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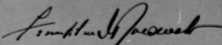
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

SERGEANT CLYDE THOMASON, U.S.M.C.R.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous heroism and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while a member of the Second Marine Raider Battalion in action against the Japanese-held island of Makin on August 17-18, 1942. Leading the advance element of the assault echelon, Sergeant Thomason disposed his men with keen judgment and discrimination and by his exemplary leadership and great personal valor, exhorted them to like fearless efforts. On one occasion, he dauntlessly walked up to a house which concealed an enemy Japanese sniper, forced in the door and shot the man before he could resist. Later in the action, while leading an assault on an enemy position, he gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country. His courage and loyal devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."



President, United States.

THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

PURPLE HEART DECORATION

U. S. MARINE CORPS GOOD
CONDUCT MEDAL Co. A. 1850
1st Enlistment 1934-1939

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE
MEDAL for service in the
UNITED STATES 1939-1940

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN
MEDAL for service in the
SOUTH PACIFIC AREA in 1942

CHINA SERVICE MEDAL No.
51 for service aboard the
U. S. S. AUGUSTA and
ashore in CHINA 1937-1939