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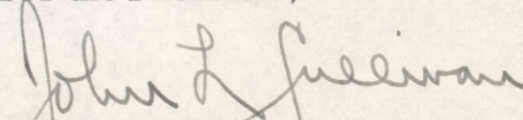
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the GOLD STAR in lieu of the Third Distinguished Service Medal to

ADMIRAL HAROLD RAYNSFORD STARK, UNITED STATES NAVY
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service to the Government of the United States in a duty of great responsibility as Commander, United States Naval Forces in Europe, from April 30, 1942, to August 15, 1945; and Commander TWELFTH Fleet from October 1, 1943, to August 15, 1945. Maintaining close liaison with British and other Allied naval authorities in the European Theater, Admiral Stark ably represented the United States Navy in the theater integration of Allied military plans, skillfully directing the Navy's participation in the vital problems of supply to the United Kingdom, building up in that area the bases essential to the training and operation of United States Naval amphibious forces and discharging effectively his responsibilities for the logistic support of the United States Naval Task Force assigned to the invasion of Normandy and for the continuing supply in support of Allied land forces after the invasion. Serving as Naval Adviser to the United States Member of the European Advisory Commission in addition to his duty as senior United States Naval representative in Europe, Admiral Stark rendered distinguished and brilliant service not only as a Naval administrator but also as a highly skilled and diplomatic emissary in his relations with Allied authorities, contributing vitally to the success of the Normandy invasion and the post-invasion operations leading to the victorious termination of the war in Europe. His performance of this exacting and important assignment was characterized by exceptional tact, intelligence, professional integrity and gallant devotion to duty, reflecting the highest credit upon himself, the United States Naval Service and his country."

For the President,


Secretary of the Navy.



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ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK, U.S.N., RETIRED, RECEIVES GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF THIRD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. - Admiral Harold R. Stark, U.S.N., Retired, today was presented a Gold Star in lieu of a third Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as Commander of United States Naval Forces in Europe from April 30, 1942 to August 15, 1945, and as Commander, Twelfth Fleet, from October 1, 1943 to August 15, 1945. The presentation was made by Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan at a ceremony attended by Mrs. Stark and high-ranking Naval Officers in the Navy Department. Shown in the background (left to right) Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, USN, Chief of Staff to the President of the United States; Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, USN, of the Office of the Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Vice Admiral Arthur W. Radford, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral and Mrs. Stark reside at 4900 Glenbrook Road, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

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