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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

1 February 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 12 AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action in ITALY:

RANK - NAME - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND
Pfc Arthur M Platt, 13083188	Cav	Holsopple, Pa	30 Jan 44
Pfc Alfred A Aceto, 32172117	Inf	5819 Fresh Pond Rd, Waspeta, N.J.	17 Jan 44
Pfc Donald L Adams, 350602451	Inf	1773 E. 19th St, Cleveland, Ohio	21 Jan 44
Pvt Clyde C [unclear], 39910541	Inf	Hyrum, Utah	22 Jan 44
Pfc Russell J Auler, 35099530	Inf	Route #2, Alexandria, Ind	22 Jan 44
Pfc Irwin G Barr, 33616571	Inf	106 N. Main St, Pine Grove, Pa	22 Jan 44
Pvt William C Bean, 31203019	Inf	749 Broadway St, Lowell, Mass	17 Jan 44
Pvt Ivan E Benik, 39816738	Inf	Weber Apartments, Miles City, Montana	22 Jan 44
Pfc Vernon (NMI) Bledsoe, 35726249	Inf	304 Grand St, Logootee, Ind	19 Jan 44
Pvt James C Bowen, 34053760	Inf	Route #1, Lugoff, S. C.	22 Jan 44
Pvt Alfred G Bidd, 33635564	Inf	Delaplaine, Va	22 Jan 44
Sgt James M Cain, 34357712	Inf	369 Bess St, S.E., Atlanta, Ga	18 Jan 44
Pvt Floyd R Cassidy, 16103078	Inf	1202 Minnesota Ave, Gladstone, Mich	17 Jan 44
Pvt Clyde B Counts, 34713827	Inf	Gen Delivery, Flintville, Tenn	22 Jan 44
Pfc William P Cushing, 38039135	Inf	Route #1, Box 610, Ft. Worth, Tex	18 Jan 44
Pfc John B Thompson, 36590268	Inf	151 7th St, Fort Huron, Mich	20 Jan 44
Pfc Carl R Toll, 36738834	Inf	601 Barnum Road, Rockford, Ill	21 Jan 44
Pvt John R Turner, 34705367	Inf	Heflin, Ala	24 Jan 44
Pvt Dominic L Mattiazza, 16118797	Inf	412 E. 2nd St, Oglesby, Ill	24 Jan 44
Pvt John J Michalak, 36643486	Inf	25 E. 118th St, Chicago, Ill	24 Jan 44

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RANK - NAME - SERIAL NUMBER	ARMY OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND
✓ Sgt Edward H Morris, 33315335	Inf	3012 S. 7th St, Philadelphia, Pa	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pfc Howard R Melancon, 34077203	Inf	General Delivery, Lutcher, Tenn	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Kenneth F Moss, 351737.3	Inf	312 Dearborn, Girard, Ohio	19 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Arvid E Mullins, 35640989	Inf	Coal Run, Ky	21 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Sgt William T Nelson, Jr, 30038738	Inf	422 S. Main St, Longview, Tex	24 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Edward V Mizelski, 32904079	Inf	61-50 50th Road, Jaspert, N.Y.	17 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt William A Mored, 37616050	Inf	R.F.D. #1, Julin, Mo	21 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Salvatore F Palano, 3216559	Inf	309 Heron St, Brooklyn, N.Y.	21 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pfc Joseph (NMI) Planka, 31108030	Inf	Wisher St, Wildenhaville, Mass	17 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pfc Howard G Price, 35058719	Inf	Wheel Right, Ky	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Vernon O Repass, 15065000	Inf	N. Taswell, Va	18 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Charles G Priens, 30598022	Inf	1520 Dover Road, Sandusky, Mich	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt John (NMI) Viastaras, 32927191	Inf	245 Acorn St, Newark, N.J.	18 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Leroy L Wadsworth, 33254020	Inf	R. F. D. #1, Lock Haven, Pa.	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pfc Regis F Wallace, 33425740	Inf	86 Murray Ave, Uniontown, Pa.	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Walter E Czupczynski, 35550102	Inf	419 Streicher St, Toledo, Ohio	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pfc Calvin G Daniel, 34705835	Inf	Route #1, Woodland, Ala	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ T Sgt Jerry W Davis, 30037407	Inf	12 South 36th St, Paris, Tex	22 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pfc Rexford W Deal, 30404747	Inf	1546 W. Loop Road, Muskegon, Mich	21 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Sgt L.M Dickenson, 20809270	Inf	R. F. D. #4, Mart, Tex	21 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pfc Rolland R Dealhue, 30410865	Inf	6140 Michigan Ave, Parma, Mich	18 Jan 44 ✓
✓ Pvt Landon A Doub, 34547490	Inf	La Belle, Fla	22 Jan 44 ✓

By command of Major General WALKER:

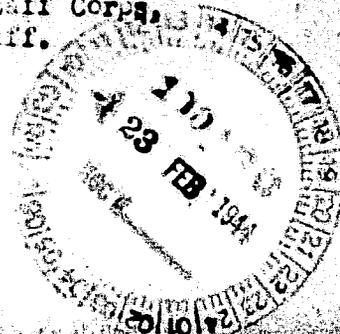
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27 July 1944

WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDER

So much of General Orders 17, Headquarters 30th Infantry Division, dated 21 January 1944, as pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to Private Dumphy J. Rudy, 34 890 081, is withdrawn.

The Purple Heart was erroneously awarded to the above-named individual.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. A. Lester*  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 36th INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

31 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 17

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Pfc Harry (NMI) Sharp, 35315260	Inf	2035 S. Hemberger Philadelphia, Pa.	16 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt Ralph S. Hedrick, 3124085	Inf	Manor, Cal.	22 Dec 43	Italy
Sgt Prenton R. Harris, 20803772	Inf	302 W. Lovett Edinburg, Texas	14 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt Dempsey J. Ruby, 34580661	Inf	Rt 1, Falkville, Ala.	21 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Josef (NMI) Steffensen, 35222734	Inf	572 83rd St Brooklyn, N.Y.	12 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Joseph (NMI) Szewzek, 32301957	Inf	378 Grov. St Perth Amboy, N.J.	17 Dec 43	Italy
1st Lt James E. Epperson, 0389707	Inf	Rocksprings, Texas	17 Dec 43	Italy
Sgt Robert W. Woods, 38050614	Inf	Nordheim, Texas	25 Nov 43	Italy
S Sgt Wilfred W. Baron, 20803330	Inf	Rt #1, Sec 2, Gonzales, Texas	5 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc 5 Stanley E. Wheeler, 32027685	Inf	1149 Whitney Ave Niagara Falls, N.Y.	2 Dec 43	Italy
Sgt Raymond O. Nichols, 38037855	CE	Route #2, Jefferson, Texas	27 Jan 44	Italy
Cpl John (NMI) Tekus, 35276855	CE	3429 W. 44th St Cleveland, Ohio	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Raymond A. Vires, 34366675	CE	Star Route, Finger, Tenn.	24 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt John R. Rogers, 15047004	CE	Route #2, Campbellsville, Ky.	27 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Key L. Edge, 39036608	CE	Rt 2, Box 28, New Martinsville, W.Va.	27 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Albert (NMI) Lubin, 16062547	CE	1272 Colton Ave Detroit, Mich.	27 Jan 44	Italy

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SECTION II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart, is awarded each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

<u>NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION</u>
Capt Alec P. Pearson, 0394225	Inf	Route #5, Waco, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
2nd Lt Gabriel L. Navarrete, 02033855	Inf	105 S. Raynor St El Paso, Texas	13 Dec 43	Italy
S Sgt Manuel R. Rivera, 20802340	Inf	3422 Madera St El Paso, Texas	19 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Herman H. Sunderman, 3055087	Inf	Columbia, Ill.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Charles L. Andrus, 26409755	Inf	Route #4, South Haven, Mich.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Calvin (NMI) Williams, 20803177	Inf	Rt #1, Box 63, Dale, Texas	22 Dec 43	Italy
Sgt Willie M. Tiller, 20803173	Inf	611 Crockett St Luling, Texas	26 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Haskell L. Foreman, 38036378	Inf	New Castle, Tex.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Ira F. Smith, 20802318	Inf	Rt #2, Gonzales, Tex.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt John P. Culliton, 32220968	Inf	239 Smith St Brooklyn, N.Y.	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Floyd E. Halliburton, 20803513	Inf	Devine, Texas	16 Jan 44	Italy
Capt James E. Epperson, 0389707	Inf	Rocksprings, Tex.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt William J. McDonald, 35923609	Inf	1831 Alcoy Road Cleveland, Ohio	18 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc John V. Hood, Jr, 34492332	Inf	1202 Blount Ave Knoxville, Tenn.	22 Jan 44	Italy
1st Lt John (NMI) Mazzeo, 01300858	Inf	1223 Ferry St Easton, Pa.	22 Jan 44	Italy

SECTION III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Purple Heart, is awarded the following named officer for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

<u>NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION</u>
2nd Lt Gabriel L. Navarrete, 02033855	Inf	105 S. Raynor St El Paso, Texas	19 Jan 44	Italy

By command of Major General WALKER:

CLAYTON P. KERR,  
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SS 598 107

18 March 1949

**WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDER**

So much of General Order 16, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 31 January 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Ferdinand P. Czarnecki, SS 598 107, for wounds received in action on 21 January 1944, is withdrawn.

The Purple Heart was posthumously awarded to the above-named individual on 11 March 1944, inasmuch as he died of the same wounds on 27 January 1944.

**BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**

**Adjutant General**

HEADQUARTERS 36th INFANTRY DIVISION  
AFO #36, U. S. Army

31 January 1944

## GENERAL ORDERS

No. 16

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
S Sgt Claudie E. Garner, 20848520	Inf	929 N. St Peter Gonzales, Texas	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pvt Eugene W. Albright, 35143177	Inf	2311 Spear St Logansport, Ind.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Lt Col Edwin W. Richardson, 020830	Inf	27 Spring St Westbrook, Me.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Capt Edgar (NMI) Ford, 0332936	Inf	Inst, Texas	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Major Robert E. McHaffey, Jr, 0384193	Inf	Chick Road Proctorville, Tex.	22 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
S Sgt A. J. (IO) Appling, 20803110	Inf	He #1, Box 65, Kingsbury, Texas	16 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
S Sgt Marlin V. Moore, 20803145	Inf	Rt 1, Luling, Tex.	18 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pvt Monroe W. Latham, 35104982	Inf	Rt 2, Lewisburg, Ky.	18 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pvt Isaac S. Smith, 35675455	Inf	423 Carl St Danville, Va.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pvt Ralph R. Rohr, 33551728	Inf	836 J. Baltimore St Baltimore, Md.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
T Sgt Gerardo Quintanillo, 38025967	Inf	Laurels Ranch Hebers, Texas	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pfc Faustino B. Medina, 38026094	Inf	Box #18, Zapata, Texas	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pvt Russell W. McMullen, 35617588	Inf	196 E. Engler St Columbus, Ohio	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pfc Rafael (NMI) Gonzales, 38026148	Inf	Hebronville, Tex.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pvt Howard L. Godfrey, 34773373	Inf	402 Cadillac Ave Kennapolis, N.C.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pvt William C. Gilliland, 33635255	Inf	Rt 1, Brookreal, Va.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
2nd Lt Frank G. Duran, 01301121	Inf	904 So Ashland Blvd Chicago, Ill.		<del>Italy</del>
2nd Lt William S. Rogers, 3508918	Inf	421 Head St Elberton, Ga.	21 Jan 44	<del>Italy</del>
Pfc Chris (NMI) Harlow, Jr, 33533021	Inf	11 Buchanan St Bristol, Va.	23 Jan 44	
Pvt Abraham (NMI) Steinmeyer, 32893324	Inf	125 McKibbin St Brooklyn, N.Y.	24 Jan 44	

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NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS		
Pfc Earnest C. Bennett, 15090593	Inf	Rt 1, Mt Morris, Pa.		
Pfc Michael (NMI) Vassel, 31150756	Inf	417 Cumberland Ave Rumford, Maine		
Pvt William R. Webber, 36823601	Inf	67 Berkshire Ave Caspian, Mich.	21	
Pfc Marvin D. Ticken, 20803365	Inf	Rt #2, Box 44 Gonzales, Texas	21 Jan 44	
Pfc Peter F. Nicoulin, 32300989	Inf	76 Claremont Ave Verona, N.J.	21 Jan 44	
Pvt Clinton E. Jones, 14117353	Inf	Tarboro, N.C.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Herbert W. Cauley, 38025839	Inf	611 E. Lott St Kingsville, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Ferdinand E. Czarniecki, 32598107	Inf	86 Brown Place Jersey City, N.J.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Robert M. Chaney, 14009243	Inf	Spray, N.C.	20 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Emileo (NMI) Adelchi, 32223037	Inf	5-7 Teneyck St Brooklyn, N.Y.	18 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt William E. Smith, 31318824	Inf	25 Prospect St Skowhegan, Maine	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Angelo J. Menna, 32222800	Inf	108-37 160th St Jamaica, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Daniel D. Rockrich, 35174269	Inf	1053 Nathan St Akron, Ohio	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Mark E. Gilman, 32855054	Inf	326 Hamilton St Albany, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Paul J. Jordan, 32639414	Inf	215-19 99th Ave Queens Village, NY.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Augustine A. Lemaire, 3222111	Inf	197-02 119th Ave St Albans, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Lester D. Bryant, 17161191	Inf	RFD #6, Centralia, Ill.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Alfredo (NMI) Rivera, 38026160	Inf	Gen Del, Taft, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
1st Lt John (NMI) Mazzeo, 01310858	Inf		19 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc James F. Conley, 17161192	Inf	919 S Elm Centralia, Ill.	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc L. A. (IO) Clem, 38025527	Inf	2434 Lakewood St Dallas, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy

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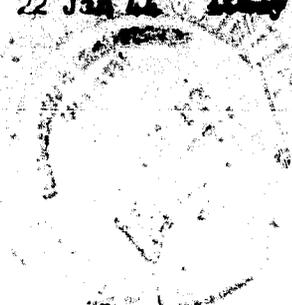
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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1st Sgt Arthur G. Harman, 20801087	Inf	506 Pleasanton Rd San Antonio, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Melvin P. Becktold, 39830833	Inf	Box 323, Nampa, Idaho	22 Jan 44	Italy
Major Milton J. Landry, 0342179	Inf	1731 N. Craig Pl. San Antonio, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
1st Lt Chesney G. Haralson, 01316749	Inf	2211 Aiken St Baltimore, Md.	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Pascual (NMI) DeLeon, 38025614	Inf	Laredo, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Carl E. Wilson, 34768545	Inf	Route #3, Box 100. Calhoun, Ga.	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt William E. Waldman, 34630002	Inf	Rt #2, c/o W.C. Car- penter, Yazoo City, Miss.	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Robert M. Walsh, 33674675	Inf	RFD #1, Carmichaels Penna.	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt John M. Pavlovic, 33685891	Inf	Russellton, Pa.	19 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Jose (NMI) Hernandez, 38025752	Inf	Box 151, Carrizo Springs, Texas	19 Jan 44	Italy
1st Sgt Benito G. Dominguez, 38026003	Inf	Route #4, Box "A" Seguin, Texas	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Joseph (NMI) Cohn, 33777087	Inf	824 Mayamensing Av Philadelphia, Pa.	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Alfred E. Batten, 34783598	Inf	814 Elm Ave Sanford, Florida	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Clyde W. Ferrell, 36483277	Inf	2202 N. Ave Granite, Ill	20 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Charles (NMI) Roiz, 39289106	Inf	2224 California St San Diego, Cal.	20 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Robert Montefusco, 32877969	Inf	1527 E 92nd St Brooklyn, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Howard L. Barber, 32585959	Inf	Wolcott, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
1st Lt John R. Potts, 01284048	Inf	Levelland, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
2nd Lt William F. Seibert, 01306480	Inf	2502 33rd St S.E. Washington, D. C.	22 Jan 44	Italy

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NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
S Sgt Dean V. Culpepper, 20602543	Inf	Hebbronville, Texas	19 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Randall B. McKnight, 38036025	Inf	Wills Point, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt James H. McGhee, 33628637	Inf	613 Colonial Ave Norfolk, Va.	15 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Edward B. Walker, 36483330	Inf	3200 Marion Ave Mattcon, Ill.	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Woodsie C. Gibbs, 36817815	Inf	Lily, Wisc.	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Louis G. Mishler, 35048652	Inf	Mantua, Ohio	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt John M. Walker, 34629944	Inf	Pipley, Miss	20 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Elam C. Hiatt, 35766480	Inf	Hobbsville, N.C.	17 Jan 44	Italy
2nd Lt Hal W. Anderson, 01300909	Inf	Box 179, Gatesville, Texas	17 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Raymond (NMI) Sutton, 34728668	Inf	Rt 1, Cosby, Tenn.	18 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Raymond L. Bulbaugh, 35138196	Inf	1135 N. Walnut St Plymouth, Ind.	18 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Edwin R. Bradford, 37207090	Inf	120 So. Sherman St Liberal, Kansas	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Mario A. Tozzi, 33425513	Inf	815 Flemington St Pittsburgh, Pa.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Aubrey (NMI) Flynt, 34769477	Inf	306 Experiment St Griffin, Ga.	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc James S. Wightman, 34385342	Inf	Rt #4, Saluda, S.C.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Joaguin G. Sanchez, 38025973	Inf	317 Lonita St Mission, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Concepcion (NMI) Sanchez, 38025501	Inf	904 W. Salanis St San Antonio, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Fred (NMI) Oelsner, 32862909	Inf	4126 73rd St Jackson Hts., N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Mark F. Meeker, 36446459	Inf	1105 Martin St Danville, Ill.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Joseph D. Krieger, 32267594	Inf	304 Main St Ringstown, Pa.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc James B. Kelley, 34544722	Inf	Rt #2, Box 33 Lake Butler, Fla.	21 Jan 44	Italy

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Pfc Ross N. Hakes, 35219501	Inf	RFD #1, Mansfield, Ohio.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Sam (NMI) Goldstein, 32639905	Inf	1330 Intervale Ave Bronx, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Raleigh (NMI) Gamble, 35266982	Inf	Flat Fork, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Rudolph A. Galko, 36820637	Inf	335 W. Vine St Milwaukee, Wisc.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Paul R. Estep, 35267892	Inf	Ronceverte, W. Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Allen A. Dressman, 35267720	Inf	120 W. 15th St Covington, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Alfred W. Davis, 33638488	Inf	2709 Loraine St Lynchburg, Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Charles R. Dangler, 35018787	Inf	RFD #1, Byron, Ohio	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Allen J. Crabtree, 37346091	Inf	4345 S. Delaware Englewood, Cal.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Joe H. Compton, 35143338	Inf	303 E. Townley Bluffton, Ind.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Bob P. Cook, 35659685	Inf	Dothan, W. Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Willard B. Bowerman, 38050525	Inf	7726 Ave "B" Houston, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc George R. Borrell, 33591731	Inf	2420 N. Marshall St Philadelphia, Pa.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Robert W. Bruce, 32905436	Inf	1359 Stebbins Ave Bronx, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc George F. Briggs, 34464304	Inf	Rt #4, Durham, N.C.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Carl (NMI) Brazeel, 35267713	Inf	Rt #1, Bangor, Ala.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Stanley P. Bialozak, 32637259	Inf	61 Diamond St Brooklyn, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
1st Lt Martin J. Tully, 01305347	Inf	1407 W. 72nd St Chicago, Ill.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Robert A. Boucher, 31322972	Inf	35 Knox St Lewiston, Maine	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Herman R. Ferguson, 35267212	Inf	4816 Boyd St Ashland, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Harry W. Zastrow, 36820949	Inf	5460 W. Fond-dulac Milwaukee, Wisc.	21 Jan 44	Italy

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NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Pfc Frank C. Vasquez, 39560352	Inf	135 S. Eastern Ave Los Angeles, Cal.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Rufford (NMI) Roberts, 35266950	Inf	Cow Creek, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Monty W. Quick, 35267901	Inf	Richlands, W. Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Daniel O. O'Connor, 35267885	Inf	319 Offnere St Portsmouth, Ohio	21 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Owan E. Horseman, 35267952	Inf	Route #2, Winchester, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt William D. Hope, 32597732	Inf	21 Lenex Ave Ridgewood, N.J.	21 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Stanley (NMI) Hays, 35267254	Inf	Lost Creek, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Paul W. Frankenberg, 35633230	Inf	1547 Smithville Rd Dayton, Ohio	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Paul H. Duffey, 33509074	Inf	1130 Francis Ave Lancaster, Pa.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Roscoe R. Dollarhite, 33126573	Inf	Route #5, Stuart, Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Velber L. Dick, 35267297	Inf	Nancy, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Paul E. Holliday, 35267871	Inf	Rt L, Box 36, Ronceverte, W. Va.	23 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Milford E. Daniel, 34731018	Inf	Rt #2, Helenwood, Tenn.	23 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Bobbie R. Deckelmann, 38376438	Inf	1809 Palmyra St New Orleans, La.	24 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc William B. Rodenhausen, 35555167	Inf	1427 Cherry St Fremant, Ohio	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt Franklin (NMI) Conway, 38050370	Inf	Baytown, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt William F. Schilling, 33600455	Inf	3332 N. 2nd St Philadelphia, Pa.	24 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Harold E. Copeland, 34191608	Inf	715 Court Ave Nashville, Tenn.	17 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Ralph (NMI) Carolla, 33674470	Inf	Box 141, Oliver, Pa.	20 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Rollie D. Clark, 38475650	Inf	2402 Iabbranch St Marshall, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Eddie M. Bishop, 34653119	Inf	Lodge, S. C.	22 Jan 44	Italy
Capt Henry E. Lehman, 0323954	Inf	411 N. Evergreen St San Antonio, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
2nd Lt Reynolds D. Baldwin, 0436558	Inf	9801 Bustleton Ave Bustleton, Phila, Pa.	22 Jan 44	Italy

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32 757 269

17 October 1949

**WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDERS**

So much of General Orders 13, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, 31 January 1944 as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Robert J. Briscoe, 32 757 269, for wounds received in action on 21 January 1944 is withdrawn.

The above named individual was previously awarded the Purple Heart by General Orders 10, Headquarters 38th Evacuation Hospital, dated 22 January 1944 for wounds received in action on 20 January 1944.

**BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**

*W. A. Leary*  
Adjutant General

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WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Order 13, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 21 January 1944, as pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to James R. Deaton, 34 674 167, is withdrawn.

The Purple Heart has previously been awarded to the above-named individual by General Order 20, Headquarters 8th Evacuation Hospital, dated 23 January 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

AGRO-DA 201 Sweetman, Louis G.  
(6 May 49) 6 384 900

16 May 1949

WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Order 13, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 31 January 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Louis G. Sweetman, 6 385 900, is withdrawn.

The above General Order represents a duplicate award of the Purple Heart as announced in General Order 19, Headquarters 8th Evacuation Hospital, dated 22 January 1944, as amended by Adjutant General's Office dated 16 May 1949.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. G. Lantry*  
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HEADQUARTERS 36th INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

31 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 13

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Pvt Louis G. Sweatman, 6385900	Inf	504 Pullium St Atlanta, Ga.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Lawrence M. Izzo, 32431996	Inf	23 Kingsland Ave Brooklyn, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt John M. Hicks, 34465458	Inf	Route #1, Norlina N. C.	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt John M. Hayes, 12193497	Inf	190 Brown Place Bronx, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Howard (NMI) D'Angelo, 32355720	Inf	90 Amackassin Ter. Yonkers, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt James J. Ambroe, 6973936	Inf	Box 264, Dunlo, Pa.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt James H. LeGrand, Jr, 32231031	Inf	61 Vista Ave Medford, Mass.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Joseph A. Galarneau, 11013731	Inf	East Wilton, Me.	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Robert J. Briscoe, 32757269	Inf	48 Dresden Ave Trenton, N.J.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Frinnie (NMI) Williamson, 35268028	Inf	Lich Creek, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Covey E. Turner, 35267603	Inf	Munition, W. Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Stefan R. Traugott, 32797253	Inf	4 West 93rd St New York, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Gordon (NMI) Taylor, 32633994	Inf	5 Lander St Newburg, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
S Sgt Joseph P. Stratton, 20801443	Inf	1314 McKinley Ave San Antonio, Tex.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Sgt William R. SonGrant, 36525783	Inf	301 S. Main St Adrian, Mich.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Nicholas J. Sicurella, 32910730	Inf	140 Clinton Place East Rutherford, N.J.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Ben F. Seilheimer, 38035880	Inf	Route #2, Hamilton, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Phillip G. Seilheimer, 38035885	Inf	Route #2, Hamilton, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Harry R. Shidaker, 35143315	Inf	222 N Marshall St Bremen, Ind.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Gordon E. Keats, 36809731	Inf	2253 S. Winchester Milwaukee, Wisc.	21 Jan 44	Italy

Charles R. Taylor  
 and  
 Charles R. Taylor  
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NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Pvt Robert B. Karpinski, 36288178	Inf	Mintreal, Wisc.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Carl O. Halsey, 35268193	Inf	Richwood, W. Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Leon L. Henderson, Jr, 34673922	Inf	Trenton, N.C.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Edward F. Guy, 32804230	Inf	505 W 134th St New York, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Tech Sgt Joel D. Goode, 20801464	Inf	5701 So. Flores St San Antonio, Tex.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt James R. Deaton, 34674167	Inf	Biscoe, N.C.	21 Jan 44	Italy
1st Lt Warren G. Beasley, 01289029	Inf	Rt 3, North Vernon, Indiana	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Willie C. Sparks, 35260801	Inf	c/o Spanish Acres, Harlingen, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Earle A. Rodenheiser, 32571721	Inf	Larch Ave, Newport, Delaware	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Jim A. Prentice, 38035869	Inf	Rt #2, Box 434B, Dallas, Texas	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Cecil D. McCutcheon, 35267436	Inf	Fayetteville, W.Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
1st Sgt Robert C. McCune, 38025461	Inf	Russell, Ky.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Paul G. McLafferty, 33685950	Inf	213 Alma St Etna, Pa.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc George (NMI) Mergenovich, 3575437	Inf	3206 Elm St, Hollis- day's Cove, W. Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Fred (NMI) Meinhardt, 32898729	Inf	103 Eleecker St Brooklyn, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Ceidle O. Long, 35267464	Inf	Julian, W. Va.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Edward E. Laurant, 36593310	Inf	8936 Woodrow Wixlton Detroit, Mich.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Richard H. Jones, 32834790	Inf	125 Garfield Ave Pennyann, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Ken (NMI) Huie, 32296424	Inf	85 W. 104th St New York, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Bossman (NMI) Herring, 34653408	Inf	Route #2, Loris, S.C.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Frederick (NMI) Heintz, 32647545	Inf	251 Harman St Brooklyn, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Ales (NMI) Merganich, 32655494	Inf	624 Howard Ave Brooklyn, N.Y.	21 Jan 44	Italy

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HEADQUARTERS 36th INFANTRY DIVISION  
#36, U. S. Army

29 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 12

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
<i>NIF</i> - S Sgt Nicholas J. Saviano, 36032500	Cav	3526 E. 95th St., Chicago, Ill.	24 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc John G. Fowler, 32370232	Inf	83 Chestnut St., Cooperstown, N.Y.	10 Sept 43	Italy
Pfc Mark G. Kofalt, 33233238	Inf	830 S. Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa.	4 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Earnest W. Carr, 20805005	Inf	Rt 5, Stephenville, Texas.	6 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Orville C. Moyers, 35257623	Inf	Rt 1, Cunningham, Ky.	6 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Ted Greathouse, 38036711	Inf	Lampasas, Texas	17 Dec 43	Italy
<i>NIF</i> - Pfc Connis G. Smith, 34343472	Inf	Rt 2, Box 219, Picayune, Miss.	3 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt George B. Miller, 13112693	Inf	3618 N. 15th St., Phila, Pa.	16 Dec 43	Italy
<i>NIF</i> - Pfc James F. Brown, 35259357	Inf	Lewis, Ind.	16 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Carl E. Krenz, 37277411	Inf	Box 115, Kramer, N.D.	9 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Wilbur J.H. Mancill, 34133040	Inf	Tupelo, Miss.	10 Dec 43	Italy
Lt Col Howard K. Dodgen, 0330873	Inf	Winnsboro, Texas	22 Dec 43	Italy
1st Sgt Jessie C. Stroud, 20809040	Inf	Rt 2, Holland, Tex.	16 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt Elroy S. Fulmer, 35045053	FA	Rt 2, Proctor, W. Va.	26 Jan 44	Italy
Tec 4 Joe W. Woolley, 20809127	Inf	Moody, Texas	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Francis R. Koser, 36173656	Inf	Dowagiac, Mich.	22 Jan 44	Italy

SECTION II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart, is awarded the following named enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Pvt Kenneth L. LaRose, 32493018	MP	11 Jackson Place, Schenectady, N.Y.	28 Jan 44	Italy

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HEADQUARTERS 36th INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

12 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 11

SECTION 1 - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following:

CLYDE W. COUCH, Sergeant, 32035513, Company J, \*\*\* Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Sergeant Couch, company weapons sergeant, chose his machine gun positions and assisted his gun crews in preparing their emplacements. During the course of defensive preparations, an enemy attack, supported by fire from tanks, pinned his company to the ground with intense fire. Determined in developing the most formidable defense possible with the limited armament available, despite intense fire and without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Couch continued to crawl from one gun to another inspecting their positions and checking his men to ascertain that they were in protected positions. While returning to his observation post he was killed by enemy tank fire. His courage, determination and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to his entire company. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Clyde W. Couch, (Wife), 2302 Mesquite Street, Vernon, Texas.

JOHN (NMI) GEDNEY, Corporal, 32236398, Company G, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. The platoon to which Corporal Gedney was assigned moved cautiously forward over rugged, wet, and slippery terrain on this cold morning against the well fortified and defended positions of the enemy in \* \* \*. The enemy opened up with machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his own life, Corporal Gedney immediately detached himself from his platoon and, cleverly using a wall for cover, crawled to the flank of the enemy emplacement. As he opened fire with his grenade launcher the enemy quickly diverted their fire from the platoon to him fatally wounding him. His aggressiveness, devotion to duty, and calmness under direct fire materially assisted the platoon on their mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, (Grandmother), 712A Monroe St, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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*Citation Awarded by HQA 218 - June 30, 1944*

\* PHILLIP O. DAVIS, 11054412, Private First Class, Company B, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1943, on \* \* \*, Italy. The outpost of Company B had reported an enemy patrol active in their sector. Private First Class Davis volunteered to go on a three man patrol to intercept the enemy. Under cover of darkness the patrol moved down the steep, rugged mountain in very inclement weather. Because of the darkness the only means of determining the enemy's location was by sound. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Davis went forward covered by the other two soldiers of the patrol. He located the enemy and opened fire with his rifle, firing until he fell, fatally wounded. His aggressive and courageous deed routed the enemy patrol. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Evelyn Harper (mother), 105 Main Street, North Plymouth, Massachusetts.

JAMES G. JOHNSON, Private First Class, 32358208, Battery C, \*\*\* Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. The anti-aircraft gun crew of which Private First Class Johnson was a member, while protecting Battery A, \*\*\* Field Artillery Battalion, engaged a formation of 12 F1-190 enemy fighter bombers diving to attack their positions. Plans after plans dived over the area firing machine guns and automatic cannon and dropping personnel bombs. Although bullets, shells, and bombs rained around them, five bombs exploding in the immediate vicinity of their anti-aircraft gun, Private First Class Johnson, who was lateral gun pointer, and his comrades continued to engage the diving planes until a bomb exploded directly behind them, instantly killing Private First Class Johnson and wounding the others. As a result of this action, three enemy aircraft were accounted for as probably destroyed. Private First Class Johnson's unflinching courage and devotion to his duty in the face of intense and devastating enemy fire and under duress of a bombing attack, without thought for his own personal safety or welfare, inspired all who witnessed his heroic deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Johnson, (mother), 8 Knapples Street, Orchard, New York.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, as amended, the following named individuals of the \* \* \* Tank Destroyer Battalion are awarded the Silver Star:

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| 2nd Lt AL HOKAN W. STYSA, 01301691 | Company C |
| Sgt WILLIAM H. COLE, 6879005       | Company J |
| Sgt ROBERT E. HARRISON, 3803542    | Company C |
| Cpl HECTOR L. HANLEY, 3433538      | Company C |
| Cpl JOSEPH H. SULLIVAN, 3716368    | Company C |
| Cpl CHARLES E. HARRIS, 2081408     | Company C |
| Cpl RICHARD E. HARRIS, 1303130     | Company C |
| Cpl JACK T. HARRIS, 3803598        | Company C |
| Tec 5 G. D. HARRIS, 3817788        | Company C |
| Tec 5 ROBERT C. HARRIS, 3803704    | Company C |
| Pvt CHESTER ( ) SCOTT, 3722790     | Company C |

For gallantry in action on 14 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. When an enemy artillery shell set fire to an ammunition dump near their concealed position wounding several soldiers, these men left their shelter to render first aid and to extinguish the fire which was rapidly spreading and threatening to also reveal their position to the enemy. The courage and promptness which these men displayed reflect credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

PAUL J. KENDALL, Brigadier General, 012199, \*\*\* Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 21 to 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. General Kendall, attached to the \*\*\* Infantry Division, accompanied the assault elements of the \*\*\* Infantry on the night of 20-21 January, actively aiding, directing and energizing the attack across the \*\*\* River. Throughout the night, the day and the next night, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he organized boat groups and directed and organized engineer groups despite intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Although he suffered a minor but painful wound, he completely disregarded it and remained in the dangerous area. He set an excellent example of outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty which inspired all officers and men who saw him. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the United States Military Academy from Wyoming.

AUBREY (WLI) GOLDMAN, Captain, 0466048, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Captain Goldman was in command of the 2nd Battalion Aid Station, well forward, when the enemy laid heavy machine gun and mortar fire so close to the aid station that casualties could not be admitted. With complete disregard for his own life, while under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, he left his place of security and reconnoitered for a new position. Locating the position, he returned to the aid station and moved it to the new location, making it possible to render efficient medical aid to our casualties. His courage, aggressive leadership, and calmness under fire were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN L. COWAN, 206173/2, Corporal, Company B, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Corporal Cowan, a reconnaissance corporal, was on duty at an observation post on a mountain overlooking the eastern slope of \* \* \* near \* \* \*, Italy. While the observation post was being heavily shelled by the enemy, Corporal Cowan was wounded. With utter disregard for his own safety and in spite of his wound, he carried two more severely wounded soldiers through shell fire to a position of safety where medical aid could be rendered. His example of bravery and disregard for his suffering and safety was an inspiration to his comrades. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Kingsville, Texas.

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ROYD D. DOWD, Corporal, 2209277, Company F, 888th Infantry, for gallantry in action from 10 to 14 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Corporal Dowd was given a mission of taking a patrol into the town of \* \* \*, Italy, in enemy territory to observe and secure information on the enemy's movements. He carried out this mission with utter disregard for his personal safety, remaining in the town three nights and four days, securing valuable information which he sent back to his commanding officer by runner. On one occasion his patrol was driven out of the town into the British lines by an enemy patrol but he returned to the town to carry on until relieved. On several occasions the patrol encountered hostile as well as friendly artillery batteries. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Griders, Virginia.

JOHN L. J. JEDD, Corporal, 2080484, Company G, 888th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 during the night attack on \* \* \*, Italy. Corporal Jedd was in command of the squad that was leading the battalion during the advance. After crossing a stream, they came upon a heavily mined open field. Notifying his platoon leader, Corporal Jedd and a scout went forward without further orders, in an effort to clear a route through the mine field. Corporal Jedd, crawling, blew up mines and removed wires, with the aid of his scout succeeded in clearing a route for the advance. His initiative and courage contributed materially to the success of the battalion in gaining its objective. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Wallinger, Texas.

RICHARD (DICK) CONLEY, 3584143, Private First Class, Company F, 888th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 and 20 November 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. After the 2nd Battalion, 888th Infantry, had relieved the 3rd Battalion, 888th Infantry, on \* \* \*, Italy, communication wires connecting the platoons of his company and the enemy's post were knocked out by enemy artillery fire. Private First Class Conley, although he did not know the exact positions of the platoons on the opposite side of the hill, worked all night of 19 November 1943 in the rain, mud, and total darkness, under heavy artillery fire, to lay new wires and establish communications essential to the defensive position of his company. He exercised superior initiative and demonstrated great courage, effectively laying a serviceable line under hazardous conditions. Again on 20 November 1943, after the communication wires had been destroyed by the enemy, he undertook to lay new wires up the mountain to the platoons, over steep, rocky and heavily wooded terrain, with a layer of mud impeding his advance. The route which he was forced to use was in view of an enemy observation post, but he worked all day establishing the communication network. When his work was almost completed, a heavy artillery barrage was placed on the hill. With shells bursting about him and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Conley, thinking only of the necessity of communication, continued to test the line all day, the wire back up to the platoons. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Six, West Virginia.

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LAWRENCE T. DOUGLAS, Private First Class, 33233480, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action 3 December 1943, on \* \* \* in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. During heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, which had pinned down the entire platoon, Private First Class Douglas was wounded but continued to administer first aid to other wounded members of the platoon. Although the platoon was ordered to leave the shelled positions, Private First Class Douglas remained with an injured soldier and, with very little cover and protection, he continued to administer first aid, despite enemy sniper, mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Douglas did not leave his post until all of the casualties had been evacuated. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

ALFRED J. KUMECKI, Private First Class, 16110116, Company I, \*\*\* Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 to 18 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. During an attack on \* \* \*, Italy, and while in enemy territory, the tank of which Private First Class Kumecki was co-gunner was hit twice by enemy anti-tank shells and caught fire. Private First Class Kumecki dismounted from the tank and observed that the turret was burning. With complete disregard for his personal safety in the face of the continued enemy fire, he climbed to the top of the tank to aid his comrades in the turret. On discovering the tank commander dead and the gunner seriously wounded, burned and semi-conscious, he dragged the gunner out of the turret, onto the ground, and into a nearby ditch. During this action Private First Class Kumecki received a flesh wound from enemy small arms fire. For two nights and one day he, rather than surrender to the enemy, remained with his comrade, nursing him to the best of his ability, hiding in enemy territory. On the second day, the enemy having withdrawn, he went for medical aid for himself and his comrade. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOSEPH (MI) HABERTO, Sr., Private First Class, 35725452, Company F, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Private First Class Haberto was a messenger in the company headquarters during the attack on \* \* \*. Upon crossing the line of departure the entire battalion came under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and was able to advance only a few hundred yards before it ran into enemy fire and grenades thrown from nearby strongly held positions. During this attack communications were of paramount importance; wire lines between the company and the battalion command post were being shot out as rapidly as they could be repaired or laid. On his own initiative, and with utter disregard for his life, Private First Class Haberto left the forward position of the company, exposing himself under constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, over rugged terrain and in inclement weather. He repaired the damaged lines and laid new ones when the old were hopelessly damaged beyond repair. Many soldiers were severely wounded on each side of him, but Private First Class Haberto courageously remained at his task until it was completed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Hicknell, Indiana.

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ALBERT B. ANDERSON, Private, 32767042, Company B, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 20 November 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. While carrying a message from his company command post to his platoon command post during an operation at the foot of \* \* \*, Private Anderson was severely and painfully wounded by a large shell fragment which almost severed his arm from his shoulder. In spite of this wound, and with utter disregard for his personal suffering, and safety, he continued on his mission and delivered the message. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Iselin, New Jersey.

