Sergeant BREEZE, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

URI L. HUCKABAY, Jr., 268087, Sergeant, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Sergeant HUCKABAY, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

JAMES H. KERNS, 256886, Sergeant, Company H, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Sergeant KERNS, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

EUGENE M. KOHLMAN, 290300, Corporal, Headquarters Company, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action

at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Corporal KOHLMAN, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

MIKE WINTERMAN, 271428, Corporal, Company H, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Corporal WINTERMAN, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

JOHN F. RAY, 291572, Assistant Cook, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Assistant Cook, RAY, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 11, Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the following-named officer and enlisted men are hereby awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 13, 1942:

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

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

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

8, 1932, the following-named officers and enlisted men are hereby awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 14, 1942:

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

By command of Major General MOORE:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

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"A" to "E".
Each man.

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

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Mr. Book

Cincpac
Serial-36927
AppdSofN-11-21-45
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. WISEMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer, attached to Battery L, Fourth Battalion, Fifteenth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 17 May 1945. Boldly making his way to the top of a strategic hill in the face of continuous enemy artillery, mortar, grenade and automatic weapons fire, First Lieutenant Wiseman, reached a point of vantage from which he covered the evacuation of his battery's wounded by directing artillery fire upon the hostile emplacements. With his radio rendered inoperative by shellfire and his telephone line cut by enemy action, he was forced to send his wire team back to reestablish communications, valiantly remaining on station to obtain vital information until struck down and fatally wounded by a Japanese sniper. His unwavering devotion to duty and outstanding courage throughout reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Wiseman and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to parents of the late 1stLt. Wiseman, at a private ceremony at their home at 5:30pm 4Sep46, by the OIC, USMC DHRS, San Antonio, Texas.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Antonio, Texas.

B--San Antonio, Texas.

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App. SofN 7-14-45
Serial 31891
Signed 5-27-46

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD W. WISHOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Driver of a one-ton truck serving with the 37-mm. Gun Platoon Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. With his truck the only vehicle of the Platoon to be landed successfully, Private First Class Wishowski unhesitatingly braved heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire in order to move two 37-mm. guns into effective firing positions, thereby enabling his unit to place vitally needed supporting fire against the well-fortified strong point of the enemy. Although wounded while carrying out his hazardous task, he valiantly persisted in his efforts until he received a second and fatal wound. By his determined fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of danger, Private First Class Wishowski contributed materially to the success of his platoon during a critical phase of the battle and his unfaltering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Johnson Creek, Wisconsin,
B..Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Silver Star Medal with permanent citation and letter from CMC was presented to the parents of the late Private First Class Donald W. Wishowski on 14 July 1946 at a formal presentation ceremony at Johnson Creek, Wisc. The OinC of Hdqr. Distr. of Milw. PO Bldg. 517 E. Wisc. Ave., Milwaukee 2, Wisc. awarded the medal. Publicity was given the late PFC Wishowski in the Watertown Times, Watertown, Wisc. and the Jefferson Gazette, Jefferson, Wisc.

WISMER, Perm. cit. for SS &
congr. ltr. sent to CG, Corps
Artillery, 5th Amphib. Corps,
FME/

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Spot Award
Serial 02310
Signed JUL 17 1944

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

CAPTAIN JOHN R. WISMER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

8/17/44
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as leader
of a patrol in action against enemy Japanese forces on on
New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on July 8, 1943. Upon
being informed of the discovery of five Japanese in the
near vicinity of a vital American-held beachhead, Captain
Wismer immediately organized and led a small patrol
through the jungle in search of them. In the ensuing ac-
tion, two of the enemy were killed and two captured, while
the fifth member of the Japanese party took refuge in an
almost impenetrable jungle where effective use of fire-
arms was impossible. Captain Wismer and one man of
his patrol, armed only with knives, unhesitatingly forced
their way into the area and captured the last Japanese,
both receiving several wounds in the struggle. The splen-
did initiative and courageous leadership displayed by
Captain Wismer in frustrating an enemy threat to the
beachhead were in keeping with the highest traditions of
the United States Naval Service."

W. H. Forrester
May 21/44
For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Pontiac, Michigan.

B...Minneapolis, Minn.

