



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
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JUL 8 1955

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the below checked awards to which you are entitled for your service in the U. S. Marine Corps:

Purple Heart Certificate	X	
Presidential Unit Citation(s) awarded AssltTrps, VAC, Reinf-Iwo Jima	w/ribbon bar & 1 bronze star X	
Navy Unit Commendation(s) Guam	X	w/ribbon bar awarded 21stMar, Reinf
Good Conduct Medal		
Organized Reserve Medal		
American Defense Service Medal		Base () Fleet clasp ()
American Campaign Medal	X	
European-African Campaign Medal		
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	X	
Victory Medal World War II	X	
China Service Medal		
Navy Occupation Service Medal		Asia () or Europe clasp ()
* National Defense Service Medal		
* Korean Service Medal		
United Nations Service Medal		
Armed Forces Reserve Medal		
Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon		

Mr. Weston D. Eastman
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Andover, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. BLAKENEY

Head, Decorations and Medals Branch
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps

Encl: (9)

* Medals not ready for issuance to date. If checked, award(s) when available, will be forwarded by copy of this letter.

ENCLOSURE OF LETTER SUBJECT: AWARD(S)

STARS AUTHORIZED FOR KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL AS CHECKED BELOW:

North Korean Aggression - 27 Jun 1950 through 2 Nov 1950
 Communist China Aggression - 3 Nov 1950 to 24 Jan 1951
 Inchon Landing - 13 Sep 1950 through 17 Sep 1950
 First U. N. Counter Offensive - 25 Jan through 21 Apr 1951
 Communist China Spring Offensive - 22 Apr through 8 Jul 1951
 U. N. Summer-Fall Offensive - 9 Jul to 27 Nov 1951
 Second Korean Winter - 28 Nov 1951 to 30 Apr 1952
 Korean Defense-Summer-Fall, 1952 - 1 May to 30 Nov 1952
 Third Korean Winter - 1 Dec 1952 to 30 Apr 1953
 Korea, Summer-Fall, 1953 - 1 May to 27 Jul 1953

If you are eligible for the National Defense Service Medal and/or Korean Service Medal and should change your address, please notify the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Code DL, Washington 25, D. C.

STARS AUTHORIZED FOR ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL (WORLD WAR II)
IF SHOWN BELOW: 4 bronze stars

Consolidation of Northern Solomons

Treasury-Bougainville Operation

Marianas Island(Guam)

Iwo Jima Operation

Stars and Ribbon Bars for campaign and service medals are not issued by this Headquarters, however, they may be purchased from any post exchange, local military shop or either of the following firms:

N. S. Meyer, Inc.
419 4th Avenue
New York 16, New York

A. H. Dondero, Inc.
1718 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to

ASSAULT TROOPS OF THE FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS CORPS, REINFORCED
UNITED STATES FLEET MARINE FORCE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

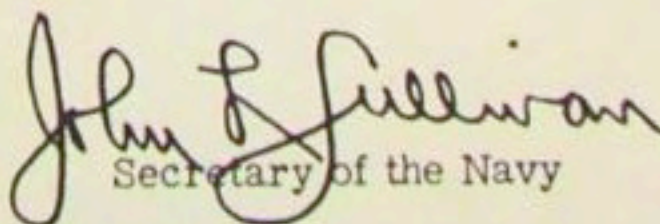
"For extraordinary heroism in action during the seizure of enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, February 19 to 28, 1945. Landing against resistance which rapidly increased in fury as the Japanese pounded the beaches with artillery, rocket and mortar fire, the Assault Troops of the FIFTH Amphibious Corps inched ahead through shifting black volcanic sands, over heavily mined terrain, toward a garrison of jagged cliffs barricaded by an interlocking system of caves, pillboxes and blockhouses commanding all approaches. Often driven back with terrific losses in fierce hand-to-hand combat, the Assault Troops repeatedly hurled back the enemy's counterattacks to regain and hold lost positions, and continued the unrelenting drive to high ground and Motoyama Airfield No. 1, captured by the end of the second day. By their individual acts of heroism and their unflinching teamwork, these gallant officers and men fought against their own battle-fatigue and shock to advance in the face of the enemy's fanatical resistance; they charged each strongpoint, one by one, blasting out the hidden Japanese troops or sealing them in; within four days they had occupied the southern part of Motoyama Airfield No. 2; simultaneously they stormed the steep slopes of Mount Suribachi to raise the United States Flag; and they seized the strongly defended hills to silence guns commanding the beaches and insure the conquest of Iwo Jima, a vital inner defense of the Japanese Empire."