JOHN R. SMITH, Private, 34607140, Company C, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the afternoon of 12 December 1943, on \* \* \*, Italy. Private Smith, automatic rifleman, was assigned a mission on a combat patrol to move forward and contact the enemy, determine the positions of gun emplacements, and capture prisoners. The patrol had advanced some 400 yards over ground terrain and through inclement weather when the enemy opened fire with artillery, mortar and small arms. Very little cover was available. Private Smith, on his own initiative and with complete disregard for his personal safety, detached himself from the patrol and engaged the machine guns with such intense and accurate fire that the enemy could not adjust their fire on the patrol. This permitted the patrol to go forward and carry their mission through to completion. The courage, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty displayed by Private Smith was an inspiration to the patrol, materially aiding the success. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

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27 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 1

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

<u>RANK - NAME - SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION</u>
2nd Lt Samuel (NMI) Airov, 01170618	FA	211 Atlanta Ave, SE Atlanta, Ga	18 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Shelby R Powell, 35789767	FA	West Bend, Ky	7 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Louis J Panebianco, 31311216	FA	500 Main Street, Lawrence, Mass	7 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Louis J Deatch, 20616025	FA	1333 W. Hollywood, San Antonio, Tex	8 Jan 44	Italy
<i>NIF</i> Pvt John L Alford, 20808633	MP	Waeider, Tex	22 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Charles A Kaiser, Jr, 37248071	FA	Route No. 3, Palmyra, Mo	19 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Joseph A Donnelly, 33236457	MC	621 Rockland St, Lancaster, Pa.	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Steven (NMI) Makar, 33676559	MC	63 Orchard St, McKees Rocks, Pa	23 Jan 44	Italy
Capt James W Johnson, 0206596	FA	Kerens, Tex	16 Jan 44	Italy
2nd Lt Hilton W Wogan, 01170850	FA	310 1/2 National Ave, Fort Scott, Kans	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt James H Jones, 20815610	FA	603 Pine St., Marshall, Tex	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt James C Wolfe, 33434234	FA	235 East 12th St, Erie, Pa	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Dick J Griffis, 20815144	FA	Italy, Tex	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Carl G Tomczyk, 36737723	FA	3119 S. Morgan St, Chicago, Ill	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Gilbert E Hansen, 19114295	FA	812 J. 6th Ave, Yakima, Wash	21 Jan 44	Italy
<i>NIF</i> S Sgt Carmen D Roxburgh, 20815375	FA	Corsicana, Tex	21 Jan 44	Italy
1st Sgt Troy (NMI) Cooley, 20815349	FA	Corsicana, Tex	21 Jan 44	Italy
Tec 5 Howard L Strohm, 37041184	FA	Weldon, Iowa	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Frank J Dimura, 32850852	FA	131 Madison Ave, Albany, N.Y.	18 Jan 44	Italy
<i>NIF</i> 2nd Lt LaForest B Smith, 01176807	FA	Sacramento, Calif	8 Dec 43	Italy

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart, is awarded each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

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<u>RANK - NAME - SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION</u>
1st Lt Floyd L Parmelee, 0418867	FA	Oscoda, Mich	21 Jan 44	Italy
2nd Lt William H Struble, 01167241	FA	61 Dunfries ave, Fort Thomas, Ky	21 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt John L Caramadre, 33572051	FA	2424 6th Ave, Altoona, Pa	21 Jan 44	Italy
1st Lt Walton M Vines, 01167256	FA	Route #1, Box 295, Pinson, Ala	7 Jan 44	Italy
Cpl James C Smith, 20816418	FA	2205 Gould St, Fort Worth, Tex	7 Jan 44	Italy
Pfc Leonard J Khajet, 38068804	FA	Y.M.C.A., El Paso, Tex	7 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Jose G Martinez, 38025744	Inf	Box 335, San Benito, Tex	28 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Louis J Hari, 32301949	Inf	535 Jacques St, Perth Amboy, N.J.	14 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Norman F StClair, 36710081	Inf	Route #2, Conway, Mo	16 Dec 43	Italy
Sgt Eduardo (NMI) Carreon, 20802884	Inf	109 E. Nevada St, El Paso, Tex	15 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Anthony B Muller, 32222546	Inf	Onderdonk Ave, Brooklyn, M.Y.	18 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt Floyd F Halliburton, 20603513	Inf	Devine, Tex	20 Dec 43	Italy

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26 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 9

COMMENDATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following are commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

CORDEUS H. THORNTON, First Sergeant, 38037272, Company G, \*\*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. In the absence of the Executive Officer, who had been wounded, Sergeant Thornton assumed command of the headquarters group. Despite a painful wound, he displayed outstanding leadership, judgment, and initiative. Through his efforts the group was returned safely through enemy lines to their organization. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Dallas, Texas.

JAMES O. BRINKLEY, Staff Sergeant, 20807740, Cannon Company, \*\*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. In the absence of the platoon leader who was missing in action, Sergeant Brinkley immediately took command of the 2nd Platoon of the Cannon Company, and demonstrated a high sense of courage and leadership ability in commanding the platoon. Under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, he searched for a self-propelled weapon that had been lost during the engagement. Having found the weapon to have been disabled beyond use, he attempted to return to his observation post and discovered that he had been cut off by enemy armored units. Sergeant Brinkley then, upon discovering several groups of men also in the same circumstances, quickly organized them and safely led them back to their units. The courage, leadership and devotion to duty he displayed reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Waco, Texas.

BOB L. CHILDERS, Corporal, 20805809, Company H, \*\*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Corporal Childers, a machine gun squad leader, was ordered to evacuate his position on a ledge of \* \* \*, due to heavy enemy mortar fire. Upon arriving at the new position, he learned that a wounded man from another unit had been left behind. He immediately climbed back up the extremely steep ledge to evacuate the wounded soldier. While on the ledge, which was still subjected to heavy enemy fire, he discovered two heavy machine guns that were left behind due to casualties within his unit. He proceeded to disengage the vital parts, rendering them useless to the enemy and returned with the wounded soldier to his platoon. His courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas.

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EMIL B. VON SEGGERN, Corporal, 37146864, Company A, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Italy. Corporal Von Seggern was on duty as a reconnaissance corporal when his company area was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration. After a shell had landed nearby, severely wounding four enlisted men, Corporal Von Seggern voluntarily left his position of cover, even though the area was still under artillery fire, to assist two other enlisted men in carrying four wounded soldiers a distance of approximately 800 yards to an ambulance where emergency medical treatment was administered. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Pender, Nebraska.

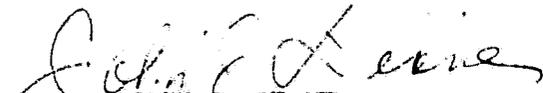
ASA L. HAYS, Corporal, 20816596, Company A, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Italy. Corporal Hays was on duty as an assistant section leader, when his company area was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration. After a shell had landed nearby, severely wounding four enlisted men, Corporal Hays voluntarily left his position of cover, even though the area was still under artillery fire, to assist two other enlisted men in carrying the four wounded soldiers a distance of approximately 800 yards to an ambulance where emergency medical treatment was administered. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

C. R. BLOUNT, 38038533, Private First Class, Company A, \*\*\* Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Italy. Private First Class Blount was on duty as a machine gunner when his company area was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration. After a shell had landed nearby, severely wounding four enlisted men, Private First Class Blount voluntarily left his position of cover, even though the area was still under artillery fire, to assist two other enlisted men in carrying the four wounded soldiers a distance of approximately 800 yards to an ambulance where emergency medical treatment was administered. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Olney, Texas.

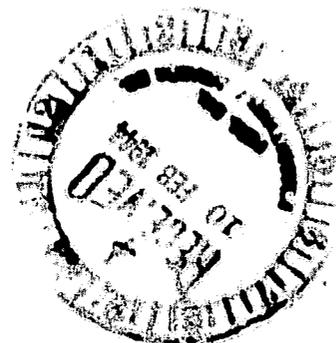
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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 8

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following:

✓ LEWIS S. HORTON, JR., 0590552, Captain, Company C, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. In the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Company C was advancing up \*\* over most rugged terrain and through inclement weather. Their orders were to meet and destroy the enemy who were firmly entrenched. After reaching the top of the mountain with his company, Captain Horton called his platoon leaders together. Crawling over rugged, wet terrain, he led each of his officers to points of vantage from which they could actually see their objectives and routes of approach, pointing them out and explaining the plan of attack. While giving commands under intense fire, Captain Horton was fatally wounded. So well had he planned for the attack, that his platoon leaders and men carried out the orders and destroyed the enemy, accomplishing their mission. Captain Horton's display of outstanding aggressive leadership, and calmness under fire, and his brilliant planning was responsible for his company's successful attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Lewis S. Horton, Sr., (Father), Pageland, S. C. ✓

✓ AARON (NMI) ANDERSON, 20806051, Staff Sergeant, Company I, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Anderson, while advancing with his platoon over the steep rocky terrain in the drive to seize Hill 370 from the enemy, suddenly noticed an enemy dugout to his front. Upon his own initiative and without hesitation he alone approached and stealthily entered this enemy stronghold, capturing two enemy soldiers inside by surprise. As the prisoners emerged from the dugout, they quickly jumped for their refuge to secure their weapons and attempt escape. Sergeant Anderson, with utter disregard for his own life, swiftly reacted by breaking the neck of one with his rifle butt and kicking the second to the ground. By his display of outstanding valor, quick thinking and courageous initiative, he instilled confidence in the men of his platoon, prevented the loss of the two prisoners and materially assisted in gaining the objective. He was subsequently killed in action during an enemy air attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Aaron Anderson, 2038 Preble Way, Beaumont, Texas. (Wife). ✓

✓ MARVIN F. RANDALL, 20806659, Private First Class, Company M, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Private First Class Randall, gunner of a mortar squad, was at the base of Hill 368 in a defensive position under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire when a group of enemy armed with automatic weapons was sighted and reported by an observer. Immediately, and with utter disregard for his own life in the face of the

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heavy enemy shell fire, Private First Class Randall assisted in laying an accurate and effective barrage on this enemy concentration, killing part of the group, causing the remainder to flee, and freeing the front line of the battalion from their fire. During the exchange of mortar fires, an enemy artillery shell scored a direct hit on Private First Class Randall's mortar position, instantly killing him and another crew member, seriously wounding two others, and destroying the weapon. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. J. C. Randall, Route #4, Wichita Falls, Texas (Father) ✓

RUSSELL L. HINKEL, 37251235, Private First Class, Company K, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 in the vicinity of 88th, Italy. Private First Class Hinkel, gunner of a mortar squad, was at the base of Hill 368 in a defensive position under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire when a group of enemy armed with automatic weapons was sighted and reported by an observer. Immediately, and with utter disregard for his own life in the face of the heavy enemy shell fire, Private First Class Hinkel assisted in laying an accurate and effective barrage on this enemy concentration, killing part of the group, causing the remainder to flee, and freeing the front line of the battalion from their fire. During the exchange of mortar fires, an enemy artillery shell scored a direct hit on Private First Class Hinkel's mortar position, instantly killing him and another crew member, seriously wounding two others, and destroying the weapon. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Cora Mae Hinkel, Madena, Iowa (Mother). ✓

#### SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following:

WILLIAM H. WILBUR, 03365, Brigadier General, 88th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 12 to 20 September 1943 in the vicinity of 88th, Italy. General Wilbur took command of the 88th defensive position at the climax of the battle for the southern 88th bridgehead. Despite intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and with utter disregard for his own safety he personally took charge of and accompanied into the forward area elements of infantry, engineer, tanks, and tank destroyer forces, welding them into a fighting force that met and successfully smashed an enemy infantry and tank attack at a crucial period of this operation. His aggressive leadership, calm fortitude and outstanding determination contributed materially to the success of the mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the U. S. Military Academy from Massachusetts. ✓

ALEC P. PEARSON, 0394225, Captain, 88th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on the morning of 12 December 1943 in the vicinity of 88th, Italy. Captain Pearson was moving his company into direct fire positions in front of the pass between 88th and 88th and was walking ahead of the leading tank destroyer, when the destroyer hit a mine, painfully wounding Captain Pearson on the cheek and side of the head. He was knocked unconscious for a short time, but, upon regaining consciousness, refused to leave his organization and continued to command it throughout the night, carefully selecting positions for his destroyers. When daylight came, every vehicle was well concealed and all weapons were in excellent

positions, thus maintaining secrecy vital to the Division attack. He left his command to receive medical attention only when ordered to do so by his commanding officer. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Waco, Texas. ✓

JAMES A. WHARTON, 0463950, First Lieutenant, Company G, \*\* Infantry for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 on \*\*, Italy. Company G, under the command of Lieutenant Wharton, was advancing over rugged mountainous terrain toward enemy defensive positions south of \*\*, when it was pinned down by heavy machine gun and mortar fire, causing several casualties. Although painfully wounded, in this action, Lieutenant Wharton, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled twenty yards through intense enemy machine gun fire, receiving two more wounds, to a radio where he made contact with the Battalion Command Post, directing mortar fire which knocked out the enemy machine guns. The magnificent courage, outstanding calmness, and unusual stamina shown by Lieutenant Wharton was an inspiration to his men. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Baltimore, Maryland. ✓

JAMES H. STOUT, 01187240, First Lieutenant, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the afternoon of 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Stout displayed outstanding courage in the face of direct enemy fire on his observation post. While adjusting the battalion on an enemy force assembling in a draw to his right, an enemy weapon opened fire on the observation post from a point about 1000 yards to his front. He immediately ordered his radio section to take cover and without regard to his own safety continued adjustment of the artillery fire on the enemy assembly area. The effective results of the fire broke up the enemy formation and prevented a possible counter attack against our forces. The courage displayed by Lieutenant Stout and the sacrifice of his own safety in the face of direct enemy fire were an inspiration to his command. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Cleburne, Texas. ✓

VIRGINIUS G. RUFFIN, 01177621, First Lieutenant, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. The 2d Battalion, \*\* Infantry, was ordered to move from positions on the east slope of \*\* into a nearby assembly area preparatory to a daylight attack the following morning. Lieutenant Ruffin, artillery forward observer, with utter disregard for his personal safety, remained at his observation post directing artillery fire on hostile enemy weapons which were harassing and inflicting casualties on the infantry troops. The result of his accurate adjustment was the neutralization of the enemy fire, permitting the infantry to move with a minimum of casualties. Lieutenant Ruffin and a telephone operator were the last to leave the exposed area. His display of outstanding courage in the face of constant enemy fire inspired all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Pottstown, Pennsylvania. ✓

BERNARD F. REID, 0178301, Second Lieutenant, Battery C, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Reid was a forward artillery observer with the 3d Battalion, \*\* Infantry, occupying a defensive position on Hill 308. While under heavily

concentrated enemy mortar and artillery fire, and with little cover, he directed the fire of his own artillery on an approaching unit of enemy infantry. With utter disregard for his own life, while others took cover, he refused to leave exposed position, realizing that unless the approaching enemy was stopped, the infantry troops which his unit was supporting would suffer a counterattack. He continued his fire direction, thereby assisting in repulsing this imminent counter-attack by inflicting heavy casualties upon this enemy force. His display of outstanding calmness and aggressive vigor inspired the confidence of all who witnessed his actions and resulted in destroying the enemy counter-attack without loss of any of our infantry. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN L. HOOVER, 13085292, Sergeant, Company F, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the morning of 6 November 1943, on \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Hoover, in charge of a three man reconnaissance patrol, was given the mission of obtaining information of the enemy at a point 1000 yards to the company's immediate front. Upon arrival at this point he found the enemy had withdrawn. On his own initiative he moved out of his company sector in order to further advance under cover, advancing to a point near \*\*, where he observed the enemy entrenched. Sergeant Hoover returned to the company command post with complete information as to the exact location of the enemy, the first received, which enabled our forces to render accurate artillery fire on these positions. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES A. COLLET, 35259328, Private First Class, Company E, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 5 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Having taken part in the successful advance of his company in this area under the most difficult conditions of mountainous terrain, inclement weather and a stubborn enemy defense system, Private First Class Collet, along with the others of his unit, prepared to defend the newly won ground. During the night the enemy counter attacked in force. As the enemy approached, supported by a machine gun crew, Private First Class Collet crawled forward of his squad in the open terrain under machine gun and small arms fire and singlehandedly knocked out the entire machine gun nest with his Automatic Rifle. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Logansport, Indiana.

WALTER (NMI) FLAKIN, 32936282, Private First Class, Company E, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the morning of 6 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. In attacking along the southern slopes of \*\*, ~~Italy~~, Company G was suddenly pinned down by enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire. Private First Class Flakin, an automatic rifleman, through his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, advanced over the hazardous mountain terrain to an exposed position where he laid down such a heavy volume of fire that he silenced the machine gun. Upon rejoining the platoon he discovered his squad leader and corporal both wounded. Assuming responsibility he maintained control and effectively led his squad until he became a casualty several days later. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from ~~Indiana~~, N.Y.

✓ LONNIE (NMI) REDDEN, 38228137, Private First Class, Company G, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 during the night attack on \*\*near \*\*, Italy. As Private First Class Redden, an automatic rifleman, advanced up the mountain in the darkness with his platoon, his unit encountered an enemy machine gun which pinned the group down by the intensity of its fire. On his own initiative he returned the fire so as to engage the attention of the enemy and to draw the fire of the machine gun on himself, thereby freeing the remainder of the group. While this withering hostile fire continued on his position, and with the enemy muzzle blasts as his only target, with utter disregard for his own safety, he brought fire so effectively upon the enemy that his platoon was able to outflank and destroy the machine gun position without interference. By deliberately and courageously drawing fire upon himself, and harassing the enemy, Private First Class Redden contributed materially to the success of the attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Hico, Texas. ✓

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APO #36, U. S. Army

22 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 7

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OF SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
✓ Pvt Stephen J. Thompson, 35695318	FA	Nodgenville, Ky.	18 Jan 44	Italy
✓ Sgt Joe Q. Walker, 20814929	FA	413 E. Wardville Cleburne, Tex.	18 Jan 44	Italy
✓ Pvt James A. Kirkham, 20803729	Inf	Route #1, San Benito, Tex.	9 Sept 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Lee W. Gock, 39115409	Inf	671 Commercial St San Francisco, Cal	9 Sept 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Ralph W. Curry, 36055680	Inf	1740 Chesnut Granite City, Ill.	9 Sept 43	Italy
✓ Sgt Manuel G. Gonzales, 38025583	Inf	807 11th St, Bakers Field, Cal.	15 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pfc Protacio (NMI) Alaniz, Jr, 38025309	Inf	Rio Grande City, Texas.	25 Nov 43	Italy
✓ Pfc William J. Groves, 33586122	Inf	2649 So. 12th St Phila. Pa.	15 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt James N. Palermo, 34133260	FA	1111 Smith St, Vicksburg, Miss.	12 Jan 44	Italy
✓ Tec 5 Burgin C. Gregg, 34170545	FA	Route #1, Swannanoa, N.C.	12 Jan 44	Italy
✓ 2nd Lt Elmer J. Croushore, 01174265	FA	105 Clay Ave, Jeannette, Pa.	24 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pfc Ray W. Glover, 20813443	FA	926 Fannin St, Amarillo, Tex.	10 Jan 44	Italy
✓ Pfc Anthony A. Bruno, 32257851	FA	308 East Kinney Newark, N.J.	6 Jan 44	Italy
✓ Cpl Charles A. Krack, 32238069	MP	204 Ogden Ave, Bronx, N.Y.	17 Jan 44	Italy
✓ Pvt Fred J. Orsita, 32238473	FA	20 Walker St, Paterson, N.J.	16 Jan 44	Italy
Pvt Joseph (NMI) Banno, 38041195	AF		19 Sept 43	Italy

SECTION II  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

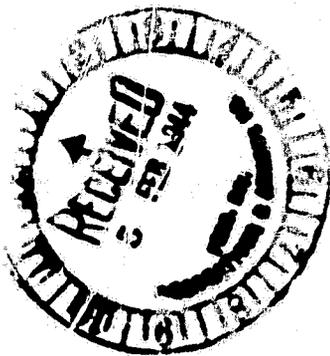
In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart, is awarded each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Pfc Paul A. Staecher, 33317293	MC	Roxborough, Phila, Pa.	15 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Clarence M. Garvine, 32267547	Inf	Rt 2, Wilmington, Del.	17 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt James A. Kirkham, 20803729	Inf	Rt 1, San Benito, Texas	19 Dec 43	Italy

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APO #36, U. S. Army

20 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 6

COMMENDATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following are commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

JAMES O. QUICK, 20848323, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, \*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Quick immediately took command of the 1st Platoon in the absence of the platoon leader who had been seriously wounded. With utter disregard for his own safety, he often exposed himself to enemy artillery and small arms fire, skillfully directing fire on enemy forces that had pinned down one company of the battalion. The courage, initiative and leadership displayed by Sergeant Quick inspired the members of his platoon and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Waco, Texas.

JAMES E. ROBERSON, 20808137, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, \*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 17 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Roberson immediately took command of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon in the absence of the Platoon Leader and successfully led the remainder of his men to friendly territory through the enemy lines that encircled the 2nd Battalion, though subjected to enemy and friendly artillery and small arms fire. The ammunition dump, camouflaged under the supervision of Sergeant Roberson, was so well concealed that a large amount of it was recovered upon the reoccupation of the area by American troops. The courage, leadership, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Roberson inspired the members of his platoon and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Hillsboro, Texas.

REEVES K. BLACK, 20805201, Sergeant, Company E, \*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Black was in position on \*\* when his platoon was subjected to friendly artillery fire. Not having a Very Pistol with the platoon, and in order to notify the artillery of their position, without regard for his own safety, he beat the red flare cartridge against a rock with his bare hands until it discharged. Immediately thereafter artillery on their position ceased. His quick thinking, initiative, and courage undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Sweetwater, Texas.

CLINTON G. SINGER, 33019140, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, \*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 17 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Private First Class Singer, first aid man attached to Company H, \*\* Infantry, was with his organization when it was subjected to enemy fire.

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enemy artillery barrage. Hearing that a member of the company was seriously wounded and in need of first aid, Private First Class Singer, with utter disregard for his own safety, left his position of cover, exposed himself to the enemy fire and administered aid to the stricken soldier. Due to the nature of the injury, he had to return several times to the shelled area to help the wounded man. His courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS M. RANDOLPH, JR., 20819203, Private, Company B, \*\* Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. While on duty near the First Battalion Aid Station of the \*\* Infantry, Private Randolph was present during a bombing and strafing of nearby road and installations. A nearby ammunition dump, containing hand grenades and small arms ammunition, received a direct bomb hit and the munitions and grenades started exploding, filling the air with flying fragments. Private Randolph reached a place of security but perceived that one man had been hurt and was unable to crawl away from the exploding dump. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he left his place of safety and went to the rescue of the injured man, dragging him back to a place of comparative security, giving him an injection of morphine and dressing his wounds. His prompt action, in the face of great danger were an inspiration to all who witnessed the act and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Marietta, Oklahoma.

CLARENCE O. WHATELY, 20805678, Private, Medical Detachment, \*\* Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct during operations near \*\*, Italy, from 5 December to 12 December 1943. On 7 December 1943, on \*\*, Italy, the 2nd Battalion, \*\* Infantry was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Private Whately, 3rd Battalion medic runner, observing the number of casualties, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to the intense enemy barrage and helped remove the wounded from danger. Later, returning to the aid station with a can of water on his back, a shell landed near him, the concussion rendering him unconscious. After regaining consciousness, he returned to his aid station and reported for duty. Throughout the entire operation, Private Whately performed his duties in an outstanding manner. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Snyder, Texas.

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SECTION I  
DIVISION BLUE STAR

1. Paragraph 2, Section I, GO 36, this Headquarters, 27 December 1943, is amended to read as follows:

"2. Each individual qualifying in the General Order authorizing the Division Blue Star will be entitled to wear the Blue Star as prescribed herein. Not more than one Blue Star will be worn by an individual. Additional awards of the Blue Star will be signified by a Blue Bar.

COLOR - Star and Bars, light blue.

SIZE - Star, one inch diameter; Bars 1" x 1/4".

MATERIAL - Metal or cloth.

POS. WORN a. On coat, service, or shirt: Stars - centered on the right breast pocket with the upper point of the star 1" below the center of the pocket button. 1st Bar - centered below the star, the upper edge of the Bar touching the two lower points of the star.

Additional Bars - placed directly below the bar above and separated by 1/4" from bar above.

b. On combat or field jacket, or overcoat: Stars and bars may be worn in the same relative position as on the coat, service or shirt."

SECTION II

AUTHORIZATION OF THE DIVISION BLUE STAR

1. All personnel of the 36th Infantry Division and 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion who participated in active operations against the enemy between 15 001 Nov 1943 and 302400 Dec. 1943, are authorized to wear the Division Blue Star.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 4

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named enlisted men:

✓ JOE W. GILL, First Sergeant, 20805398, Company F, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 15 December 1943 in the advance on \* \* \*, near \* \* \*, Italy. Sergeant Gill volunteered to command a platoon in this action. As the platoon reached the top of \* \* \*, he observed a cave covered by an enemy shelter half. Since the enemy was well dug in the whole area, and because of darkness, it was necessary to preserve as much secrecy and silence during the movement as possible to prevent alerting the enemy. Therefore, Sergeant Gill pushed the shelter half aside, directed that an enemy officer who was preparing to fire be killed; and then physically forced one of the enemy outside the cave at great personal danger. He then forced the prisoner to point out all the enemy gun positions and locations in that area, resulting in the capture of fifteen well-entrenched enemy soldiers and saving the lives of many of his comrades as well as materially aiding in the securing of the mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Canyon, Texas.

✓ OKLA B. ROBBINS, Sergeant, 20805866, Company H, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. The company was in a defensive position in the rocky heights of \* \* \*. Sergeant Robbins while observing fire activity, located the enemy setting up their mortars and machine guns in order to strengthen their positions to our front. Realizing these weapons were a serious threat to our troops, he managed to work his way forward over most rugged and difficult terrain almost devoid of cover while under direct observation by enemy snipers. He immediately directed effective mortar fire against the enemy but before the mission was accomplished, an enemy sniper, located above him, observed Sergeant Robbins accomplishing this courageous deed and began at once to fire on him. In spite of the danger of his position, he refused to return to cover and continued for ten minutes to direct fire which forced the enemy to retire, materially assisting in making his company's position secure. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas.

✓ JAMES J. SANTOS, 32416760, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 18 November 1943, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Corporal Santos was in a building when enemy artillery shells struck nearby into a dump of "Molotov Cocktails", setting the battalion ammunition dump on fire. The same artillery shell seriously wounded an officer from an armored division, and Corporal Santos, with utter disregard for his personal safety, rushed out of his position of safety and cover and carried the officer to safety.

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This courageous rescue was accomplished despite exploding small arms ammunition, blazing mortar cloves, and the danger that mortar shells in the dump would explode. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Brooklyn, N.Y..

✓ HERMAN J. EHLINGER, Technician Fifth Grade, 38025560, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Infantry for gallantry in action on 21 November 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade Ehlinger was on duty as switchboard operator when the Command Post was brought under enemy artillery fire. When the shelling started, the first concentration fell in the immediate vicinity of the switchboard, forcibly throwing Technician Fifth Grade Ehlinger to the ground and wounding another man. During the entire two and one half hour period, shells burst at a distance no greater than two hundred yards from the switchboard and often within fifteen to thirty yards; but, with inspiring devotion to duty he remained at his post, operating the switchboard efficiently and keeping the Regimental Commander constantly informed of the effect of the fire. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

✓ HERMAN (NEI) KUNZ, Technician Fifth Grade, 38025046, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. As the 2nd Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry was relieving the 2nd Battalion \*\*\* Infantry, the telephone lines to forward battalion positions were disrupted by enemy artillery fire. Technician Fifth Grade Kunz immediately went forward with his party to locate and repair the break. The route was under direct enemy observation and artillery fire, and after briefly taking cover, he pressed forward despite the shelling, successfully locating and repairing the break. During this action, a member of the party was seriously wounded and Technician Fifth Grade Kunz, with calm disregard for danger, assisted in administering first aid. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ IRVIN S. ZIEROTH, Private First Class, 36212022, Headquarters Company, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. As the 2nd Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry was relieving the 2nd Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry the lines to forward battalion positions were disrupted by enemy artillery fire. Private First Class Zieroth, a member of the Regimental wire section immediately went forward with the wire party to locate and repair the break. The route was under direct enemy observation and artillery fire, and after briefly taking cover, he pressed forward despite the shelling, successfully locating and repairing the break. During this action, a member of the party was seriously wounded and Private First Class Zieroth, with calm disregard for danger, assisted in administering first aid. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Madison, Wisconsin.

✓ GORDON R. BONDURANT, Private First Class, 16054127, Company A, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Private First Class Bondurant, company sniper, kept constant rifle fire on forty entrenched enemy soldiers for an hour and a half. While under constant enemy machine gun fire and with utter disregard for his own safety, he moved over open terrain from one place to another, keeping his fire upon an enemy that disclosed his position. Due to his coolness, determination and accurate fire, he kept the enemy pinned down until they could be surrounded and captured. Private First Class Bondurant personally killed five enemy and wounded three others in addition to giving encouragement to his comrades. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Lacerate, Kentucky.

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✓ EDWARD D. McGIFF, Private First Class, 33201559, Medical Detachment, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1943 on \* \* \* in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. Private First Class McGiff, first aid man of Company G, was with his organization in a defensive position when it became subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. The first shell wounded five men in an exposed position. Private First Class McGiff, with utter disregard for his own safety, left his cover and proceeded to administer aid to the wounded men. Although the intense artillery barrage continued, he did not leave the exposed position until he had treated the five men and assisted in removing them to safety. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ PAUL E. GRAHAM, 16151332, Private, Company D, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. During a counter-attack by the enemy on the right sector of Hill 1205, an artillery barrage wounded every man in the machine gun squad of which Private Graham was an ammunition carrier. Though seriously wounded and with the enemy only twenty to thirty yards distant, alone he manned the machine gun rendering effective fire on the enemy positions until it was knocked out by a rifle grenade. The machine gun useless, he dauntlessly remained at his post firing his pistol, killing three of the enemy. This magnificent display of courage and outstanding calmness in the face of overwhelming odds was an inspiration to all who witnessed the deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Flinton, Michigan.

✓ VERNON D. McCASLAND, Private, 20804418, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \* Italy. Although having been advised that it was practically impossible to lay wire along the trail between two vital hills, due to most difficult terrain and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private McCasland with two other wire men proceeded to lay wire to the battalion command post over this trail, in order to afford the only means of communication to higher headquarters. After they had gone 200 yards, one of the crew was instantly killed by enemy artillery fire, but realizing the importance of their task, Private McCasland and his comrade, with utter disregard for their personal safety, continued on their mission. With communications installed, they returned over the same dangerous route and carried the body of their dead comrade out of the shelled area. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Goldthwaite, Texas.

✓ STUART G. CROSSMAN, Private, 31260551, Company G, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 during the night attack on \* \* \* in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. The squad of which Private Crossman was a member became pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire delivered by three enemy weapons. Without orders, he crawled forward toward one of the machine guns until he could use a hand grenade. His grenade exploded near the position, demoralizing the crew, and causing them to abandon their gun and withdraw. His initiative and courage served as an inspiration to his comrades, and contributed materially to the success of his platoon in taking its objective. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Westboro, Massachusetts.

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GERALD D. WOOD, Private, 32771790, Company G, \*\*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 during the night attack on \* \* \* in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. The platoon of which Private Wood was a member was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Due to the character of the terrain, he was the only person who could fire upon the enemy, although he had little cover. Without hesitation, he brought fire upon the first machine gun position, using their muzzle blasts as targets, thereby allowing the members of his platoon to move forward and destroy the position with hand grenades. After the first enemy gun had been destroyed, he switched his fire to the second enemy machine gun which made it possible for his platoon to outflank and destroy it. A third enemy position was destroyed in the same manner. By his courageous action, Private Wood drew the hostile fire upon himself and singlehandedly served as the base of fire for his platoon to advance upon their objective. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Montclair, New Jersey.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 3

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AF 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUNDS	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
Sgt Bernard J. Nowicki, 32036934	CAC	120 Walden St. Buffalo, N.Y.	26 Nov 43	Italy
1st Lt David R. Rodney, 0390182	CAC	Diamond, Mo.	3 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt George M. Constans, 37551022	C/S	Bismark, N.D.	3 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt Daniel J. O'Halloran, 20213142	C/S	Long Island City, New York	3 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt Stanley C. Kokosuka, 31061442	C/S	Manchester, N.H.	3 Dec 43	Italy
Sgt Andrew Kotcher, 33151207	C/S	Pottsville, Pa.	14 Dec 43	Italy
2nd Lt William M. Doughty, 01038592	C/S	Rangely, Colo.	15 Dec 43	Italy
Capt Morris M. Hughes, 0398175	Inf	403 E. Davenport, Stamford, Texas	29 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Butler (MII) Newsom, 35652223	Inf	Penny, Ky.	29 Dec 43	Italy
1st Lt William F. Loughman, 024965	Inf	317 W. 99th St. New York, N.Y.	29 Dec 43	Italy
Pvt Joseph A. Guggemos, 243470	CAC	60 Elizabeth St. Auburn, N.H.	11 Dec 43	Italy
2nd Lt Joseph R. Ryan, 01168895	FA	Carrolton, Mo.	13 Dec 43	Italy
2nd Lt Harold I. Owens, 0467224	FA	Taunton, Mass.	19 Dec 43	Italy
T/1 Lloyd G. Gill, 20815359	FA	Route #2, Cornuciana, Texas	19 Dec 43	Italy
Pfc Paul R. Davidson, 33282912	FA	3604 Orchard St. McKeesport, Pa.	28 Dec 43	Italy

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**SECTION I**  
**AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART**

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM CORPS SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
✓ Sgt Mack J. DiLorenzo, 32220899	CAC	793 Elton St. Brooklyn, N.Y.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ T/5 Leon A. Hughes, 74149497	CAC	Gen. Del. Flat Top, Tenn.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ T/ Clarence A. Tryon, 35172034	CAC	Cayuga, Ind.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ T/5 James C. Young, 33082453	CAC	RFD #1, St. Marys, Pa.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pfc James J. Sullivan, 32220790	CAC	2310 Newkirk Av Brooklyn, N.Y.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Leo L. Bisson, 32253815	CAC	Newton Falls, New York	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Benjamin Blatt, 32220634	CAC	60 Cooper St. New York, N.Y.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Walter Couture, 31798479	CAC	1177 Boston Rd Springfield, Mass	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Elmo Davis, 34187469	CAC	Gen. Del. Rascot, Tenn.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Albert K. Dietch, 32274940	CAC	Paterson, N.J.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Frank E. Fiorvanti, 33362407	CAC	1428 4th Ave. Conway, Pa.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt James T. Flood, 32259825	CAC	226 High St. Brooklyn, N.Y.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt John A. Gemellaro, 35131219	CAC	3616 E. Lombard Baltimore, Md.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Joseph E. O'Brien, 33130675	CAC	3345 Aspen St. Phila., Pa.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt John Lidosh, 12051030	CAC	111 Johnson Av. Wellington, N.J.	19 Dec 43	Italy
✓ Pvt Charles H. Zimmer, 12056501	CAC	812 S. State St Syracuse, N.Y.	Dec 43	Italy

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SECTION II  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart, is awarded to the following named enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF BOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
1st Lt Richard W. Lincomb, 31098959	CAC	RFD #1 Washington, D.C.	11 Dec 43	Italy

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GENERAL ORDERS

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

In accordance with AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

NAME - RANK - SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF WOUND	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION
✓ Cpl Larence J. DeBel, 36039785	PA	12 N. 11th St. St. Charles, Ill.	3 Jan 44	Italy ✓
✓ Pfc Robert A. Hallam, 3501136	PA	R.R. #3, Owensville, Ind.	3 Jan 44	Italy ✓
✓ Pfc Wilson D. Larrison, 38051853	PA	Box 187, Orange, Texas	3 Jan 44	Italy ✓
✓ Pvt Vincent J. Gaffney, 32334050	PA	407 W. 49th St. New York, N.Y.	3 Jan 44	Italy ✓
✓ Pvt Troy L. Marshall, 38060815	PA	1023 Coffin St. Danison, Texas	3 Jan 44	Italy ✓
✓ Pvt John F. Gorenflo, 35414185	MC	475 E. Main St. Marion, Ohio	3 Jan 44	Italy ✓
✓ Pvt Frank A. Emanuel, 33430029	PA		4 Jan 44	Italy ✓
✓ 1st Lt Louis N. Quast, 0452409	PA	929 Fairmont Ave. St. Paul, Minn.	4 Jan 44	Italy ✓

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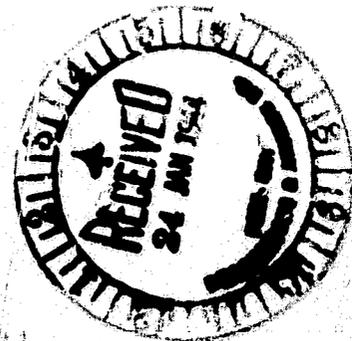
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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

AG 200.6

10 April 1944

Subject: Posthumous Award of Silver Star.

To : Private First Class DELMER GABBARD, 35267210, Company C, 141st  
Infantry Regiment, APO #36, U. S. Army

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the above named enlisted man for gallantry in action:

C I T A T I O N

DELMER GABBARD, 35267210, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of AGROFOLI, ITALY. After the establishment of the beachhead, Private First Class Gabbard moved forward with his company to its assigned objective and while doing so encountered strong enemy sniper resistance. He materially assisted in wiping out this enemy pocket of resistance by eliminating several and routing the others. Shortly thereafter, Private First Class Gabbard observed an enemy tank approaching and realizing that it constituted a serious threat to the security of his comrades and to the successful accomplishment of their mission, he dauntlessly and single handedly engaged the formidable enemy tank. In so doing he was killed. His bold display of magnificent courage, dogged determination, and devotion to duty in the face of an overwhelmingly superior adversary inspired all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Gabbard (mother), Elkatawa, Kentucky.

*Fred L. Walker*

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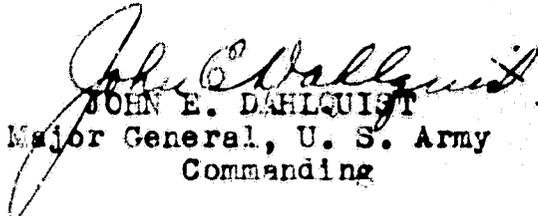
SUBJECT: Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Staff Sergeant WARREN C. CANFIELD, 36739522,  
Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
APO #36, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the above named individual is posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat on 29 May 1944 in Italy.

CITATION

WARREN C. CANFIELD, 36739522, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 29 May 1944 in Italy. The 1st Platoon's attack against enemy positions was halted by sweeping machine gun fire. In order to secure better observation and direct fire on the hostile gun emplacements, Sergeant Canfield entered a nearby house and climbed to a position exposed to the rapid, accurate bursts of enemy fire. From this advantageous position he skillfully directed his unit's guns in bringing effective fire on the enemy weapons. The resistance was overcome and the platoon continued its advance, but Sergeant Canfield was killed by the enemy machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Jeanette Canfield (Wife), 125 Arch Street, Ironwood, Michigan.

  
JOHN E. DAHLQUIST  
Major General, U. S. Army  
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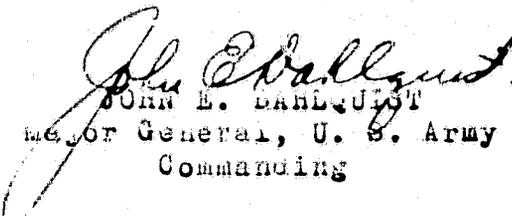
SUBJECT: Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.

TO : Private First Class BEN F. SEILNEIMER, 38058880,  
Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment,  
APO #36, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the above named enlisted man is posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

CITATION:

BEN F. SEILNEIMER, 38058880, Private First Class, Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 18 to 28 December 1943 in Italy. Private Seilneimer was assigned the arduous task of carrying supplies up the steep slopes of a mountain to units occupying defensive positions on the summit. The trip required nine hours of climbing up the almost sheer sides of cliffs frequently subjected to heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire. Displaying unusual devotion to duty and determination in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, he made six trips to the top of the mountain carrying the vitally needed supplies. When Company A was ordered to occupy front line positions on the mountain, he provided a base of fire with his automatic rifle to cover the movement. Private First Class Seilneimer has died of wounds received in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Andrew Seilneimer (Father), Route #2, Hamilton, Texas.

  
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Major General, U. S. Army  
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APO #36, U. S. Army

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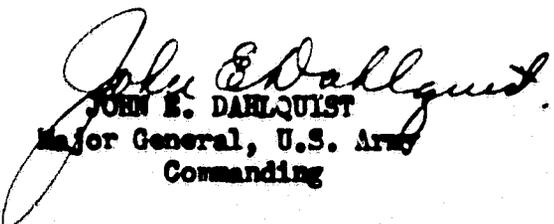
TO : Private WILLIE LEEVER, 37453025  
Headquarters Battery, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion  
APO #36, U. S. Army

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded the above named individual for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

CITATION

WILLIE LEEVER, 37453025, Private Headquarters Battery, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 November 1943 to 5 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Private Leever was assigned as jeep driver for the battalion commander and consistently distinguished himself by his expert and conscientious performance of duty. Frequently exposed to enemy artillery and mortar fire, he worked uncomplainingly for long periods. On 5 June 1944 he was accompanying the battalion commander when the leading tank came under fire and was knocked out. Private Leever was mortally wounded by fire from an enemy anti-tank gun and died on the way to the hospital.

Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Leever (Mother) Bayard, Nebraska.

  
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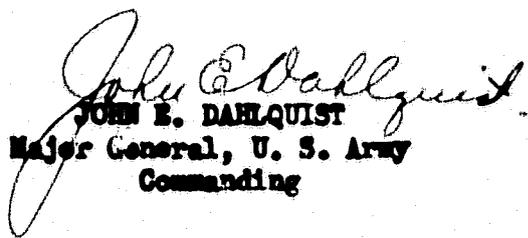
SUBJECT: Award of the Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action

TO : Private First Class SYLVESTER ROGERS, 35268025,  
Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment,  
APO #36, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations, 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the above named individual, missing in action, for heroic achievement in combat.

CITATION

SYLVESTER ROGERS, 35268025, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 10 September 1943 in Italy. When he learned that two squads of his company were advancing unknowingly into the direct path of a hidden enemy position of which he had knowledge, Private First Class Rogers and a comrade gathered a small patrol and led it on a flanking move against the hostile emplacements. Racing under heavy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to attack the position before their comrades were trapped and wiped out, the patrol launched a furious assault and overwhelmed the enemy strong point, capturing nine prisoners and killing the remainder. This aggressive action saved the lives of the squad members and cost the enemy dearly. From this engagement, Private First Class Rogers has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mr. James T. Rogers (Father), Pikeville, Kentucky.

  
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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

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12 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Private First Class ANDREW H. KISH, JR.,  
12055644, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment,  
APO #36, U. S. Army

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, you are awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat.

CITATION

ANDREW H. KISH, JR., 12055644, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 11 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Kish, a member of the assault platoon of his company, advanced over exposed, open terrain in an attack against an enemy stronghold. He and his comrades charged the strongly entrenched positions with fixed bayonets, firing as they approached. They killed 20 of the enemy soldiers and drove the others from the trenches. Private First Class Kish and the other platoon members fought in this position for several hours, dauntless in the face of incessant small arms and mortar fire. The enemy was completely disrupted, 113 prisoners were taken, and the battalion was able to continue its attack. Entered the Service from Baldwinsville, New York.

*John E. Dahlquist*  
JOHN E. DAHLQUIST  
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HEADQUARTERS 38TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #38, U. S. Army

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17 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal

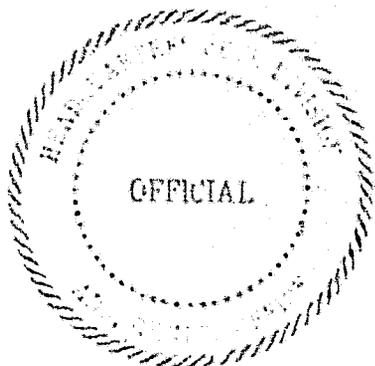
TO : Private First Class EDWARD P. CAMPION, 32776789,  
Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment,  
APO #38, U. S. Army

Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-40, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the above named enlisted man for heroic achievement in combat.

CITATION

EDWARD P. CAMPION, 32776789, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 22 August 1944 in France: An automatic rifleman in Company I, Private First Class Campion was located on the extreme right flank of his company's defensive positions. Hostile troops began moving up a hill on the unit's right, greatly endangering the flank. When the enemy blasted the area with heavy artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class Campion remained steadfastly in position. Although his position afforded an excellent field of fire, it offered scant cover, but he ignored the incessant fire and continued protecting his company's flank against the attackers. During the night he was killed by a hurtling shell fragment. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Campion (Mother), 76 Albert Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey.

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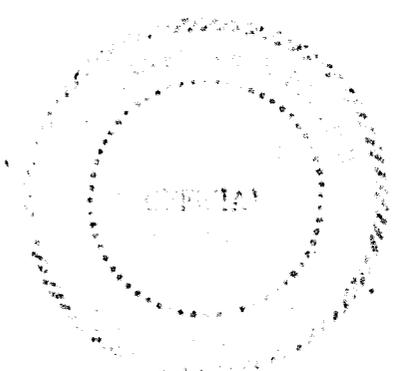
TO : Private First Class JAMES P. SHEERAN, JR,  
17134189, Company I, 145d Infantry Regiment,  
APO #36, U. S. Army

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 800-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the above named enlisted man for heroic achievement in combat.

DETAILS:

JAMES P. SHEERAN, JR, 17134189, Private First Class, Company I, 145d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 22 August 1944 in France. Private First Class Sheeran, a rifleman in Company I, was assigned the mission of protecting the right flank of his unit's defensive position against an expected counterattack. When enemy troops began moving up a hill on the company's right, he realized how much this maneuver endangered the flank positions and courageously refused to seek cover in spite of heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. He remained in position and braved the incessant shelling to cover his company's flank. During the night, when the enemy directed an unusually heavy artillery barrage on the area, Private First Class Sheeran was killed at his post by a shell explosion. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucille Sheeran (Mother), 8112 Wabada Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

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APO #38, U. S. Army

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17 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal

TO : Private CLAYTON L. HUTZLER, 42023519,  
Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment,  
APO #38, U. S. Army

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the above named enlisted man for heroic achievement in combat.

CITATION

CLAYTON L. HUTZLER, 42023519, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 28 August 1944 in France. Private Hutzler, a rifleman in Company I, was assigned the mission of protecting the right flank of his unit's defensive positions against an expected counterattack. When enemy troops began moving up a hill on the company's right, he realized how much this maneuver endangered the flank positions and courageously refused to seek cover in spite of heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. He remained in position and braved the incessant shelling to cover his company's flank. During the night, when the enemy directed an unusually heavy artillery barrage on the area, Private Hutzler was killed at his post by a shell explosion. Next of kin: Mr. Harry Hutzler (Father), 25 Wyand Crescent, Rochester, New York.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

8 February 1977

AGAR-SC 201 Hancock, James E.  
34 800 223 (31 Oct 56)

**SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of Special Orders**

1. So much of Special Orders 27, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 8 May 1944, as pertains to the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge to James E. Hancock, service number 34 800 223, is withdrawn.

2. The Combat Infantryman Badge was awarded to the above-named individual by General Orders 34, Headquarters 143d Infantry, dated 26 October 1944.

By Order of Wilber M. Bruker, Secretary of the Army:

Adjutant General

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AGRS-DA 201 Wyatt, Aaron W., Jr.  
O 264 395

23 May 1961

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of Special Orders

1. So much of Special Orders 24, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 3 February 1944, as pertains to the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge to Lieutenant Colonel Aaron W. Wyatt, Jr., service number O 264 395, is withdrawn.

2. The Combat Infantryman Badge has previously been awarded to the above named individual by General Orders 2, Headquarters 141st Infantry Regiment, dated 11 January 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. C. Leary*  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #31, U. S. Army

3 February 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS

NO. 24

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1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 4, Circular No. 269, War Department, 1943, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded the following named office

Lt Col ARON W. WYATT, JR., 0204395  
1st Lt FRANK E. BURCHER, 0445052

141st Infantry  
3d Both Inf Div

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By command of Major General WALKER:

CLAYTON F. KERR,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*John J. Deane*

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22 May 1944

NO. 150

Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....	I
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

OSCAR C. BRATCHER, 38036008, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Bratcher was company runner during an attack against strongly fortified enemy positions. During the initial stages of the attack, all communications between the different units of the company were destroyed by the heavy mortar and artillery fire. To establish and maintain contact between the assault and the support elements, he made four trips across the exposed terrain separating the units braving the fury of intense enemy shelling. Although wounded, Private First Class Bratcher refused to be evacuated and continued his important work until he was killed by fragments from an enemy mortar shell. By his determined courage and devotion to duty, he kept the company units in contact and enabled the company commander to maintain control during the critical stages of the attack. Next of kin: Mrs Stella Bratcher (mother), 515 Water Street, Waxahachie, Texas.

LOUIS J. KNIGHT, 32221648, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. With his company in a hazardous defensive position along the \*\*\* River, Private First Class Knight volunteered to occupy a forward outpost position which was under constant enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Exposed to the heavy fire sweeping the area, he daringly moved forward to the vital position and successfully occupied it. When an artillery barrage was directed at the outpost, he bravely ordered his comrades to take cover while he maintained the guard alone. While determinedly carrying on in the face of the deadly barrage, he was killed by an artillery shell which exploded near him. Private First Class Knight's magnificent courage and exemplary devotion to duty inspired the successful holding of the company's position and undoubtedly saved the lives of the other soldiers at the outpost. Next of kin: Miss Agnes A. Knight (Sister), 165 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN (NMI) STERNER, 33237409, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Sterner volunteered to go on a patrol whose mission was to ambush an enemy machine gun crew, and destroy the position. Working their way forward, under cover of darkness, the patrol reached the position before the enemy had sent men to occupy it and concealed themselves in the vicinity. Private First Class Sterner, volunteered to take a forward position on the exposed terrain facing the most likely avenue of enemy approach, while the other men took cover behind a stone wall. While the patrol was thus waiting the approach of the enemy, a heavy artillery barrage was directed on their positions. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Sterner continued to hold his forward position, and

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while so doing was killed. By his great fortitude and unselfish devotion to duty in voluntarily assuming the most dangerous position, he enabled the other men of the patrol to return in safety. Next of kin: Mrs Maggie M. Mohr (Mother), Route Number 1, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL L. WEBER, 36454545, Private First Class, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Assigned to maintain a defensive position during frequent enemy counter-attacks, Private First Class Weber, a machine gunner, steadfastly remained with his weapon during an intense concentration of hostile artillery and mortar fire. Displaying superlative calmness and outstanding initiative when the tripod of his gun was knocked out; he courageously propped the weapon up on some rocks and directed accurate deadly fire against the enemy when they advanced within range. His determined defense was an important factor in repulsing the attack and successfully maintaining that sector. Private First Class Weber was fatally wounded shortly afterward by a direct hit of a mortar shell on his position. His magnificent courage and exemplary devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs Margaret Weber (Mother), 152 Atlantic Street, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ARTHUR E. STARK, 34714046, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Stark, assigned the task of helping to carry the battalion switchboard across the \*\*\* River during an assault on enemy positions, crossed the river in the face of deadly mortar, artillery and small arms fire, and set up the switchboard. When it became necessary to send all available men back to the friendly side of the river for wire to replace the shattered battalion communication lines, he volunteered to remain and continue operating the switchboard. Although painfully wounded, he determinedly maintained his position amidst the inferno of furious shelling. Unaware that fierce enemy resistance had forced the battalion to withdraw, Private Stark stayed at his switchboard, constantly testing his lines even after the maintenance of communication seemed impossible. Two days later his comrades found him dead. He had been wounded four times, but was still at his post. Next of kin: Mrs Wadge Stark, (Mother), Nashville, Tennessee.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

JOHN W. UPCHURCH, 01308026, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During an assault on furiously defended enemy positions, across the treacherous \*\*\* River, Lieutenant Upchurch assumed command of Company A when the company commander was wounded and evacuated to an aid station. Although painfully wounded himself, he continued to lead his men in the attack, displaying qualities of extraordinary courage and splendid leadership under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Realizing the futility of attempting to press further, Lieutenant Upchurch speedily reorganized his company and, with consummate skill, directed the preparation of defensive positions. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

CLYDE (NMI WALKER, 20809319, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Encouraging and leading his men during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Sergeant Walker assumed command of the entire platoon when the platoon leader and other non-commissioned officers became casualties as a result of the intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Reorganizing the men into a compact fighting unit, he repeatedly exposed himself

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to the continued heavy fire while skillfully directing the assault against the hostile emplacements. His aggressive leadership materially contributed to the advance in his sector. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

JOHNY M. GILREATH, 35789345, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, Italy. Acting as squad leader during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\*\* River, Private First Class Gilreath skillfully led his men across the treacherous waters under intense hostile artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Reorganizing them on the other side, he courageously moved forward over heavily mined terrain leading an assault on his assigned objective and maintaining the position against repeated enemy counter attacks. His aggressive leadership contributed materially to the accomplishment of the company's mission. Entered the service from Holly Hill, Kentucky.

WLO E. HESS, 37318978, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, Italy. Encouraging and leading his men during two bitterly contested crossings of the \*\*\*\* River, Sergeant Hess repeatedly exposed himself to the intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire while maintaining unity within his platoon. Pushing forward courageously over heavily mined terrain despite the continued heavy barrage, he successfully led an assault which overcame his objective and resulted in many casualties suffered by the enemy. His aggressive leadership materially contributed to the advance in his sector. Entered the Service from Eagle Bend, Minnesota.

GARRITT T. DALTON, 32649687, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Dalton crossed the \*\*\*\* River with his unit in an attempt to establish a bridgehead on the hostile bank. Attacking in the face of intense artillery and mortar fire, he advanced with his squad until stopped by barbed wire entanglements covered with machine gun fire. Crawling forward to the barbed wire, he assisted in cutting it, thus permitting the troops to proceed with the assault. Private First Class Dalton continued dauntlessly forward, constantly exposed to the enemy shelling and machine gun fire, firing his own weapon with great effectiveness against the strongly fortified and well concealed enemy emplacements, until he was wounded and ordered to return to the friendly bank of the river for medical attention. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ALFRED (NLI) DILLO, 32918823, Private, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, Italy. After crossing the \*\*\*\* river with his unit in an assault on enemy positions on the farther bank, Private Dileo continued to advance in the face of continuous artillery and mortar shelling and intense machine gun fire. He made his way across the shell blasted terrain toward an enemy machine gun emplacement until he was struck by shrapnel. When the enemy launched a furious counterattack, Private Dileo, ignoring his painful wound, seized an automatic rifle and opened fire on the approaching enemy, successfully repelling the attack in his sector. Entered the Service from Brunswick, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual:

JOHN P. DOWNS, 35206971, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Batta-

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lion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*\*, Italy. Returning from Company F, to the battalion command post, Private First Class Downs and a comrade detected enemy minefield markings on the trail. Voluntarily determining to clear the area of mines, they moved forward cautiously, found the first mine, and carefully removed it. As they did, a heavy concentration of artillery fire began to fall near them. When the fury of the barrage slackened, they continued to search the trail, discovering and removing two more mines. Their work was both hazardous and tedious; before removing a mine they had to carefully check it for booby-trap attachments, then exercise extreme caution in neutralizing and removing it from the ground. Not until they were certain that the trail was clear of all mines did they return to their company. By retaining their calmness under enemy fire and by the skill and caution they exercised in clearing the mines, Private First Class Down and his companion made an important route safe for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Entered the Service from Bathany, West Virginia.

By command of Major General WALKER:

STEWART T. VINCENT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

VINCENT M. LOCKHART  
Captain, Adjutant General's Department  
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APO #36, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS

21 May 1944

NO. 149

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I
- Award of Silver Star..... II

SECTION -- I POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, A Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

**WILLIAM S. ROGERS, 0308918, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Assigned the mission of transporting a foot bridge to the \*\*\* River during the bitterly contested crossing, Lieutenant Rogers skillfully led his men through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and reached the bank where he assisted engineer troops in erecting the bridge. Immediately upon its completion he reorganized his men; and encouraging them by his coolness under the heavy fire, he led them in a fierce assault over the bridge and against the well fortified enemy emplacements on the hostile side. While spearheading this drive, Lieutenant Rogers was wounded by mortar fragments; and while being evacuated he was again wounded by the explosion of an artillery shell near him. He never died from the wounds incurred in this engagement. His aggressive leadership, loyalty, and exemplary devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds and materially assisted the crossings of supporting units. Next of kin: Unknown.**

**JOHN F. SCHRAGE, 01311546, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, Italy. As a platoon leader of Company G, Lieutenant Schrage was assigned a defensive sector along the positions on the mountain side. To direct the fire from his mortars effectively, he established an observation post well forward of the platoon position in an area which was constantly subjected to heavy enemy fire. Several assaults on his defensive positions were frustrated by the effective mortar fire directed from this observation post, and, consequently, the enemy inflicted many casualties in repeated attempts to knock it out. Realizing the vital importance of maintaining the post, Lieutenant Schrage went forward to personally supervise its operation. Displaying splendid leadership and extraordinary courage, he remained at the observation post, opposing numerous enemy attempts to destroy the position, until he was severely wounded by a direct hit on the post. Refusing to be evacuated until the communication line was restored, Lieutenant Schrage died of his wounds before his evacuation was effected. His gallantry in the face of extreme danger and even death greatly inspired his men to a greater display of bravery in repelling the enemy attacks. Next of kin: Mrs Mary F. Schrage, (mother), 417 Saint Lawrence Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

**GEORGE D. YATES, 20807888, Technical Sergeant, Company, 143d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*. The 143d Infantry Regiment was ordered to cross the \*\*\* River. The enemy was entrenched in the terrain beyond. The attack was launched under intense enemy artillery, Nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire across the river.**

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river and over ground further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Cover was negligible in the last seven hundred yards of the river approaches which further complicated the difficulties encountered in bringing boats and other equipment to the river line. Many boats were destroyed before leaving the river, and many others were destroyed in the water by short range enemy small arms fire. Some of the occupants of boats destroyed in the river were hit and all were thrown into deep water. In the face of all these obstacles, Sergeant Yates with his comrades pressed home the attack with indomitable fortitude, crossing the river and penetrating deeply into enemy held territory. Subsequently, repeated savage counter-attacks by the enemy succeeded in over-running the positions. In the furious fighting which continued over a two-day period and which cost the enemy enormous casualties in killed and wounded, he lost his life. His magnificent fortitude, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty against vastly superior enemy forces constitute an outstanding example of fighting courage that will long endure as an inspiration to all who witness or have knowledge of his valorous deeds. Next of kin: Mrs Sarah Bertel Yates (Mother), 1092 Avenue C, Beaumont, Texas.

MORRIS A. CARTER, 20803117, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, I. When his platoon became separated during the bitterly opposed landing and establishment of the beachhead, Sergeant Carter organized the men around him into a fighting team and led them in a fierce assault against enemy machine gun emplacements which were inflicting many casualties in the area. Eight enemy tanks came out to meet the attack whereupon he skillfully deployed his men along a canal and engaged these formidable foes. Calmly directing his men and encouraging them in the face of the heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Carter constantly exposed himself while organizing a defensive fire with rifle grenades and rockets. During the intense fighting which ensued, he was fatally wounded. His magnificent daring and aggressive leadership inspired the successful routing of the tank attack and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men. Next of kin: Mr Ross Carter (Father), 322 Hickory Street, Luling, Texas.

JESS W. RICHARDSON, 37099539, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, I. Private First Class Richardson was radio operator at the battalion command post when the position was subjected to furious enemy artillery shelling. Unable to operate the radio without remaining in the command car, he staunchly refused to leave the car for a position of safety and maintained communications with the forward observer and the battalion liaison officer. Aware that the maintenance of contact was vital for the success of the operations, Private First Class Richardson continued working with the radio until an artillery shell struck the command car and killed him. His contempt for personal security while doing his job demonstrated the nobility and the strength of his character. Next of kin: Mrs Lucy Richardson (Mother), Route #1, Van Buren, Arkansas.

WALTER H. DAME, 31080651, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 on Mount \*\*\*, I. Assigned to maintain an observation post overlooking an important valley approach, Private Dame fearlessly withstood an intense artillery and tank barrage concentrated in his area to accurately observe and report hostile movements. Alertly detecting the approach of enemy tanks under cover of the heavy barrage, he daringly risked the hazardous fire to move forward from the observation post to a point from which he could have an unobstructed view of their position. Though he was fired upon directly by the guns of the formidable tanks, Private Dame remained in his position and calmly directed artillery fire which effectively broke up the impending attack.

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He was later fatally wounded in a subsequent engagement. His outstanding initiative and exemplary devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector and resulted in serious losses to the enemy. Next of kin: Mrs Eva Dame (Mother), 179 Holden Street, Holden, Massachusetts.

SECTION II-- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

JAMES E. TAYLOR, 0370731, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Major Taylor, as executive officer of the battalion, was assigned the responsibility of bringing ashore fourteen gun and ammunition trucks. Through a fury of machine gun and mortar fire, he led the trucks onto the beach under cover of a smoke screen and, by masterful leadership and skillful organization of his men, succeeded in putting a seven-gun battery into action against the enemy, thus supporting the infantry forces. Major Taylor, heedless of the dangers to which he was exposed, moved about tirelessly, assisting in unloading the pieces and supervising the selection of howitzer positions. In spite of the confusion engendered by ceaseless enemy artillery and mortar fire and intermittent bombings and strafings from enemy aircraft, he maintained control among the men under his command and constantly encouraged and advised them. As a result of his magnificent leadership and his retention of calm good judgment under hazardous circumstances, a tank attack against the center of the infantry forces was repelled and five tanks were destroyed. Entered the Service from Kerens, Texas.

JOHN A. BERQUIST, 01289032, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the 1st Battalion was unexpectedly moved into positions on Hill \*\*\*, the problem of organization was rendered most difficult by the intense enemy artillery barrage and the freezing temperatures and flurries of snow in the darkness of night. Captain Berquist, assigned the task of uniting all personnel in the rear area into an efficient and smoothly functioning group, constantly exposed himself to the furious shelling, issuing calm and effective orders, collecting stragglers, and setting up his command post. Heedless of the extreme danger of his position, he disdained shelter and continued directing and controlling his men. By his example of courage and vigor and intelligent leadership he encouraged the men to redouble their efforts and complete their tasks in spite of the deadly enemy fire. Entered the Service from Mankato, Minnesota.

BURNS T. BAIRD, 01305179, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions, Lieutenant Baird courageously led his platoon into the inferno of enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and nebelwerfer fire across the treacherous \*\*\* River. Although wounded in the assault, he continued to press the attack, disdainful of physical pain and contemptuous of personal danger. Displaying superb qualities of leadership and courage, Lieutenant Baird skillfully controlled his men and greatly encouraged them by his example of devotion to duty and extraordinary fearlessness. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN J. WALSH, 01310903, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Ordered to knock out an enemy machine gun which had pinned down two platoons of his company,

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Lieutenant Walsh led his men in a flanking movement against the weapon. As he was approaching the gun emplacement, an enemy mortar suddenly registered on their positions, and he was wounded by the deadly accurate fire. Staunchly refusing evacuation, Lieutenant Walsh remained where he fell, constantly exposed to the furious enemy shelling; and directed his men to places of safety. By his exemplary conduct in the face of grave danger, he prevented possible casualties among the men under his command. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California

PAUL R. DAVIDSON, 33282912, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 December and 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\* and Mount \*\*\*, Italy. While he was caught in a heavy enemy artillery barrage during an assault in which he was assigned as radio operator, Corporal Davidson immediately left a position of cover to go to the aid of a soldier whom he saw wounded. Skillfully rendering medical assistance while exposed to the increasingly hazardous fire, he was able to successfully evacuate the wounded man. He then courageously continued forward to an advance observation post from which he calmly directed accurate artillery fire against the enemy emplacements. On 16 December 1943 when assigned a similar mission, he determinedly pushed forward even when badly hurt by the concussion of a shell which exploded a few feet from him and disabled his radio. Upon reaching the observation post, Corporal Davidson displayed outstanding initiative under devastating fire by carefully building one good radio out of the two damaged ones at the position, thereby making possible the effective resumption of operations at that sector. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded the following named individual for gallantry in action:

LESLIE C. PERRY, 6973459, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944, in Italy. Private Perry, first aid man attached to Company G, accompanied the unit in its attack against enemy positions. When furious enemy mortar and small arms fire inflicted numerous casualties, he tirelessly rendered first aid to his wounded comrades. With extraordinary calmness in the face of enemy fire, Private Perry continued to treat the wounded, refusing to take protection until the last man had been given first aid and evacuated. He has subsequently been killed in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Ella Perry (Mother), 227 Cleveland Avenue, East Point, Georgia.

SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

HENRY J. PAYUR, JR., 37492526, Private First Class, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Kansas City, Mo.

STEWART R. PAITSEL, 53216001, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Selma, Virginia.

BARTHOLOMEW J. REAGAN, JR., 33168111, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR L. MOORE, 36169912, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Nunica, Michigan.

CLARENCE (NMI) SMITH, 36162267, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Willis, Michigan.

WESLEY O. MURSCHEL, 37554530, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Webster, South Dakota.

ANICET (NMI) FOUTNIER, 31026543, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

GILBERT W. EHRSAM, 32318415, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from S. Ozone Park, New York.

CHARLES L. BRADY, 37209023, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Axtell, Kansas.

JOHN W. MORPHEW, JR., 31089042, Private, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Beverly, Massachusetts.

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ROLAND R. SHELTON, 34705282, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, Entered the Service from Red Bay, Alabama.

JOSEPH (NMI) SOARES, JR., 31304758, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

For gallantry in action on 2 February 1944, in Italy. These men, under constant threat of hostile fire, cleared three pathways through an enemy minefield near a treacherous river essential for the advance of infantry troops. Because they were in advance of friendly outposts and within range of enemy observers, they were forced to work on their hands and knees, sometimes crawling forward on their stomachs. In searching out the mines, which booby traps and connecting trip wires rendered more deadly, they had to employ the tedious and dangerous probing method. In spite of all dangers and difficulties, they worked tirelessly and efficiently until the paths were successfully cleared of mines and safe for the advancing infantry.

APTILIA W. AFFUSO, 32207838, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944, in Italy. Private Affuso's company, which was dug in on the mountain side, was subjected to a concentrated barrage laid down by enemy artillery. Above the fury of bursting shells he heard the cry of a wounded man and unhesitatingly left the shelter of his fox hole to aid his comrade. Realizing that the soldier needed immediate medical attention, Private Affuso supported the man, who could not walk unassisted, and started down the slope under fire toward the nearest aid station. As they approached the station, the concussion from a bursting shell struck Private Affuso to the ground and severely injured his legs. In spite of intense pain, he continued on to the aid station with his wounded comrade. Entered the Service from North Bergen, New Jersey.

SAM (NMI) MOBILIO, 32925514, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944, in Italy. On the morning of 12 February 1944 his company was subjected to intense artillery fire which caused many casualties. Although he was not in the area being subjected to the artillery shelling, he heard the cries of the wounded. Leaving his place of safety, he crept into the dangerous area and gave first aid to the wounded although shells continued to burst all around him. Entered the Service from Belleville, New Jersey.

PHILIP (NMI) GERSON, 15324690, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944, in Italy. Private Gerson was attached to Company K during the attack to cross a river. The route to the river bank crossed a minefield and several mines were set off injuring a number of soldiers. At the same time heavy artillery and mortar fire were laid on the area. Private Gerson went into the minefield under enemy fire to administer first aid to the wounded. After treating the wounded he led litter squads into the minefield to carry them to the rear. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

SECTION III - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals are awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

JOE (NMI) SANCHEZ, 20801491, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1943. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

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✓ GEORGE M. TAYLOR, 33127292, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 2d Battalion Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Spottwood, Virginia.

✓ ENRIQUE (NMI) OCHOTORENA, 20802258, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 141st Infantry, 17 December 1943. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

✓ HOWARD L. JESSUP, 35095188, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry, 14 January 1944. Entered the Service from Anderson, Indiana.

✓ E. A. (IO) FOSTER, 38035904, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1944. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

✓ GORDON E. KEATS, 36809731, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 January 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ THOMAS (NMI) SMITH, 35267370, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, 28 January 1944. Entered the Service from Farmer, Kentucky.

✓ JAMES R. BROWN, JR., 32853269, Private, Infantry, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 November 1943. Entered the Service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

✓ JOSEPH F. FERRY, 33600427, Private, Infantry, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ THOMAS S. DOCHAK, 32302187, Private, Infantry, Regimental Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1943. Entered the Service from Bernardsville, New Jersey.

SECTION IV - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals are awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

✓ HAROLD R. BROWN, 35160831, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry, 11 February 1944. Entered the Service from Wheatfield, Indiana.

✓ THOMAS S. DOCHAK, 32302187, Private, Infantry, Regimental Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1944. Entered the Service from Bernardsville, New Jersey.

SECTION V - COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

✓ JAMES W. HIGGINS, 20808649, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

✓ MANCEL (NMI) MORREN, 38066054, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Colorado City, Texas.

✓ JOHN F. HOUGH, JR., 38051609, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Wharton, Texas.

✓ MARSHALL O. LANTZ, 36044534, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.

✓ PAUL (NMI) MOFENO, 20808656, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

✓ ELMER T. WOMACK, 38051452, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ponta, Texas.

✓ WALTER (NMI) PLAKIN, 32336282, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Jamaica, New York.

✓ JOSEPH (NMI) BATISSA, 32301719, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

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JAMES E. EAKS, 34426452, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Mississippi.  
JOHN V. HAMMER, 34465352, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bear Creek, North Carolina.  
CHARLES B. PARSONS, 32267566, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Claymont, Delaware.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct during the period 23 January to 6 February 1944, in Italy. These men were members of a kitchen crew which voluntarily installed a kitchen immediately behind front line positions in order to provide hot meals to the combat troops. Subjected repeatedly to heavy shell fire while preparing food and hauling rations, they further risked the hazardous fire in order to hand-carry meals to all friendly positions in the sector during this entire period. Their determined efforts contributed materially to the morale and comfort of their fighting comrades.

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**AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ELLIOTT W. AMICK, 0021153, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 14 to 19 December 1943, in Italy. Commanding the 1st Battalion, Major Amick skillfully planned and executed an ordered night attack against well-entrenched enemy on a tactically important mountain and took them by surprise. Although only two thousand yards away from enemy-held points commanding excellent observation of his troops, he managed to keep the battalion hid from the enemy during the entire day preceding the attack and moved forward under cover of darkness. He so well coordinated and controlled the assault that within twelve hours the battalion had complete possession of the strongly defended objective and all enemy within small arms range had been killed, captured or driven away. Entered the Service from Roseville, California.

PAUL R. MCKEE, 01823909, Second Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action from 21 November to 27 December 1943, in Italy. Lieutenant McKee, a member of the communications section of the battalion, worked tirelessly under the most disagreeable weather conditions and under intense shell fire to lay wire and maintain the communications of the battalion. During this period, he helped lay a total of 72 miles of wire, much of it in forward positions at observation posts where enemy artillery shelling was almost constant. By his determined and fearless performance of his duty he and other members of the section enabled the battalion commander to have constant communication with subordinate units. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM L. WOODY, 01113068, Second Lieutenant, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Bessmer, North Carolina.

EUGENE V. MC DONALD, 20817913, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

HERBERT (NMI) MULKY, 20817925, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

LOYD L. PATTERSON, 20817980, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

JACK F. CLEEK, 37013509, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Kansas City, Missouri.

J. P. (IO) JOHNSTON, 20817963, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

THOMAS W. SMITH, 33460014, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Athens, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD C. COOPER, 20817499, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Fort Arthur, Texas.

JOHN R. SLONS, 38039657, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Archer, Texas.

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MANUEL A. HOVEL, 36173690, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Hart, Michigan.

HOYTE E. WILLIAMS, 36173744, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Royal Oak, Michigan.

JOHN A. PUSZAKOWSKI, 33303310, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. MILLER, 33559783, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

DALE R. PATCH, 36173913, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Coldwater, Michigan.

DONALD J. SCHEID, 36173690, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Belding, Michigan.

For gallantry in action on 2 February 1944, in Italy. The above named officers and enlisted men, under constant threat of hostile fire, assisted in clearing three pathways through an enemy minefield near a treacherous river essential for the advance of infantry troops. Because they were in advance of friendly outposts and within range of enemy observers, they were forced to work on their hands and knees, sometimes crawling forward on their stomachs. In searching out the mines, which booby traps and connection trip wires rendered more deadly, they had to employ the tedious and dangerous probing method. In spite of all dangers and difficulties they worked tirelessly and efficiently until the paths were successfully cleared of mines and safe for the advancing infantry.

KENNETH O. PITNER, 20805600, First Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944, in Italy. Prior to a determined enemy attack on the battalion positions, Company B, was subjected to an intense artillery and mortar barrage which cut the lines of communication to the battalion headquarters. Knowing the danger of an enemy attack Sergeant Pitner, upon his own initiative, left his place of safety to repair the broken line. He made his way through the intense enemy fire, repairing the lines at numerous points and reinstalling communications to higher headquarters. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

WILLARD S. WILLIAMS, 20806446, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

CLYDE W. DE MASTERS, 20806488, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

JAMES F. MESKILL, 36236452, Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philips, Wisconsin.

For gallantry in action on 31 January 1944, in Italy. As their company moved under of cover of darkness to an assembly area, intense machine gun crossfire was encountered and the two rear platoons became separated from the company. Realizing the danger of leading their platoons into a possible enemy trap while in unfamiliar territory, they halted their columns in order to investigate the route of advance. Then made their way forward, passing through the enemy outposts and discovering many machine gun nests. After making a thorough search of the enemy territory and realizing that the enemy force was stronger than their own, they returned to their platoons and led them along a safer route to rejoin the company. They reported the information as to the enemy positions to their Company Command.

JOSEPH G. BARNES, 54049219, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 February 1944, in Italy. While in a defensive position his company was subjected to an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage which inflicted numerous casualties. Knowing that the aid men had more than they

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do, Sergeant Barnes, on his own initiative, left his position of cover and, although the enemy shelling continued, went to the aid of a wounded soldier and carried him to safety. Entered the Service from Carthage, Mississippi.

JAMES D. WHITE, 16062625, Sergeant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943, in Italy. Assigned with his squad to remove enemy mines from a military highway essential as a supply road, Sergeant White drove the squad truck to the section where the mines had been placed. In spite of intense artillery fire the squad began clearing the mines. Sergeant White knowing that the truck contained the squad equipment and almost irreplaceable mine detectors, ran to the vehicle, now endangered by intense enemy shelling, and started driving it away. Just as he had turned the truck, several shells landed in the exact spot where it had been a moment before. By his quick thinking and extraordinary fearlessness Sergeant White saved a much needed truck and the invaluable equipment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

ORA M. GILCREASE, 20815358, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.  
HERMAN (NMI) BRUCE, 20315345, Corporal, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 25 January 1944, in Italy. The increased intensity of enemy artillery and mortar fire forced the forward observer party, which was supporting the 143d Infantry Regiment, in an attack on a strategic river line, to seek shelter behind a dug-in tank. Observing a wounded soldier exposed to the fury of the shelling, the above named enlisted men unhesitatingly left their position of safety and crossed the shell torn area to aid the soldier. After treating the profusely bleeding wounds, they began carrying the man to an aid station when a shell exploded behind them, seriously injuring the officer in command of the group. They assisted in carrying the officer to the safety of the dug-in tank, then returned to the first wounded man and carried him to the aid station. By their selfless deeds, these men were instrumental in saving the lives of two wounded men.

JOSEPH A. LEAP, 33093259, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Elkton, Virginia.  
JOHN R. CONKERY, 33054002, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
CHARLES E. PABST, JR., 31294194, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Winchester, Virginia.  
FRANCIS A. GALLAND, 32839886, Private, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.  
CHARLIE F. BYRNE, 33537674, Private, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Sterling, Virginia.  
PETER S. FABRY, 36708483, Private, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

For gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944, in Italy. The above named enlisted men were members of a liaison section attached to the 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, which had been ordered to cross a strategic river in an assault on enemy positions. After crossing the river in the face of furious artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, they were ordered to withdraw to the near bank of the river. Here they established an observation post and, constantly harassed by the enemy shelling, remained at this post for ten hours, tirelessly working to maintain communications.

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with their artillery battalion. By their dogged determination to perform their assigned tasks, in spite of all resistance, they made possible the continuous supporting fire of the artillery.

EDWARD A. REINING, 38965841, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

QUENTIN R. CHILES, 20818908, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from De Kalb, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 7 February 1944, in Italy. While moving its collecting station forward by convoy along a narrow road, the company was subjected to enemy artillery shelling and was forced to leave the road in search of shelter. When word came back that there were many French and American wounded in the shelled area, the above named enlisted men without waiting for orders or for the barrage to lift, left their position of safety and drove their ambulances straight into the heavy artillery concentration. They moved over the shell blasted terrain, picked up the wounded soldiers and drove them to a nearby aid station. Constantly exposed to the furious enemy shelling, these men made several trips into the area to pick up additional wounded.

DEWEY E. PITTS, 34707876, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hamilton, Alabama.

SIXTO G. MORENO, 38026740, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 7 February 1944, in Italy. Assigned the mission of repairing a wire line of great importance to the successful repulsion of an enemy counterattack, the above named enlisted men realizing the importance of a speedy completion of their task, set out in the midst of an intense enemy artillery barrage. Though constantly exposed to furious shelling, they calmly and efficiently completed the repair job and successfully reestablished communications.

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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

JOHN C. CONNELL, 12051179, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Tec 5 Connell was assigned as a code clerk operating in the rear battalion command post. In the absence of messengers, he volunteered to carry a vital message to a forward unit through an intense artillery and mortar barrage. While the remainder of the personnel were crouched in their fox holes, Tec 5 Connell left his place of safety and started forward with the message, braving the hail of shells. He pressed on until he was struck down and killed by a bursting shell. The exemplary courage and extraordinary selflessness which he displayed in sacrificing his life to perform a necessary task inspired his comrades to emulate his intrepidity and nobility. Next of kin: Mr. John Connell (Father), 155 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

CHARLES (NMI) KNIPP, JR., 35266971, Private First Class, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Knipp was a runner from the company command post to the reserve platoon as the assault company attacked enemy positions in the vicinity of \*\*\*. Displaying great physical stamina and fortitude, he kept the company commander in contact with the reserve platoon as the company moved out and began the attack. This had to be accomplished over extremely rugged terrain, through heavy mud, in the cold and rain, and through continuous heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. During the attack, it became necessary to commit the reserve platoon. Private First Class Knipp was entrusted to get the order through to the platoon to move into action according to previously made plans. In the midst of continued intense enemy fire, he made his way over the exposed terrain, delivered the message and while so returning to the company command post for further orders, was killed by enemy artillery fire. His aggressive vigor, magnificent courage, and devotion to duty materially assisted in the success of the attack, and greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha Knipp (Mother), Olive Hill, Kentucky.

ARTHUR J. RYNIER, 33235841, Private First Class, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While Private First Class Rynier was assigned to company headquarters as a runner, the headquarters position was the target of an intense mortar barrage that lasted over two hours. Throughout the barrage he remained on duty at the telephone and maintained unbroken communications with the platoons and battalion headquarters.

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Constantly jarred by the furious shelling, he was, on one instance, blasted from his fox hole by a shell burst in the vicinity of his position. In spite of the deafening noise of the explosions and the extreme danger to which he was exposed, Private First Class Rynier courageously and calmly continued his work until he was fatally wounded by a mortar shell. His intrepidity in the face of deadly fire and his determination to do his job at all costs to himself greatly inspired his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Elsie Rynier (Mother), Paradise, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

FRANCIS J. GORMAN, 01289068, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As commander of Company A, Lieutenant Gorman led his unit across the \*\*\* River in an assault on violently defended enemy positions. Exposed to furious enemy shelling and small arms fire, he was severely wounded by a mortar shell burst. In spite of intense pain, he staunchly refused to be evacuated and continued to direct his company in the assault although his wounds prevented the use of his legs. Entered the Service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

RICHARD J. PLISKA, 01306947, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As leader of the first platoon of Company A, Lieutenant Pliska courageously led his men across the \*\*\* River in the face of intense enemy shelling and continuous machine gun and rifle fire. Although painfully wounded in the crossing, he continued to direct his men in the assault on enemy positions, displaying qualities of extraordinary fearlessness and splendid leadership. By inspiring the men to a greater display of bravery and aggressiveness, he aided materially in establishing a bridgehead on the enemy side of the river. Entered the Service from Madison, Wisconsin.

DAVID M. WALKER, 01298322, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Leading the assault platoon of his company in an attack on strongly fortified positions across the treacherous \*\*\* River, Lieutenant Walker was severely wounded in the leg. Although bleeding profusely, he disdained evacuation and continued to lead his platoon through the heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire and the withering blasts from enemy machine guns. By ignoring the pain of his wounds and the extreme danger of his position, he maintained control of the advance elements of his company during the attack and inspired the men of his platoon to redouble their efforts against the enemy. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

MONTE R. LEE, 20813571, Staff Sergeant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Lee was assigned to an artillery forward observer section attached to the 2d Battalion whose mission was to establish a bridgehead across the \*\*\* River. When the section crossed the river with the infantry, enemy resistance was so violent that it was ordered back across the \*\*\* to a position near the infantry command post. While a plan of attack was being formulated, the forward observer was killed by a sniper. Displaying extraordinary aggressiveness, Sergeant Lee assumed command of the remainder of the section and skillfully organized it into a coordinated and efficiently working unit. Ignoring the furious enemy artillery, mortar and

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small arms fire which constantly imperilled him, he tirelessly directed effective artillery fire against the enemy for ten hours without relief. By his unfaltering calmness in the face of great danger and by his efficiency in directing the work, Sergeant Lee was instrumental in giving the attacking infantry much needed support from the artillery. Entered the Service from Lubbock, Texas.

EDWARD L. SCHMALRIED, 38036069, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19-20 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the leading rifle elements of his unit became pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Schmalried, a mortar section leader, daringly moved forward to the foremost position to establish an observation post from which to direct supporting fire against the hostile emplacements. Calmly facing the heavy fire sweeping the area, he accurately obtained deadly concentrations which wiped out two machine gun nests and then contacted friendly artillery to neutralize strongly fortified positions against which his guns could not bring maximum effectiveness. Later it became necessary to withdraw from the area because of the numerically superior enemy forces; but Sergeant Schmalried determinedly maintained his observation post to deliver protective covering fire for the retiring troops. Finally returning to our lines after his communications were knocked out by the hostile barrage, he repeatedly exposed himself while assisting the evacuation of wounded members of his section. Entered the Service from Mansfield, Texas.