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SPOT
Serial 00330
Signed Nov 14 1947

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

COLONEL HARTNOLL J. WITHERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Landing with assault waves on Asan Beach, Colonel Withers discovered that a bank held back the progress of tanks needed immediately for the support of infantry units and, disembarking from his tank, personally supervised the cutting of a path through the bank by a bulldozer despite continuous fire from enemy machine guns, mortar and small arms. His resourceful initiative, courage and devotion to duty were important factors in enabling vital equipment to move forward in support of the attack and reflect the highest credit upon Colonel Withers and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Diego, California.
B--Mentor, Minnesota.

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SPOT
Serial 51256

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

COLONEL HARTNOLL J. WITHERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. After our forces had reached the heart of the hostile main line of resistance at a time when a penetration of the heavily-fortified enemy position was essential, Colonel Withers unhesitatingly exposed himself to intense fire in order to move out with his advance elements and control the progress of the attack more efficiently. When a wide gap developed between his assault Battalions and it was essential that contact be regained, he led his reserve into this fire-swept area and, for the second time within the hour, moved in the very forefront of his troops. By his courageous and inspiring leadership, Colonel Withers contributed materially to the success of his unit in gaining the objective and in driving the enemy back fourteen hundred yards from their main line of resistance. His unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Van Nuys, California.
B - Mentor, Minnesota.

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SPOT
Serial 19654
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN THOMAS S. WITHERSPOON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, the night of 24 July 1944. When his company was subjected to a desperate hostile counterattack by a numerically superior force, Captain Witherspoon skillfully deployed his men and weapons to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy and to repulse the hostile forces. Although his company suffered many casualties, he courageously reorganized his men and weapons and, despite continuing enemy artillery and mortar fire, personally led his group in repulsing a second and heavier Japanese attack. By his able leadership, determination and aggressive fighting spirit, Captain Witherspoon upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Lexington, Ken.

B..Dallas, Texas

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL THOMAS WITHROW,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on the night of 8-9 March 1945. During a counterattack when a well-armed group of the enemy succeeded in infiltrating to the interior of the Battalion Command Post, Corporal Withrow voluntarily crawled from foxhole to foxhole seeking out the Japanese in the darkness. Although subjected to point-blank fire and grenade bursts, he continued tenaciously to hunt out the hostile troops and succeeded in annihilating three of them. By his aggressive fighting spirit and courage, he contributed materially to the removal of a serious threat to the operational functions of the Command Post at an extremely critical time, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Newport, Ky.
B-Beckley, W. Va.

Spot Award
Serial 0556
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN A. WITKOSKI, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a platoon leader attached to the Third Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Empress Augusta Bay Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 17, 1943. Subjected to devastating enemy machine-gun and rifle fire while leading his platoon in an attack against strong hostile entrenchments, First Lieutenant Witkoski was forced to withdraw during the initial assault leaving a wounded Marine behind. Gallantly risking his life to effect a rescue, he courageously pressed forward under fire from two enemy machine guns and, with the assistance of another Marine, carried the injured man to safety. First Lieutenant Witkoski's splendid initiative, daring aggressiveness and great personal valor in the face of grave peril reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Duryea, Pennsylvania.
B - Duryea, Pennsylvania.

WITTKE, Donald E.

Corporal

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

Previous Awards - None

Born: 6-12-21 - Gunnison, Utah.
Current Enl.: 11-9-40 - Salt Lake City, Utah.
Legal Residence: Utah. (Salt Lake City)
Next of Kin: Mrs. Florence Wittke (Mother)
23 North 1st West,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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ComGenFMFPac 45501
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAY WIZNAK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When his squad's advance against a strongly-entrenched enemy force was held up by intense machine-gun fire from a pillbox to the immediate front, Private First Class Wiznak voluntarily advanced to within ten yards of the pillbox and neutralized it with hand grenades. Seriously wounded during the action, he refused to leave his squad until ordered to retire to the rear for medical attention. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Wiznak and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Washington, Mich.

B..Ramey, Pa.

