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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, to the following-named officers serving with the United States Army Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area;

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Lieutenant Commander, United States Naval Reserve. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Port Moresby and Salamaua, New Guinea, on June 9, 1942. While on a mission of obtaining information in the Southwest Pacific Area, Lieutenant Commander Johnson, in order to obtain personal knowledge of combat conditions, volunteered as an observer on a hazardous aerial combat missions over hostile positions in New Guinea. As our planes neared the target area, they were intercepted by eight hostile fighters. When, at this time the plane in which Lieutenant Commander Johnson was an observer developed mechanical trouble and was forced to turn back alone, presenting a favorable target to the enemy fighter, he evidenced marked coolness in spite of the hazard involved. His gallant action enabled him to obtain and return with valuable information.

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B. of Decorations and Medals.

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Major General, GSC
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