ANTONIO (NMI) MORENO, 38025259, Private, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Moreno, as point man in a six man night reconnaissance patrol advanced across a valley in the direction of the village until the party halted to observe the activity around an enemy command post. When three enemy officers unexpectedly approached them, four members of the patrol separated from the group in an attempt to capture the officers. Although fully aware that he was surrounded in enemy territory, Private Moreno courageously remained with his patrol leader and engaged the enemy in hand to hand combat. When in the fury of the struggle, the patrol leader was struck down, he continued the fight alone -- one against three until he had killed or wounded the enemy officers. Private Moreno then supported and protected the patrol leader for five hours, dodging the alerted enemy forces who were scouring the area in search of the patrol, finally reaching the friendly lines unscathed. By his aggressiveness and disregard for safety in the face of a numerically superior force, he wounded three enemy officers and saved the life of his commanding officer. Entered the Service from Falfurrias, Texas.

CHARLES (NMI) HENLEY, 34714679, Private, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Volunteering to accompany a reconnaissance patrol into extremely hazardous territory in which severe casualties had already been sustained, Private Henley crossed the treacherous \*\*\* River and courageously advanced over heavily mined terrain while constantly exposed to the intense artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy. Determinedly pursuing his mission, he successfully located several well fortified emplacements and calmly directed accurate artillery fire which destroyed them. His aggressive initiative and magnificent daring inspired the accomplishment of the mission and provided vital information for a subsequent assault. Entered the Service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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SECTION III -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following individual:

JOHN R. PENACHIO, 32803807, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the infantry unit to which he was attached as a medical aid man was subjected to deadly mortar and machine gun fire resulting in many casualties, Private Penachio fearlessly moved into the hazardous area to administer first aid to the wounded. Constantly exposed to the increasingly heavy fire, he openly went from casualty to casualty skillfully giving medical assistance and helping his comrades to covered positions from which they could be evacuated. Alertly noticing a wounded soldier in an outpost position almost two hundred yards away, Private Penachio immediately determined to help him. Advancing daringly over the open terrain under the observation of the enemy, he loyally continued pushing forward even when he became the target of hostile fire. While so doing he was fatally wounded by mortar fragments. His outstanding courage and loyal devotion to duty saved the lives of many of many of his comrades and inspired the successful defense of the sector. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Penachio (Mother), 21 Richmond Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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SECTION I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

JOE H. ROBERTS, 0379021, Captain, 11th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 8 December 1943, in Italy. Captain Roberts established his collecting station for the treatment and evacuation of the wounded of the 141st Infantry Regiment in an old building near the scene of combat. Ignoring the furious enemy artillery barrage, he administered treatment to the many wounded soldiers brought to his station. When the shelling was most intense and shell fragments were striking all sides of the building, the aid men brought in a severely wounded man whose veins had collapsed from a loss of blood. Captain Roberts immediately began treating the soldier with calm efficiency. He gave the patient artificial respiration and then, as the shelling reached its height, skillfully cut down to the veins and injected blood plasma. By his unwavering treatment Captain Roberts saved the life of his patient. Entered the Service from Irving, Texas.

DAVID W. ROSENBERG, 0350478, Captain, Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 11-12 February 1944 in Italy. Captain Rosenberg, battalion surgeon, supervised the treating and evacuation of the many casualties suffered during a night attack on mountain positions. Only available means of littering patients to the rear was over a three mile mule pack trail under continuous enemy shelling, and a very limited number of bearers were on duty. Despite these difficulties, by efficient supervision he cleared casualties from his unit within four hours and in addition helped other organizations care for their wounded. Because of Captain Rosenberg's able performance mortalities were minimized. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM H. SHEDDEN, 01579099, First Lieutenant, 36th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 30 September 1943 to 5 February 1944, in Italy. As Graves Registration Officer for the division Lieutenant Shedden devised a system whereby he directed three collecting teams attached to each infantry regiment. The reporting of a soldier killed in action has in every case instigated an immediate, exhaustive search to recover the body and identify it promptly and accurately. In spite of the tedium of the work and his limited number of assistants, Lieutenant Shedden has supervised the handling of more than **eight hundred** casualties without error or omission. By instilling in his men the determination to leave no soldier "unknown", he has given comfort and peace of mind to the families of the 36th Infantry Division men killed in action. Entered the Service from Arlington, New Jersey.

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✓ BERNATH L. AXELROD, 0407711, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 15 November 1943 to 7 January 1944 in Italy. Supply officer of the 3rd Battalion, Lieutenant Axelrod personally directed and supervised transportation of equipment and supplies over treacherous mountain trails to combat units. During cold, wet weather, harassed by enemy mortar and artillery fire on the steep, slippery route, he operated mule pack trains during darkness that added to the hazards of his mission. To more efficiently serve the widely dispersed troops he established three supply points and worked exceedingly long hours. Entered the Service from Borger, Texas.

✓ ALDRICE L. SMITH, 38035780, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 7 to 12 February 1944, in Italy. Tec 5 Smith was aid man with an infantry company that received heavy enemy artillery and mortar shelling while defending mountain positions. Many casualties were inflicted. Heedless of his own danger, he worked night and day with little rest treating the injured and assisting in the evacuation of litter patients. When other aid men were wounded he redoubled his efforts to be sure all hurt men were attended. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

✓ JOHN B. PARKS, 38039745, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 September 1943 to 8 March 1944, in Italy. Tec 5 Parks was an angledozer operator, working continuously on a wide variety of important tasks, and without supervision, successfully completed all assigned missions. Many times he worked under heavy artillery fire and at times he would have to withdraw into defilades until the cessation of shelling. He repeated this operation with outstanding calmness, skill and aggressive vigor throughout day and night until his tasks were completed. He contributed materially to the combat efficiency of his company by keeping the traffic routes open. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

RICHARD C. NICOLETTI, 32237234, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Redbank, New Jersey.

✓ RICHARD J. CAYEA, 12035736, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Burke, New York.

✓ IRASIO C. BORDIA, 38026421, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ ROBERT F. LARKIN, 37495372, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

✓ HERSCHELL H. MORRISSETT, 34040736, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Gibson, Tennessee.

✓ STEPHEN A. DiFILIPPO, 32404397, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

✓ JOHN J. ROSE, 32239294, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rutherford, New Jersey.

✓ GLEN R. CHILDERS, 30812593, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

✓ SMITH (M.I.) GROCE, JR., 20808232, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

✓ HARRY J. HEALEY, 32740756, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lyon, Ontario, New York.

✓ HAROLD W. CAMP, 38021972, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.

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ROY C. HENDERSON, 34579647, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Alma, Georgia.  
CHARLES W. DAVIS, 6850318, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 November to 27 December 1943 in Italy. These men were detailed as members of a carrying party to supply water, rations, and ammunition to front line troops on two mountain heights and to assist in evacuating the dead and wounded from these positions. The supply routes were from three to five miles long, running over slopes rendered almost impassable by rain, sleet and snow. For more than a month, often frozen and blinded by blizzards, they struggled over the treacherous trails carrying forty-seven pound water cans and even heavier ammunition bags to the front lines and returning with casualties. Although constantly harassed by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, these soldiers never faltered in performing their all-important tasks and by their admirable determination to do their job, maintained the physical welfare and high morale of the men on the lines.

WYLVSTER R. WOLFE, 38218390, Private, Service Company, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 19 January 1944 to 26 February 1944, in Italy. Despite intense observed enemy artillery and mortar barrages on the treacherous mountain trail, Private Wolfe maintained a continuous flow of supplies to the front line units. Harassed by biting wind, snow, sleet and rain he personally assisted in carrying the vital food, ammunition and water to the fighting men. When his officer was hospitalized Private Wolfe on his own initiative took over direction of all supply details for the battalion, efficiently substituting until another officer was appointed to fill the vacancy. Entered the Service from Greenbay, Wisconsin.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals are each awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

RICHARD H. HALL, 12214507, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery 36th Division Artillery, 13 May 1944. Entered Service from Maplewood, New Jersey.  
HAMILTON D. KOSIG, 34125895, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery 36th Division Artillery, 13 May 1944. Entered Service from Asheville, North Carolina.  
JACK S. BIXON, 20801072, Private, Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 January 1944. Entered Service from San Antonio, Texas.  
RALPH S. HERRICK, 3124085, Private, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment. 20 December 1943. Entered Service from Manor, California.

SECTION III -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

HURL A. DAVIS, 6642295, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Oglesoy, Texas.  
OWEN C. DAHL, 20807525, Sergeant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Clifton, Texas.  
CHARLES E. REESE, 20 07333, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Clifton, Texas.

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JAY E. WILSON, 20807337, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Clifton, Texas.

CHARLES K. BLAND, 35749334, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion; 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Thomas, West Virginia.

MICHAEL J. OWSIANIAK, 36319041, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT H. PAVIA, 38026726, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Austin, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. At a time when all experienced riflemen were vitally needed to hold the battalion defensive positions against the enemy, these men were assigned the task of carrying ammunition, water and rations to the front line forces. The precarious mountain trails, employed as the routes of supply, were slippery and constantly blasted by enemy mortar and artillery fire. Ignoring the danger and overcoming their fatigue, they performed their arduous tasks night and day to furnish the fighting forces with the vital supplies.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

THOMAS H. NETHERTON, 01290798, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Netherton's reinforced rifle platoon was ordered to attack enemy positions west of a strongly defended river line. Led by him, his men carried rubber assault boats through enemy-sown mine fields to the river and prepared to cross in the face of heavy mortar and machine gun fires from weapons adjusted on the crossing points. A soldier was wounded and fell into the powerful river current. Aply Lieutenant Netherton directed his rescue. When violence of enemy resistance forced the platoon to withdraw, he skillfully maneuvered his men to safety and suffered only one casualty. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

RICHARD A. DANZI, 01822375, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Chevy Chase, Maryland.

FREDERICK C. VEEVERS, 01171809, First Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

LEONARD F. COLLINGSWORTH, 20814633, Sergeant, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Dodd City, Texas.

NORMAN H. DECK, 37146935, Technician Fourth Grade, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Hoskins, Nebraska.

HENRY A. J. KOCH, JR., 38052105, Corporal, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

BENJAMIN E. BORD, 36203495, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

ROBERT L. KERLEY, 38036282, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Quanah, Texas.

JAMES L. HILL, 20813705, Private First Class, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Decatur, Texas.

JAMES C. HARRIS, 35213572, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Waverly, Ohio.

DONALD C. BACKSTROM, 37146908, Private, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Wayne, Nebraska.

For gallantry in action from 21 November to 27 December 1943 in Italy. The above named officers and enlisted men, members of the communications section of the battalion, worked tirelessly under the most disagreeable weather conditions and under intense shell fire to lay wire and maintain the communications of the battalion. During this period, they helped lay a total of 72 miles of wire, much of it in forward positions at observation posts where enemy artillery shelling was almost constant. By their determined and fearless performance of duty they enabled the battalion commander to have constant communication with subordinate units.

WILLIAM R. MOREHEAD, 01307286, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment,

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for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944, in Italy. Lieutenant Morehead was ordered to lead his platoon across a strongly defended river line, penetrate four hundred yards west into enemy territory, dig in and hold the position until reinforced. The crossing was made in five-man rubber boats. One boat became deflated, making it necessary that the entire platoon be shuttled across in one boat. On the fourth trip the guide ropes tore loose and the boat capsized, throwing the men into the swift current. The resulting noise and confusion alerted the enemy and drew heavy concentrations of mortar and machine gun fire. Realizing that additional boats must be had, Lieutenant Morehead led a small group through the intense fire, across a four hundred foot minefield, to a point where additional boats were stacked, and returned with the needed craft. Entered the Service from Kingsville, Texas.

JESSE M. MORENO, 38035634, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944, in Italy. Sergeant Moreno was ordered to establish telephone communications with a rifle squad that had dug in west of a strongly defended river line. Crossing perilous enemy sown minefields, he reached the river while ranged-in mortar fire destroyed rubber assault boats of the attacking troops. A soldier was thrown into the icy water. Quickly Sergeant Moreno dived into the swift current and attempted to rescue the drowning soldier, but the swift stream carried him out of reach. While making this effort Sergeant Moreno was wounded. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

RAYMOND G. FORE, 20806065, Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 December 1943, in Italy. Sergeant Fore was ordered to lead a patrol during darkness deep into enemy territory and gather information. Adroitly moving over the rugged terrain, careful to make no noise that would betray their presence to the foe, he guided his men through both friendly and hostile artillery fire to a river bed, which they explored for enemy positions. The patrol then neared a farm house where they saw evidences of enemy occupation. Quietly and skillfully Sergeant Fore worked his way to a point where he could observe enemy soldiers digging in. Having the desired information that was to prove valuable to his unit in a later attack, he continued with his patrol to complete his mission and returned to his company. Entered the Service from Hockwood, Texas.

FLOYD C. STEVENSON, 20803811, Corporal, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944, in Italy. Corporal Stevenson was a member of an M-7 105mm self propelled gun platoon. During an intense artillery barrage on the area, hits punctured the gasoline tanks of two vehicles causing the fuel to spill onto the ground and into the slit trenches of the men. The platoon leader ordered his men to withdraw from the highly inflammable area. Fire broke out in one of the guns. Headless of his danger, Corporal Stevenson grabbed a fire extinguisher and quenched the blaze. His quick action, while artillery continued to fall in the area, saved a valuable piece of equipment for further use against the enemy. Entered the Service from Weslaco, Texas.

EDWARD W. ANDRESEN, 37146948, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in Italy. Crew member of an M-10 Tank Destroyer, Tec 5 andresen was on guard duty near the weapon during an enemy artillery barrage. A direct hit on the tank destroyer knocked a .50 caliber machine gun from its mount and exploded its ammunition setting fire to a camouflage net and waste inside the M-10. Headless of the danger from the bursting shells, Tec 5 andresen grabbed a fire extinguisher and rushed over to put out the fire. When the extinguisher was empty he used sand

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and worked until the fire was out, saving a valuable and much needed piece of equipment for further use against the enemy. Entered the Service from Hartington, Nebraska.

EDWARD A. ALAGA, 36738464, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. As a member of a heavy machine gun section attached to one of the forward rifle companies of the 2d Battalion, Private Alaga crossed a swift-flowing river on a shaky foot bridge while under heavy fire from artillery and mortars. Despite the confusion resulting in the darkness when the enemy opened up with many automatic weapons, he stayed with his unit and set up a machine gun on the battalion's right flank. When the enemy attacked, he remained in his position and assisted in keeping the right flank clear until the battalion's position became hopeless. He then assisted many men who were trapped on the west side of the river to get back although under almost continual artillery and mortar fire. Entered the Service from 10800 Avenue M, Chicago, Illinois.

WARREN S. CONDRA, 20816428, Private First Class, Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944, in Italy. During a strong counterbattery shelling of the company area, Private First Class Condra saw another soldier fall, struck in the chest by a shell fragment. Immediately he went to the wounded man and administered first aid. While he did this the enemy reintensified its counterbattery fire. Seeing that the injured soldier was helpless to move, Private First Class Condra shielded him with his own body against flying steel fragments. When the barrage subsided he took the hurt man to the battalion aid station for further treatment. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

ROBERT L. BARANCHER, 36735449, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944, in Italy. Private First Class Barancher was assigned the task of laying a telephone line through a known dangerous mine field in order that reports might be made of a patrol which was crossing a river. Despite the fact that many men had been killed and wounded by mines and despite heavy enemy artillery falling in the area, he persisted in his efforts until the line was laid. When the patrol was discovered by the enemy and heavy fire was brought to bear on the area, the communication line was broken in several places. Private First Class Barancher succeeded in repairing the line and restoring communications. When the platoon leader and the assistant leaders were wounded, he gave accurate reports to the battalion commander on the progress of the patrol force. As a result of the information given, the battalion commander was able to place mortar and artillery fire upon enemy positions and to withdraw the patrol to safety. The wounded were then evacuated with a minimum loss of life. Entered the Service from Benton, Illinois.

ALFRED E. JONES, 33268159, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. As a member of a mortar squad Private First Class Jones crossed a swift-flowing river on a shaky footbridge to attack the enemy. When the enemy counterattacked under cover of darkness, he assisted in keeping his squad together as an effective fighting force. When the enemy launched a second counterattack he remained with his mortar until the ammunition was exhausted. When the battalion's position became hopeless he plunged into the icy river and avoided capture by swimming across in spite of heavy fire all along the river. Entered the Service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

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LEONARD J. ZIEMANN, 32044514, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 February 1944, in Italy. During an intense artillery barrage, Private First Class Ziemann heard the anguished cries of a comrade, wounded by a shell fragment, lying exposed to the enemy fire. Aware that no other would risk crossing the shell blasted terrain to aid the man, he unhesitatingly left his protective shelter and went to his wounded comrade. After stopping the profuse flow of blood by skillfully applying a dressing from his first aid packet, Private First Class Ziemann, still exposed to enemy fire, assisted the soldier to an aid station. Entered the Service from Rome, New York

RANDALL R. DEAN, 33127160, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 December 1943, in Italy. Private First Class Randall braved intense observed enemy artillery fire to lead litter bearers along a hazardous trail to wounded soldiers. After helping administer first aid to the injured, he led the litter squads back through the heavy fire to the aid station. Because of his action the wounded were quickly evacuated and saved from hours of exposure to the extreme weather. Entered the Service from Harrisonburg, Virginia.

VINCENT J. DELLA GALA, 32222430, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. As a member of a machine gun section attached to one of the forward rifle companies of the 2d Battalion, Private First Class Della Gala crossed a swift-flowing river on a shaky footbridge while under heavy fire from artillery and mortars. Despite the confusion resulting in the darkness when the enemy opened up with many automatic weapons, he stayed with his unit and set up a machine gun on the battalion's right flank. When the enemy attacked, he remained at his position and assisted in keeping the right flank clear until the battalion's position became hopeless. He then assisted many men to recross the river although he was unable to swim. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

LEWETT L. ALLAMON, 0355626, Major (then Captain), MC, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943, in Italy. Captain Allamon, regimental surgeon, learned that many men had been hurt fighting in an exposed valley. On his own initiative he immediately went over the shell swept mountain highway, through mined areas, to the wounded men. There he personally supervised the evacuation of more than a hundred wounded and reestablished organization among the medical personnel, sending lost aid men back to their companies and directing litter bearers to injured soldiers scattered over the valley. Unconcerned at his own great peril from snells bursting about him, he directed prompt and efficient evacuation of the wounded that saved many soldiers from suffering and death. Entered the Service from Port Arthur, Texas.

EDGAR (NMI) FORD, 0332936, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1944 in Italy. A member of the battalion forward command group, Captain Ford followed closely behind a rifle company that was advancing by infiltration to seize and hold positions on the objective. Movement of the rifle company was hampered by darkness and heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire that disrupted contact between it and another rifle company already in position. Ranging up and down the column from his place in the rear, Captain Ford maintained order, issued instructions and kept all elements in contact. His actions made possible the accomplishment of his battalion's mission. Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.

JAMES S. SHAMBURGER, 01291710, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10-14 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned to maintain communications for his battalion while defending a precarious mountain position, Lieutenant Shamburger was faced with the necessity of installing his lines in daylight and under constant observation of the enemy. Despite the concentration of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which his movements drew, he determinedly organized and encouraged his men while setting up communications. Risking repeated exposure to the sweeping fire, he inspired the successful completion of the mission and immediately undertook to protect and repair the lines which he had established. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

FRED S. ROSSLow, 01313134, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Spokane, Washington.

JOSEPH F. BAKER, 01318854, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Grand Lodge, Michigan.

WALLAN N. COLVIN, 20816886, Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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~~CHARLES L. BURNHAM, 20800489, Technician Fourth Grade, 36th Signal Company.~~

Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

PETER (NLI) GULLOTTA, 34150907, Corporal, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

JOHN O. CRAFT, 38184802, Corporal, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Anacoco, Louisiana.

STEPHAN (NLI) DANKOW, 32286800, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

FERRY E. LUNGFORD, 34343619, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company. Entered the Service from Calhoun, Mississippi.

GILBERT M. SHOPP, 12051151, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

BEASEL T. MARCHBANKS, 20805690, Private First Class Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

BERNARD J. DUFFY, 12055056, Private, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Rye, New York.

MICHAEL S. O'ROURKE, 32303368, Private, 36th Signal Company. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

For gallantry in action on 20 to 22 January 1944, in Italy. The above named officers and enlisted men were members of a detail ordered to establish traffic control posts on two bridges to be erected across a river in the savagely opposed attack against enemy positions on the west bank. For three days and nights they stayed with the detail in the vicinity of the bridge sites, waiting for them to be erected and helping to direct traffic, guide officers and messengers, and assist in evacuation of the wounded. During the entire time they worked under incessant enemy artillery and mortar snelling and frequent small arms fire.

EDWARD J. KILPATRICK, 20806459, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in Italy. Acting platoon commander, Sergeant Kilpatrick led his men in a night march with his company through enemy outpost territory to relieve another unit. While his platoon led the column, enemy infiltration cut him off from the rest of the company. A heavy concentration of enemy mortar on the trapped platoon caused many casualties. Sergeant Kilpatrick was struck in the right shoulder by a shell fragment. Although in great pain he maintained excellent control of his men and by skillfully maneuvering led them from the enemy encirclement to rejoin the company. Refusing evacuation he remained with his platoon for two weeks until his wound became infected and he was ordered to the aid station by his company commander. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

JAMES R. GRAHAM, 33038629, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944, in Italy. When the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment attacked strongly defended enemy positions, Sergeant Graham, as artillery liaison sergeant attached to the battalion, laid a telephone line from the artillery command post to the liaison officer located at the infantry battalion command post. Then, constantly exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he courageously evacuated several severely wounded men in his jeep, driving them along shell torn roads to safety. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

LEONARD C. LA FORTE, 36236606, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. Because of an urgent need for aid men to care for the many casualties sustained during bitter mountain fighting, Corporal LaForte was assigned as a litter bearer with the 2d Battalion.

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Aid Station. During an intense concentration of enemy artillery, nebelwerfer and mortar fire on the battalion he was painfully wounded in the head. Though seriously hurt and despite the continued peril from the unabating shelling, he refused to be evacuated and remained on duty until his unit was relieved. Entered the Service from Schofield, Wisconsin.

✓ GEORGE B. LINDSEY, 20814544, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1944, in Italy. During an intense bombardment of the battalion command post, Tec 5 Lindsey refused to take cover and worked tirelessly over the shell blasted area rendering first aid to the many wounded. When, in the late afternoon, a command car received a direct hit and burst into flames, he went immediately to the blazing car and removed two wounded men. Constantly harassed by the furious enemy shelling, Tec 5 Lindsey carried one of the men to the medical officer and the other to a position of safety where he rendered expert treatment. He then returned to the shelled area and removed another wounded soldier from the inferno of enemy fire. Entered the Service from Cleburne, Texas.

FOREST B. SCHOOLEY, 20803885, Technician Fifth Grade, medical Detachment, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1943, in Italy. While his platoon was subjected to intense enemy shelling, Tec 5 Schooley left his position of safety and went to aid the wounded. Working calmly and efficiently under the constant threat of artillery and mortar fire, he administered expert first aid treatment. After treating two wounded soldiers, Tec 5 Schooley carried them from the shell blasted ground to covered positions from which they were evacuated to the hospital. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas

✓ FRANK N. VARLOTTA, 33431034, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. Private First Class Varlotta, member of a heavy machine gun section, crossed a swift flowing river on a narrow foot bridge and advanced under enemy artillery and small arms fire. Spotting a comrade wounded by machine gun fire, he courageously made his way toward the man and, while enemy fire swept the area, efficiently and speedily bandaged his leg and rendered effective first aid treatment. Still imperilled by the furious enemy mortar and machine gun fire, he carried the man across open terrain to a position of safety. By his daring initiative and fearlessness in the face of extreme danger Private First Class Varlotta saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered the Service from Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

✓ MICHAEL V. MONGE, 32238119, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943, in Italy. When Companies B and C were pinned down by furious artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and their communications with the battalion command post destroyed Private First Class Monge, scout and observer from the battalion intelligence section, volunteered to lay a new wire line to the units. Disregarding the fury of the enemy shelling he efficiently and speedily laid the line and whenever the artillery fire destroyed the wire, he immediately re-laid it. After braving the deadly fire to lay new lines five times, he helped evacuate a wounded man from an exposed position to a place of safety. Entered the Service from New York City, New York.

✓ JOSEPH (NMI) CEBINA, 36598810, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944, in Italy. Private Cebina was assigned the task of laying a telephone line through a known dangerous mine field in order that reports might be received from a patrol which was crossing a river. Despite the fact that many men had been killed and wounded

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by mines and despite heavy enemy artillery falling in the area, he persisted in his efforts until the line was laid. When the scouting patrol was discovered by the enemy and heavy fire was brought to bear on the area, the communication line was broken in several places. Private Cebina succeeded in repairing the line and restoring communications. When his platoon leader and the assistant leaders were wounded, he gave accurate reports to the battalion commander on the progress of the patrol force. As a result of the information given, the battalion commander was able to place mortar and artillery fire upon enemy positions and to withdraw the patrol to safety. The wounded were then evacuated with a minimum loss of life. Entered the Service from Monroe, Michigan.

TROY L. WESSON, 34687929, Private, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. As a member of a mortar squad, Private Wesson crossed a swift-flowing river on a shaky footbridge to attack the enemy. When the enemy counterattacked under cover of darkness, he assisted in keeping his squad together as an effective fighting force. Throughout the day of 22 January, he exposed himself to the intense enemy machine gun fire to render first aid to wounded soldiers on the battlefield. When the enemy launched another counterattack, he fired his squad's mortar until the ammunition was exhausted, killing and wounding many of the enemy. When the battalion's position became hopeless he plunged into the icy river and swam to the east side to avoid capture. Entered the Service from Bryerton, Georgia.

JAMES H. SIMMONS, 34645980, Private, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. As a member of a mortar squad, Private Simmons crossed a swift-flowing river on a shaky footbridge to attack the enemy. When the enemy counterattacked under cover of darkness, he assisted in keeping his squad together as an effective fighting force and when the enemy launched a second counterattack he remained with his mortar until the ammunition was exhausted. When the battalion's position became hopeless he plunged into the river and avoided capture by swimming across in spite of heavy fire all along the river. Entered the Service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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NO. 142.

Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I  
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

- ✓ JAMES F. BADMAN, 33565388, Sergeant,  
Company H, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Edith Mae Badman (Mother), Mary Street, Houtedale, Penn.
- ✓ ROBERT C. ALBERS, 35174109, Private First Class,  
Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Albers (Wife), 600 Reynolds Place SW, Canton, Ohio
- ✓ FRANK E. BLEVENS, 37342820, Private First Class,  
Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mr. Elbert A. Blevens (Father), 505 E. Elm St., Saint Lamar, Colc
- ✓ LAWRENCE W. BURKEMPER, JR., 37388164, Private First Class,  
Company B, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mr. Lawrence W. Burkemper (Father), Old Monroe, Missouri.
- ✓ FOY (NMI) CARTER, 34715030, Private First Class,  
Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Annie Jane Carter (Mother), Route 2, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.
- JULIUS F. LYTLE, 35725849, Private First Class,  
Company B, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Gertrude Lytle (Mother), Route 1, Stanley, Kentucky.
- ✓ ROSARIO M. CHRISTENO, 31344757, Private,  
Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Frances Christeno (Mother), 9 Smith St, Pawcutuck, Conn.
- ✓ CHARLES A. CROCKETT, JR., 33636369, Private,  
Company B, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Crockett (Mother), Tangier, Virginia.
- ✓ ORAN B. SPENCER, 37382929, Private,  
Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mr. Gordon Spencer (Father), Tulsa, Oklahoma.

For gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY.  
The 143rd Infantry Regiment was ordered to cross the \*\*\* River and attack the enemy.

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entrenched in the terrain beyond. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire across a deep, fast-flowing river and over ground further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Cover was negligible in the last seven hundred yards of the river approaches which further complicated the difficulties encountered in bringing boats and other equipment to the river line. Many boats were destroyed before reaching the river, and many others were destroyed in the water by short range enemy small arms fire. Some of the occupants of boats destroyed in the river were hit and all were thrown into deep water. In the face of all these obstacles, these men courageously pressed home the attack with indomitable fortitude, crossing the river and penetrating deeply into enemy held territory. Subsequently, repeated savage counterattack by the enemy succeeded in over-running the positions. In the furious fighting which continued over a two-day period and which cost the enemy enormous casualties in killed and wounded, they lost their lives. Their great fortitude, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty against vastly superior enemy forces constituted an outstanding example of fighting courage that will long endure as an inspiration to all who witnessed or have knowledge of their valorous deeds.

✓ ARTHUR A. YOUNG, 38051398, Sergeant, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. When three men of his gun section were wounded by the burst of a shell near their position during an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Young fearlessly exposed himself to the sweeping barrage by going to their immediate aid. Displaying calm determination and magnificent courage in the face of hazardous fire, he rendered first aid to his wounded comrades. While attempting to evacuate them, he was fatally wounded by a shell fragment from another nearby explosion but refused medical attention until his three men had been cared for first, pretending that his own wounds were slight. Sergeant Young's unfaltering loyalty to his men and exemplary devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded soldiers and inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas A. Young (Brother), Route #1, Palestine, Texas.

ROBERT L. CERVANTES, 39561909, Private First Class, Company G, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. When his platoon was pinned down by the machine gun fire from an enemy house which it was attacking, Private First Class Cervantes caught the enemy by surprise by suddenly jumping up and rushing the emplacement single-handedly. Daringly drawing hostile fire by his heroic act, he maintained his violent assault while his comrades were able to move from their positions and support the attack. Private First Class Cervantes was fatally wounded in the fire fight which ensued; but his outstanding aggressiveness and magnificent courage inspired the destruction of the enemy nest and the capture of twenty prisoners. Next of kin: Mrs. Felicitas Cervantes, (Mother), 224 East 95th Street, Los Angeles, California.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

✓ JERYL R. MOSELEY, 20807203, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. Sergeant Moseley, regimental operations sergeant, received a vital message necessitating immediate contact with a battalion commander whose unit had become enmeshed in a position of extreme peril. The intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire had knocked out all wire communication and repeated

attempts at radio contact proved fruitless. Displaying outstanding initiative and magnificent daring, he then set off through hostile territory and under the increasingly heavy barrage to deliver the important message. Constantly exposed to the hazardous fire, he skillfully infiltrated through enemy positions, evading roving enemy patrols and determinedly continuing his self-imposed mission until he reached the threatened battalion. Sergeant Mosley's unfaltering courage and exemplary devotion to duty made possible the successful evasion of the enemy trap and contributed materially to the effectiveness of the operation. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

✓ MITCHEL R. WOODS, 20808609, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. As second in command of a reconnaissance patrol instructed to obtain information concerning enemy strength and installations, Sergeant Woods penetrated the hostile lines and moved forward to a draw. When the group was unexpectedly subjected to an intense concentration of mortar fire, the officer in charge of the patrol started for assistance and was captured by the enemy. Sergeant Woods unhesitatingly assumed command and, aware of the imminent danger of capture, calmly and efficiently reorganized the patrol and directed the withdrawal of his men. Loath to desert a wounded comrade who was unable to move, he braved the fury of enemy mortar fire to carry the man on his back for half a mile to a position of safety. By retaining his coolness and good judgment in the face of extreme danger, Sergeant Woods was responsible for the safe return of his patrol and, by his extraordinary courage saved the life of a comrade. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

✓ STEPHIN R. GREGG, 32209341, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 143rd Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Gregg, leader of a mortar section, led his squad across the \*\*\* River in an attack on enemy defensive positions. When the intensity of enemy artillery, rifle and machine gun fire split the attacking company, he set up his mortar in an exposed position and delivered accurate fire. Only fifty yards from the enemy positions, Sergeant Gregg was forced to change the position of his mortar several times because of the fury of the fire directed at him. With admirable consideration for the safety of his men, he insisted upon firing the mortar himself rather than merely directing the fire. By his calmness in the face of great danger, Sergeant Gregg brought deadly fire against the enemy, forcing them to cower in their dugouts and thus reducing the effectiveness of their fire. Entered the Service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

### SECTION III — AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of the Second Silver Star, is awarded to each of the following named individuals.

✓ JAMES E. EPPERSON, 0389707, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When enemy artillery, mortars, and mines destroyed two footbridges intended for the use of his company during the bitter, contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Captain Epperson skillfully led his men to a covered position to await his reconnaissance of another means to continue the attack. Courageously braving an intense concentration of hostile fire, he moved forward to the river bank but was wounded in the knee by shell fragments. Despite the painful injury he determinedly continued on his

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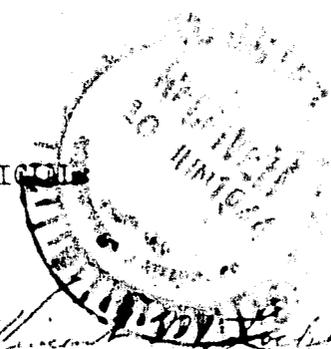
mission under increasingly heavy enemy fire, finally discovering a crossing site suitable for his purposes. Displaying further his aggressive initiative and unflinching loyalty to his men, Captain Epperson daringly crossed the treacherous waters and located routes of approach forward to be used by his company when the assault was resumed. Finally collapsing from his wound, he was later evacuated. His magnificent courage and outstanding devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Rocksprings, Texas.

JOHN K. SOYKE, 01307583, Second Lieutenant, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. Leading his platoon over heavily mined terrain through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Soyke constantly exposed himself to the hazardous fire in moving among his men and encouraging them for the dangerous crossing of the bitterly defended \*\*\* River. When one of the boats overturned while being launched, he courageously jumped into the treacherous waters to save two men who were unable to reach the shore. When his boat was hit by shrapnel and sunk, Lieutenant Soyke saw a soldier disappear under the water and he immediately swam to the spot and rescued him. Upon gaining the hostile shore he reorganized his men despite the tremendous fire to which the area was subjected, and then daringly led a fierce assault against the enemy positions. Though wounded he advanced to a point from which he could direct mortar fire against enemy nests, and refused to be evacuated until the emplacements had been destroyed. His aggressive leadership and exemplary devotion to duty inspired his men to successfully accomplish their objective. Entered the Service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

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Award of Silver Star ..... II

SECTION -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

✓ JOHN M. CRUTE, JR., 01298506, First Lieutenant, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Mary S. Crute (Mother), Route 1, Farmville, Virginia.

✓ JOHN A. MEEHAN, 33257665, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. May Meehan (Mother), 1211 - 7th Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

✓ REGINALD J. MAGUIRE, 6629373, Private First Class, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mr. Charles H. Maguire (Brother), 636 Williams Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

✓ PAUL (NMI) MALIBORSKY, 33604607, Private First Class, Company C, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mr. Peter Maliborsky (Father), 120 Chestnut Street, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

✓ J. B. (IO) PEARSON, 34709782, Private First Class, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Alta Pearson Baker (Sister), Route 1, Bremen, Alabama.

✓ EARL W. WRIGHT, 34495854, Private First Class, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Ada Alice Wright (Mother), Route 1, Rickman, Tennessee.

✓ RUFUS L. BEAVER, 34593512, Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Caroline W. Beaver (Mother), Route 2, Lincolnton, North Carolina.

✓ MATTHEW K. BURGER, 32814622, Private, Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred Burger (Mother), 671 West 162 Street, New York, New York.

✓ EMORY T. BUTTS, 35754293, Private, Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Rena M. Butts. (Mother), Route 2, Box 40, Hedgisville, West Virginia.

✓ FRANK (NMI) WEIS, 32899590, Private, Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Helegrade Weis (Wife), 130 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, New York.

✓ ROY E. WENRICH, 33508935, Private, Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Wenrich (Mother), 1848 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

For gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* \*,  
Italy. The 143rd Infantry Regiment was ordered to cross the \* \* \* \* River and

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attack the enemy entrenched in the terrain beyond. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire across a deep, fast-flowing river and over ground further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Cover was negligible in the last seven hundred yards of the river approaches which further complicated the difficulties encountered in bringing boats and other equipment to the river line. Many boats were destroyed before leaving the river, and many others were destroyed in the water by short range enemy small arms fire. Some of the occupants of boats destroyed in the river were hit and all were thrown into deep water. In the face of all these obstacles, these officers and enlisted men pressed home the attack with indomitable fortitude, crossing the river and penetrating deeply into enemy held territory. Subsequently, repeated savage counterattacks by the enemy succeeded in over-running the positions. In the furious fighting which continued over a two-day period and which cost the enemy enormous casualties in killed and wounded they lost their lives. Their fortitude, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty against vastly superior enemy forces constitute an outstanding example of fighting courage that will long endure as an inspiration to all who witnessed or have knowledge of their valorous deeds.

ROBERT E. ALSPAUGH, 0471225, Captain, Chaplain's Corps, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. When word was received at a reserve position that several seriously wounded men had been brought into a forward aid station, Chaplain Alspaugh immediately went forward to provide spiritual attention for them. Undeterred by an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, he courageously entered the barrage area and successfully reached the wounded men. He remained with them and administered to their religious needs when the aid station itself came under the deadly barrage. Chaplain Alspaugh was killed by shell fragments from a nearby explosion while calmly performing his spiritual duties. His unfaltering loyalty, determination and exemplary devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Rachel W. Alspaugh, (Wife), 1403 South Gary Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MANSSEL O. WILLIAMS, 0411633, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. Acting as company commander, Lieutenant Williams had command of Company G defensive positions on the mountain side. Although constantly harassed by artillery and mortar fire and subjected to intermittent local enemy attacks, he moved about fearlessly, supervising the preparation of the defensive positions and inspecting the fortifications. The problem of supplying the troops with ammunition and water was rendered difficult by the steep slippery trails necessarily utilized as supply routes. To expedite the delivery and distribution of the vital supplies, Lieutenant Williams frequently worked his way over the tortuous mountain trails. While so engaged, he was killed by the explosion of an artillery shell near him. His courage and selfless disregard for personal security greatly inspired all the men under his command. Next of kin: Mrs. Vera J. Williams (Wife), Lockhart, Texas.

LOUIS B. JANOSEK, 20202716, Corporal, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12-13 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. Corporal Janosek was put in command of a detail to keep communication wires intact between the mortar emplacements and their forward observation posts. Heavy concentrations of artillery fire frequently knocked out whole sections of the wire, and he directed his men in repairing the lines while constantly exposed to the inferno of enemy shelling. Aware of the shortage of trained linemen, he voluntarily worked

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an entire night and day without relief, tirelessly performing his duties with great efficiency and dispatch. He kept the wire lines open and secured contact between the mortar positions and their observation posts until, while repairing a telephone at the observation post, he was killed by a shell explosion. His magnificent courage constantly inspired the men working with him and was largely responsible for the maintenance of vital communications while the company was in a critical defensive situation. Next of kin: Mr. Albin B. Janosak (Father), P.O. Box 133, Clarkwood, Texas.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

JOHN J. GARNER, 0242264, Lieutenant Colonel, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. At the time commanding a field artillery battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Garner skillfully led a column of amphibious vehicles of his unit toward the shore during the bitterly contested establishment of the beachhead. When his approach was met with a hail of enemy artillery and machine gun fire from well established and strongly fortified emplacements along the beach, he displayed outstanding initiative in refusing to be drawn within the enemy trap and safely landed his men and equipment along an adjacent beach. From this position Lieutenant Colonel Garner repeatedly exposed himself to the concentrated fire of the enemy while scouting the area and placing his guns in the best possible positions from which effective direct support could be contributed to the infantry. Determinedly maintaining his stand in the face of formidable tank attacks, he successfully aided in the repelling of each assault and aggressively supported the establishment of the beachhead. His outstanding leadership, magnificent courage, and unflinching loyalty to his comrades inspired the achievement of the perilous mission. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

JOHN E. PHILLIPS, 0513031, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. After leading an advance over heavily mined terrain covered by artillery, mortar and nebelwerfer fire, Lieutenant Phillips crossed the \*\*\* River on a small bridge and continued for 400 yards through the fury of enemy fire to the point where his company was ordered to dig in. He moved about in the darkness, constantly menaced by the proximity of the enemy, collecting members of the company, selecting strategic positions and directing them in digging their fighting holes. While moving back and forth across the shell torn area, Lieutenant Phillips was wounded by enemy fire; but he refused to be evacuated until he had centralized almost an entire platoon under his control and supervised their preparation of defensive positions. The efficiency with which he directed his men and his determination to complete his work in spite of extreme danger and painful wounds greatly inspired all the men who were witnesses to his courageous deeds. Entered the Service from Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

CHESTER A. WATTS, 20203175, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 5 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When his company was assigned the detail of carrying ammunition and rations to the front line troops, Sergeant Watts immediately assumed command of the unit after the company commander was killed in a furious artillery and mortar barrage. Aware of the confusion and disorganization, engendered by the enemy shelling, he rallied the men and began running them through the barrage in small groups at three minute intervals. When the concentration of artillery shells increased in

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intensity, he moved about among the men, preventing panic and encouraging them to remain in their positions. As soon as the barrage lifted, Sergeant Watts reorganized the detail and continued on to deliver the vital ammunition and supplies. By his quick-thinking and splendid leadership he led his men to their goal with a minimum loss in casualties and successfully accomplished his mission. Entered the Service from Luling, Texas.

EDWARD M. HYDE, 33270491. Sergeant, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 Decemoer 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the leading elements of his company were pinned down along a stone wall by an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, rifle grenade and small arms fire, Sergeant Hyde, communications sergeant, immediately undertook to establish a communications line between their position and the command post. Courageously advancing over open terrain under continuous observation of the enemy and subjected to a withering fire while reaching his comrades, he set up communications which were immediately knocked out by an enemy artillery barrage preceding an intended enemy assault. Quickly realizing the danger, Sergeant Hyde openly exposed himself to the hazardous fire in order to repair the line and maintain communications during this critical period. His outstanding daring and exemplary devotion to duty enabled the direction of supporting fire against the enemy positions and relieved the danger of a disastrous attack against his comrades. Entered the Service from Sharon, Pennsylvania.

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Posthumous award of Silver Star...;..... I  
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SECTION I — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following named individuals:

CARL R. BAYNE, 0351495, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Eva Bayne (Wife), 710 Caldwell Avenue, Yokum, Texas.

LAURENCE P. GLEASON, 01295012, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs P. L. Gleason (Wife), 19 Stegman Terrace, Jersey City, New Jersey.

JOHN M. VALINE, 36823568, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Sophie Valine (Mother), Route #2, Box 218, Crystal Falls, Michigan.

DONALD L. WEIDMAN, 35754275, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Odessa L. Weidman (Mother), Route #4, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

LESTER (NMI) FURBERG, 32961882, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Ida Furberg (Mother), 90 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

RALPH E. HAMMEL, 32898904, Private, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Marian Hammel (Mother), New London, Connecticut.

LEE R. MAXON, 36179355, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Chole Maxon (Mother), 1545 Fifth Street, Madison, Illinois.

JOHN S. MC DONALD, 35206037, Private, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Annie McDonald (Mother), Peach Creek, West Virginia.

KYLE W. QUALLS, 34715031, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mr. Fate Qualls (Father), Route #3, Linden, Tennessee.

LINDSEY L. ROSEMAN, 34773656, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Annie M. Roseman (Mother), Route #3, Box 68, Salisbury, North Carolina.

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PAUL R. SAGER, 35630121, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Next of kin: Mrs Ethyl Sager (Mother), 107 South Ohio Street,  
Columbus, Ohio.

For gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*  
\* \* \*, ~~Italy~~. The 143d Infantry Regiment was ordered to cross the \* \* \*  
River and attack the enemy entrenched in the terrain beyond. The attack was  
launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms  
fire across a deep, fast-flowing river and over ground further protected by  
mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Cover was negligible in the last  
seven hundred yards of the river approaches which further complicated the dif-  
ficulties encountered in bringing boats and other equipment to the river line.  
Many boats were destroyed before leaving the river, and many others were des-  
troyed in the water by short range enemy small arms fire. Some of the occupants  
of boats destroyed in the river were hit and all were thrown into deep water.  
In the face of all these obstacles, these officers and enlisted men pressed  
home the attack with indomitable fortitude, crossing the river and penetrating  
deeply into enemy held territory. Subsequently, repeated savage counterattacks  
by the enemy succeeded in over-running the positions. In the furious fighting  
which continued over a two-day period and which cost the enemy enormous casual-  
ties in killed and wounded they lost their lives. Their fortitude, tenacity  
of purpose and devotion to duty against vastly superior enemy forces constitute  
an outstanding example of fighting courage that will long endure as an inspira-  
tion to all who witnessed or have knowledge of their valorous deed. Their  
gallant actions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the  
United States.

CHARLES H. HAMNER, 0389717, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry  
in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Italy. When his company  
received instructions that an attack was to be made against enemy positions  
from which heavy machine gun fire had been received in his sector, Captain Hamner  
immediately set out to make a daylight reconnaissance and determine the least  
exposed avenues of approach for his men. Constantly risking observation by the  
enemy and hazardous fire which was sweeping the area, he completed a thorough  
search and returned to his men to lead them to protected routes along which the  
attack could be effectively launched. Leading his men in a fierce assault, he  
continued to discover and point out covered approaches while dauntlessly exposing  
himself to the heavy enemy fire. During this engagement Captain Hamner was  
fatally wounded; but his aggressive leadership, unfaltering loyalty, and calm  
determination inspired the successful accomplishment of the company's objective  
with a minimum of casualties to his men. Next of kin: Mrs Lucile S. Hamner,  
(Wife), Garland, Texas.

FRANK V. COOPWOOD, JR., 20803120, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry  
Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1943, in the vicinity of \* \* \*,  
Italy. Under cover of darkness Sergeant Coopwood was leading a group of men from  
the rear area, forward to their company positions in the lines near \* \* \*. As  
they were passing an ammunition dump, the area was subjected to intense enemy  
artillery shells. The visibility along the trail being nil, and the other men  
entirely unfamiliar with the area, the men became disorganized and scattered.  
With complete disregard for his own safety, he directed his every effort to  
seeing his men to positions of safety and while so doing was killed by an enemy  
shell which exploded near him. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership  
and devotion to duty were entirely responsible for saving the lives of the men  
he had with him. Next of kin: Mrs Lillian C. Coopwood (Wife), Lockart, Texas.

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GEORGE E. GILKEY, 32267597, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Gilkey was assigned, with another man, to a forward observation post and ordered to report on enemy activity over a sound powered phone connected with the company command post. Each time the furious mortar fire destroyed the communication line, he moved across the shell torn terrain to repair it. When the enemy scored a direct hit on the position and destroyed the phone beyond hope of prompt repair, Private First Class Gilkey, although severely wounded, steadfastly remained at his post to watch for enemy activity while the other soldier went for help. His evacuation was delayed and he died of his wounds after reporting the location of enemy mortar positions. His selfless intrepidity and devotion to duty inspired his comrades to redouble their efforts in a greater display of bravery. Next of kin: Mrs Catherine T. Gilkey, (Wife), 1120 Read Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, JR., 0164992, Colonel, 26th Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Colonel Shryock, desirous of obtaining vital information concerning both the enemy and friendly situation, landed at dawn with the attacking infantry and, under furious machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, proceeded beyond the sand dunes of the beach, moving from place to place selecting firing positions for the 105mm howitzers. Headless of the danger from constant artillery shelling and intermittent bombings and strafings by enemy planes, he continued working indefatigably throughout the day, assigning artillery battalion position areas, personally conducting individual sections separated from their respective battalions, to their position areas, and informing the artillery commander, by radio and by personal visits, of the location and operations of the battalions. Colonel Shryock's ability to quickly determine the situation, make immediate decisions and issue the orders necessary to carry out the decisions, joined with his superior leadership and dynamic personality, inspired and renewed confidence in all officers and men with whom he came in contact. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

BERTRAM H. LEBEIS, 32238538, First Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Ordered to cross the \*\*\* River and assault enemy positions on the high ground beyond, Sergeant Lebeis made the crossing with leading elements of his company and advanced through wire entanglements covered with machine gun fire. He helped reorganize the men and, amidst the confusion engendered by intense enemy fire, supervised the digging in of defensive positions. He moved about among his men, heedless of danger, directing their efforts and encouraging them until the increased intensity of hostile fire and the alarming number of casualties made the positions untenable. By retaining his calmness and efficiency in the face of continuous machine gun and mortar fire, Sergeant Lebeis maintained control of his men at a time when good organization was vital. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

DOSS A. DULANEY, 20003750, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21 February 1944 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, Italy. In order to get effective observation, Sergeant Dulaney, leader of an 81mm mortar section, advanced 200 yards beyond the rifle troops to a position which commanded

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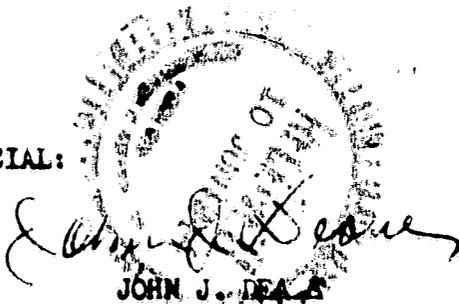
an excellent view but offered no cover and poor concealment. Under constant artillery fire he set up his mortar in a draw. When the enemy launched a furious counterattack, he moved in the face of intense machine gun fire to an exposed vantage point. From this point Sergeant Dulaney fearlessly directed the fire of his own mortar and the mortars of two other companies, adjusting the fire so effectively and with such devastating results that the enemy attempted to withdraw under cover of a smoke screen. In spite of the increased tempo of machine gunfire he remained in his exposed position and delivered fire along the route of withdrawal, cutting the enemy off completely and inflicting innumerable casualties. By his intrepid aggressiveness and consummate skill in directing the fire, Sergeant Dulaney threw the enemy forces into disorganization and foiled the counter-attack. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

WALTER C. LANGLOTZ, 12079650, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September, 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Langlots, an automatic rifleman, assaulted the beach with the first troops and advanced with his squad until stopped by machine gun fire from an enemy half track. Climbing over a rock wall, constantly exposed to the furious cross fire of enemy machine guns, he set up his weapon to fire on the half track. At the same time his squad leader crept to its right flank and, with effective fire from his anti-tank grenade launcher, knocked out the vehicle. Pushing forward, Private First Class Langlotz became separated from the remainder of his squad in the darkness and the confusion of enemy fire. While crossing an open field, he heard enemy machine gunners and riflemen shouting orders to fire on the approaching troops of his own unit. Realizing that his comrades were advancing into a trap, completely unaware of the proximity of the enemy, he opened fire with his automatic rifle and, heedless of the extreme danger of his position, emptied several magazines into the area occupied by the confused enemy forces, inflicting numerous casualties and completely disorganizing the attack. By his quick-thinking and extraordinary display of courage Private First Class Langlots prevented the rout of his unit by the enemy and saved the lives of many of his comrades. Entered the Service from Utica, New York.

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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster..... I  
Award of Purple Heart..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received as a result of enemy action in ~~Italy~~.

EMILIO (NMI) ADELCHI, 32223037, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry, 12 January 1944. Entered the Service from Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in ~~Italy~~.

ADOLPH (NMI) PETRAS, 20803348, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry, 20 December 1943. Entered the Service from Shiner, Texas.

JOHNNIE J. HALLIBUTON, 20803549, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry, 25 January 1944. Entered the Service from Waelder, Texas.

WALTER E. HALL, 20803183, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 February 1944. Entered the Service from Luling, Texas.

CLEM (NMI) MAHAFFEY, 35267982, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Lexington, Kentucky.

HOWELL F. COBB, 38050650, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

RONALD R. SLIS, 35267858, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, 1 December 1943. Entered the Service from Scioto Furnace, Ohio.

CHARLIE E. TUCH, 20803322, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 December 1943. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.

CHARLES J. KURPIS, 32221051, Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 25 November 1943. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

JOSEPH H. KECK, 20803337, Technician Fourth Grade, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 December 1943. Entered the Service from Cost, Texas.

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JOHN L. GAISKI, 33230991, Technician Fifth Grade, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943. Entered the Service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

LAWRENCE E. MARTIN, 35659724, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 February 1944. Entered the Service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

MORRIS (NMI) PACHOFFSKY, 32222224, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, 25 December 1943. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ARMAND J. BOUDREAU, 31127947, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1943. Entered the Service from Southbridge, Massachusetts.

ROBERT I. SHOEMAKER, 13061280, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 18 September 1943. Entered the Service from New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH (NMI) KULSCAR, Private First Class 33625126, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from Riegelsville, Pa.

DOMONIC D. FERRARI, 32343775, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry, 30 November 1943. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

ROY (NMI) HEMSLEY, 35237249, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, 13 February 1944. Entered the Service from Clayhol, Kentucky.

EMILEO (NMI) ADELCHI, 32223037, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1943. Entered the Service from Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York.

JIM L. OKAKAL, 20803329, Private, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 13 February 1944. Entered the Service from Yoakum, Texas.

PETE H. ALTMAN, 34517529, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Hemingway, South Carolina.

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- Posthumous Award of the Silver Star ..... I
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- Award of Silver Star ..... IV

SECTION I — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

*NIF* JOHN H. SELPH, JR., 34082913, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. During the occupation of a well defended enemy hill, Private First Class Selph, a driver, was required to deliver important messages to the commander of another unit. Choosing the closest route although it was exposed to enemy observation and under hostile fire, he daringly drove along the hazardous road and determinedly continued on his mission while a concentration of heavy artillery fire was directed at the area by the enemy. During the barrage Private First Class Selph was seriously wounded by shell fragments; but with outstanding courage he drove his vehicle off the road so that traffic would not be blocked. He was later evacuated but died of the wounds which he had received. Next of kin: Mrs. Martha H. Selph. (Mother), Route #2, Alpha, Georgia.

*NIF* — ORA G. HORSEMAN, 35267937, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Assigned to maintain a vital outpost with only a small detail of men, Sergeant Horseman skillfully deployed them in the best defensive position available and alertly detected the approach of a large enemy patrol. Although greatly outnumbered, he engaged the hostile patrol in a deadly fire fight, inflicting many casualties and preventing a penetration of his unit's position in the hope that help would arrive in time to complete the job. One by one his men were put out of action; but Sergeant Horseman courageously refused to give up the outpost, determinedly maintaining a fierce resistance even when overwhelmed by the hostile force. Steadfastly refusing to surrender he fought on with magnificent daring until killed in a hand to hand struggle. By his outstanding aggressiveness and determined devotion to duty, he greatly reduced the strength of the enemy patrol which was soon beaten off when reinforcements arrived. Next of kin: Mrs. Elmore Horseman (Mother), Route #2, Winchester, Kentucky.

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JOSEPH P. SCHNEIDER, 36602947, Private First Class, Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3-4 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. When a patrol was organized to infiltrate through enemy lines and contact an adjacent unit, Private First Class Schneider accompanied his comrades because of his ability to speak the enemy language. Moving skillfully to the hostile outpost line, he calmly answered the challenge of three enemy sentries and drew them out into the open where they were quickly dispatched by the patrol. Later, in attempting another daring ruse, his identity was discovered and he was fatally wounded in the fierce fire fight which followed while protecting the movement of the other members of the patrol. Private First Class Schneider's magnificent courage, unfaltering loyalty, and exemplary devotion to duty inspired the successful completion of the mission and undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Theresa Schneider (Mother), 7703 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois.

CLARENCE (NMI) LEMONS, 34773636, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 February 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Private First Class Lemons, a machine gunner, was assigned a position covering a draw to the rear of his company area when an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire was laid over his unit's position to screen the attack of a hostile force along this draw. Alertly detecting the enemy's approach, he daringly moved his gun into the open where he was afforded a better field of fire although exposed to the heavy barrage which continued to sweep the area. With magnificent courage and calm determination, Private First Class Lemons maintained his position and skillfully fired devastating bursts at the advancing enemy until he was fatally wounded by a mortar shell which exploded near him. His outstanding aggressiveness and devotion to duty inspired the successful repulsion of the hostile attack and resulted in heavy losses to the enemy. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas Lemons, (Father), Judson, North Carolina.

FRANK J. ELLIS, 33403343, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 February 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. While Private First Class Ellis was assigned as security guard for his company, an intense artillery and mortar barrage was concentrated by the enemy on the company position. Alertly detecting the approach of a hostile force from a draw to the rear of his unit's area, he daringly braved the holocaust of enemy fire by leaving a covered position to alert his comrades against the impending danger. With outstanding courage and determination, Private First Class Ellis constantly exposed himself while organizing a force to meet the threatened attack; and in so doing, he was hit by a mortar shell and killed. His unfaltering loyalty to his comrades and exemplary devotion to duty inspired the successful repulsion of the enemy attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Susie Ellis (Mother), 108 South Main Street, Houston, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals, missing in action:

FRANK R. ALLEN, 32343090, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. When the crew of one of the guns of his machine gun section was knocked out by an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire preceding a strong counter-attack, Private First Class Allen courageously worked

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his way forward to put the weapon into operation single handedly. With magnificent daring he crossed open terrain while exposed to the terrific hostile fire and successfully reached the position. Firing an effective blast at the approaching enemy, he prevented any further advance in his sector and was immediately subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire in an effort to dislodge him. Though wounded by the barrage, Private First Class Allen determinedly maintained his position and again stopped a second assault by his effective fire. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. His outstanding aggressiveness and exemplary devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deed and materially assisted the successful defense of the company position. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn M. Allen (Wife), 108 Main Street, Tottenville, Staten Island, New York.

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JAMES T. ASHING, 38466994, Private, Company G, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* \*, ITALY. When the machine gun section of his platoon was pinned down by terrific fire from a concealed enemy machine gun, Private Ashing, an ammunition carrier acting as a flank guard, deliberately exposed himself in a daring attempt to locate the hidden nest. Leaping from his sheltered position and firing his rifle in the general direction where he estimated the enemy to be, he forced the machine guns to open fire on him while his comrades determined its exact location and brought supporting fire against it. By his magnificent courage and exemplary devotion to duty, Private Ashing made possible the destruction of the enemy nest and materially assisted the advance of the platoon to its objective. He was later reported missing in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Ora Ashing (Mother), Spiro, Oklahoma.

SECTION III --- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, PRISONER OF WAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individual, prisoner of war:

CECIL B. EUBANKS, 0403546, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \* \*, ITALY. When the advance of part of his company was halted by the heavy fire of an enemy tank during the hazardous establishment of the beachhead, Captain Eubanks daringly exposed himself while obtaining and directing bazooka fire to overcome this formidable obstacle. Successfully eliminating the tank, he skillfully led his men forward over heavily mined terrain and through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire in a fierce assault which overpowered the first company objective. Determinedly holding his position during a strong counterattack by enemy tanks and infantry and moving openly while organizing and encouraging his men, he inspired a magnificent defense which hurled back the hostile forces. Captain Eubank's aggressive leadership and outstanding courage materially contributed to the establishment of the beachhead and resulted in heavy casualties among the enemy. He was later captured while making a hazardous reconnaissance in hostile territory. Next of kin: Mrs. Myra Lee Eubanks (Wife), Route #6, San Antonio, Texas.

SECTION IV --- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

ROBERT M. ARN, 01288021, Captain, then First Lieutenant, Company D, 141st

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Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action in Italy from 27 November 1943 to 29 November 1943. Ordered to reconnoiter mortar positions for his company on \* \* \*, he exposed himself to enemy artillery and mortar fire until he had carefully selected the best positions for the mortars and routes for their ammunition supply. With utter disregard for his own safety, he then established his observation post in an area subjected to heavy artillery and occasional small arms fire, that he might have the best possible vantage point. With great courage and determination he remained at his post for forty hours under constant fire, directing his mortars in achieving several direct hits on enemy positions and inflicting many casualties on the enemy. Entered the Service from Moundsville, West Virginia.

KENNETH W. MOHR, 32556678, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 11 to 14 February 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. During repeated violent enemy counterattacks, Private Mohr acting as communications sergeant, organized a party of several men to assist him in carrying ammunition from a camp to the fighting forces. Although the supply route was rendered hazardous by constant artillery and small arms fire, he unfalteringly led his party along the trail and successfully delivered the critically needed ammunition. Private Mohr then established communication between the company command post and the fighting positions, although in performing the mission he was forced to expose himself to sniper action as well as the artillery fire. When the First Sergeant was wounded and Private Mohr assumed his tasks, his duties had become three-fold, but he performed them tirelessly and efficiently with admirable composure under the intense shelling. On one occasion, he spotted an enemy sniper who had been harassing his men, and voluntarily moved to an advantageous position beyond the outpost and forced the sniper to withdraw by his effective fire. His aggressive and courageous deeds demonstrated remarkable ingenuity and determination of purpose. Entered the Service from Keansburg, New Jersey.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following named individuals are each awarded a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

*Revised & Amended by GPO # 235- July 19/1944*  
\* WILLIAM H. MARTIN, O335128, Colonel, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 29 January 1944, in Italy. While commanding 143rd Infantry Regiment, Colonel Martin displayed superior ability and foresight during training and extraordinary tactical skill during combat. Fighting in the difficult mountainous terrain of Italy against firmly entrenched enemy forces, he led his men with a high degree of efficiency that was in a great measure responsible for the combat effectiveness of his command. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

LEE F. ALLISON, Captain, O406104, 36th Quartermaster Company, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 1 May 1943 to 15 October 1943. Appointed Division Graves Registration Officer prior to the invasion of Italy, Captain Allison conducted schools of instruction for unit Graves registration in a most concise and efficient manner. While the Division was preparing to embark for the Italian invasion, Captain Allison, with great foresight, made thorough preparations to handle the burial of the dead immediately upon his arrival on the beachhead. During the period 9 September 1943 to 1 October 1943, he established Division cemeteries, took care of personal effects of deceased, and by his efficient and tireless performance the number of unknown buried was negligible. Entered the Service from Rocksprings, Texas.

CLARENCE J. BOUNDY, O1294423, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 December 1943 to 23 December 1943 in Italy. As communications officer for the 1st Battalion he was responsible for wire communication during an attack on two hills occupied by the enemy. By working twenty four hours a day and inspiring his men to great efforts by his own dauntless endurance, leadership and able direction, he maintained excellent wire communication over rugged and difficult mountain terrain under the most adverse weather conditions. His display of outstanding courage, initiative, and vigor was materially a contributing factor to the successful attainment of the battalion's objectives. Entered the Service from Highland Park, Michigan.

SAMUEL L. CANADA, 3.037929, Technical Sergeant, 736th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944, in Italy. As platoon sergeant of the armament platoon, sergeant Canada, by his technical knowledge and outstanding leadership, has supplied front line troops with small arms and artillery maintained at a high standard under the most adverse combat conditions. When faced

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with a critical shortage of supplies, he salvaged parts from weapons damaged on the battlefield, and often repaired artillery pieces while subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, in order to minimize delay in restoring them to service. In one three day period, he personally organized and supervised an inspection team which inspected and repaired all disabled small arms and artillery pieces in the division. The equipment was returned to the troops in fine working order, despite the necessity for the use of salvaged and improvised parts. On another occasion, he effected the cleaning, checking, and repairing of seven hundred fifty rifles in a few hours, and delivered them ahead of schedule to replacement personnel going into combat the same day. In the absence of the officer assigned, he capably commanded the armament platoon for one month in combat, maintaining a superior standard of service in evacuating, repairing, and returning to troops, all small arms and artillery. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

VIRGIL D. COUCH, 36038364, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 1 May 1944, in Italy. Assigned as supply sergeant for his organization and attached units, he efficiently and adequately furnished supplies to over four hundred men and sixty officers. Performing his work with a high sense of responsibility of his position, he has overcome difficulties peculiar to an organization divided into sections and forward and rear echelons. The property records in his custody have been accurate, up-to-date, and prepared in conformity with Army Regulations. For months at a time, he has skillfully operated the supply section with complete responsibility for its success, in the required absence of the supply officer. Entered the Service from Macomb, Illinois.

CHARLES S. ALDREDGE, 38052120, Staff Sergeant, 736th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 9 September 1943 to 1 March 1944. As company motor sergeant, he has had complete responsibility for the maintenance and dispatching of vehicles and for the transportation of the company when changing location. By his untiring efforts, the vehicle maintenance has been performed in a superior manner, and his skillful dispatching has resulted in prompt service and the most economical use of organic transportation. From 20 January 1944 to 22 February 1944, Sergeant Aldredge fulfilled the additional assignment of ordnance contact man with a combat team, making numerous trips under enemy artillery fire to forward infantry unit and successfully providing them with all the available ordnance supplies. Entered the service from Beaumont, Texas.

JACK M. BOREN, 38037089, Technician Third Grade, Finance Section, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 October 1943 to 6 April 1944, in Italy. As chief of administrative and personnel transfer accounts section, he has been primarily responsible for the correct transmission of the greatest volume of personnel transfer accounts of any division in the Theater. Observing that the stock War Department form presented difficulties, including the impossibility of making sufficient legible copies, Tec 3 Boren modified the form, and reproduced it on onion-skin paper. The modified form has been officially adopted for universal use throughout the Theater. By his display of initiative the PTA system was expedited, errors reduced to a minimum, and the confidence of the troops in the system increased. His other duties of checking allotment authorizations, and of preparing Treasury checks, and military correspondence, have been performed with commendable accuracy and zeal. Entered the Service from Marshall, Texas.

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✓ **GEORGE W. BLANTON**, 38037200, Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 31 March 1944, in Italy. As section leader, Sergeant Blanton has performed his duties in a superior manner and has eagerly assumed additional responsibilities whenever necessary. From 13 October 1943 to 9 December 1943, Sergeant Blanton was the chief of the police section, in the absence of the officer regularly assigned, and through his leadership and ability the police section fulfilled its mission of operating the Division Prisoner of War Enclosure, prisoner of war and straggler collecting points, and control movements of civilians in a highly efficient manner. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

✓ **SAMUEL J. BINDO**, 38050648, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 February to 28 February 1944 in Italy. As chief switchboard operator, Tec 5 Bindo displayed leadership, ingenuity, and initiative in maintaining telephone communication when normal routing of telephone calls was disrupted by enemy action. He rerouted such calls, and imparted to his operators the necessity of constantly checking circuits for serviceability and of reporting interruptions promptly to the wire chief. He maintained up-to-the-minute traffic diagrams which enabled his operators to render faster and more efficient service. His industry and scrupulous supervision have been of the greatest assistance to his organization in maintaining vital communication links under combat conditions. Entered the Service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

**JOHN T. SCULLANE**, 33002575, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations, from 3 November 1942 to 1 March 1944, in Africa and Italy. From 8 November 1942 to 24 April 1943, he was assigned as driver and gun-bearer to the Regimental Commander of a combat team in Africa. On the night of 29-30 March 1943, he received orders to report with his vehicle to the regimental commander at a command post. Under cover of darkness he drove in a convoy across a heavily mined area under enemy artillery fire so severe that several vehicles were disabled and the convoy was ordered to seek shelter in a nearby wadi. Knowing the dire need of the regimental commander for the vehicle, he gallantly volunteered to drive on to his destination under the intense artillery barrage. With utter disregard for his own safety, he arrived at the command post with his vehicle, and enabled the regimental commander to visit the scenes of battle and direct its progress. From 9 September 1943 to 1 March 1944, in the Italian Campaign, Tec 5 Scullane served as orderly to the battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. He faithfully performed his duties under the most hazardous and difficult combat conditions, while accompanying his commander on the front lines of the battles on three important mountain high points. Without thought for rest, and on his own initiative, he frequently stood guard all night to protect his commander from possible enemy patrol attack, while the latter was at work in his command post. Entered the Service from Ayer, Massachusetts.

**CLIFFORD E. STEVENS**, 38036492, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 1 May 1944, in Italy. Assigned as a truck driver in his company.

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he has achieved a superior record of driving two thousand miles a month, often for twenty-four hours a day, without accident to personnel and equipment, and without damage to materiel handled. This feat has been accomplished despite slippery roads, congested traffic, and blackout driving. His devotion to duty has been an important factor in expediting the flow of supplies to the front-line troops, and reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

HELLIET L. LUCAS, 20600542, Technician Fourth Grade, 36th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 29 February 1944, in Italy. He has installed and maintained the Division Headquarters telephone centrals with exemplary fidelity and display of initiative. On the night of 12 February 1944, in Italy enemy shell fire destroyed all cables between the switchboard and the Division Command Post. Tec 4 Lucas immediately and skillfully improvised expedients which restored service with minimum interruption. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

TOMMY T. ROSE, 0393618, Major, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 9 May 1944, in Italy. As Assistant G-4, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, Major Rose served diligently and ably helping coordinate all agencies to meet the complexities of supplying and transporting the division during a bitterly opposed amphibious landing and combat in difficult mountainous terrain. His thorough knowledge, exceptional tact and complete attention to duty were a powerful factor in keeping the troops of the division properly clothed, equipped, and fed. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

BENJAMIN F. SWANK, 0403163, Captain, 736th Ordnance (Light Maintenance) Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 1 May 1944, in Italy. Early in the Italian campaign, before the higher echelons of ordnance were organized, Captain Swank, through his own ingenuity and by maximum use of salvage and improvised expedients, maintained all division ordnance property at an exceptionally high standard. As company commander he trained his command to the highest degree of skill and efficiency in performing their technical missions. By instilling fine soldierly habits in his men, he achieved a measure of cleanliness, neatness, and military appearance of personnel, individual equipment, bivouac area, and mess; that is above the expected. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

HOWARD L. HENRY, 01288051, First Lieutenant, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 31 March 1944, in Italy. He commanded the traffic section of his organization with a display of unusual ability and aggressive vigor in coping with the adverse traffic conditions of inadequate road nets, enemy artillery fire, and mined vehicles. His courage and calmness under fire, and his resolute efforts to maintain efficient traffic control, were an inspiration to his men, and materially aided all elements of the Division in combat. Entered the Service from Fresno, California.

ROBERT K. McLEMORE, W-2110381, Chief Warrant Officer, Finance Department, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 6 October 1943 to 6 April 1944. As chief clerk and cashier of the division finance section, Chief Warrant Officer McLemore has personally handled cash of foreign and domestic currency amounting to many millions of dollars. To assure exactness in the fulfillment of this great

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responsibility, he has initiated and personally maintained an additional cash ledger that indicates at a glance the amounts of all types of currency and total amount of cash on hand. This ledger is a ready reference for the Finance Officer and a valuable check on the cashier and on the accounting section. By his scrupulous devotion to duty, the Finance Section has received a superior rating at each inspection of the money accounts. Entered the service from Dallas, Texas.

JAMES T. HARRIS, 20819367, Staff Sergeant, 36th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 9 September 1943 to 1 May 1944. Assigned the duties of supervising the procuring and issuing of Class III Supplies for the Division, with commendable initiative, he perfected a plan of operation that insured an adequate supply in combat of gasoline, oil, and lubricants. He exercised keen judgment in anticipating the requirements of the tactical units of the Division for varied operations, and adjusted a reserve supply suited to each tactical situation. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

ROBERT I. SANDLIN, 38050868, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 1 March 1944 in Italy. Assigned as troop clerk of the 36th Reconnaissance Troop, he applied himself to his work with such intelligence and industry that he relieved his troop commander to the fullest extent of problems connected with administration. By his thorough knowledge of Army Regulations and administrative procedures, he accomplished the most difficult assignments in a superior manner. The important records in his custody were maintained with scrupulous accuracy and his considerate, efficient service to the officers and men in his troop was a great contribution to the combat efficiency of his organization. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

WILLIAM F. O'CONNOR, 32035664, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 9 April 1944, in Italy. As assistant chief of enlisted pay section, Tec 3 O'Connor was one of two enlisted men in the Division Finance Section who accompanied the Division Finance Officer in the invasion of Italy on 9 September 1943. Using personnel borrowed from another organization, Tec 3 O'Connor by his aggressive application to the task, formed a provisional enlisted pay section and personally supervised the processing of all payrolls. As a result of his untiring efforts in the face of operational difficulties, the troops were paid without delay for the month of September. In subsequent months, his outstanding performance of duty has materially contributed to the morale of the Division personnel by insuring that the troops be paid promptly. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

ALEXANDER J. DOUGLASS, 32235606, Corporal  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from North Plainfield, New Jersey

LAWRENCE E. SMITH, 20809722, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Waco, Texas

ROY E. FOUNDS, 34146002, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Greenfield, Tennessee

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JAMES E. LARNED, 32239234, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Rutherford, New Jersey

ORRIS M. BURKHOLDER, 35430911, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Nettie, West Virginia

LINCOLN H. SCOPE, 32269527, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Woodbine, New Jersey

RONALD R. BEAVER, 35603645, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Rockland, Ohio

FRANKLIN T. LAWRY, 31228721, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Dighton, Massachusetts

FRANK (M1) CARVALHO, 39407446, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Sacramento, California

JOHNNIE (M1) BROOKS, 20808844, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Galveston, Texas

VIRGIL E. ARKIDGE, 38051481, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Nacogdoches, Texas

WALTER G. BRYANT, 35455856, Private First Class  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Ludlow, Kentucky

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 November to 27 December 1943 in Italy. These men were members of a carrying party detailed to supply water, rations, and ammunition to front line troops on two mountain heights and to assist in evacuating the dead and wounded from these positions. The supply routes were from three to five miles long, running over slopes rendered almost impassable by rain, sleet and snow. For more than a month, often half frozen and blinded by blizzards, they struggled over the treacherous trails carrying forty-seven pound water cans and even heavier ammunition bags to the front lines and returning with casualties. Although constantly harassed by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, they never faltered in performing their all-important tasks, and by their admirable determination to do their job, maintained the physical welfare and high morale of the men on the lines.

MAX M. HOEGERL, 38026743, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September

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1943 to 1 May 1944. Assigned as a truck-driver in his company, he has established a notable record of driving many thousand miles without accident under the most hazardous operating conditions of slippery roads, congested traffic, and blackout driving. He has frequently driven for twenty-four hours on the road without rest, and he has checked and maintained his vehicle in a superior fashion, in order to have it immediately serviceable for the next trip. His display of technical skill and aggressive vigor has materially contributed to the efficiency of his organization in transporting personnel and supplies for the Division, and is deserving of the highest praise. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

FRANK ROBOS, 38050614, Private First Class, 36th Signal Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 12 February 1944 in Italy. While on a voluntary mission of repairing a telephone circuit under enemy artillery fire, he brought a desperately wounded man to an aid station, repaired the circuit, and returned to operate a switchboard. An enemy barrage laid down in the immediate vicinity, caused all other personnel to take cover. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Robos remained at his post, rendering efficient and uninterrupted telephone service of vital importance. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

CHARLES A. MARSAVITCH, O1288100, First Lieutenant, 142 Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Marsavitch was assigned the mission of taking a patrol and seizing and holding a draw about 400 yards in front of our lines, deep in enemy territory. In the dead of night, through snow and rain, over rough and rocky terrain, he dauntlessly led his men forward. As they advanced, they came upon enemy machine gun and mortar emplacements. Lieutenant Marsavitch ordered his men to halt and he dauntlessly moved forward attempting to outflank the enemy positions. In the very act of throwing a grenade to destroy the enemy position, intense machine gun fire from hidden enemy gun positions opened up, seriously wounding him. Bleeding from his wounds and unable to walk, he ordered his men to safety, thereby saving them from being ambushed and enabling them to return to their lines. Displaying great calmness and magnificent courage, although seriously wounded, he dragged himself back to his lines. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND J. SCHLODER, O1314234, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Schloder was company commander of the assault company of a battalion, assigned the difficult task of attacking heavily defended and well fortified enemy positions. He led his men forward, across an open area under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, and occupied the company's objective. When the battalion became subjected to an intense artillery barrage and machine gun fire, he was ordered to send out two patrols to protect the battalion position. Upon his own initiative, he personally led his men forward to their positions. Although continually exposed to heavy enemy fire, he moved among his men, organizing them and keeping them intact. His great fortitude, vigorous initiative and outstanding leadership was a primary factor in his patrol's maintaining the enemy fire, allowing the battalion to complete its mission. Entered the Service from St. Mary's, Pennsylvania.

PHILIP J. PRICHARD, O1288119, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 13 September to 21 September 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Prichard was assigned the mission of supplying ammunition for self-propelled guns in support of the 3d Battalion, during the attack on \*\*\*. As the fierce and savage attack progressed, the 3d Battalion was cut off by a numerically superior enemy force, and was in immediate danger of being wiped out. Under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, and upon his own initiative, Lieutenant Prichard dauntlessly moved among the men, reorganizing scattered

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elements, setting up defense positions, assisting wounded men to safety and materially assisting in the holding of all lines. During the ensuing days he voluntarily took command of a beachhead sector which was under heavy enemy snelling. His magnificent leadership was a vital factor in repelling the savage enemy attacks and holding the beachhead. Entered the Service from Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

JAMES H. ARNOLD, 20808005, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 October 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Assigned the mission of supporting the attack of an infantry unit with the fire power of his heavy machine gun section, Sergeant Arnold aggressively displaced his guns forward maintaining close contact with the assault troops despite an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which was sweeping the area. Alertly discovering a mortar emplacement which was inflicting many casualties on his comrades, Sergeant Arnold moved forward on open terrain under observation of the enemy and directed the fire of one of his guns on the enemy nest, destroying it. By his daring action and aggressive initiative, he enabled the infantry unit to advance and take its objective. Entered the Service from Killeen, Texas.

EDWARD L. FONDAKOWSKI, 36640504, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Leading his squad during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* river, Sergeant Fondakowski advanced skillfully over the heavily mined terrain through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Moving forward in a fierce assault against well fortified emplacements until the whole company became pinned down by severe machine gun fire, he daringly left his squad in a covered position and worked his way forward to within hand grenade range of the enemy nest. With cool determination Sergeant Fondakowski assisted in the destruction of the emplacements with grenades only to have further advance stopped by a devastating artillery barrage. Constantly exposing himself while reorganizing and encouraging his men during this holocaust of fire, he was seriously wounded and evacuated. His magnificent daring and aggressive leadership inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

GEORGE SHOOPS, JR., 36531286, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Leading his squad during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* river, Sergeant Shoops constantly exposed himself to the intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire while moving among his men to encourage them and maintain unity. Advancing skillfully over the heavily mined terrain, he instructed his men to follow him in a fierce assault against the company objective. In the fire fight which ensued several casualties were sustained and Sergeant Shoops constantly risked the dangerous fire to carry wounded members of his squad to safety. His sincere loyalty to his men together with his display of magnificent daring and aggressive leadership inspired all who witnessed his deeds and undoubtedly saved the lives of several members of the squad. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.

FRANCIS E. DONAVAN, 31232719, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 and 14 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Donovan volunteered to locate friendly units believed to be in position some distance from his unit. His route led him through an area swept by heavy and intense mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. Upon arriving

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near the position he discovered it occupied by enemy troops. By diligent and resourceful scouting, he located and charted many enemy positions, thus obtaining valuable information. On the next day, he again volunteered to help clear out a well defended enemy sniper post. Accomplishing this mission and acting upon his own initiative, he voluntarily went after badly needed ammunition, successfully accomplishing this mission, although all the time under intense mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. The information obtained by his diligent scouting and the ammunition he carried back were of great assistance in the successful completion of the attack. His great fortitude, calmness under fire and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Brookline, Massachusetts.

JACOB M. WITTLE, 32231035, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Wittle, wireman, helped lay a wire line over rugged terrain from the command post to attacking troops so that the vital contact could be established. When the intense enemy shelling continuously cut the lines, he moved across the exposed ground repairing the wires. After the battalion communication officer and the communication chief had been wounded and evacuated, Private First Class Wittle assumed command of the remainder of the platoon. The furious enemy artillery and mortar fire so shattered the wire lines to the forward elements that he deemed it essential to lay new lines. He organized supply crews to return to the wire dump for more wire and personally led his men across the shell torn terrain and supervised the laying of the lines. Although he had not rested in more than twelve hours, Private First Class Wittle undfatigably continued repairing and laying the wire so that the battalion commander could maintain contact with, and thus control, the attacking forces. While repairing a wire line in a position exposed to enemy observation, he was wounded by a shrapnel fragment, but he remained to direct the repair work until it was completed. Private First Class Wittle's desire for personal security was dwarfed by his greater determination to support his comrades. Entered the Service from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

BRONT VEENSTRA, 36157251, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During the bitter battle of the \*\*\* river, a volunteer guide was requested by the Regimental Commander who from the river bank planned to direct his battalions across the \*\*\* river. Having familiarized himself with the terrain and disposition of his units, Private First Class Veenstra volunteered for this hazardous task. Despite the intense, accurate shelling of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he guided his Colonel through the dense defensive smoke laid down by our troops, edging his way along narrow, muddy lanes through the mine infested terrain, to the banks of the treacherous river. Throughout the bitter cold night, constantly harassed by the close range fire of the enemy, Private First Class Veenstra remained at the side of his Colonel refusing to take cover for fear of losing contact with him in the darkness and confusion which prevailed. His display of outstanding courage, fearlessness and devotion to duty materially aided his Colonel's efforts in directing the operations. Entered the Service from Grand Haven, Michigan.

RENE J. LA CASSE, 31244300, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As number one gunner of a heavy machine gun squad, Private First Class

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La Casse occupied a vital forward defensive position on the flank of the 3d Battalion on Hill \*\*\* in the mountains above \*\*\*, Italy. Intensive concentrations of enemy mortar and artillery fires fell in the battalion positions along this important terrain feature, giving every indication that an enemy counterattack would ensue in an effort to regain possession of the hill. During this barrage Private First Class La Casse suffered painful wounds in the head from shell fragments. Despite his wounds, he elected to remain at his gun prepared to defend the important position. Only when all threats of a counterattack had ceased did he return to the rear for medical treatment. The determined and magnificent courage and deep devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class La Casse greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

ALBERT A. HAMMERLING, 32840504, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Volunteering to guide his company platoons into position through an area swept by deadly machine gun fire which had already inflicted numerous casualties among his comrades, Private First Class Hammerling wisely chose the least exposed route and began leading the platoons to their objective. When the enemy opened up with a second machine gun and delivered withering cross fire, he continued, coolly and courageously, to lead his men through the inferno of small arms fire and bursting shells. Unflinching in the performance of duty, Private First Class Hammerling successfully guided all four platoons into their new positions. By moving speedily and decisively and retaining his calmness under the most harrowing conditions, he allowed the units ample time for fortifying their positions against a forthcoming enemy counterattack. Entered the Service from Springville, New York.

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APO #36, U. S. Army

*12 May 44*

12 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 134

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

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HILES A. COWLES, 08577, Brigadier General, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on 13-14 September 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ITALY. General Cowles went forward of his division artillery command post to coordinate artillery fires for an attack on the town. When he had successfully completed his self-assigned mission, he determined to remain in the forward artillery positions overnight, although a heavy shelling from enemy artillery was anticipated. When the furious barrage began, General Cowles fearlessly moved from position to position, advising the men, and by his very presence assuring them of ultimate achievement of their goal. His calm demeanor and steady assurance under the harrowing circumstances inspired the gun crews to a high peak of courage and efficiency, and the warmth and strength of his personality encouraged the men to work tirelessly in an effort to emulate their commanding general's valor. Entered the United States Military Academy from North Carolina.

WILLIAM C. CHADDOCK, 01317603, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 and 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ITALY. Lieutenant Chaddock volunteered to lead a fifteen man reconnaissance patrol across the ~~\*\*\*~~ River. In approaching the river, the patrol crossed a heavily mined field covered by enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Lieutenant Chaddock successfully crossed the treacherous river in a rubber boat and immediately began sending out "feelers" to locate enemy positions. When his party returned, reporting the locations of an enemy motor park and mortar positions, he directed successful artillery fire upon them. The following night Lieutenant Chaddock recrossed the river with the same patrol and discovered additional enemy positions. Returning with the information, his boat capsized, spilling the men into the icy waters of the river. The men saved themselves only by exerting extraordinary physical prowess and stamina in their battle against the swift currents. In securing information of incalculable value Lieutenant Chaddock displayed qualities of extreme personal courage and fortitude. Entered the Service from Boston Harbor, Michigan.

ROBERT L. DAVIS, 01289702, Second Lieutenant, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 November 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ITALY. Leading a small patrol on a dangerous reconnaissance mission in hostile territory, Lieutenant Davis skillfully infiltrated through enemy positions, carefully noting dispositions and strength of the defending forces. Despite heavy artillery and

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mortar fire, he steadfastly pursued his hazardous mission until the vital information had been obtained. When the patrol became pinned down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire during the return trip, Lieutenant Davis daringly exposed himself to the intense fire while placing his men in covered positions and contacting friendly mortar fire which he so accurately directed that the enemy was repulsed and the patrol was enabled to reach safety intact. His outstanding courage and aggressive leadership inspired the successful accomplishment of his important mission and undoubtedly saved the lives of the members of the patrol. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

JAMES J. CURRAN, 01307807, Second Lieutenant, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. After landing on Green Beach in the invasion of Italy, Lieutenant Curran, platoon leader, led his men toward \*\*\*. When the platoon was suddenly attacked by five enemy tanks, he skillfully directed his men to deploy along a rock wall. Constantly exposing himself to enemy fire, Lieutenant Curran ordered his grenade launcher riflemen to take positions at the corners of the wall and to open fire on the tanks. By his efficient maneuvering of his platoon and the skill with which he directed the firing, he was instrumental in putting one of the enemy tanks out of action, the turret blown off by an exploding grenade. The remaining four tanks were driven away by the effective fire. Although severely wounded by shell fragments, Lieutenant Curran refused to go to the aid station and continued to lead his platoon until the objective was reached. Entered the Service from Ayer, Massachusetts.

ROBERT J. PASSONS, 20608086, Technical Sergeant,  
Cannon Company 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Temple, Texas.

HARRY E. LUCADO, 33533920, Private First Class,  
Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Roanoke, Virginia.

For gallantry in action on 10 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. While in their platoon area they heard a mine explosion and for sometime thereafter cries of wounded men. Voluntarily they set out to find and administer aid to the wounded men, travelling through mine fields, barbed wire entanglements and subjected to constant artillery fire. Upon finding the wounded men they administered first aid. One remained with the wounded men while the other went to secure an ambulance. Upon arrival of the ambulance they helped carry the wounded back through the mine field to it. Their display of outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of their comrades.

ELMER S. WARD, 37037296, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When his battalion was ordered across the \*\*\* River to establish a bridgehead, Sergeant Ward, then a platoon sergeant, led his men across a narrow foot bridge constantly subjected to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and advanced with them to a point two hundred fifty yards beyond the river bank. Temporarily halted by barbed wire entanglements, covered by enemy machine gun fire, he ordered the wire be cut and skillfully directed his platoon through the entanglements. The quickly mounting casualties, caused by concentrated fire from the strongly defended enemy positions and the explosions from well placed mines, made efficient organization very difficult; but Sergeant Ward, realizing the necessity for consolidating the depleted forces into an effective firing and fighting unit, fearlessly moved about among the men, reorganizing them to renew the attack. Throughout the day, while most of the troops were pinned down by the furious enemy fire, he continued to

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direct his men in an heroic effort to maintain control in the company. By his aggressive leadership at a time when most of the officers and non-commissioned officers had been killed or wounded, Sergeant Jard prevented the disorganization of the company and led them effectively against the enemy. Entered the Service from Honey Grove, Texas.

ARTHUR T. RAGER, 33019417, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143rd Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Rager, leader of a mortar squad ordered to cross the \*\*\* River with the company in an attack on enemy positions, led his squad down a ravine toward the river. When the enemy unexpectedly shelled the ravine with artillery and mortar fire, he was severely wounded by a shell burst. Ignoring his intense pain and the weakness engendered by his wounds, Sergeant Rager disdained evacuation and insisted upon crawling about among his men, directing the removal of the wounded to positions of safety. When the barrage lifted and the section again advanced, he staunchly refused to withdraw for treatment and continued to lead his men across the river. When a machine gun was lost in the water and mud, Sergeant Rager, in spite of the constant threat of enemy fire, efficiently assisted in recovering the valuable weapon. So great was his courage and the intensity of his desire to engage the enemy that, as his own strength waned, the bravery and daring of the men, inspired by their intrepid comrade, greatly increased. Entered the Service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

CALVIN (NMI) WILLIAMS, 20803177, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 29 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Corporal Williams volunteered to lead a combat patrol in an attack on the town. He led his men through an olive orchard under cover of a friendly artillery barrage; but, when the barrage lifted, the patrol was caught in the cross fire from three enemy machine guns in the town. In spite of the machine gun fire and severe shelling from mortars, Corporal Williams, heedless of personal danger, moved among his men, encouraging them to continue the attack. When higher headquarters realized that the patrol's situation was desperate, a smoke screen was laid on the position and the patrol ordered to return. Aware that a nearby draw was the obvious route of withdrawal, Corporal Williams wisely led his patrol across the high ground and thus avoided the heavy mortar barrage with which the enemy blasted the draw. By his calmness and quick thinking in the face of heavy enemy fire, Corporal Williams saved his patrol and returned with invaluable information concerning the enemy machine gun positions. Entered the Service from Dale, Texas.

HARRY R. MOORE, 38035998, Sergeant, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When the company attacked enemy positions in the town, furious bursts of machine gun, mortar and artillery fire inflicted numerous casualties and forced the men to cover behind a stone wall. Although previous attempts to advance beyond the wall had met with failure, Sergeant Moore, realizing the necessity for neutralizing the deadly gun emplacements, voluntarily led his squad in the face of withering enemy fire toward a machine gun nest. Although twice struck by shrapnel fragments and aware that his comrades were falling about him, he dauntlessly continued advancing at the head of his squad and succeeded in bringing effective fire on the heavily fortified enemy position. Then, with admirable consideration for the security of his men, Sergeant Moore crawled forward alone, finally attaining a position from which he threw two hand grenades into the enemy emplacement. His devotion to duty and intrepid disregard for personal safety inspired all the

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members of his unit. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

WALTER D. HOOD, 38026010, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~the~~, ITALY. Tec 5 Hood volunteered to go and bring back one of the self-propelled M-7 105 mm Howitzers which had been abandoned several days before in an exposed position one thousand yards forward because of the imminent danger of fire and explosion from their punctured gasoline tanks. On the night of 31 January, after an unsuccessful try two nights before, he and the section sergeant made their way under artillery fire to the mount. Displaying splendid courage and self-control despite the heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and artillery fire which the flames of the sputtering exhaust immediately drew into the area, he calmly waited until the motor warmed up. Then, guided by the sergeant who used the luminous dial of his wrist watch as a diminutive beacon, he drove the mount back to safety. The dogged courage of Tec 5 Hood saved a very valuable self-propelled gun. Entered the Service from Boler, Texas.

PETER H. KRAMER, 36595600, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in the vicinity of MOUNT ~~the~~, ITALY. When a reconnaissance patrol sent forward of Company C's defensive positions encountered unexpected enemy mortar and machine gun fire, one of the wounded patrol members was left in front of the lines. Private Kramer, hearing the call for medical aid, voluntarily left his position with another company and went to assist the wounded man. He climbed the steep trail in front of the lines, constantly exposed to mortar fire, found the man and skillfully administered first-aid treatment. He then carried him to a secure position behind the lines and supervised his evacuation. By jeopardizing his own life to aid a wounded comrade, Private Kramer upheld the fine traditions of the Medical Department. Entered the Service from Wyandotte, Michigan.

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

12 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 133

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ROBERT G. FLETCHER, 20816120, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19-27 November 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~IT-11~~. Upon his release from a hospital and return to his unit, Corporal Fletcher discovered his battery crucially reduced by casualties. Assuming immediate charge of a vital twelve mile communications line continually in need of repair because of sustained enemy artillery fire directed along it, he skillfully maintained the line despite the hazardous fire, treacherous terrain, and tremendous physical strain to which he was subjected. Avoiding personal contact with superior officers so that his weakened condition would not become known, Corporal Fletcher determinedly remained on his job for eight days in which he permitted himself only twenty hours of rest. Finally reduced by a raging fever and complete exhaustion, he collapsed in delirium and was again hospitalized. His outstanding courage and dogged devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the battalion's mission. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

FRED C. HERSHBERGER, 33019034, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~IT-11~~. Technician Fifth Grade Hershberger, driver of a 75mm Self Propelled Howitzer, landed with the 1st Battalion in the assault of Blue Beach and skillfully maneuvered his vehicle across the heavily mined beach to the bank of a small canal. When the gun crew put the howitzer into action against the enemy, he remained in the driver's seat and kept the motor running so that the mount could be turned right or left to better engage the enemy. Although painfully wounded by fragments of hot lead, Tec 5 Hershberger stayed with his vehicle until it was put out of action. Then heedless of his wounds, he crawled free of the mount and opened fire on the enemy with his sub-machine gun. His magnificent determination to continue to fight in spite of all dangers and handicaps exemplifies his outstanding fortitude. Entered the Service from Bedford, Pennsylvania.

ROY E. MOFFETT, 37504586, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~IT-11~~. When his battalion was ordered to withdraw from hill ~~\*\*\*~~ under intense enemy shelling, Private First Class Moffett was assigned the task of furnishing supplies and ammunition to the covering forces remaining on the hill. The enemy's vicious attack inflicted many casualties on the withdrawing troops, and he voluntarily joined a party to evacuate the wounded from

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the hill. Although he had not slept in thirty two hours, Private First Class Moffet indefatigably covered the rough terrain, constantly exposed to enemy fire, to bring aid to the wounded soldiers. He was successful in recovering and evacuating many of his comrades, but in so doing he himself was wounded by an enemy shell fragment. His determination to save the wounded in the face of grave personal danger forcefully demonstrated his courage and valor. Entered the Service from Salina, Kansas.

WINIFRED O. WILLIAMS, 38476282, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, on 11-12 February in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~ITALY~~. Anticipating an enemy counterattack on his company's defensive positions, Private Williams, although half frozen by the bitter cold, remained in his position with two automatic rifles to await the attack. When the attackers approached, he brought effective fire on them with his rifle, operating the piece until it became overheated, then switching to the other weapon. Private Williams, alternately throwing hand grenades and firing the automatic rifle, forced the enemy to withdraw, only to be attacked again and again by the desperate foe. He staunchly held his position in the face of intense opposing fire and continued to inflict numerous casualties on the attackers until the enemy force was finally repelled. By his devotion to duty and steadfastness under extremely harrowing conditions, Private Williams was instrumental in forcing the enemy to withdraw from his sector. Entered the Service from Hughes Spring, Texas.

WARD J. CROOME, 32839723, Private,  
Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

LOUIS (NMI) COLAVECCHIO, 31293180, Private  
Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Providence, Rhode Island.

For gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~ITALY~~. Volunteering to accompany a reconnaissance patrol into extremely hazardous territory in which severe casualties had already been sustained, Private Croome and Private Colavecchio crossed the treacherous \*\*\* River and courageously advanced over heavily mined terrain while constantly exposed to the intense artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy. Determinedly pursuing their mission until the enemy emplacements were located, they then returned to the bank of the river where the patrol was observed by the hostile forces. With outstanding initiative and magnificent daring, they improvised a raft from the floating debris and crossed the dangerous waters under heavy fire to contact friendly units and obtain a smoke screen to cover the crossing of the remainder of the patrol. Their aggressive leadership and exemplary devotion to duty inspired the successful accomplishment of the mission and provided vital information.

GENE (NMI) DURLESTER, 32656608, Private, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~ITALY~~. Assigned as an aid man to an infantry company during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Private Durlester advanced courageously with his unit over the heavily mined terrain under an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. During the assault a smoke grenade which a comrade was carrying became

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ignited and set the soldier's clothing aflame. With outstanding courage, Private Durlister immediately went to his assistance while completely exposed to the hazardous fire of the enemy. Working calmly and skillfully he extinguished the blazing clothing and administered first aid to the injured soldier. His aggressive initiative and exemplary devotion to duty saved the life of a comrade and inspired all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

EUGENIO G. SALAS, 38065990, Private, Company C, 11th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~ITAF~~. Private Salas, while on duty with the 2nd Battalion Aid Station, 143d Infantry Regiment, was dispatched with a squad, during the main attack, to evacuate a patient from a rifle company on the line. The aid station was about a half mile back and the litter route was under constant enemy mortar and small arms fire. They had almost reached the patient when a mortar shell exploded among them, wounding every man in the squad. Although wounded himself, Private Salas, undaunted by the continuing enemy fire, promptly administered first aid and helped evacuate the men. Then with the help of a new squad he went back, located the wounded patient, rendered first aid, and succeeded in getting him back to the aid station. By his fortitude and courage in the face of the enemy, Private Salas was instrumental in saving the lives of four men. Entered the Service from Marathon, Texas.

WILLIAM W. WARWICK, 34671413, Private Company D, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~ITAF~~. During the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Private Warwick saw his platoon leader knocked into the treacherous waters by the explosion of a shell near him. Despite the intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, he immediately jumped into the river to save the stunned officer. While so doing he was hit in the hip by machine gun fire. Although painfully wounded, Private Warwick courageously reached the drowning man and carried him safely to shore. His magnificent daring and aggressive determination inspired all who witnessed his deed and saved the life of his platoon leader. Entered the Service from Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CHARLES (NMI) HENLEY, 34714679, Private, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~ITAF~~. Volunteering to accompany a reconnaissance patrol into extremely hazardous territory in which severe casualties had already been sustained, Private Henley crossed the treacherous \*\*\* River and courageously advanced over heavily mined terrain while constantly exposed to the intense artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy. Determinedly pursuing his mission, he successfully located several well fortified emplacements and calmly directed accurate artillery fire which destroyed them. His aggressive initiative and magnificent daring inspired the accomplishment of the mission and provided vital information for a subsequent assault. Entered the Service from Nashville, Tennessee.

HERBERT D. BENNETT, 34734607 Private, Medical Detachment, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~ITAF~~. Private Bennett was a member of a medical detail assigned the hazardous task of crossing the swift flowing \*\*\* River in an attempt to evacuate the casualties sustained in the fierce and savage attack on the enemy positions across the river. Private Bennett and the members of his squad crossed the treacherous river unarmed and unaccompanied by armed troops, under intense artillery, nebelwerfer and machine gun fire, facing the probability of becoming casualties or being captured by the

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enemy. He and his fellow men dauntlessly moved about, giving medical aid to the wounded and carried out the evacuation of the wounded to such a high degree of efficiency that few men were left behind when they were forced to withdraw from the enemy territory. His great fortitude, calmness under fire and devotion to duty were a great factor in the saving of the lives of many men. Entered the Service from Huntington, Tennessee.

HAROLD J. DESCHENES, 31324173, Private, Medical Detachment, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~FRANCE~~. Private Deschenes, a litter bearer, volunteered as an aid man with Company L in the second crossing of the ~~\*\*\*~~ River. With the remnants of the company he reached the enemy-held bank, where they joined two companies of another battalion. Casualties had so depleted available aid men that many wounded of both battalions were unattended. Displaying extraordinary calmness and efficiency although constantly harassed by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private Deschenes tirelessly rendered first aid to the wounded soldiers. When his own company withdrew to safety for reorganization, he refused to leave the wounded man he was treating. Fearless of danger, Private Deschenes remained on the field of battle and continued moving about among the wounded, giving them expert treatment and encouraging them to be patient until evacuation could be effected. By his contempt for personal security when his comrades were wounded and exposed to danger, he saved the lives of many who would otherwise have been lost. Entered the Service from Hartford, Connecticut.

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #30, U. S. Army

12 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 132

Posthumous award of Silver Star ..... I  
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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster ..... III

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following named individual:

RAMOND L. YARBROUGH, 01181196, Second Lieutenant, 1,33d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. At all times under heavy enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Yarbrough, artillery forward observer with the 1st Battalion, 1,33d Infantry, secured prompt and effective support for the infantry during the attack on Hill \*\*\* and the subsequent organization of the position. To obtain more effective observation, he located his observation post in a dangerous position exposed to effective enemy fire on the forward slope of the hill. During a particularly intense and accurate enemy concentration, he identified and took under fire one of the enemy batteries. His telephone line cut by enemy fire, he left the comparative safety of his dug-in position and raced fearlessly for 50 yards across shrapnel swept open ground to another telephone. In order to continue adjustment at the new position, Lieutenant Yarbrough with apparent disdain for the enemy shells bursting on all sides of him, took up an exposed position on a ledge. By his accurate observation and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, the enemy battery was silenced. Ignoring the presence of nearby cover, intent only on effectively supporting the battalion, he remained in his exposed position searching for new targets. While thus fearlessly and courageously answering the call of duty, Lieutenant Yarbrough was killed by a shell which burst nearby. Next of kin: Mrs. Wallace L. Yarbrough (mother) 789 Elliot Avenue, Alexander Park, Portsmouth, Virginia.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

JOSEPH W. WILLIAMS, 01307905, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Prior to the attack of Company L across the \*\*\* river, Lieutenant Williams was assigned the mission of obtaining information concerning the final assembly area for the attack that night. Upon completion of this mission, Lieutenant Williams returned to lead his company to the assigned area. As the company reached this point, the enemy laid down a heavy concentration of artillery fire in which Lieutenant Williams was painfully wounded by a shell fragment. Although suffering from loss of blood, he refused evacuation and continued to guide the company in the attack. His magnificent courage, great fortitude and devotion to duty greatly inspired all members of his command. Entered the Service from Shelburne, Massachusetts.

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LEROY I. THORP, 36055683, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal), Cannon Company, 1st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Corporal Thorp, section chief of a 75mm self-propelled howitzer, landed with the 1st Battalion in the assault of Blue Beach. Crossing the heavily mined beach, constantly exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire, the gun crew reached a small canal and there went into action against the enemy. When his platoon leader was seriously wounded, Corporal Thorp, acting on his own initiative, took charge and directed the firing so efficiently that two enemy machine gun nests were destroyed. He then assisted in carrying two wounded soldiers to a medical detachment on the beach, moving back and forth across the open terrain covered by withering machine gun, artillery and sniper fire. By his fearless disregard of danger and his skillful direction in firing the howitzer, Corporal Thorp inflicted great damage on the enemy and saved the lives of two comrades. Entered the Service from Granite City, Illinois.

CHARLES L. KELLY, 13085671, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. The company in which Sergeant Kelly was a platoon sergeant was ordered to cross the \*\*\* river and establish a bridgehead on the enemy side. While accomplishing the dangerous crossing, the officer commanding the 1st platoon was killed by enemy fire, and Sergeant Kelly immediately assumed command. Then, when the only remaining company officer was forced to recross the river to direct artillery fire, he unhesitatingly took command of the company and led his men through vicious enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. In the confusion and fury of desperate fighting, he calmly and efficiently directed the men through barbed wire entanglements and then ordered them to dig in. Sergeant Kelly personally reconnoitered the open terrain, constantly exposed to hostile fire, and located strategic outpost positions. By his aggressiveness and disregard for personal security, he inspired all his comrades to a greater display of bravery. Entered the Service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT L. COLLIER, 36734183, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-14 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the enemy launched three vicious counter-attacks against the company, the intense fire of artillery, mortar and rifle grenades served to confuse and disorganize the men. Cognizant of the necessity for leading the forces in a firm opposition to the enemy attack, Private First Class Collier, then acting squad leader, helped to reorganize the men. He moved from position to position, constantly exposing himself to the furious enemy fire, to keep the men alert and well organized and to encourage them to hold their positions. Private First Class Collier's courageous disregard for personal safety inspired his comrades to a greater display of bravery and was instrumental in repelling the enemy attack. Entered the Service from Libertyville, Illinois.

JACOB SILVER, 35277527, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Battery A, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 24 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the battery kitchen truck, containing both food and ammunition, was hit during an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Silver daringly left his position of cover in a single-minded effort to save the food and kitchen equipment. Working fearlessly in the fierce heat of the burning truck despite the continued enemy barrage and the numerous exploding of the ammunition stored in the vehicle, he removed most of the vital rations and equipment from the burning interior before the

remainder was completely destroyed. His magnificent courage and aggressive determination saved supplies which were difficult to replace at that time and inspired all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

WALTER M. CUMMINGS, 34607473, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 November 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Scouting the advance of a small patrol on a dangerous reconnaissance mission in hostile territory, Private First Class Cummings skillfully infiltrated through enemy positions carefully pointing out dispositions and strength of the defending forces. Despite heavy artillery and mortar fire, he steadfastly pursued his hazardous mission until the vital information had been obtained. When the patrol became pinned down by enemy machine gun and small arms fire during the return trip, Private First Class Cummings daringly exposed himself while pointing out the emplacement to the patrol leader and then fiercely engaged the enemy nest with hand grenades and rifle fire until friendly mortar fire was contacted and the enemy repulsed. His outstanding courage and aggressive initiative inspired the successful accomplishment of the important mission and enabled the patrol to reach safety intact. Entered the Service from Salem, North Carolina.

JOSEPH W. LEDGERTON, 38051329, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 on ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. During a bitterly contested assault against well fortified enemy positions, Sergeant Ledgerton assumed command of his platoon when the officer in charge was wounded. Braving an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he constantly exposed himself while encouraging his men and leading a fierce attack which routed the enemy. Later when outnumbered by the counter attacking forces, he directed a skillful and determined defense, holding his position until reinforcements arrived. Sergeant Ledgerton's aggressive leadership, outstanding initiative, and magnificent courage inspired the successful taking and holding of the vital position. Entered the Service from Orange, Texas.

CLAUDE L. SCOTT, 38037303, Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. During an attack on strong enemy defenses, machine gun, rifle and mortar fire decimated the company and pinned the remaining men behind a stone wall. Perceiving that the machine guns ahead must be silenced or their fire diverted in order to allow our troops to maneuver, Sergeant Scott, as acting platoon sergeant, ordered five men to follow him over the wall in an assault on the machine gun nests. As he crawled forward a mortar shell blew off one hand and the fingers of the other. Although requiring aid in his return to our lines he kept inquiring about the safety of his men. He was so active in his devotion to the welfare of his comrades that those about him were, for a time, unaware of the seriousness of his wounds. His splendid leadership and selflessness stand as a perpetual guide to his fighting comrades. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

FATSY DILLO, 31325686, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Volunteering to accompany a reconnaissance patrol into extremely hazardous territory in which severe casualties had already been sustained, Private First Class Dillo crossed the treacherous ~~\*\*\*~~ river and courageously advanced over heavily mined terrain while constantly exposed to the intense artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire of the enemy. Maintaining control of the men and encouraging them by his calm and courageous example, he determinedly pursued the mission and successfully located several well fortified emplacements. His



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NO. 131

Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I  
Award of Silver Star.....II

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

GEORGE W. RIVERS, JR., 20806238, Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1944 on \*\*\*, Italy. When the patrol, of which he was second in command, discovered enemy machine gun and mortar emplacements in extremely hazardous hostile territory, Sergeant Rivers daringly left his comrades in a place of cover and moved forward to flank the positions. Advancing skillfully to within close range of the enemy nests, he was discovered and fire upon by a hidden machine gun and was mortally wounded in the fierce fire fight which ensued. When a comrade reached him to help him withdraw, Sergeant Rivers bravely maintained his position and ordered the soldier to leave the hazardous area. His magnificent courage, determination and exemplary devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds and prevented the ambush of the patrol. Next of kin: Mr. George W. Rivers (Father), Tuxedo, Texas.

GREGORIO (NMI) QUIROS, 38025741, Corporal, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. In the confusion of a heavy enemy artillery barrage and vicious counter-attack, Corporal Quiros was assigned the hazardous mission of knocking out a particularly effective machine gun nest. Constantly imperilled by withering automatic weapon fire, he crawled cautiously toward the gun with his two men. When within assault range of the nest, Corporal Quiros warned his men to have their bayonets and grenades ready. Charging directly in the face of the machine gun fire, he successfully knocked out the enemy weapon but was killed instantly when another gun opened fire on him. His courageous leadership and extraordinary calmness under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Rosalie Quiros (Wife), 13 Madeira Street, St. Augustine, Florida.

EDWIN M. SKINNER, 33723839, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When his platoon was pinned down during an attack against a heavily fortified machine gun emplacement, Private Skinner daringly rushed the enemy nest single-handedly. With magnificent courage, he deliberately drew the intense machine gun fire by his fierce assault, enabling his comrades to advance against the position and destroy it while capturing twenty prisoners. Private Skinner was killed in a deadly fire fight during this engagement. His aggressive determination and outstanding valor inspired his platoon in the successful accomplishment of its objective. Next of kin: Mrs. Jeanette Skinner (Mother), Midway Groves, Sarasota, Florida.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulation 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG, 0350478, Captain, Medical Corps, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 November 1943 on \*\*\*, Italy. When word was received that numerous casualties had resulted from an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, Captain Rosenberg immediately left his aid station to administer medical aid in the hazardous area. Despite the continued barrage, he moved openly from casualty to casualty, skillfully attending their needs until all had received treatment and were evacuated. Captain Rosenberg's calm determination and magnificent bravery encouraged and inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

PHILLIP A. CHOCKLEY, 01177328, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 20 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When his platoon was being pounded by an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Chockley fearlessly moved over exposed terrain carefully dispersing his men in covered positions and encouraging them in the face of the terrific bombardment. With magnificent daring and an inspiring display of utter coolness under the heavy fire, he skillfully administered first aid when one of his men was seriously wounded in the barrage and assisted in the immediate evacuation of the stricken soldier. Lieutenant Chockley courageously maintained close supervision and control throughout the deadly fire; and his aggressive leadership and exemplary devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Entered the Service from Shelbyville, Tennessee.

ALLEN E. SIMMONS, 01293664, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. A mountain, occupied at night by elements of the 1st Battalion, had been only partially cleared of the enemy. As dawn broke snipers and machine gunners on a knoll 200 yards east of the occupied slope, opened fire, killing two officers and a number of men. Lieutenant Simmons led the sixteen men remaining in his platoon up the bare slope towards the enemy, all the while directing the fire of his riflemen and machine gunners so as to keep the enemy off the crest and pinned down until he could get within hand grenade range. As soon as the grenades were launched he personally led the final successful assault in which six of the enemy were killed and seventeen were captured. The platoon's only casualties were two wounded, thanks to his skillful leadership. Every man in his command was inspired by his cool courage. Entered the Service from Belfast, Maine.

WINSTON A. SCHNEIDER, 2080380, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Schneider was acting communications sergeant for his company during its attack against the strongly fortified enemy positions at \*\*\*. Despite the severe concentration of enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he worked tirelessly to maintain the vital wire communications. While so engaged, he was severely and painfully wounded by shell fragments. Shortly afterwards the continued heavy enemy concentrations completely destroyed all communication lines beyond hope of prompt repair. Realizing that contact between the assault troops and the

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support echelons was necessary in order to successfully prosecute the attack, Private First Class Schneider refused to be evacuated and voluntarily assumed the role of foot messenger. Despite his painful wounds, he made several hazardous trips across the fire-swept terrain between the company elements, until he was again wounded and forced to be evacuated to the rear. His dogged efforts and magnificent courage were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

LEANDRO ALANIZ, 38025884, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. After advancing across a heavily mined area and crossing the \*\*\* River on a small foot bridge, Sergeant Alaniz and a small group made their way through furious enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to the point where the company had been ordered to dig in. This small group prepared defensive positions and, for two nights and a day, fought off all enemy attacks. Constantly alert during this period, they maintained their positions with fearlessness and aggressive vigor. Often the enemy crept close enough to call out through the fog, smoke and darkness for them to surrender, saying that an officer had ordered the capitulation. Their reply was a volley of rifle fire and expertly thrown hand grenades. When the small group was ordered to evacuate their positions, they covered each other's withdrawals until they all reached points of safety. Sergeant Alaniz's courageous deeds exemplified the noblest of ideals of devotion to duty and disregard for self in performing assigned missions. Entered the Service from San Diego, Texas.

ANTHONY (NMI) GRECO, 33325164, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Greco was assigned the hazardous task of a night reconnaissance patrol behind enemy lines. He knew the information he brought back would be a vital factor if the planned attack by our troops was to be successful. By his stealth and expert patrolling he penetrated deep into enemy territory remaining for three hours plotting their outposts and fortified positions. His mission completed he started back with the valuable information. His senses alert to all situations and possible sources of more valuable material, he observed a canvas covered foxhole. Dauntlessly he approached with a ready hand grenade and pistol and audaciously kicking the canvas aside he surprised and captured two startled enemy soldiers. The information furnished by him and his prisoners of enemy mortar, machine gun and outpost positions saved the lives of many of his comrades. His magnificent courage, calmness and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who heard of his deeds. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDGAR (NMI) REEVES, 38034906, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Reeves, as Number 2 man on the 75mm self-propelled howitzer of the First Platoon, debarked in the fourth wave of the assaulting troops at the \*\*\* beachhead in the face of artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. The howitzer crew, driving across the heavily mined beach to the bank of a small canal, went into action and was immediately subjected to the crossfire of two enemy machine guns. Although the corporal gunner was killed and the lieutenant in charge seriously wounded, Private

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First Class Reeves continued firing the howitzer until it was rendered useless by enemy fire. Unhesitatingly he successfully engaged enemy snipers with his rifle. Later he assisted in the evacuation of a wounded aid man, crossing open terrain under constant heavy machine gun, artillery and sniper fire to a medical detachment on the beach. Then, for the second time, he made the hazardous journey through enemy mine fields carrying another wounded comrade to safety. Private First Class Reeves' selfless deeds forcibly demonstrate the American ideal of aiding one's comrades without thought for personal security. Entered the Service from Mundy, Texas.

DAROLD S. WHITE, 34725138, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Volunteering to accompany a reconnaissance patrol into extremely hazardous territory in which severe casualties had already been sustained, Private First Class White was ordered to remain at the bank of the treacherous \*\*\* River after he had assisted the remainder of the patrol across. While awaiting the return of the patrol, he saw two wounded men reach the opposite bank and immediately made his way to the other side under intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to assist them in reaching safety. Working courageously under the concentration of fire, he placed the wounded men in a boat and successfully evacuated them. His aggressive initiative and magnificent daring undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded men. Entered the Service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

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GENERAL ORDERS

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- Award of Silver Star, Missing in Action.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
- Corrected Award of Silver Star.....III

SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals, missing in action, for gallantry:

HAROLD W. DEETER, 35125518, Sergeant, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. On a foggy morning the 2d Platoon, in which Sergeant Deeter was a squad leader, advanced with the 1st Battalion to attack an enemy position on \*\*\*. In the inferno of enemy fire which greeted the attackers, the platoon was separated from the remainder of Company D. In the absence of the platoon commander, Sergeant Deeter, acting entirely on his own initiative, assumed command of the platoon and skillfully led his men through a narrow defile under constant enemy machine gun and rifle fire, thus successfully rejoining the main body. Sergeant Deeter then put his machine gun into action, bringing effective fire on the enemy and protecting the battalion as it advanced along the trail. He continued operating his gun until he was seriously wounded by opposing machine gun fire. Sergeant Deeter, with contempt for personal danger, by his valorous deed materially assisted the successful completion of the battalion's mission. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Sophia Deeter (Mother), Route #3, Troy, Ohio.

ALTON B. WILSON, 20805262, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Wilson, ordered to move a machine gun to a position of support for an attacking platoon, made his way under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire to the original position of the gun and, with consideration for the safety of the men manning the gun, instructed them to remain in their positions. Then, unassisted, Private First Class Wilson, still the object of enemy fire, removed the gun to its new position of support and put it into action. Protected by the machine gun fire, the attacking platoon successfully advanced against its objective. In moving and operating the gun without assistance, considering the safety of his comrades while heedless of personal risk, Private First Class Wilson exemplified the Army tradition of initiative and valor. He has subsequently been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mr. Frank C. Wilson (Father), Sweetwater, Texas.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

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LEROY L. BELL, 0418651, First Lieutenant, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES G. WILLIAMS, 20816403, First Sergeant, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

REMSON R. COVER, 20816018, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

MELVIN B. HALEY, 20816410, Corporal, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

JOHN L. McNEILL, JR., 20816035, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

CLEBURNE H. SCHMIDT, 20816040, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

JOHN V. BANSE, 20816022, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

JULIUS (NMI) SHOCKO, 36195091, Private, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Eckerman, Michigan.

JOHN (NMI) GENNA, 32867545, Private, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Jamaica, New York.

For gallantry in action on 18 March 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the enemy discovered the position of Battery B of the 155th Field Artillery Battalion, the three guns composing the battery were subjected to such furious artillery shelling that the casualties inflicted among the gun crew were extremely numerous. Despite the hazards of the shell blasted field, these men exposed themselves to the continuous intense shelling, moving from one gun position to another to render first aid to the wounded men. Often stunned by the shell bursts, they continued treating the men, helping them to endure the pain until they could be evacuated. When the intensity of the shelling lessened they secured an ambulance and a weapons carrier in which they transported the wounded soldiers to safety. By their capable and intelligent handling of casualty cases in the inferno and confusion resulting from numerous direct hits by the enemy artillery, they saved the lives of many of their comrades. Their gallant action reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

ROY F. SENTILLES, 01300225, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Sentilles, commanding Company I, was assigned a sector on the hill and ordered to hold it at all costs. He defended his positions in the freezing temperatures of a bitter winter night and in the face of ceaseless artillery, mortar and small arms fire and numerous counterattacks. Although the rocky terrain prevented the digging in of positions and afforded little cover, Lieutenant Sentilles, heedless of personal danger, moved up and down the lines within hand grenade range of the enemy, advising those men

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with hands too numb to fire a rifle to throw grenades and inspiring the slightly wounded to continue fighting. Despite heavy casualties, the position was held as a result of his inspiring leadership. His devotion to duty in the face of great danger exemplifies outstanding heroism and courage. Entered the Service from Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

FREDERICK A. BOOTH, 0379452, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the enemy launched a powerful mechanized counterattack during the initial stages of the establishment of the beachhead, no communications for support were available with the exception of a radio lying in an exposed area in which there was no cover for a distance of 150 yards. On his own initiative and with magnificent daring, Captain Booth attempted to run the perilous gauntlet of artillery, mortar and small arms fire to obtain the vital radio. While making his courageous dash, he was severely wounded by shell fragments. Although suffering great pain, he directed and encouraged the men around him and refused evacuation until other wounded soldiers had received medical attention. His calm fortitude and outstanding devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

RAYMOND E. WEBB, 0385322, First Lieutenant, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Ordered to establish an observation post on \*\*\*, a patrol from Lieutenant Webb's troop attempted to skirt the base of another mountain and approach their objective from the north. Enemy fire pinned the patrol down and forced it to abandon its equipment and withdraw. An extremely important radio set was left in serviceable condition about two hundred yards from an enemy strongpoint. This fact was reported to Lieutenant Webb by the returning patrol. Realizing the security of the division's radio communication system would be gravely imperiled if the radio set were taken in operating condition by the enemy, Lieutenant Webb set out to recover it. Guided by a member of the patrol, he followed a protected way along a ravine to within one hundred yards of the radio. Cautiously he crept forward alone over the exposed ground to the set and reached it without receiving fire; but as he attempted to return with the radio his presence was detected and the enemy opened fire on him with rifles, machine guns and small mortars. Despite this he reached a small shell hole that gave him cover. About three feet away was a deep well. Realizing the impossibility of his getting the radio back safely, he pushed it into the well, denying its use to the enemy. For one hour he crouched in the shell hole before the fire abated enough for him to reach the ravine and rejoin his troop. Entered the Service from Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

MARTIN L. WRIGHT, 20803159, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. After the platoon leader was killed during the attack across a vital river, Sergeant Wright assumed command of the platoon and led them under terrific artillery and mortar fire through mine fields where markings of most of the cleared paths had been destroyed by enemy shelling. Under his bold leadership the men succeeded in carrying a pontoon foot bridge to the crossing point where they assisted the engineers in throwing it across the treacherous currents of the river. Sergeant Wright's gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Luling, Texas.

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SECTION III - CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 107, dated 26 April, 1944, this Headquarters, as awards a Silver Star to LEE ROY BILLINGSLEY, 39065126, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individual:

"LEE ROY BILLINGSLEY, 39065126, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1944 on \*\*\*, Italy. Preceding an imminent enemy counterattack, Company I was subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, which destroyed the outpost communication lines to the 2d Platoon. Sergeant Billingsley, realizing the dire necessity of communication, upon his own initiative, repeatedly left his place of safety to repair the lines. Although under continuous enemy mortar and artillery fire, he traced and repaired his platoon's lines thereby restoring vitally needed contact with the company command post. The holocaust of fire caused casualties all around him but he dauntlessly carried on with his self-appointed task. His magnificent courage and outstanding calmness greatly inspired all members of his platoon. Entered the Service from Monahans, Texas."

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APO #36, U. S. Army

10 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 128

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....	I
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

HERBERT E. MacCOMBIE, 0209730, Lieutenant Colonel, Chaplain's Corps, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 7 September 1943 to 3 December 1943 in Italy. Chaplain MacCombie landed in the invasion of Italy in the uncertain hours of D day, and in addition to his duties as Division Chaplain voluntarily assisted in the establishment of the first American cemetery in Italy, working tirelessly conducting rites and assisting in the burial of the dead. His indefatigable efforts throughout this period inspired and directed the chaplains of the Division to a higher degree of efficiency and materially contributed to the spiritual welfare and morale of the troops. Entered the Service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

GEORGE D. SMITH, JR, 0411567, Major, (then Captain) Headquarters Company, 36th Infantry Division for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 9 September 1943 to 1 March 1944. As Headquarters Commandant, Major Smith maintained a high standard of discipline in the face of great operational difficulties. He exerted every effort to assist the Division Staff Officers and to relieve them of troublesome details, and his careful planning accomplished the movement of Division Headquarters to new bivouac areas with a minimum of interference to the work of the Staff. Major Smith's experience and intelligence were fully demonstrated in his reorganization of Headquarters and Headquarters Company in conformity with a new Table of Organization. By skillfully utilizing the many military specialties involved, he achieved the necessary curtailment and reallocation of enlisted personnel without detriment to the efficiency of any staff section, or to the administrative functions of Headquarters Company. His outstanding service contributed in a great measure to the efficiency of his command. Entered the service from San Antonio, Texas.

ERNEST S. PRANGE, 20500948, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 3 December to 8 December 1943 in Italy. When an enemy artillery shell landed in his battalion aid station, Sergeant Prange, headless and his back was severely injured, worked all night helping a medical officer administer to the wounded. Next morning he refused to be evacuated but helped carry other wounded back and then went forward to help set up the battalion aid station. Only on direct orders of the battalion surgeon was Sergeant Prange evacuated, five days after he was wounded. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

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JACK L. PRICE, 20848688, Technical Sergeant, Anti-Tank Company, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 28 January to 26 February 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Price was placed in charge of a platoon of men from his company on special assignment with the Medical Detachment as litter bearers. During the operations in rugged mountain terrain casualties were extremely heavy. To speed up evacuation, Sergeant Price devised and established a litter post and shuttle system for carrying back the wounded with least practicable delay. By untiring personal supervision he maintained a well coordinated and efficient service that materially aided in saving the lives of many wounded. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

FRANK T. NEUTTS, 33057600, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 7 August 1943 to 3 February 1944 in Italy: Tec 3 Neutts, secretary to the Chief of Staff, intensively applied himself to the maintenance of exact records, guardianship of many highly secret and important matters, and assistance in operating the office of Chief of Staff. During the period of preparation of the Division for the invasion of Italy, he maintained a complete record of the multitudinous changes that took place and worked long hours day and night assisting in the most secret details of planning and administration. His loyalty, unselfishness and exemplary devotion to duty were of material assistance in the accomplishment of the intricate duties of the office. Entered the Service from Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

TED R. MILLER, 59326103, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 to 28 December 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Miller was assigned to carry vital ammunition, water and food to our troops in defensive positions on a mountain height overlooking the road to Rome. Each trip over the rocky cliff faces, made terrifically hazardous by sleet and rain and enemy fire, required nine hours of almost superhuman effort, but Private First Class Miller carried on with his body-breaking task for six days, and then joined his company in scaling the mountain and attacking a vital ridge. Entered the Service from Myrtle Point, Oregon.

JAMES W. SEALS, 37429367, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 18 to 29 December 1943, in Italy. Private Seals was assigned to carry supplies up the rugged slopes of a vital mountain to defensive positions occupied by Company D. Under extreme conditions of rain, sleet and snow, he exerted almost superhuman effort carrying these vitally needed supplies over icy trails which zigzagged up the almost vertical slopes of the tremendous mountain. His actions over a period of eleven days materially contributed to the maintenance of our positions on the mountain and the success of a subsequent attack on a vital ridge. Entered the Service from Centerville, Iowa.

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THOMAS L. SUEDHOFF, 13129379, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 to 28 December 1943 in Italy. Private Suedhoff was assigned to carry vital ammunition, water and food to our troops in defensive positions on a mountain height overlooking the road to Rome. Each trip over the rocky cliff faces, made terrifically hazardous by sleet and rain and enemy fire, required nine hours of almost superhuman effort, but Private Suedhoff carried on with his body-breaking task for six days, and then joined his company in scaling the mountain and attacking a vital ridge. Entered the Service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individual is awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

ROBERT E. SWART, 20804429, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1943. Entered the Service from Elanket, Texas.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individual is awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

ROBERT L. MURPHY, 01305462, First Lieutenant, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 16 February 1944. Entered the Service from Brookline, Massachusetts.

SECTION IV -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

FRANK (NMI) GIAMPA, 32221882, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Giampa saw a cave where two soldiers were sleeping collapse from weight of water-soaked ground and the concussion of enemy artillery shells and immediately went to the rescue of his trapped comrades. With his bare hands he dug away the rocks and mud, continuing to work indefatigably even when his fingers were cut and bleeding. Not until he had uncovered the two men, one of whom was still alive, did he rest. His

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undespairing efforts indicate a zealous devotion to fellow soldiers that reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

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NO. 127

Award of Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action..... I  
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SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry in action.

JAMES A. THOMAS, 38243483, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal), Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19-29 December 1943, in ITALY. When the number of non-commissioned officers were depleted by casualties, Sergeant Thomas, then an instrument corporal, assumed the duties of platoon sergeant in addition to his work with the instruments and communications. For ten days he performed his double duties with extraordinary efficiency and calmness under enemy fire, directing the laying of wire to the company command post and placing his men in strategic positions for bringing effective fire against the enemy. Although constantly exposed to shelling from enemy artillery and mortars, Sergeant Thomas twice displaced his platoon forward, directing them across the mountainous terrain, to positions from which they could better support the attacking rifle troops. When, after ten days of grueling activity, the platoon was relieved, Sergeant Thomas skillfully directed the evacuation of his men. He has subsequently been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Maud Thomas, (Mother) Garrettsville, Ohio.

SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

JAMES N. MUELLER, 0462796, First Lieutenant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1944, in Italy. Lieutenant Mueller volunteered to make a reconnaissance for mines on a road needed for forthcoming infantry operations, and, realizing that speedy completion of the mission was essential, insisted upon starting immediately and not awaiting the protecting cover of darkness. Constantly imperilled by enemy small arms and artillery fire, he walked the entire length of the road checking carefully for mines and returned with his invaluable information. By his speedy and efficient reconnaissance, Lieutenant Mueller made possible the immediate clearing of the road in time for night operations. Entered the Service from Macon, Georgia.

NORMAN J. YORK, W2110388, Chief Warrant Officer, 143rd Infantry Regiment (then Warrant Officer Junior Grade, 142nd Infantry Regiment), for gallantry in action on 11-12 September 1943 in Italy. After landing in the invasion of Italy,

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Company F, 142nd Infantry Regiment, was cut off from water and rations for two days because the supply routes to the company's defensive positions were impassable. When this information reached the regimental command post, Warrant Officer York, with two other soldiers, volunteered to try to reach the company with the vital supplies. He drove a loaded truck along a tortuous mountain road, incompletely cleared of mines and exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire. Avoiding the numerous shell holes which marked the road, he continued fearlessly for eleven miles toward the company's positions until an engineer officer refused to allow the group to proceed further along the mine covered road. Undaunted, he went forward on foot, skillfully avoiding enemy small arms fire, and contacted an officer of Company F who took charge of the supplies. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

CHARLIE F. DUNCAN, 20817912, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Duncan, assigned with his platoon to clear and repair a vital supply road for military traffic, skillfully directed his men, facilitating their work by excellent organization, in spite of continuous enemy artillery shelling and intermittent bombing and strafing attacks. When the platoon's commanding officer was killed in a severe enemy bombing, Sergeant Duncan immediately assumed command and supervised the treatment of eleven men wounded in the attack. Constantly imperilled by artillery fire, he reorganized his scattered platoon, swiftly evacuated the wounded, and directed the remaining men until the road was completely repaired. By his courageous leadership Sergeant Duncan saved the lives of his wounded comrades and made possible the opening of a road needed to supply front line troops. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

MILBURN R. DERRYBERRY, Staff Sergeant, 38060180, Company D, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944, in Italy. His company, while in a supporting position on a mountain, was subjected to an enemy counter-attack and lost contact with Company B, which was in dire need of mortar support. Sergeant Derryberry, realizing the urgent need of mortar fire, on his own initiative carried a wire across an exposed area to his mortar observation post. Although under constant enemy artillery fire, he directed fire on the advancing enemy with devastating accuracy, contributing greatly in beating off the counter-attack. After the danger of the counterattack was past, Sergeant Derryberry remained at his observation post, keeping communications in order and effectively directing the planned fire of his mortars. Entered the Service from Lubbock, Texas.

PAUL R. de LONG, 20806487, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 January 1944, in Italy. Sergeant DeLong was ordered to contact the enemy with a ten-man fighting patrol. Moving well in advance of his patrol, he led them down a narrow rocky trail. As he reached an exposed position he was suddenly fired on by a larger enemy patrol. Remaining in his exposed position he returned the fire and skillfully directed the fire of his patrol, killing three of the enemy and causing the others to flee. Completing his assigned mission he led his men to their company, intact and unscathed because of his quick thinking action under stress of great personal danger. Entered the Service from Murray, Texas.

FORREST C. KEMRELL, 20804649, Sergeant, Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. When his company was

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counterattacked by a strong enemy force, Sergeant Kimbrell, realizing the need for additional ammunition, made his way through intense machine gun and artillery fire to the ammunition dump. He secured the vital ammunition and hand grenades and fearlessly recrossed the fire swept terrain. Constantly harassed by small arms fire, Sergeant Kimbrell then crawled from emplacement to emplacement, distributing the ammunition to his men. By his quick thinking and coolness under intense enemy fire, he was instrumental in repelling the counterattack. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

WILLIE W. HUMPHREY, Sergeant, 34150823, Company E, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944, in Italy. During the strong enemy counterattack on his battalion, Sergeant Humphrey, upon his own initiative, left his place of safety in order to check the defenses of his squad. Although exposed to the intense enemy small arms fire, he skillfully made his way to each emplacement, supplying his men with vitally needed ammunition. This supply of ammunition materially aided in the successful repelling of the determined enemy attack. Entered the Service from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

MICHAEL S. DOMANICK, 32222326, Corporal, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 December 1943 in Italy. Corporal Domanick was assigned the hazardous mission of leading a patrol into a vital town and he aggressively led his men forward over rough and treacherous terrain. When almost to their objective, they were detected by the enemy and immediately subjected to intense mortar and machine gun fire. Ordering his men to take cover, he worked his way forward through enemy held territory to accomplish his mission. Succeeding in this, he returned to his men and successfully led them back to their lines. The information so gathered was vital in determining the position and strength of the enemy. Entered the Service from Beachhurst, New York.

ASA L. HAYS, 20816596, Corporal,  
Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

EMIL B. VON SEGGERN, 37146864, Corporal,  
Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
Entered the Service from Fender, Nebraska.

C. R. BLOUNT, 38038533, Private First Class,  
Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion,  
Entered the Service from Olney, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 3 December 1943, in Italy. After a shell had landed nearby, severely wounding four enlisted men, Corporal Hays, Corporal Seggern and Private First Class Blount voluntarily left their position of cover, even though the area was still under artillery fire, to carry the four wounded soldiers a distance of approximately eight hundred yards to an ambulance where emergency medical treatment was administered.

RAYMOND SURDEZ, 32358247, Private First Class, Headquarters, 30th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. Despite the hazards of enemy shellfire to which the area was subjected, Private First Class Surdez, hearing a call for help, left his place of safety and found a seriously

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wounded British soldier who had been injured by an enemy shell burst. Fearing that farther injury would result if the soldier were moved from the middle of the road, Private First Class Surdez protected him from passing vehicles and mile pack trains. With utter disregard for his own safety and despite the danger of continued bursting shells, he remained there until medical aid personnel arrived. He then assisted in removing the injured man to an aid station and remained with him until he was evacuated to a hospital. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

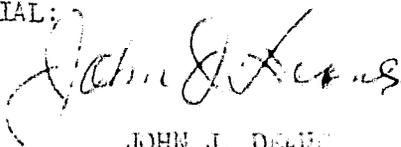
TOBY M. LEWIS, 36737206, Private, Company C, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944, in Italy. After capturing an enemy position, his battalion set up defenses against an expected counter-attack. Private Lewis, a rifleman in the first platoon of Company C, was on a listening post one hundred yards down the forward slope, with orders to return to his position in the line before 0600. As he was leaving the post, after a two hour enemy artillery barrage, he saw the enemy advancing a short distance below his position. Realizing the need of warning his company, he shouted a warning and made his way, under heavy small arms fire, back to his platoon. He then began firing his rifle and throwing hand grenades into the attacking forces. Although some enemy soldiers almost reached his foxhole, he continued to fire until the serious enemy counterattack was repulsed. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

RILEY S. BRANDON, 35792138, Private, Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February, 1944, in Italy. Company B was occupying a defensive position on the mountainside shortly before the enemy forces launched a strong attack up the slope. A hostile machine gun was sweeping the entire area with fire and one of the riflemen on the left flank was seriously wounded. Private Brandon, the company's medical aid man, immediately went to his aid. He crawled out under the intense machine gun fire until he was about twenty yards from the wounded man; and then coming to an open stretch of terrain, he rose to his feet and ran the rest of the way. After giving the man all possible first aid he returned over the exposed area to care for the other wounded and assist in their evacuation. Entered the Service from Greenville, Ohio.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 126

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster.....III

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

✓ GERALD A. ROZEN, 01175293, First Lieutenant, 133rd Field Artillery Battalion for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Before dawn the enemy shelled the positions of the 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment with intense artillery fire, then counterattacked furiously with a force estimated as two battalions. Lieutenant Rozen, as forward observer for the battalion, skillfully directed defensive fire against the enemy from his forward observation post, constantly exposed to artillery, mortar and small arms fire. He continued shouting his orders until he deemed it necessary to seek a position affording better observation. Lieutenant Rozen made his way, crawling and creeping across rugged terrain covered by intense enemy fire, toward a vantage point from which he again directed effective fire. Although his position was shelled by both artillery and mortars, he displayed extraordinary coolness in transmitting his orders and continued directing artillery fire against the advancing enemy until he was fatally wounded by an enemy shell blast. His outstanding courage and unshaken fortitude greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Norma F. Rozen (Wife), 200 Golfe Terrace, New Haven, Connecticut

✓ JAMES M. STICKLES, 35551074, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. The command post where Private First Class Stickles worked as code clerk was subjected to intense shelling by enemy artillery and nebelwerfer fire. He continued working on the second floor of the building until the third direct hit forced him to seek security on the ground floor. Remembering some valuable signal equipment left upstairs, Private First Class Stickles volunteered to leave his position of safety and remove the equipment. Constantly threatened by the furious enemy shelling, he fearlessly carried the bulky equipment downstairs, then returned for a second load. As he was collecting the remainder of the equipment he was killed by a direct artillery hit on the roof above him. His comrades, who found him beneath the debris clutching the equipment he sacrificed his life to save, were greatly inspired by Private First Class Stickles' outstanding courage. Next of kin: Mrs. Elsie M. Stickles (Mother), Locust and Seventy Street, Porrysburg, Ohio.

✓ THEODORE (NMI) TRYBA, 39390912, Private First Class (then Private) Battery C,

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133rd Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. When the forward observers with the infantry units which his battery was supporting became casualties during a bitterly contested attack against strong enemy emplacements, Private Tryba volunteered to accompany a relief detail to replace them. Constantly exposed to concentrated artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he fearlessly undertook to maintain the forward communications lines and devoted himself untiringly to his hazardous task. With magnificent daring he skillfully repaired continual breaks caused by the heavy shell fire, doggedly pursuing his dangerous task even when under plain observation of the enemy during attempted counterattacks. Private Tryba was later killed in a subsequent engagement. His outstanding courage and exemplary devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the important infantry assault. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas Tryba (Father), Eagle Bend, Minnesota.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

✓ EDWIN W. RICHARDSON, 0020830, Lieutenant Colonel, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As commanding officer of the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Richardson was assigned the mission of crossing the \*\*\* River. The flat open approaches to the river were heavily mined and raked by withering mortar, artillery and nebelwerfer fire. Realizing that coordination, control and flexibility of planning would be essential in face of such prepared defenses, he personally accompanied the lead company as the battalion moved out at dusk. They came under murderous artillery fire at the point where he had arranged for them to pick up pontoon foot bridges. Serious casualties were suffered and two bridges destroyed. He instantly made the necessary change of plan and personally supervised the movement of the first company to its crossing point. As soon as this was done he set off with the second company towards their crossing point. Within 100 yards of the river four mines exploded, inflicting heavy casualties and destroying their bridge. Lieutenant Colonel Richardson, heedless of danger, vigorously directed and carried out a reorganization, ordering all men to the first company's crossing point, where, under extremely heavy mortar fire, he supervised the placing of the bridge across the river. A withdrawal order reached him just after he had succeeded in getting the first elements of the lead company across the river, and he remained in position until all these men recrossed. As he moved out, he was wounded in the abdomen by a shell fragment. He made his way to the point designated by the withdrawal order and remained on duty for the next 24 hours, supervising preparations against a possible counter-attack, refusing to be evacuated until ordered to do so by the battalion surgeon. Entered the United States Military Academy from Maine.

\* SALVADOR M. WORM, 38065400, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

\* JOHN P. DOWNS, 35206971, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bethany, West Virginia.

For gallantry in action on 19 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Returning from Company F to the battalion command post, these men detected enemy

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minefield markings on the trail. Voluntarily determining to clear the area of mines, they moved forward cautiously, found the first mine, and carefully removed it. As they did, a heavy concentration of artillery fire began to fall near them. When the fury of the barrage slackened, they continued to search the trail, discovering and removing two more mines. Their work was both hazardous and tedious; before removing a mine they had to carefully check it for booby-trap attachments, then exercise extreme caution in neutralizing and removing it from the ground. Not until they were certain that the trail was clear of all mines did they return to their company. By retaining their calmness under enemy fire and by the skill and caution they exercised in clearing the mines, they made an important route safe for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

HARRY W. LUND, 36648301, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.

✓ WILLIAM (NMI) REESE, 34288765, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Newport, Tennessee.

✓ GORDON R. SHAFFER, 33576380, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

✓ WILLIAM F. TEPATTI, 36483289, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greenville, Illinois.

✓ VELAM O. NIATT, 35766480, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Marion, Indiana.

✓ JOSEPH (NMI) GINTER, 37566208, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Belle Plaine, Minnesota.

✓ FLORENCIO (NMI) SOLIZ, 38025871, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Diego, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 22-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. After advancing across a heavily mined area and crossing the \*\*\* River on a small foot bridge, these men made their way through furious enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to the point where the company had been ordered to dig in. This small group prepared defensive positions and, for two nights and a day, fought off all enemy attacks. Constantly alert during this period, they maintained their positions with fearlessness and aggressive vigor. Often the enemy crept close enough to call out through the fog, smoke and darkness for them to surrender, saying that an officer had ordered the capitulation. Their reply was a volley of rifle fire and expertly thrown hand grenades. When the small group was ordered to evacuate their positions, they covered each other's withdrawals until they all reached points of safety. Their courageous deeds exemplified the noblest of ideals of devotion to duty and disregard for self in performing assigned missions. Their gallant actions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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SECTION III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star, is awarded the following named individual for gallantry in action:

WILLIAM C. WEBER, 33270701, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. After advancing across a heavily mined area and crossing the \*\*\* River on a small foot bridge, Sergeant Weber and a small group made their way through furious enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to the point where the company had been ordered to dig in. This small group prepared defensive positions and, for two nights and a day, fought off all enemy attacks. Constantly alert during this period, they maintained their positions with fearlessness and aggressive vigor. Often the enemy crept close enough to call out through the fog, smoke and darkness for them to surrender, saying that an officer had ordered the capitulation. Their reply was a volley of rifle fire and expertly thrown hand grenades. When the small group was ordered to evacuate their positions, they covered each other's withdrawals until they all reached points of safety. Sergeant Weber's courageous deeds exemplified the noblest ideals of devotion to duty and disregard for self in performing assigned missions. Entered the Service from St. Mary's Pennsylvania.

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- Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II
- Award of Purple Heart.....III

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, each of the following named individuals is posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action.

LYNDIAN J. BROWN, 56734800, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 to 25 December 1943, in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying supplies to troops in a defensive position, he made several trips under heavy artillery fire up cliffs so precipitous that he was forced to crawl on his hands and knees, and to employ ropes to make the difficult ascent with his burdens. With great courage and grim determination, he accomplished his missions in the face of obstacles and dangers so great that other attempts had failed. After all supplies were carried to the top of the mountain, Private First Class Brown joined his comrades to take part in the fortifying attack under a constant enemy artillery and mortar barrage. In spite of physical exhaustion, he then advanced with his unit until killed by enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Iva Brown (mother), Sanabria, Texas.

FRANK KRASHIER, 14397409, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 16 December 1943 to 25 December 1943, in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying supplies to troops in a defensive position, he made several trips under heavy artillery fire up cliffs so precipitous that he was forced to crawl on his hands and knees, and to employ ropes to make the difficult ascent with his burdens. With great courage and grim determination, he accomplished his missions in the face of obstacles and dangers so great that other attempts had failed. After all supplies were carried to the top of the mountain, Private First Class Krashier joined his comrades to take part in the fortifying attack under a constant enemy artillery and mortar barrage, and was killed in the performance of his hazardous duty. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie M. Krashier, (mother) 14000, Barber, Alabama.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

JEROME W. BELL, Sr., 5523372, Major, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 7-14 December 1943 in Italy. Major Bell was performing duty

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and functions of regimental S-3 and executive officer in the preparations for and during the attack on a vital mountain on the road to Rome. In spite of the freezing temperatures and the constant threat of enemy artillery fire, he moved fearlessly across the rugged terrain, visiting front line companies. His presence greatly inspired and encouraged the men, and their awareness of Major Lorenson's calm fearlessness encouraged them to work with greater efficiency and bravery. For nine grueling days he performed his double duties indefatigably, and his cool good judgment and splendid leadership contributed much to the success of the operation. Entered the Service from Stephenville, Texas.

JOHN A. STEEL, 0403609, Captain, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 28 January to 2 February 1944 in Italy. For five days Captain Steel performed the double duties of regimental adjutant and liaison officer between his regimental headquarters and a French unit. Tireless in accomplishing his missions, he made frequent trips over roads constantly exposed to enemy fire and under close observation. Although he spoke no French, Captain Steel diplomatically maintained contact between the French unit and his own headquarters, keeping each accurately informed of the other's actions and plans. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

THOMAS J. STOCKARD, Second Lieutenant, 01228942, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 December 1943, in Italy. As platoon commander of Company B, Lieutenant Stockard was ordered to attack a hill occupied by a greatly superior enemy force. He personally led his platoon in the attack under continuous enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved freely among his men, inspiring them to greater efforts. When the attack was repulsed by the enemy, Lieutenant Stockard, although suffering from a severe head wound, effected an orderly withdrawal of his men to a place of defilade while he remained under fire to supervise the evacuation of the wounded. In the course of the action, he obtained information concerning enemy strength and positions which proved invaluable to Division and Corps in planning the final attack. Entered the Service from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

MOYD ANDERSON, 0139446, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1943, in Italy. As a member of the 1st Battalion, ordered to attack a hill held by the enemy, Lieutenant Anderson learned that the assault company of the battalion had been halted by the enemy and wire communication with it had been broken by small arms fire. He voluntarily traversed the route of the wire under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire until he located and repaired the break. Several times the line was severed and each time Lieutenant Anderson, with utter disregard for his own life, repaired the break under fire. By his gallant actions, wire communication was maintained throughout the attack, and materially contributed to the success of the operation. Entered the Service from Lebanon, Virginia.

WILLIAM L. WOOD, 00701, Technician Fifth Grade, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944, in the vicinity of Rome, Italy. As a member of the division of repairing telephone circuits damaged by enemy action, Wood controlled the lines on foot, under a continual barrage of enemy artillery shells so intense that all other personnel nearby remained under cover while he worked. With magnificent courage and skill he located the broken wires, spliced them, and restored the important lines to service. Entered the Service from Deep, Texas.

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DANIEL W. HARRISON, 13151246, Private, Headquarters Company, 50th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on the night of 12 February 1944, at Cassino, Italy. While sheltered from enemy artillery fire in a roadside shelter, he heard the cries of a man in pain on the roadway. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Harrison left his shelter and ran to the location of the cries. He found a seriously wounded soldier lying on the road in imminent danger of being trampled by the wheels of a passing pack train. Diverting the wheels from their path, he then, under constant artillery fire, procured a litter and assisted in carrying the victim to an aid station. His gallant actions undoubtedly saved the latter's life. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

ARTICLE III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 20-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

WILLIAM H. CHISHOLM, 1307054, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Seville, Texas.

LEAH (MIL) LEON, 3321404, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

JOHN L. BROWN, 1309725, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM J. WILSON, 1327744, Sergeant, Company F, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Exton, Ohio.

WILLIAM W. BROWN, 1309320, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

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LEONARD F. GIBSON, 32751625, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Hackensack, Delaware.

STERLING D. BRADLEY, 20803793, Private, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Arlington, Texas.

A command of Major General WALKER:

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HEADQUARTERS 16TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

8 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 124

Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I  
Award of Silver, Missing in Action.....II  
Award of Silver Star.....III

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following named individuals:

THEODORE (NMI) RENZELMANN, 36806977, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While his company was strengthening its defenses, Private First Class Renzelmann was assigned outpost guard duty, with instructions to withdraw in the event of an enemy counterattack. When the attack came, Private First Class Renzelmann, considering only the security of his organization, staunchly held his position in the face of furious mortar and small arms fire. To delay the enemy and allow his comrades time to prepare for the attack, he harassed the enemy with effective fire until his ammunition was exhausted. By now the attackers had cut off his route of withdrawal, but his platoon sergeant managed to throw him another rifle and a bandoleer of ammunition. Private First Class Renzelmann continued to hold up the enemy advance until he was fatally wounded by small arms fire. By his magnificent display of courage in the face of overwhelming odds, he successfully delayed the enemy until his organization had strengthened its defenses for the oncoming attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Renzelmann (Mother), 917 Indiana Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

FRANK A. SVOBODA, 37428275, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1944 on \*\*\*, Italy. When the road over which supplies and equipment were reaching front line positions became impassable because of shell craters, Private First Class Svoboda volunteered to accompany a detail to repair it. Working tirelessly under the direct observation of the enemy and exposed to its mortar and artillery fire, he assisted in the temporary repair of the road. Realizing the importance of more permanent repairs, Private First Class Svoboda volunteered to attempt to obtain a truck to haul gravel necessary for the job. Fearlessly moving through a concentration of artillery fire, he was killed by a shell fragment during the deadly barrage. Next of kin: Mrs. Frank A. Svoboda (Wife), 727 Fifth Avenue (S.E.), Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals, missing in action:

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WENDELL E. ROSS, 01290J11, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As leader of a heavy weapons platoon, Lieutenant Ross was ordered to support attacking rifle units and repel all enemy counterattacks. When a strong counter-attack, preceded by a heavy artillery barrage, endangered the rifle company positions, Lieutenant Ross crawled under ceaseless enemy fire to his observation post and necessarily exposed himself to intense machine gun and sniper fire in directing the fire of his guns. His valorous action in the face of intense enemy opposition was instrumental in the repulsion of the counterattack. Immediately after stopping the attack Lieutenant Ross began organizing his platoon under fire and while so doing was seriously wounded by an enemy sniper. His heroic deeds inspired his men to a greater display of bravery and aroused the limitless admiration of all his comrades. He has subsequently been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Unknown.

JAMES A. THOMAS, 32243483, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Thomas was second in command of a heavy weapons platoon, covering the newly won rifle company positions of his battalion. When his platoon leader was severely wounded during the enemy artillery barrage which preceded a vicious counterattack, Sergeant Thomas assumed command. He unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to quickly reach the observation post where he directed effective fire from his machine guns against the advancing enemy. He remained at his post although severely wounded by a sniper and his courageous efforts were largely responsible for the repulse of the enemy counterattack. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. The outstanding leadership and magnificent courage of Sergeant Thomas greatly inspired his men. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Thomas (Wife), 553 Front Street, Berea, Ohio.

TERRENCE L. SYVERSON, 36736795, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. In the midst of a strong enemy counterattack Private First Class Syverson, machine gunner, constantly exposed to the inferno of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, worked his way forward and occupied a machine gun strong point position. With the assistance of his sergeant, Private First Class Syverson put the gun into action and directed successful fire against the enemy aiding materially in the repulsion of the attack. During a subsequent counter-attack he determinedly held his position and continued firing effectively until he was severely wounded by an enemy mortar shell. Such dogged resolution in the face of terrific enemy fire inspired the admiration and respect of all his comrades. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Lavina Syverson (Mother), 2155 North Kilburn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

EDWARD S. BEARD, 20802914, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Beard, a machine gunner, was advancing with his squad in support of a rifle platoon during an intense artillery, mortar and small

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arms barrage. He was wounded and refused to be evacuated. Continuing forward still carrying the heavy tripod he was again wounded, but steadfastly refused again to be evacuated. Dauntlessly he carried on thinking only of the support and fire power his gun would furnish his comrades. A third time he was wounded and although bleeding profusely he again refused to leave and determinedly went forward and remained with his squad until their mission was completed. His determined performance of duty with contempt of his profuse wounds exemplifies his outstanding courage and magnificent fortitude. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

CORBETT W. DOWNING, 38388548, Private, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Downing, rifleman, had been assigned a sector to defend on Hill \*\*\*. An enemy counterattack was reported moving toward his position. Holding his fire until the attacking forces were within close range, Private Downing let loose with such devastating fire that the attack was repulsed. An enemy grenade landed in his fox hole and badly mangled his foot, but despite his painful wound, he continued to defend his position throughout the night, repelling repeated attempts by the enemy to push past his position. His magnificent courage, great fortitude and devotion to duty aided materially in preventing the enemy from over-running the company positions. Entered the Service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

MCNROE W. LATHAM, 35104982, Private, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Latham volunteered for hazardous patrol duty across the swift flowing and treacherous \*\*\* River. He successfully completed one mission bringing back valuable information about enemy outpost and fortified positions. The following night necessity demanded his patrol again cross the river. The route of the patrol the second night was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and through a thickly planted mine field. Dauntlessly he made his way to the river only to find their boats riddled by shell fragments and useless. Receiving word that a friendly patrol was trapped across the river, he secured another boat and courageously crossed the river to the trapped men. He assisted with the wounded and aided their safe return to our lines. On the route back to his unit he was severely wounded by an exploding mine. His aggressive vigor, calmness under fire and devotion to duty saved the lives of his comrades and greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Lewisburg, Kentucky.

MERLE A. MCCOY, 35493479, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Ordered to run a forward wire from the battalion switchboard during an attack across the treacherous \*\*\* River, Private McCoy laid the line up to the river despite an intense artillery and mortar barrage. He then followed the battalion commander across a foot bridge over the river through terrific artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer and small arms fire, extending the wire as he advanced. Shell fire broke the line. In an effort to maintain wire communications, he went back and repaired the wire in several places. When the barrage increased in intensity, making further attempts at repair futile, Private McCoy stayed with the battalion commander as a runner until he was ordered back across the river. Because of his dogged determination and courage under extremely hazardous conditions he was of great service to his company. Entered the Service from Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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JOSEPH J. KLUZA, 37465474, Private First Class, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. A rifleman, Private First Class Kluza crossed the \*\*\* River with his company in an attack against strongly held enemy positions. Safely across the stream, he saw two members of his platoon in the water, struggling against the powerful current. Ignoring the hail of enemy small arms fire that fell on the attackers, he jumped into the cold and treacherous river and swam to the men. Catching a drifting boat, he instructed the men to hold to this while he cut off their gear. As he did, one of the drowning men wrapped his arms about Private First Class Kluza's neck, dragging all three men under the water. Although exhausted, Private First Class Kluza fought free of the panic-stricken soldier and held him up until his platoon leader came and helped complete the rescue. Private First Class Kluza's courage and selflessness were well revealed by his brave deed. Entered the Service from Omaha, Nebraska.

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HEADQUARTERS 50TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

7 May 1944

CENTRAL ORDERS

NO. 123

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star ..... I
- Award of Silver Star, Missing in Action ..... II
- Award of Silver Star ..... III

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

WILLIAM L. MARKOWITZ, 0379177, Captain, 11th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 6 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Captain Markowitz was convincing his collecting station by motor convoy over a tortuous mountain road when heavy artillery fire farther on caused the leading elements to halt and the men to seek cover. Perceiving that the barrage was snuffing down the road toward his convoy, and realizing that to remain stationary in their present position threatened grave losses, Captain Markowitz hustled up along the convoy vigorously rallying his men and directing them through the shellied area to safety. He was killed while directing the convoy through to safety. His courage and aggressive leadership undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men and best accomplished his mission of getting through valuable equipment to a forward position. His courage and determination greatly inspired his command. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah A. Markowitz (Wife), Overlook Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

JOHN A. BERTHEAS, 01303912, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Bertheas, platoon leader, was assigned the mission of holding the high ground between Companies B and C. When a severe enemy attack, preceded by a heavy concentration of artillery, nebelwerfer and mortar fire, threatened to break through the defensive positions and outflank his platoon, Lieutenant Bertheas personally marshaled elements of his platoon to block the flank attack. Acting with extraordinary calmness under ceaseless machine gun and rifle fire, he valiantly led his men against the enemy, successfully neutralizing the attackers and maintaining the positions of his sector. His display of outstanding aggressive leadership and courageous initiative materially aided in preventing the enemy breakthrough between the two companies. He was subsequently killed by an enemy artillery shell. Next of kin: Mrs. Winifred E. Bertheas (Wife), 674 Bogert Road, River Edge, New Jersey.

RONALD E. MCKAY, 01176084, Second Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the 1st Battalion of the 142d Infantry Regiment had attacked and captured a portion of the hill, \*\*\*, and was digging in to hold the positions, they were subjected to withering enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Lieutenant McKay, as forward observer, realized the necessity for bringing immediate effective artillery fire on the enemy guns and, regarding the safety of his men above personal security, left

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himself at the foot of the hill and without assistance started laying wire up to an observation post from which he could direct the artillery fire. He struggled up the hill, doing his job in the face of intense enemy machine gun fire from hills to the left and front, aware of the overwhelming odds against him. Lieutenant McCreary continued doggedly toward his destination until he was struck down and instantly killed by the machine gun fire. His determination to do his job in spite of all resistance demonstrates courage and valor of magnificent proportions. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty S. McCreary (Wife), 5124 South Albany Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

MARK I. WEST, 35091573, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~142d~~ Private First Class West, an assistant machine gunner in support of the center rifle platoon, repulsed enemy attack, took over the gun when the gunner became a casualty. His position was isolated by very heavy enemy machine fire and assistance was unable to reach him. The encircling enemy pushed to within close proximity of his emplacement, and, being unable to render effective fire from a fixed position on the enemy's defilade forces, Private First Class West disengaged the gun from its mount and courageously exposed himself to fire on the enemy from this position with devastating results. Private First Class West was fatally wounded by an enemy sniper while performing this gallant feat. His demonstration of aggressiveness, dogged determination, and devotion to duty, materially aided in successfully repelling this determined enemy attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret (Aetner), 2106 W. 7th Avenue, Garden, West Virginia.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSILE L. AULICK

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals, missing in action:

CHARLES L. EVERETT, 3760715, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~141st~~ Private First Class Everett, rifleman, volunteered to hold a forward position which afforded poor cover and to observe an area from which the enemy was firing rifle grenades. For two days and nights without relief he maintained his position, constantly on the alert, and materially aided in repulsing repeated enemy attacks. He continued his aggressive fire against the enemy and frequently warned his company of enemy activity until he was severely wounded by enemy fire as he shouted a final warning to the others of his command. Private Everett, in performing his hazardous job and endangering his own life to preserve the safety of his comrades, exemplified the ultimate of courage. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucy Everett (Mother), 2241 South Alice Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

WALTER P. SARAFAS, 3200393, Private First Class, Company N, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~142d~~ When the enemy launched a furious attack against the defensive positions of the 1st Battalion, Private First Class Sarafas spotted a comrade, seriously wounded, lying in an exposed position. Unhesitatingly, he left his own rock position and crawled toward the wounded soldier, constantly harried by bursting artillery and mortar shells and withering small arms fire. Pushing forward through this fire swept area, he was struck down and severely wounded by enemy machine fire. Private First Class Sarafas, forgetfulness of self in his desire to aid a wounded comrade indicates significant courage and nobility of character. From this engagement he was reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mr. Alvin Sarafas (Brother), 20 Newland Street, Bedford, Massachusetts.

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JOHN (NMI) MANOR, 30254877, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Manor was ammunition carrier for a heavy machine gun squad. When an enemy counterattack, preceded by an intense concentration of artillery fire, disabled the other squad members, Private First Class Manor, braving enemy artillery and small arms fire, crawled toward the gun. He skillfully repaired the damaged machine gun and, though constantly harassed by mortar bursts and small arms fire, operated the weapon without assistance, firing the entire box of ammunition thus warding off an enemy attack. He held his position and continued firing until he was severely wounded by the concussion from a mortar shell. His quick thinking and initiative, as well as his dauntless courage, materially assisted in crushing the enemy attack. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Gertrude S. Manor (widow), 2814 South Eight Street, Shioygan, Wisconsin.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

DUDLEY W. HUDSON, 34606437, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When machine gun fire from hidden enemy emplacements severely harassed his unit Corporal Hudson volunteered to lead the daylight reconnaissance patrol necessary to locate the enemy nests promptly. He deployed his men to cover him from the danger of enemy observation and crawled across the open terrain to a rock wall ahead. After the men themselves advanced to take covering positions along the wall he started to climb over. The enemy machine gun opened up thus disclosing its position. With one part of his mission accomplished, Corporal Hudson, unharmed, then led the men to the flank under cover of the wall to bypass the nest. By a repetition of the first maneuver he again succeeded, without harm to himself, in drawing fire from the companion enemy nest, hidden some 200 yards from the first. Our mortar crew, guided by the information so bravely and skillfully secured, then neutralized the enemy positions, forcing the enemy to surrender permanently. Entered the Service from Newton, North Carolina.

DOROTED H. GONZALS, 20802764, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Gonzales, although painfully wounded on a patrol mission several days earlier, had refused to be evacuated and had elected to stay with the company in the attack against the strongly fortified positions of \*\*\*. The route of the attack lay across exposed terrain and up terraced slopes to the well entrenched enemy. In the midst of extremely heavy enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Gonzales again led his squad and directed their attack. His left hand was shattered by enemy machine gun fire during the initial stages of the attack and Sergeant Gonzales again refused to be evacuated. After stopping the flow of blood with a tourniquet made from his camouflage net, he dauntlessly continued to lead his men forward to penetrate the first enemy defenses. This successful maneuver forced a large group of the enemy to retreat, thereby exposing themselves to severe fire from our troops. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

B. A. FOSTER, 30235904, Corporal, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Corporal

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... seriously wounded, unable to move. Although his vehicle was already...  
... immediately started out to aid the wounded man, driving through...  
... subjected to severe enemy fire. By skillfully maneuvering his vehicle on the...  
... front, Corporal Foster reached the first wounded soldier, extricated...  
... from the wrecked jeep, and sent him to an aid station. He then returned his...  
... on his journey. When a shell explosion threw him violently from his vehicle,  
... fearlessly climbed back and continued to complete his self-...  
... mission. He reached the second wounded man and, under an intense artillery...  
... barrage, carried him to a point of safety and gave first aid. Displaying magnifi-...  
... courage, Corporal Foster willingly jeopardized his own life to save the...  
... of his wounded comrades. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

... A. SMIL, 37197932, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st...  
... 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February, 1944...  
... vicinity of \*\*, ~~Private~~ Private First Class Grab drove a radio jeep...  
... communications platoon, but when lifelines were not available he...  
... to lay telephone wires. While the battalion was on hill \*\* the...  
... aid station and the command post was broken by enemy shell fire...  
... the enemy fired shell fire and anti-personnel mines hidden in the area...  
... to the welfare of his comrades, he volunteered to help...  
... communications. While bravely performing this important self-assigned...  
... on a mine which blew off his foot. Entered the Service from...  
... , Kansas.

By command of Major General TALKER:

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

7 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 122

Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I  
Award of Silver Star.....II

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

WILLIAM A. ROGERS, 01288126, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Leading a vital four man reconnaissance patrol, Lieutenant Rogers skillfully crossed the treacherous \*\*\* River and moved forward over the heavily mined terrain under continuous fire of the enemy. Although pinned down on several occasions by concentrated mortar and machine gun fire, he aggressively continued his advance, cleverly deploying his men and gathering the information essential to his mission. Remaining in this hazardous area until a thorough reconnaissance was completed, he successfully returned to lead his battalion in a swift assault on the objective which he had so capably scouted. Lieutenant Rogers was subsequently killed in action. His outstanding leadership and magnificent daring were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Ivy A. Rogers (Mother), 19414 Exeter Street, Detroit, Michigan.

ARGYL L. DRYDEN, 37014071, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Tec 5 Dryden, assigned the job of maintaining communication between an observation post on \*\*\* and the battery position, several times volunteered to repair the communications wire which intense enemy artillery barrages had severed. He successfully repaired a number of breaks in the wire, which was the only means of transmitting fire commands from the observation post, traveling over terrain constantly blasted by enemy artillery shells. On his last trip to repair the wire, the increased intensity of enemy shelling forced him to shelter, but a direct hit on the trench killed him. Contemtpuous of personal danger, he sacrificed his life in order that artillery fire could successfully be directed against the enemy forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarabeth Dryden (Wife), 1901 Hope Street, Topeka, Kansas.

RALPH J. SHUDAREK, 36807027, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While his company strengthened its defenses in preparation for an expected enemy counterattack, Private First Class Shudarek was on outpost duty, with instructions to fall back to a more secure position when the attack came. The enemy attacked but Private First Class Shudarek, regarding the safety of his organization as more important than personal security, disdained withdrawal and delayed the enemy with accurate fire until his ammunition was expended. Unable to reach his organization, he called for more ammunition which his squad

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leader threw to him. The bandoleer fell short of his position, and Private First Class Shudarek, constantly imperilled by mortar and small arms fire, crawled from his fox hole toward the ammunition. He pushed onward in a valiant attempt to secure the bandoleer until he was killed by enemy fire. Private First Class Shudarek's determination to hold his position in spite of personal danger was instrumental in delaying the enemy, thus giving his organization time to prepare for the attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Shudarek (Mother), Flower, Wisconsin.

MELVIN P. BECKTOLD, 39830833, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. With knowledge that wounded lay on the east bank of the \*\*\* River, medical litter squads volunteered to attempt to evacuate them if a guide could be secured. Although Private Beckettold had been subjected to enemy artillery fire for days during the \*\*\* River attack and was suffering from loss of sleep, he volunteered to take the medical men to the river. He led the litter teams to the wounded, and while on the river bank assisting in the evacuation of the wounded, he was caught in an artillery concentration which resulted in his death. His courage in leading medical men to the assistance of his wounded comrades through an area he knew to be under heavy enemy fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his actions. Next of kin: Mr. Pete Beckettold (Father), Box 323, Nampa, Idaho.