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

STAFF SERGEANT KACMIER W. WOJTAK,
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 Search Party of Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, Marianas Group, on 5 August 1944. Entering a cave during a search for intelligence information left behind by high Japanese military officers, Staff Sergeant Wojtak sighted two enemy soldiers, fired upon them and withdrew. When interpreters failed to elicit a response from the cave, he reentered with his Commanding Officer and the rest of his patrol and, although wounded with the other members of his party by hostile hand grenades, covered the enemy with pistol fire while the remainder of his patrol withdrew. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Staff Sergeant Wojtak and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Brooklyn, New York
B-- Baltimore, Maryland.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILMOT H. WOLF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Carrier and later as a Machine Gun Squad Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 13 October 1944. Noticing a wounded Marine on board a burning LVT approximately seventy-five yards from his position, Private First Class Wolf immediately braved intense hostile fire to rescue the casualty and move him to an aid station. On another occasion, when his gunner and assistant gunner were wounded while crossing a draw enfiladed by heavy enemy automatic fire, he crawled back to apply dressings to his comrades and, carrying both gun and tripod after assuring his comrade's evacuation, safely led the remainder of his squad to join their platoon. After receiving treatment for wounds suffered on two subsequent occasions, he consistently refused evacuation to remain with his unit. His outstanding courage, devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chicago, Ill.

B..Chicago, Ill.

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Serial 6112
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD L. WOLFE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 24 June 1944. When the advance of his company was retarded by intense hostile fire from pillboxes and caves, Private First Class Wolfe voluntarily took his bazooka and, moving forward of the exposed left flank, fired on these emplacements, silencing three pillboxes. Courageously working his way up the slope of a hill, he located enemy troops in two caves and, after finding the route of approach, led a demolitions team for the destruction of these Japanese strong points. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lancaster, Ohio
B--Niles, Ohio

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACK WOLFENDEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, British Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. When his five companions were wounded after penetrating an area covered by four enemy machine guns, Private First Class Wolfenden braved the hostile fire to make his way to a supporting tank. Proceeding on foot ahead of the tank, he guided the armored vehicle through enemy fire to a location from which the Japanese machine-gun positions were destroyed. Then, after carrying his wounded comrades to safety, he returned to his unit and rejoined the attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Wolfenden and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Brooklyn, New York.
B--Manchester, England.

Spot Award, 1943
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

CORPORAL CHARLES L. WOLFF, U.S.N.C.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 27, 1942. While a company of Marines was engaged in flanking an enemy installation on the northern coast of the island, the First Platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, came under tremendous fire from hostile snipers and machine gun emplacements. At the height of action, when a live hand grenade, thrown by the enemy, landed within a few feet of two officers who were directing the advance, Corporal Wolff, with extraordinary coolness and presence of mind, sprang out of a position of comparative safety, ran a gantlet of hazardous fire and smothered the explosive missile with the butt of his rifle. Although he himself sustained severe shrapnel wounds in his left thigh and shoulder, he undoubtedly prevented serious injury to the officers and two other men stationed in the vicinity of the discharged grenade. His courageous initiative in risking his own life for the safety of his companions was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Germantown, North Carolina.

B...Surry County, North Carolina.

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ComGenFMFPac SPOT Ser 56882
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NICHOLAS WOLOSHUK, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner of the Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 18 June 1945. When the Regimental Commander and his party were prevented from moving forward because of heavy enemy rifle fire, Private First Class Woloshuk voluntarily moved through the hostile fire to obtain a supply of hand grenades. Then, in company with another Marine and still under heavy fire, he attacked the enemy position with grenades and rifle fire, killing thirteen Japanese. A few moments later when his Regimental Commander was wounded by an enemy sniper, he again braved hostile fire to obtain medical aid for the wounded officer and, returning to his position, sought out and annihilated two of the remaining enemy riflemen. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Woloshuk and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

B - Jeanette, Pa.
R - Endicott, N. Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 6068
Signed JAN 22 1948

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LESLIE J. WONDRASH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Fourth Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. When an enemy counterattack overran an adjoining artillery installation, Second Lieutenant Wondrash personally reconnoitered the area and, leading a small patrol, took command of a disorganized group of men from several units and successfully defended a flank of the frontline position. Making additional reconnaissance ahead of the lines, he kept rear units informed of the enemy movements and tactics and directed the removal of many wounded. Subsequently making a third trip into the hostile area, he personally removed about twenty wounded men. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Wondrash and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Green Bay, Wisc.,

B..Lena, Wisc.