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The following Assault Troops of the FIFTH Amphibious Corps, United States Fleet Marine Force, participated in the Iwo Jima Operation from February 19 to 28, 1945:

9th Marines; 21st Marines; 3rd Engineer Battalion (less detachment); 3rd Tank Battalion; 3rd Joint Assault Signal Company (less detachment); Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, THIRD Marine Division; Liaison and Forward Observer Parties, 12th Marines; Pilots and Air Observers, Marine Observation Squadron 1; 23rd Marines; 24th Marines; 25th Marines; Companies A, B, and C, 4th Tank Battalion; Companies A, B, and C, 4th Engineer Battalion; 1st Joint Assault Signal Company; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Platoons, Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, FOURTH Marine Division; Companies A, B, and C, 4th Pioneer Battalion; 10th Amphibian Tractor Battalion; 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion; Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, FOURTH Marine Division; Companies A and B and Detachment, Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion; 7th Marine War Dog Platoon; Pilots and Air Observers, Marine Observation Squadron 4; Liaison and Forward Observer Parties, 14th Marines; 1st Provisional Rocket Detachment; 26th Marines; 27th Marines; 28th Marines; 5th Engineer Battalion; 5th Tank Battalion; 6th War Dog Platoon; 5th Joint Assault Signal Company; 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion; 11th Amphibian Tractor Battalion; Companies A, B, and C, 5th Pioneer Battalion; Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, FIFTH Marine Division; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Platoons, Military Police Company, Headquarters Battalion, FIFTH Marine Division; 3rd Provisional Rocket Detachment; Pilots and Air Observers, Marine Observation Squadron 5; Liaison and Forward Observer Parties, 13th Marines; Companies C, D, and Detachment, Headquarters Company, 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion.

For the President,


Secretary of the Navy

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending the
TWENTY-FIRST MARINES, REINFORCED, serving as the TWENTY-FIRST
REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, THIRD MARINE DIVISION

consisting of: the Twenty-First Marines; Company "B", Nine-
teenth Marines (Combat Engineers); Company "B", Third Tank
Battalion; Second Band Section,

for service as follows:

"For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault, seizure and occupation of Guam, Marianas Islands, from July 21 to August 10, 1944. Landing as the center Regimental Combat Team of the Division at Asan, the Twenty-First Marine Regiment, Reinforced, serving as the Twenty-First Regimental Combat Team, swept rapidly over enemy beach defenses toward a strategic high ridge which afforded the enemy observation of the Division landing area and enabled him to deliver accurate mortar and artillery fire on the beaches. Under heavy mortar and small-arms fire as they stormed the two narrow defiles which constituted the only approach to the vertical cliffs, these gallant Marines established two bridgeheads covering the defiles and, by mid-afternoon, had consolidated the Combat Team's position atop the cliffs, thus materially reducing the volume and accuracy of hostile fire and facilitating establishment of the Division artillery ashore and the landing of supplies and equipment. Halted by direct, short-range enfilade artillery fire from commanding terrain in an adjacent zone, they held tenaciously to their vital position in the face of continuous mortar fire by day, sharp nightly counterattacks and mounting casualties. When the enemy launched a full-scale counterattack with his remaining organized forces in the pre-dawn hours of July 26, wiping out one company of the Combat Team and penetrating the front lines, these officers and men waged a furious battle in the darkness; they annihilated approximately 2,000 Japanese troops in front of and within their position; and, by their individual heroism and gallant fighting spirit, dealt a crushing blow to organized enemy resistance on Guam, thereby upholding the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to and serving with the Twenty-First Regimental Combat Team on Guam from July 21 to August 10, 1944, are authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

/S/ JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy