

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

**HEADQUARTERS
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO**

**IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC, TAKES
PLEASURE IN AWARDING THE SILVER STAR MEDAL TO**

**PHARMACIST'S MATE THIRD CLASS CURTIS MARSH,
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE**

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING

CITATION:

**"FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN
ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY ON IWO JIMA, VOLCANO ISLANDS, ON
28 FEBRUARY, 1945. SERVING AS A COMPANY CORPSMAN,
PHARMACIST'S MATE THIRD CLASS MARSH SAVED THE LIVES OF
SEVERAL OF HIS COMRADES. WHEN THE PLATOON OF WHICH HE WAS A
MEMBER WAS PINNED DOWN BY HEAVY SNIPER, MORTAR AND MACHINE
GUN FIRE, PHARMACIST'S MATE THIRD CLASS MARSH, WITH
COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, MOVED**

**FORWARD AND ADMINISTERED FIRST AID TO ALL WOUNDED AND THEN
MOVED THEM BACK TO SAFETY. NOTICING THAT THE PLATOON
ADJACENT TO HIS HAD SEVERAL CASUALTIES, HE MOVED THROUGH THE
HEAVY FIRE AND ADMINISTERED FIRST AID TO THEM AS WELL. HIS
CONSTANT BRAVERY AND WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF AT ALL
TIMES WERE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND MORALE TO HIS FELLOW
MEN. HIS CONDUCT WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.”**

**H. M. SMITH,
LIEUTENANT GENERAL,
U.S. MARINE CORPS**