459057
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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL NORMAN D. WOOD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. When his platoon was attacked by seven of the enemy armed with a light machine gun and hand grenades, while organizing and establishing a defensive position for the night, Corporal Wood boldly moved forward alone with hand grenades and a carbine, despite intense hostile fire, to kill four of the Japanese and rout the remainder. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Los Angeles, Calif.

B- Kimball, W. Virginia
3 Jan 1921

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed MAR 11 1946

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

PRIVATE ROBERT E. WOOD,
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 L, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. Observing a seriously wounded Marine lying between two hostile pillboxes, Private Wood courageously crawled forward through the enemy's fire lanes to within five yards of the emplacements and maneuvered himself within reach of the casualty. Covered only by a flame thrower and an automatic rifle, he rolled the wounded man onto a stretcher and boldly dragged him back through the enemy fire to safety. By his quick and heroic action, Private Wood contributed to the saving of a comrade's life, and his initiative and unselfish concern for the life of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Pueblo, Colo.,
B--Willow Springs, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 79499

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

MAJOR WILLIAM A. WOOD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 9 March 1945. Assuming command just before nightfall when the Commanding Officer of an assault company was killed during an attack against a heavily-fortified hostile ridge, Major Wood immediately reorganized the company and then courageously led ten men forward to a ridge under heavy enemy fire to reconnoiter a night defensive position. Finding the ridge untenable due to heavy mortar fire, he led his patrol back to the front lines to discover that the remnants of the company were pinned down by hostile machine-gun fire from a Japanese emplacement. Accompanied by another Marine, Major Wood unhesitatingly seized a rocket launcher and ten rounds of ammunition and, moving forward of the lines in the face of intense hostile machine-gun, mortar and grenade fire, directed several well-aimed rounds which completely destroyed the enemy position and killed the six Japanese occupants. By his heroic action, he enabled his company to consolidate and hold its position with a minimum of casualties. Major Wood's 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--Corpus Christi, Texas.,
B--San Antonio, Texas.

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

PRIVATE LUTHER WOODARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Marine Ammunition Company, Fifth Field Depot, Supply Service, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 11 January 1945. Following freshly-made footprints which he had discovered in the vicinity of the ammunition dump, Private Woodard, voluntarily and unaided, trailed a party of six Japanese through heavy underbrush to a small clearing near an abandoned shack where he opened fire against the enemy, killing one and possibly wounding another before the survivors fled. Returning to his company, Private Woodard organized a patrol of five men; and, when contact was again established with the hostile group, was successful in killing one of the two who were annihilated by his group. His initiative and cool courage 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-Los Angeles, Calif.
B-Cam Lee, Va.

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Serial 18 MAR 18 1943
Signed _____

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

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

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the hostile attacks in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, August 21, 1942. While in command of a patrol scouting enemy positions, Second Lieutenant Woodbury, by his brilliant and skillful deployment of his men, engaged a fierce attacking enemy patrol, annihilating them while he personally disposed of the Japanese leader. In the face of heavy and accurate fire from numerically superior enemy troops, he unhesitatingly advanced and in the ensuing attack inflicted heavy damage on the enemy. His courageous actions contributed in a large measure to the success of this operation."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Salem Depot, New Hampshire

B...Washington, D. C.

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Winters
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Appd SofN 12-10-45
Serial 34882
Signed MAY 28 1946

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HORATIO C. WOODHOUSE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Infantry Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 and 30 May 1945. With his battalion assigned the perilous task of launching the main assault on enemy-held Sugar Loaf Hill, Lieutenant Colonel Woodhouse boldly led his men through savage Japanese fire against the strongly defended hostile positions on the hill and, engaging the enemy in furious and intense fighting, succeeded in gaining the bitterly contested terrain. Later, on 30 May, when his battalion was reduced in strength by many Marine casualties, Lieutenant Colonel Woodhouse led his gallant men in a daring assault against heavily fortified Radio Hill, pressing forward in the face of withering fire and capturing his objective before he himself fell, mortally wounded. By his fearless leadership, courage and unwavering devotion to duty during combat with a ferocious and desperate enemy, he contributed to the success of our forces on Okinawa. His heroic conduct throughout was a constant source of inspiration to those with whom he served and reflects the highest credit upon Lieutenant Colonel Woodhouse and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Norfolk, Virginia

B.--Norfolk, Virginia

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Approved SofN 8-17-43
Serial 0678
Signed OCT 19 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM L. WOODRUFF, U.S.M.C.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Engineering Officer of Marine Aircraft Group FOURTH in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from September 25 to November 2, 1942. Responsible for keeping the planes at Henderson Field in commission, Second Lieutenant Woodruff, by his cool and courageous leadership, was an inspiration to his men who worked with tenacious devotion to duty during periods of intense enemy gunfire from both ship and land-based artillery. On the morning of October 14, ~~after~~ bombardment by hostile vessels for approximately two hours, only one dive bomber remained which was ready for flight. Quickly ascertaining the condition of each damaged plane, Second Lieutenant Woodruff, with daring initiative and outstanding technical skill, directed his men under intermittent shellfire in repairing and placing back in commission a sufficient number of planes to repulse the attempted Japanese landing. His heroic conduct throughout this period was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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B. - Eureka, Ohio

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Signed DEC 4 1943

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

PLATOON SERGEANT DAVID WOODS, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, January 2-4, 1943. Despite the hazards incident to lone operations in dangerous territory, Platoon Sergeant Woods made repeated attacks on hostile positions in advance of his own lines, fighting with such courage and daring that he was able to kill a number of the enemy and, in addition, capture or destroy their weapons and ammunition. His aggressive and relentless fighting spirit, maintained at great personal risk throughout the execution of many similar voluntary tasks, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B..Pawnee, Okla.

R..Pawnee, Okla.

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Serial 09391
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD E. WOODS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Bulldozer Operator of Company D, Second Battalion, Seventeenth Marines (Engineer), First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, from 9 to 15 January 1944. Assigned to aid our tanks during advances on successive objectives through dense jungle and hilly terrain, Private First Class Woods unhesitatingly preceded the armor and infantry into hostile territory to clear roads for our forces and, despite his lack of cover from the intense enemy fire, continued to work coolly and efficiently until the mission was accomplished. His courageous actions and unswerving devotion to the fulfillment of his mission reflect great credit upon Private First Class Woods and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..North Hollywood, Calif.

B..Lockney, Texas.

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Appd SofN 9-13-45
Serial 34907
Signed APR 9 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM J. WOODS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader while serving with the Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 3 to 21 March 1945. Suddenly attacked by hostile small-arms fire while acting as leader of a mine-clearing and demolition team beyond friendly front lines, Private First Class Woods boldly stood up and delivered a volley of protective fire upon the enemy's position, thereby enabling his squad to take cover from the exposed terrain. Consistently skillful in the performance of his hazardous duties, he persisted in his daring tactics until he was mortally wounded on 21 March, while neutralizing the fire of a Japanese cave. His outstanding devotion to duty and relentless fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Woods and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Silver Star Medal with Permanent
Citation and letter from CMC was
sent to Mrs. William J. Woods,
Box 117, Cassville, W. Va. by CinC, North-
eastern R.-- Cassville, West Virginia
Rec.Div. B.-- Garrett, Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh,
Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed JUL 9 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HENRY D. WOODWORTH, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese-held Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Group, on 11 May 1945. While leading an assault on a strongly held enemy ridge, Second Lieutenant Woodworth located a hostile pillbox which was holding up the advance of his company and with complete disregard for his own personal safety assaulted and destroyed the pillbox with hand grenades, killing several of the enemy. Mortally wounded during this action, Lieutenant Woodworth, by his courageous initiative, inspired his men to advance and seize his company's objective. His heroism and unselfish 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--Watertown, New York.

B--Watertown, New York.

SM, perm. citation and CMC's ltr. presented to parents of late WOODWORTH, Mr. & Mrs. Henry D. Woodworth, Sr., 902 Gotham St., Watertown, N.Y. on 12 Aug 46, by OinC, USMC DHRS, at an informal ceremony with no publicity desired by the recipient.

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DEC 16 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JASON M. WOODY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner of Weapons Company, First Marine Parachute Regiment, First Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Choiseul, Solomon Islands, on 30 October 1943. During an attack on Japanese-held Sangigai Village, Private First Class Woody exposed himself repeatedly to enemy fire to operate a machine gun without a tripod and protect the left flank of our attacking forces. Holding the heavy gun in his arms, he annihilated an entire squad of Japanese attempting to infiltrate our lines and, by his courage and initiative, prevented serious casualties among our units. His devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Bridger, Montana
B- Christain, West Virginia

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

MAJOR WAITE W. WORDEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the initial attack on Hill 150, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, 6 and 7 January 1944. In charge of two rifle companies, Major Worden led his men through dense jungle and swamp in a torrential tropical rain and, despite numerous casualties and stubborn opposition from concealed machine-gun nests and snipers throughout every foot of the bitterly contested area, gained one of the key points commanding the regimental objective, the East-West Trail. When the Japanese charged the Hill three times that night in an effort to dislodge the company holding it, Major Worden directed activities from the Observation Post in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun fire and, by his courageous leadership and professional skill, was directly instrumental in repulsing the attack with further enemy losses. His coolness under fire and his gallant devotion to duty throughout this action reflect the highest credit upon Major Worden and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Maplewood, New Jersey.
B--Millburn, New Jersey.

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Serial 7913
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES M. WORSLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. During a devastating enemy counterattack, Private First Class Worsley lay under an artillery piece and expertly used his carbine to cover the withdrawal of his section and continued the protecting fire until the wounded were moved out. Upon leaving the position, he courageously rammed home a round in the howitzer and fired the piece singlehandedly on the advancing Japanese. His courageous action, unselfish regard for his own safety 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--Butler, Penna.
B--Pittsburgh, Penna.

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Serial 43550

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM B. WORTHAM, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 28 February 1945. Under constant small arms and sporadic mortar fire, Sergeant Wortham led his section over difficult terrain to a position within seventy-five yards of an enemy pillbox. Setting up the howitzer on the front lines, he directed accurate fire to destroy the hostile emplacement, thereby permitting our troops to continue their advance. His coolness under fire, courageous leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Nacogdoches, Texas

B--Nacogdoches, Texas

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Serial 61801
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES A. WORTHINGTON,
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 B, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 May 1945. During an attack by his company on Oroku Peninsula, Private First Class Worthington observed two of his comrades fall in an area exposed to hostile fire. Voluntarily leaving a position of comparative safety, he made his way to the first wounded, in the face of enemy machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire, dragged the casualty to safety and returned for the other wounded man. While rescuing the second casualty, he killed an enemy sniper and, after successfully evacuating both of the wounded Marines, administered first aid. Returning to attempt the rescue of a third casualty, Private First Class Worthington was seriously wounded and had to be evacuated. By his bold initiative and coolness under heavy fire, he was instrumental in saving the lives of the two casualties, and his courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eaton, Ohio
B--Greenup, Kentucky

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Serial 61804
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT HOMER P. WRAGG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Platoon Sergeant in an Assault Rifle Platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Although suffering from grenade fragment wounds sustained earlier in the day, Sergeant Wragg assumed command when his Platoon Leader was wounded while taking a difficult ridge. After consolidating the hard won position, he reorganized his men and, despite heavy machine-gun and mortar fire, held the ridge until reinforcements could be brought up. By his courage and coolness under fire, Sergeant Wragg contributed materially to the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Chicago, Ill.,
B--Hagerstown, Md.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

CORPORAL RICHARD A. WREGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a 60-mm. Mortar Section Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 12 March 1945. When hostile mortar fire held up his company's advance, inflicting many casualties, Corporal Wrege learned the location of the hostile gun and, volunteering with his companions to move a mortar to an exposed position forward of his company, delivered observed fire on the enemy. Although his position was subjected to intense hostile fire, he remained steadfast and was instrumental in the destruction of the hostile mortar. His courage and devotion to duty during this action reflect the highest credit on Corporal Wrege and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Roselle, N. J.
B - Jersey City, N. J.

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Serial 11720
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ORVILLE E. WRIGHT,
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, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 24 July 1944. When hostile fire struck the LVT on which he was embarked and mortally wounded the bow machine-gunner during landing operations on the heavily fortified beachhead on D-Day, Private First Class Wright promptly braved the withering barrage to man the weapon and, while delivering devastating counterfire against the emplacement, was himself fatally struck down by a bursting enemy shell. His aggressive fighting spirit, great personal valor and cool courage in voluntarily risking his life for the safety of his comrades reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Wright and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..Beaumont, Texas

B..Beaumont, Texas

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, San Antonio, Tex., 10-16-45 to the parents of the late PFC Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Wright. Form pres at the Amer. Legion Hall in Beaumont, Texas.

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App. SofN 3-22-44
Serial 00470
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY P. WRIGHT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as leader of a platoon attached to the Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, acting as Combat Patrol in enemy Japanese territory on Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, November 13, 1943. When his platoon encountered hostile machine-gun nests and snipers and was immobilized by their accurate and determined fire, First Lieutenant Wright daringly worked his way forward alone to a point near one of the Japanese guns in order to reconnoiter the hostile emplacements. As he courageously directed the maneuvers of his men from this position, the enemy opened fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he stood up to silence the gun with a grenade and was instantly killed. First Lieutenant Wright's fearless leadership and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R - Hanover, N. H.
B - Hanover, N. H.

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Serial 38952
Signed OCT 16 1946

Dear Mother

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

CORPORAL BILLY R. WRIGHT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as leader of a Rifle Squad in a platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 April 1945. Although greatly outnumbered by the fanatic Japanese when his platoon was pinned down by a heavy hostile barrage from a nearby hill, Corporal Wright voluntarily led his squad in an enveloping movement and, courageously exposing himself to the enemy's fierce bombardment as he relentlessly delivered continuous rifle fire, succeeded in destroying the Japanese before he himself was struck down. By his gallant initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty, Corporal Wright enabled his platoon to complete its mission, and his vallant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Groesbeck, Texas

E--Groesbeck, Texas

This man signed his name two different ways. However, Mother refers to him as above.

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Serial 6067
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT WILLARD J. WRIGHT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Sergeant of Company E, Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 25 June 1944. When part of his platoon was caught between enemy cross-fire during the battle for Mount Tapotchau, making necessary a withdrawal to better cover, Sergeant Wright exposed himself to the heavy hostile barrage in order to spot friendly mortar smoke shells and direct the organized withdrawal of his men. Although wounded during this action, he picked up a casualty and carried him to safety after all others had reached cover. His outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Arthur, Nevada
B--Elko, Nevada

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Serial 6070
Signed FEB 13 1948

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM W. WRIGHT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
a Platoon Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, First
Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese
forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, 26 October
1942. Assigned the mission of leading his platoon,
then in battalion reserve, to engage in a counter-
attack in support of a critically pressed battalion,
Second Lieutenant Wright conducted his platoon to
the front through shocked and wounded men who were
withdrawing in the face of fierce enemy grenades and
rifle fire. Under his forceful leadership, his unit
charged the enemy with bayonets, caused the hostile
forces to retreat in disorder and thereby relieved
the pressure on the engaged battalion. By his indo-
mitable fighting spirit and leadership, he contributed
materially to the success of the counterattack. His
devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest tradi-
tions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Arlington, Va.,
B--Arlington, Va.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. WRISLEY, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Naval Gunfire Spotter of the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 26 November 1943. Volunteering to accompany advance elements in neutralizing extremely heavy Japanese resistance retarding the advance of our forces on 22 and 23 November, Second Lieutenant Wrisley fearlessly braved the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire to direct accurate, determined artillery and naval gunfire bombardments, rendering vital assistance in wiping out many hostile emplacements and contributing to the success of our forces in capturing this important Japanese stronghold. His courageous leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and resolute determination, maintained at great personal risk throughout the fierce hostilities, reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Wrisley and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

R-La Grange, Ill.
B-Chicago, Ill.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STANLEY W. WROBLESKI, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Division during combat with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, Western New Britain, on January 9, 1944. Engaged in a bitter fire fight when a call for assistance came from a wounded Marine, Private First Class Wrobleski unhesitatingly went to the rescue, making his way through dense jungle underbrush and in the face of intense hostile machine-gun fire. Reaching the side of the helpless man, he dragged him to a position of comparative safety and administered first aid within twenty yards of withering enemy fire. Later while performing a mission as runner, he was fatally wounded. Private First Class Wrobleski's daring 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..Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

B..Dickson City, Pennsylvania.

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Signed 9-4-45

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM WUERTZ, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands; at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands; and on Saipan, Marianas Islands. When his company encountered withering fire from Japanese guns on Saipan, Corporal Wuertz skillfully led his squad to a forward exposed position from which to direct vigorous fire against the enemy, thereby enabling his company to re-form and carry out the attack successfully. Mortally wounded in this heroic action, Corporal Wuertz, by his splendid initiative, inspiring leadership and outstanding courage under fire, contributed essentially to the ultimate success of our missions in these strategically important islands, and his unfaltering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSMw/penn cit ltr fr CMC presented informally to mother, Mrs. Bertha M. Wuertz, at home on 7 May 1946, by Col. McDonald, of Central Recruiting Division, Chicago 4, Illinois.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT WURTZINGER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on the night of 15-16 September 1944. Situated in a position too isolated to be furnished with ammunition, Private First Class Wurtzinger remained at his post during the entire night, firing his machine gun until all ammunition was expended. Using grenades and a pistol to repulse the enemy, he held his position against repeated hostile attacks until help could arrive. His indomitable fighting spirit, skill and courageous devotion to duty in the face of a strong enemy counterattack were contributing factors in preventing serious Japanese penetration into our lines and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD E. WYATT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

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CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 24 February 1945. Seeing that two wounded men at the front were lying in an exposed spot and that no one could get to them because the entire platoon was pinned down by a machine gun which had allowed it to advance completely into its field before opening fire, Private First Class Wyatt worked himself to a point from which he could fire at the pillbox and, leaving his covered position, ran toward another spot much closer to the enemy gun, firing his weapon as he ran until killed by the enemy barrage. His courageous fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own personal safety reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Wyatt and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Traverse City, Michigan

B.--Watseka, Illinois

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr fwd via registered mail 9Aug46 to parents of the late Pfc Wyatt by OIC, USMC DHRS, Detroit, Mich.

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

CORPORAL FLOREST V. WYATT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Fire Team Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. When three men in his fire team became casualties during an attack on a heavily-defended ridge in the Naha-Shuri sector, Corporal Wyatt dashed forward into the fire-swept area and administered treatment to the one survivor. Then, attacking five enemy soldiers who began firing at him, he shot them down with his wounded companion's automatic weapon and, despite his own wounds and the continuous enemy fire, carried the Marine to safety. His indomitable fighting spirit, determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

B..McComas, W. Va.

R..New Richmond, W. Va.

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

CORPORAL MICHAEL J. WYNNE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a 60-mm. Mortar Section of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 22-23 July 1944. Remaining in position despite the withdrawal of riflemen on his right and left, Corporal Wynne continued to direct 60-mm. mortar fire on the enemy during a fierce hostile counterattack. As the attack increased in intensity, and Japanese soldiers occupied several foxholes on either side of him and within twenty-five yards of his own position, he unhesitatingly brought fire to bear on these positions and succeeded in forcing the Japanese to withdraw. He then personally directed the riflemen in reoccupying these foxholes until he was wounded by enemy mortar fire. By his perseverance and courage under fire, Corporal Wynne aided materially in repulsing the hostile attack and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Centralia, Pa.

B..Centralia, Pa.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANK M. WYSASKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. When the enemy launched a vicious counterattack against the east flank of his sector after his company had crossed the airport and had begun its advance along the south coastline against strongly built fortifications, Second Lieutenant Wysaski promptly organized the few men remaining from his own platoon and various other units and led them in a brilliantly executed attack to drive the enemy from his position. With his platoon suffering heavy casualties and his ammunition virtually exhausted, he tenaciously held fast until reinforcements arrived then, again charging forward in a two hundred yard drive against heavily defended Japanese pillboxes and dugouts, succeeded in capturing his assigned objective. Wounded in a subsequent engagement while directing antitank grenade fire against the remaining Japanese strong point, Second Lieutenant Wysaski, by his forceful and determined leadership, daring initiative, and steadfast devotion to the completion of each perilous assignment, had contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this strategic island and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.