LOYD L. CARY, 34725579, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3-4 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While occupying a defensive position on Hill \*\*\*, Company I was subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage which inflicted numerous casualties. Leaving his place of comparative safety, Private Cary, aid man, made his way, in the face of withering enemy fire, to his stricken comrades to render first aid. He worked untiringly dressing wounds and assisting in the evacuation of the casualties. His devotion to duty and display of outstanding calmness under fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. In a later engagement, he was killed by an enemy artillery shell. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby C. Cary (Wife), Route #1, Buena Vista, Tennessee.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ORVILLE E. JONES, 20809285, First Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Jones was a member of Company K in the attack across the \*\*\* River. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, Nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire and over terrain further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. After crossing the river, the increasing intensity of the enemy fire pinned the company down but Sergeant Jones gallantly proceeded with two comrades deeper into enemy territory to reconnoiter company positions. In so doing all three were wounded by machine gun fire and his two companions were forced to return for medical aid. Sergeant Jones dauntlessly continued the advance and silenced an enemy machine gun with fire from his automatic rifle. Returning to his company he reported the information secured and only then did he submit to medical aid. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

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DEWEY A. WOOD, 20803606, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When only 500 yards in front of their own lines on a reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Wood and the commanding officer found themselves separated from the other members of their patrol. Undaunted by the lack of security they continued forward alone. Suddenly an enemy command to halt rang out from behind. Sergeant Wood unhesitatingly whirled, firing his rifle at five or six of the enemy whom he could just discern in the darkness. He calmly reloaded and continued the covering fire through a second clip. The confusion caused among the enemy by his quick-witted action enabled his officer to reach safety. Only then was the enemy able to reply. They opened up with concentrated machine pistol fire, but he was able to slip silently away to follow his officer to cover. He not only saved his patrol from capture but also, by alerting friendly troops to the left, enabled them to thwart the counterattack being staged. Entered the Service from Moulton, Texas.

ENRIQUE L. GARCIA, 38025734, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. position on Hill \*\*\*, Company C was ordered to take the remainder of the hill. Private First Class Garcia's mortar squad was out of action, preparing to move. A terrific enemy artillery barrage fell on the area, killing the company commander and many men and a counterattack swiftly followed. Immediately Private First Class Garcia placed his mortar in action about seventy-five yards behind the frontline troops. While his section sergeant observed and directed the fire, he silenced two enemy machine guns and killed many of the attacking foe, until the sergeant was seriously wounded and had to be evacuated. Without awaiting orders, he took over the sergeant's place and braved deadly sniper and machine gun fire and enemy-hurled grenades to observe and correct the mortar's fire. Through the day his weapon laid devastation on the enemy at ranges so low that only because of superior accuracy was he able to avoid damage to his own troops. When night came he continued to fire without aid of range cards or aiming stakes. At times the enemy infiltrated close to his position and he protected his gun and crew with rifle fire and grenades. Private First Class Garcia's able handling of his weapon and his great skill in acting as squad leader, gunner, and observer, with complete disregard for enemy fire, reveal his superior ability and remarkable courage. Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

HAROLD W. LOXTERMAN, 17020412, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Loxterman, as a volunteer member of a night combat patrol, approached the \*\*\* River under an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage across an enemy mine field exposed to small arms fire to retrieve several rubber boats hidden near the river. When he reached the site where the boats were hidden, Private Loxterman spotted enemy installations across the \*\*\* and, with the assistance of his patrol leader, skillfully directed effective artillery fire upon the positions. While thus engaged he was discovered by an enemy patrol; and, realizing the necessity for initiating action against the patrol, he crawled forward, scouting its position. Then Private Loxterman, fearlessly exposing himself, opened fire on the enemy, wounding some of them, and continued firing until the patrol, terror-stricken, fled from the position. His extraordinary courage saved his companions from possible ambush, and his selfless deeds greatly inspired all the members of the patrol. Entered the Service from Kansas City, Missouri.

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RAYMOND J. KIRCHNER, 33231116, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Company L was pinned down 400 yards from their objective by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire. The battalion commander called for smoke to screen their position, but the artillery liaison observer working the radio was killed by a sniper before he could execute the order. Although not a radio technician, Private First Class Kirchner, on his own initiative, enlisted the aid of another soldier and succeeded in temporarily reestablishing the vitally necessary communications. Then, because a circumstantial observer from a spot observer was needed, he volunteered to run the message back to the battalion command post. He succeeded despite intense and almost constant machine gun fire which forced him to crawl most of the way. Private First Class Kirchner's spirit and dauntless devotion to duty contributed materially to the security of his company. Entered the Service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

JAMES E. HILL, 35635502, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When unit positions were subjected continuously to enemy mortar and machine gun fire from evidently fixed positions, Private First Class Hill volunteered to accompany a small patrol to destroy these emplacements. Moving skillfully into hostile territory in a daring night raid, he drew the fire of one of the machine gun nests thereby exposing its position. Bravely crawling under its fire, he advanced to close range and wiped out the nest with hand grenades. His magnificent courage and exemplary coolness under fire inspired other members of the patrol to follow his tactics and made possible the destruction of another emplacement. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS

6 May 1944

NO. 120

Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I  
Award of Silver Star, Missing in Action..... II  
Award of Silver Star..... III

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following named individuals:

HENRY C. BRAGAW, 0366581, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Captain Bragaw commanded an infantry company ordered to establish a bridgehead across the \*\*\* River. The company was intended to approach the river on pathways cleared through heavy mine fields, but dense fog and blinding darkness soon hid the markings of the safeways. Putting his men in column with intervals between them, Captain Bragaw courageously led the way through the perilous field. During this passage eight men were severely wounded by mines and each time the commander went back among his men, bolstering their courage by his own brave actions and inspiring words. Reaching the river he led his men across under violent artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and attacked the formidable enemy positions on the steep opposite bank. Through bands of enemy wire he led his company into the foe's outer defenses. While heavy fire pinned his troops to the ground, he fearlessly exposed himself to make a personal reconnaissance, seeking to improve his positions. In so doing he was killed by enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs Helen G. Bragaw, (wife) Southport, North Carolina.

KENNETH (NMI) HUDSON, 35267891, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the enemy attacked his company with an intense concentration of artillery, rifle and machine gun fire, Sergeant Hudson led his squad across open terrain in an attempt to flank an enemy machine gun nest. He placed his men in excellent firing positions on one side of the emplacement, then crept to the opposite flank alone and opened fire, cleverly tricking the enemy gunners into believing themselves surrounded. Quick to take advantage of an opening, Sergeant Hudson threw a hand grenade into the machine gun nest, destroying it completely. He then fired on enemy snipers, killing or wounding several, until a machine gun opened fire and killed him. By his daring initiative and outstanding courage Sergeant Hudson was instrumental in removing a serious threat to the security of his unit. Next of kin: Mrs Bertie Hudson (Mother), Lexington, Kentucky.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions contained in Army Regulations AR 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals, missing in action:

KERMIT (NMI) MURRAY, 35267642, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*,

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Italy. During a strong enemy counterattack which threatened the company's positions, Private First Class Murray, leader of a machine gun squad, fearlessly directed telling fire against the enemy. When his gunner was killed, he operated the gun himself, heedless of the danger from exploding artillery and mortar shell and small arms fire. With remarkable intrepidity Private First Class Murray kept his gun in constant action against the enemy until he was severely wounded by artillery fragments. His dauntlessness in the face of great danger materially assisted in the retention of valuable positions. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs Nancy Murray (Mother), Burning Springs, Kentucky.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN N. GREEN, 0333369, Lieutenant Colonel, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Troops of the Second Battalion, 142d Infantry, defending Mount \*\*\* were subjected to heavy effective artillery fire from enemy guns in the \*\*\* Valley. Because best view of the enemy's emplacements in the valley could be obtained from an observation point in advance of an infantry company on Hill \*\*\*, Lieutenant Colonel Green on his own initiative went forward through intense mortar, nebelwaffer and artillery fire and observed from that extremely hazardous vantage point. With information obtained at this great personal risk he directed such effective counter-battery fire that the subsequent enemy attack failed. While with the front line infantrymen during doubtful phases of the battle, Lieutenant Colonel Green deliberately exposed himself to go among the junior officers and enlisted men, encouraging them and bolstering their bravery by his own inspiring valor, helping them to resist enemy infiltrations and counterattacks. Entered the Service from Acilene, Texas.

JAMES M. HUMPHRIES, 0432691, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15-16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Humphries commanded his company in four assaults within eighteen hours on strong enemy positions in the mountains around \*\*\*. After casualties sustained in the first three attacks had depleted his command to forty enlisted men and no officers other than himself, he reorganized his scant force and with skillful aggressive leadership inspired them to penetrate eight hundred yards into enemy territory against heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. While so advancing he was seriously wounded by enemy fire, but he refused to be evacuated and ordered his men to continue the attack, setting an example of courageous fortitude that made them press on against the foe. For two days he lay wounded on the battle field before he was evacuated. Entered the Service from Jacksonville, Florida.

CHARLES R. MATTIS, 01296554, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10-14 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When his platoon was surprised by the enemy while moving through hostile territory, Lieutenant Mattis was wounded in the initial fire fight which ensued. Maintaining a steady calmness in spite of his painful wounds, he daringly continued to expose himself to the hazardous fire while organizing and encouraging his men. Leading a fierce resistance to the numerically superior enemy, he stoutly defended his position on Hill \*\*\* for five torturing days of concentrated artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Lieutenant Mattis' aggressive leadership and

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magnificent courage inspired his men to bravely repulse the repeated enemy assaults. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES (NMI) STEWART, 0411895, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 - 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Stewart was assigned the mission of taking a patrol and trying to make contact with friendly troops to the right of the company's position. Leading his men forward, they surprised a superior enemy counterattacking force who made a savage attack with intense small arms fire and hand grenades, one of which struck Lieutenant Stewart in the chest but failed to explode. Being greatly outnumbered he successfully withdrew his men to the company's defensive positions where he dauntlessly and courageously led his men in fighting off for five hours the savage attacking thrusts of the enemy. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership, and calmness under fire were an inspiration to all members of his command. Entered the Service from Boston, Massachusetts.

CHARLES N. HERGENRATHER, 01171187, Second Lieutenant, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As artillery forward observer with the First Battalion, Lieutenant Hergenrath directed effective fire against enemy positions across the \*\*\* River until intense shelling forced him to seek shelter behind a dug-in tank. When he spotted a wounded soldier exposed to artillery fire, he unhesitatingly deserted his position of safety and made his way toward the man. Lieutenant Hergenrath carried the profusely bleeding soldier to shelter and administered first aid, obtained a stretcher and started carrying him to an aid station. When he had proceeded thirty yards, a shell exploded nearby and severely wounded him. Heedless of personal danger, Lieutenant Hergenrath ordered his party to carry the wounded soldier to the aid station first and send help back to him. His self-denial and outstanding courage greatly inspired all who witnessed the deed. Entered the Service from Towson, Maryland.

GEORGE C. MILLS, 01299778, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When a powerful enemy counterattack, following a terrific enemy artillery and mortar barrage, broke through friendly positions and threatened his company's lines, Lieutenant Mills fearlessly braved the concentration of fire to reorganize the defense of the area. Moving determinedly through the hazardous fire and disposing his platoon in positions from which an effective defense could be maintained, he rallied his comrades and led a fierce resistance to the enemy assault. Although painfully wounded in the struggle, Lieutenant Mills continued his daring task until ordered back for medical attention. His aggressive leadership and magnificent courage inspired his men to bravely repulse the repeated enemy assaults. Entered the Service from Boston, Massachusetts.

ABRAHAM (NMI) NUNEZ, 12059780, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Nunez was his company commander's orderly during the attack across the \*\*\* River. As the troops approached the river, he helped the company officers neutralize mines that separated them from the crossing points and guide the men through. As they approached the river the enemy laid down a deadly barrage of mortar and artillery fires. An exploding shell severely wounded the company commander. With courageous loyalty Private First Class Nunez carried the wounded officer several hundred yards through the heavy concentration, back through the perilous mine field, to the battalion command post. There he reported to the

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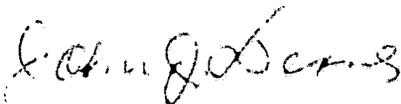
battalion commander. He then guided the battalion commander back over the hazardous route to the troops in contact with the enemy, the way now made more difficult by fog and darkness that had settled, hiding the cleared way through the mines. This all accomplished, Private First Class Munez joined his company in their bitter battle. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

CLAUDE E. ROBOLD, 35144016, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Robold, an inexperienced replacement, volunteered for duty as an assistant machine gunner with a squad protecting his company's left flank in a defense of Hill \*\*\*. The enemy attacked and of the machine gun crew all but Private Robold were casualties. Though only slightly familiar with the operation of a machine gun, he immediately took over the firing of the weapon. Moving the machine gun to a more exposed position that offered a better field of fire, he single-handedly caused heavy casualties among the enemy. Intense mortar and artillery fire on his position after the initial assault had been repelled did not deter him from effective operation of the weapon. His courageous and capable performance was a major factor in thwarting the foe's efforts to wrest from our forces the strategically important hill. Entered the Service from Muncio, Indiana.

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5 May 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 119

Posthumous Award of Silver Star..... I  
Award of Silver Star..... II

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following named individuals:

CHARLES L. SCHARRER, 01175573, Second Lieutenant, 135d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Scharrer, as artillery forward observer stationed at an observation post with Company K, skillfully judged the occupied positions on the hill and added concentrations to the defensive fires already prepared. He then moved across the rugged terrain to his observation post, which was exposed to the shelling of artillery and mortars, and directed accurate fire on numerous enemy gun positions, knocking them out. He valiantly held his post all day and, on the following morning, put his radio in operation under a heavy artillery barrage. In the furious enemy attack which followed, Lieutenant Scharrer continued directing his battery at a time when accurate artillery fire was essential for the repulsion of the enemy. He disdained personal security in the face of tremendous enemy fire and tirelessly transmitted his orders until a direct hit upon his position killed him. Lieutenant Scharrer's magnificent courage, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie E. Scharrer (Wife), Eritsburg, Maryland.

DOYLE B. BLAKELY, 20805636, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When his platoon became pinned down by intense machine gun fire from an enemy nest hidden in a building to their front, Sergeant Blakely daringly set up his machine gun section in a position from which he could best protect and support an assault against this emplacement. While directing effective fire against this objective, he alertly noticed an enemy soldier emerge from the building. With great daring, Sergeant Blakely made a sudden dash through the hail of machine gun fire and captured the enemy, obtaining from him information of the strength and disposition of the enemy within the nest. By his aggressive leadership and magnificent courage, he materially assisted in the destruction of the enemy emplacement and the capture of twelve more prisoners. He was subsequently killed in another engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Maude L. Blakely (Mother), Snyder, Texas.

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SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ROBERT E. WATSON, 35277408, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While engaged in a fierce defensive engagement, Sergeant Watson, a communications sergeant, was placed in charge of a rifle platoon whose leaders had been killed in the fight. Assuming immediate and capable control during the height of the enemy concentration of artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, he moved fearlessly among his men encouraging them and organizing their defense. Although stunned by the concussion of a shell which landed near him, Sergeant Watson bravely continued to expose himself while maintaining his tenacious hold on his position. His aggressive leadership, determination, and exemplary devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and materially assisted in the successful defense of this sector. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

THOMAS (BEN) CHILDERS, 20803536, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Childers aggressively led his platoon in the crossing of the swift flowing, and treacherous \*\*\* River while being subjected to intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Reaching the opposite bank he discovered the rifle platoons were pinned down by enemy fire and he quickly placed his machine guns into position in an effort to relieve his comrades. At this particular point the enemy launched a vicious counterattack, and Sergeant Childers, constantly exposing himself to the withering fire and attacking enemy, moved among his men encouraging them and directing their fire. His courage, calmness under fire and devotion to duty so inspired his men that they succeeded in repelling the enemy attack. Entered the Service from Galina, Texas.

JESUS LUIS MEDINA, 20802285, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Medina led his platoon across the \*\*\* River in a savagely opposed night attack on enemy defenses along steep banks that bristled with fast firing artillery, mortars, nebelwerfers and small arms. Efforts by the battalion to reorganize on a road in enemy territory were thwarted by direct machine gun fire from three different points. Leading his men to more protected positions, he ordered them to dig in. At daylight, while under terrific enemy fire, the battalion commander directed Sergeant Medina to attempt to contact an officer who had gone far to the front. Crawling cautiously forward, he moved about one hundred and fifty yards, obtaining valuable information before the ferocity of enemy fire forced him to turn back. His sense of direction impaired by a settling haze that blurred all landmarks, Sergeant Medina with difficulty made his way back to the battalion commander's foxhole and found he had been wounded and evacuated. No other officers were available to receive the sergeant's report. He then made his way back to his squad and organized the men defensively to oppose the approaching enemy. Determinedly he held this position until ordered by an officer to withdraw across the river. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

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ALVIN BURNS, 38061110, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 13, 14, 15 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Burns was a squad leader of a platoon assigned the hazardous task of occupying Hill \*\*\*, establishing an observation and outpost and the patrolling of a large area held by the enemy. On three successive nights he aggressively led his men on patrols deep into enemy territory, staying for long periods of time and obtaining valuable information. Although under enemy observation and continuous shell fire, acting on his own initiative he made further reconnaissance beyond his objective, locating many enemy supply centers, remaining to study and note actions of the enemy. As a result of his vigorous patrol activities and the valuable information obtained, he materially assisted in the successful attack on Mount \*\*\*. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

JAMES J. WEYNAND, 50220625, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Weynand led his squad in the initial assault landing of the invasion of Italy, advancing through heavy artillery and small arms fire laid on the beach by enemy entrenched on inland heights. His forward movement was stopped by machine gun fire from a half truck vehicle. Getting a rifle grenade and a rifle from his second in command, Sergeant Weynand ordered his squad to open fire on the vehicle while he worked his way as near to the enemy's flank as possible. There he opened fire, destroying the half truck and killing two enemy and wounding another. As a result of this skillful maneuver and Sergeant Weynand's aggressive leadership his squad continued and advanced to their next objective. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

VERLIE R. CHILDRRESS, 20206795, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During the savage and determined enemy counterattack on the 1st Battalion positions on Mount \*\*\*, several casualties were inflicted on Company A. Tec 4 Childress, company aid man, on hearing cries for a medic, left his place of shelter and dauntlessly went forward under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to render first aid to the wounded. Finding two wounded men, he made two trips over the exposed ground, carrying both to safety. He worked tirelessly throughout the attack, under continuous enemy fire, administering aid to numerous other wounded men, supervising the evacuation of all. His great fortitude, calmness under fire, and unselfish devotion to the attendance of the wounded, greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Electra, Texas.

VITO P. MONTELBANO, 54150790, Private First Class, Company G, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While on duty at an advanced outpost, Private First Class Montelbano alertly detected the approach of an enemy patrol. Immediately engaging the patrol in a fierce fire fight, he aggressively forced the enemy into concealed positions from which grenades and heavy machine pistol fire were concentrated at him. With great daring and outstanding determination, Private First Class Montelbano skillfully moved to an exposed position from which he had clear observation of the hiding enemy. Unshaken by the deadly fire his move-

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ated, he directed a withering fire at the enemy with his automatic rifle, inflicting many casualties and forcing the patrol to withdraw. His magnificent courage and exemplary devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

GEORGE W. GUSTAVSON, 3525915, Private, Company E, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of **\*\*\*, Italy**. Private Gustavson was a member of a combat team, assigned the difficult task of invading, attacking, and clearing certain sectors of the beaches below **\*\*\***. In the cool, grey dawn of the morning, they moved from ship to shore through an intense barrage of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. As they reached the shore, Private Gustavson's immediate platoon moved forward against heavily defended and well fortified enemy positions, under a continuous barrage of enemy fire. Upon reaching a rock wall, they were fired upon by seven enemy tanks, and with utter disregard for his own life, he leaped to the top of the wall and directed deadly and accurate fire on the tanks, killing two of the enemy, materially assisting in the melting and driving off the enemy tanks. As a result of this action, intense enemy machine gun fire was directed against friendly troops on his left, and, on his own initiative, he again leaped to the top of the wall, and with deadly fire, killed the enemy machine gunner, allowing the troops to advance to their objective. His great fortitude, bold aggressive vigor, and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Westville, Indiana.

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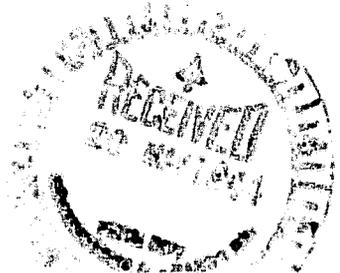
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5 May 1944

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- 1. Award of Silver Star ..... I
- 2. Award of Silver Star ..... II

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-10, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individuals:

Private **W. L. BEMIS**, 3419498, Private First Class, Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of ~~xxxx~~, Italy. The enemy shelled the company's defensive positions with an intense mortar and artillery barrage and immediately launched a vicious attack. When the remainder of his platoon withdrew to reorganize, Private Bemis, using an automatic rifle, valiantly maintained his position to provide covering fire and forestall the enemy's advance. With outstanding accuracy and unerring accuracy in the face of heavy enemy fire, he destroyed two machine gun emplacements and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy forces. Only when his weapon jammed did Private Bemis attempt to repair his unit and, as he moved the remains of enemy fire to his comrades, was struck down and killed by enemy gas fire. His heroic courage inspired the remainder of his unit to a further display of gallantry in repelling the enemy. Next of kin: Mrs. Edith Bemis (Mother), 2829 North 24th Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private **W. W. WILLIS**, 20004284, Private, Service Company, 1st Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~xxxx~~, Italy. Private Willis was hit during a concentrated enemy artillery barrage. Private Willis immediately left his place of cover and went to the assistance of the wounded men, remaining that prompt medical attention was essential, he courageously defied the onslaught of enemy shells to run to a nearby trench and sustain a first aid station. Returning determinedly to the wounded men, he carried them from the trench toward a protected cave; but while still exposed, he was instantly killed by the explosion of a shell within a few feet of him. Private Willis' heroic courage and extraordinary devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Berna Willis, (Mother), 45 Palma Avenue, Santa, California.

Private **J. J. SILL**, 3003843, Private, Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action on 25 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~xxxx~~, Italy. Private Sill, as a tank driver in a light machine gun squad, participated actively for the remainder of the movement of Company A from Hill 98 to a position east of Hill 98. He was severely injured and the numerous casualties due to enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, plus constant rain, strong wind and fog, and the enemy's use of flame grenades in addition to his own. After being taken to the hospital, Private Sill continued his machine gun and squad fire in the hospital, supporting the Special Service Force troops and continued his attack.

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During the almost complete absence of effective fire, he voluntarily left protective cover and sought a better position over the ridge for supporting the attack. In the intense enemy fire, he successfully neutralized enemy gunners and observers, making possible the advance of Special Service force troops. While thus engaged, continuing to lay withering fire upon the enemy, he was killed by a direct artillery hit. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Sias (Wife, 1234 Main Street, Union, Kentucky).

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

SAMUEL S. SHAWAN, 133977, Lieutenant Colonel, 1422 Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action on 26-27 January 1944 and 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of 0000, Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Shawan, commanding the assault battalion moving across the swift flowing 0000 river, was given the difficult and extremely hazardous mission of attacking and capturing Hill 0000. He dauntlessly and vigorously led his men forward, over rough and treacherous mountain terrain, all the while being hit by enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. As the enemy forces desperately strove to prevent the battalion from moving forward, he never showed a sign of being discouraged and during personal reconnaissance and scouting operations was never in leading his men on to their objective. While so doing, he was himself wounded and forced to be evacuated. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty greatly inspired all members of his command and materially aided in the successful capture of the objective. Entered the Service from Hunt-  
ville, Texas.

WALTER W. ANTON, 011133, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), 1422 Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action on 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of 0000, Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Anton was commanding the 1st Battalion in its advance near 0000, over extremely mountainous terrain in heavy snow and cold weather. During the advance towards the heavily defended and well fortified enemy positions and under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he unflinchingly moved and repositioned his men, from one position to another, leading the men uncomplainingly to their objective. While so doing he was wounded by enemy shell fire, but refusing to be evacuated, he continued to lead his men under continuous shelling to their objective. Although painfully wounded, he stayed on and supervised the installation of important defense positions, until forced to be evacuated. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership, and calmness under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed it and set a high example for members of his command. Entered the United States Military Academy from California.

ROBERT W. SALTER, 0129230, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 1422 Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action on 19 January 1944 in the vicinity of 0000, Italy. During the 0000 river attack, Captain Salter was assigned to an assault mission for reconnaissance purposes. Under heavy and intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he aggressively led his men forward to the crossing site. Upon reaching the river he discovered the bridge had been blown out by enemy shell fire and he immediately led his men across the river to another crossing site. As they approached the river, both his own men and the enemy were hit by mortar fire, resulting in the wounding of many men. He immediately ordered the withdrawal of his men and with utter disregard for his own safety he continued to lead his men to the crossing point. Although he was wounded



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FRANK W. COSTABILE, 01237508, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, in action on 28 February 1944 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Lieutenant Costabile was the leader of a small combat patrol assigned to destroy an observation post deep in enemy occupied territory. Moving skillfully over rugged, mountainous terrain, he led his men in a daring approach on their objective, intelligently protecting them from enemy snipers until they had reached a point from which to launch their assault. Alertly detecting the enemy's movement before they could take an exposed position, Lieutenant Costabile immediately opened up a fierce and accurate fire on the enemy by surprise. With cool determination and outstanding courage, he directed a withering concentration of small arms fire against his numerically superior foe, quickly destroying the position and withdrawing his men before the heavy mortar and machine gun fire of the main enemy line could be brought to bear. His aggressive leadership and magnificent valor inspired his men to accomplish their objective against terrific odds and in the face of sudden danger. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

WALTER R. ROSSAS, 0889695, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company 1, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. When the beach head advance of his company was stopped by an intense concentration of artillery fire, Sergeant Rossas, a team mortar panzer, voluntarily moved to an exposed position to set up his weapon and engage the heavy guns of the enemy. Working coolly and skillfully despite the shrapnel fire directed at him, he successfully fired a series of salvos against the artillery emplacements, destroying them and his crew and forcing the panzer to withdraw. Sergeant Rossas' calm and aggressiveness enabled his company to move successfully to its objective and inspired all the witnesses to do the same. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

By command of Major General Walker:

STEWART I. WIGGINT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Chief of Staff

For file:

*John J. Deane*  
JOHN J. DEANE

Colonel, Adjutant General's Department  
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AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following named individuals are each awarded a Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action against the enemy in Korea:

WILLIAM E. DRURY, 0327371, Captain, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division (then Captain, Chaplain Corps, 36th Division Artillery) 9 September 1943. Entered service from Fort Worth, Texas.

MERRY B. STOKES, 80805702, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 149d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1943. Entered service from Snyder, Texas.

TERREMAN R. SHULTE, 80305701, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 149d Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944. Entered service from Snyder, Texas.

BERNARD B. ASHBARD, 89052628, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 149d Infantry Regiment, 3 to 9 February 1944. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

LOWELL E. DIEMHERRER, 37545087, Sergeant, Company G, 149d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1943. Entered service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ARMANDO J. D'FELIPE, 36367935, Sergeant, Company G, 149d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1943. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

HENRY (M) PIERRO, 38035165, Sergeant, Company D, 149d Infantry Regiment, 3 to 9 February 1944. Entered service from Fort Bliss, Texas.

JOSEPH H. WATSON, 35277406, Sergeant, Company I, 149d Infantry Regiment, 19 December 1943. Entered service from Akron, Ohio.

LOUIE (M) REDDEN, 58288137, Sergeant, Company G, 149d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1943. Entered service from Waco, Texas.

WYLL (M) SULLOCK, 35025264, Sergeant, Company L, 149d Infantry Regiment, 23 January 1944. Entered service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

ROBERT L. JOHNSON, 33271258, Sergeant, Company D, 149d Infantry Regiment, 3 to 9 February 1944. Entered service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

FRED L. GARCIA, 20801060, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 to 21 February 1944. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

FLOYD J. WALSLEY, 15062600, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, 13 January 1944. Entered service from Bay City, Michigan.

CLYDE G. SIEBER, 35019140, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 149d Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1944. Entered service from Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

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RAMON E. MERRIZ, 38026373, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1943. Entered service from El Paso, Texas.

HERBERT (IMM) MARSHALL, 32593366, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944. Entered service from Hawthorne, New Jersey.

CLARENCE A. JOYCE, 58027419, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 to 14 September 1943. Entered service from Hidalgo County, Texas.

BENJAMIN D. STOLLER, 36320183, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 to 14 September 1943. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

DARRELL H. RICKS, 35094229, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

CLETUS (IMM) MULLIGAN, 38922084, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Newark, New Jersey.

WALTER J. JANZEN, 36736906, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 February 1944. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

WARREN M. HOLDER, 33499136, Private, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

STUART G. GROSZMAN, 31260551, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1943. Entered service from Westboro, Massachusetts.

WAYNE D. K. LINDA, 36464714, Private, Headquarters Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 February 1944. Entered service from Princeton, Illinois.

LEWIS (IMM) MERTEN, 35363899, Private, Company B, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, 21 January 1944. Entered service from Branchdale, Pennsylvania.

By command of Major General MERRITT:

STEPHEN P. WRIGHT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Chief of Staff

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Award of Silver Star..... I  
Corrected Award of Silver Star, Missing in Action..... II

SECTION I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals:

DCI (MI) ADAMS, 20805528, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. Pinned down by automatic weapons fire from both flanks while leading his squad against an enemy position, Sergeant Adams skillfully engaged the hidden enemy in a running fire fight while withdrawing his men to cover. Then on his own initiative and with magnificent daring, he surprised the enemy by a sudden fierce assault, sweeping their positions at close range with hand grenades and destroying them. Successfully moving forward to his objective, Sergeant Adams and several of his men were injured by the explosion of an antipersonnel mine. Despite his painful wounds, he immediately sought medical aid for his men and allowed himself to be cared for only after the wounds of the others had been attended. His aggressive leadership, calm determination, and outstanding devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds and proved a material factor in the success of the operations. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

ARTHUR G. VOLANTE, 33222218, Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15-16 January 1944, in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. After his attacking company had reached nearly to the ~~\*\*\*~~ River, Sergeant Volante was sent back to lead the remaining men to the objective. Returning with the men, he found that his company had moved past the objective. He ordered his men to take cover and reconnoitered alone to find the best route forward. While so doing he was captured by an enemy patrol of one officer and seven enlisted men. The enemy patrol attempted to carry their prisoner across the river but were prevented by fire from our troops that killed one of them, driving the others to cover in a house, to await nightfall. An ever wary guard frustrated Sergeant Volante's every attempt to escape. Three times during the night the officer decided to attempt to reach the river and regain his unit on the opposite bank, but with an agile tongue and keenness of mind, Sergeant Volante each time convinced the officer that the house was surrounded and escape impossible. Risking ill treatment if his deception were discovered, he persuaded the foe that their position was hopeless and inspired in them such timidity that the officer and six men surrendered themselves to their lone prisoner and meekly followed him to his company. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

THOMAS H. MORGAN, 39086952, Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 and 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. Sergeant Morgan was ordered to lead a reconnaissance patrol across the ~~\*\*\*~~ River to gather information of the enemy strength and positions. On the night of 17

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January he led his patrol to the river and attempted to cross. Swift current and steep banks made the stream unfordable, so Sergeant Morgan stripped off his clothing and tried to swim the river. Strength of the current made this impossible, and he returned to his company with the patrol. Undaunted by the proved difficulty of his task, he returned to the river the following night, 18 January, with his patrol, this time carrying a collapsible rubber boat for the crossing. Braving enemy mortar and artillery fires that fell constantly on the crossing point, he led the patrol to the opposite side and reconnoitered along the enemy-held bank. His mission accomplished and valuable information concerning the enemy positions obtained, he recrossed the perilous stream with his patrol and returned to his unit. His determination to overcome all obstacles and perform his duty, combined with his skillful action and courage made him succeed in his highly important assignment. Entered the Service from Chico, California.

BENJAMIN F. McMILLIN, 20805061, Sergeant,  
Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Stephenville, Texas.

ORVAL O. DRIGGS, 38039669, Private First Class,  
Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on Mount \*\*\*, Italy. During an intense artillery barrage preceding an enemy counterattack, their machine gun was frozen and locked by ice. With magnificent daring, they moved ahead of the gun emplacement and engaged the attacking enemy with grenades and rifle fire. Despite a concentration of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire sweeping their exposed position, they fiercely maintained it, protecting the vital machine gun until one of their crew was able to get it into operation. Their outstanding courage and aggressive leadership materially assisted in repulsing the attack and were an inspiration to all who witnessed their deed.

EDWARD S. DOBBINS, 34465278, Corporal, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. The positions of the company became the target of an intense mortar and artillery barrage causing many casualties. While moving with the company to a new position Corporal Dobbins learned that one of his men had been severely wounded by shell fragments. He immediately left his position of cover and went to the aid of the stricken man. Dauntlessly he moved over the open terrain in face of terrific artillery and mortar fire. Reaching the man he assisted the soldier to a near-by trench and again leaving a place of cover, made his way three hundred yards over open terrain to secure medical aid. Corporal Dobbins by his courage, calmness under fire and devotion to duty, saved the life of a comrade and was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Rockingham, North Carolina.

FRANK (TMI) MASI, 38302225, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Tec 5 Masi was an aid man attached to the lead company in an attack on an enemy-held hill. During the assault against the savagely resisting foe, word came back that a man was seriously wounded at one of the forward heavy machine gun posts. The platoon leader suggested that Tec 5 Masi wait until darkness before trying to reach the injured man, but rather than have him suffer unattended through the rest of the day, Tec 5 Masi crawled forward over the exposed terrain, through heavy mortar shelling, and past forward elements pinned down by deadly accurate machine gun fire. Reaching the wounded soldier, he gave first aid necessary to stop

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a life-sapping flow of blood and to alleviate his pain. Subtly Tec 5 Masi's willingness to risk his life in devotion to duty saved his comrade from death. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM G. SMITH, 38036232, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Tec 5 Smith was a member of a 105 mm M-7 gun platoon. During an intense enemy artillery barrage two self-propelled guns were hit and their gasoline tanks punctured, spilling the fuel on to the ground and in the slit trenches of the men. Fire burst out in the gasoline from one of the tanks, endangering all in the vicinity. Ordered by their platoon leader, the men moved to safer positions. But Tec 5 Smith, heedless of his own great danger from continued enemy artillery shelling of the area and the constant threat of explosion from the flaming gasoline, retrieved the fire extinguisher from the burning gun mount and quenched the blaze. His courageous and quick-witted action saved the valuable gun mounts from destruction and kept them available for important use against the enemy. Entered the Service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

WARREN G. HARDY, 34722086, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 and 5 December 1943, in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Hardy was engaged with other men on the night of 2 December in carrying badly needed rations and ammunition up the treacherous trails of Mount \*\*\*. While performing these duties in the midst of heavy enemy shelling, he was knocked down by the concussion of an enemy shell, and through bleeding from the ears and nose, refused to be evacuated. On the night of 5 December while similarly engaged during a barrage of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire he was again knocked to the ground by the concussion of an enemy shell. Although wounded, he got up and noticing a wounded man lying along the trail, he went to his aid and carried the injured man to a position of safety. He then proceeded to administer first aid and while so doing, lapsed into unconsciousness from the effects of the concussions and his wounds. His great fortitude, devotion to duty, and calmness under fire were a factor in saving the life of the wounded man. Entered the Service from Barr, Tennessee.

MAROLD C. KRIPISCA, 35030726, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-14 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. An automatic rifleman, Private Kripisca fought with his company against an enemy counterattack on positions on Hill \*\*\*. As the assault became more threatening, he deliberately moved from his partially protected position to an exposed place subject to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, because it offered a better field of fire for his weapon. Fiercely and effectively he fought, firing so accurately and rapidly that the enemy was forced to withdraw from his sector, leaving many dead behind them. Again the enemy attacked, this time sneaking close to his position and attempting to blast him out with hand grenades. Private Kripisca countered with rifle fire, killing and wounding so many of the enemy that they were again forced to withdraw. Courageously and skillfully he thwarted every attempt by the enemy to penetrate his sector and thus aided materially in the successful defense of his company's positions on Hill \*\*\*. Entered the Service from Madaryville, Indiana.

SECTION II - CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 110, as posthumously awards a Silver Star to IVAN J. LANDRY, 34150805, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry, and ROWLAND E. McWILLIAMS, 203C4866, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded.

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and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals, missing in action.

"ROSLAND E. McWILLIAMS, 20904908, First Sergeant, Company C, 149d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When heavy fog hindered visibility during an assault by his company against a strongly defended hill, Sergeant McWilliams accompanied one attacking platoon in a voluntary attempt to maintain contact between it and the others. Moving fearlessly among his men and encouraging them while exposed to sweeping machine gun and small arms fire, he took command when the platoon leaders became separated in the dense fog and closely coordinated their attack with that of the other units. Leading them with magnificent daring, he closed with the enemy and captured five prisoners in the fierce hand to hand struggle which ensued. His aggressive leadership and outstanding courage were an inspiration to his men and especially assisted in the successful taking of the company objective. Next of kin: Ella M. McWilliams (Mother), Pullinger, Texas.

"FRANK J. LANDRY, 34150905, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 149d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Landry, leader of a five man patrol assigned to make immediate contact with the Italian preceding an attack against strongly held enemy positions, bravely chose the most direct route despite the intensity of artillery fire falling in the area. Moving forward into enemy held territory, he shortly discovered a twelve man enemy patrol, returning to their lines with information of the impending attack. With magnificent daring, Sergeant Landry skillfully deployed his patrol, surprising the numerically superior enemy and capturing them before resistance could be offered and their outposts alerted. Disarming his prisoners, he then swiftly completed his mission. His aggressive leadership and outstanding courage prevented the enemy from receiving information which would have jeopardized the mission of the entire battalion. Next of kin: Mrs Jane Landry (Mother), Springville, Louisiana."

By command of Major General WALKER:

STEWART . VINCENT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

  
JOHN J. DEANE  
Lieut. Colonel, Adjutant General's Department  
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, A Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received in action against the enemy in Italy:

CHESTER H. HAYNES 01308540, Second Lieutenant, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Mt. Vernon, Washington.

DOUGLAS K. HILL 38050543, Technical Sergeant, Company H, 15 December 1943. Entered service from Easterly, Texas.

JOHNIE (MII) ALSUP 37403002, Sergeant, Company D, 16 February 1944. Entered service from Houti, Missouri.

GUILHERMO L. DEIECH 38025577, Sergeant, Company E, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Dvalde, Texas.

HERBERT H. GILLER 35570548, Private First Class, Company C, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Brockville, Indiana.

JUAN V. MINERA 39856803, Private First Class, Company E, 25 February 1944. Entered service from Douglas, Arizona.

JOHN W. McLEAN 30802938, Private First Class, Company H, 17 December 1943. Entered service from El Paso, Texas.

IGNACIO A. SIERRA 30802946, Private First Class, Company H, 17 December 1943. Entered service from El Paso, Texas.

ERNEST F. BIDDLEPH 13078304, Private First Class, Company I, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

WILEY C. BISHOP 34822176, Private First Class, Company K, 15 February 1944. Entered service from Odum, Georgia.

FAUSTINO B. MEDINA 38026094, Private First Class, 23 January 1944. Entered service from Zapata, Texas.

ELMER W. HARKIEROAD 35173764, Private First Class, Company L, 21 January 1944. Entered service from Girard, Ohio.

ANDREW (MII) SANDERSON 32815716, Private, Company A, 11 February 1944. Entered service from New York, New York.

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Posthumous Award of Silver Star ..... I  
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SECTION I. — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following named individuals:

EDWARD C. MERMOD, 01318067, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During an attack on Hill \*\*\*, against a firmly entrenched enemy, Lieutenant Mermod gallantly led his platoon forward over extremely precipitous and snow covered terrain. The determined advance was suddenly halted by intense enemy machine gun fire. With thoughts only for the efficiency and effectiveness of his command, Lieutenant Mermod quickly and skillfully deployed his men, and intrepidly exposed himself to the withering enemy fire in an attempt to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy forces and to locate a more suitable route of advance. With courageous initiative he moved forward until he was fatally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. His magnificent display of outstanding leadership and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura Rose Mermod (mother), 13517 39th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

JAMES D. ERBY, 38036772, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment; for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade Erby, company aid man, was with the 1st Platoon of Company C during their attack on an enemy held position. The platoon became subjected to heavy enemy small arms fire which caused a part of one squad to become separated from the platoon. Perceiving the urgent need for aid, Technician Fifth Grade Erby, upon his own initiative fearlessly exposed himself to the withering enemy fire to reach the stricken men. While thus fearlessly administering aid to his comrades, he was fatally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. His courageous action and unselfish devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Maryl L. Erby (mother), P.O. #314, Itasca, Texas.

SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individuals, missing in action:

RALPH H. BOKLER, 35002073, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Bokler, together with three other men, was assigned the mission of knocking out an enemy machine gun which was endangering the center

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of his company's position during an enemy counterattack. Together with the other men, he worked his way across exposed terrain under extremely heavy mortar and small arms fire, to within 20 yards of the machine gun nest. The fire of the machine gun and other automatic weapons was turned straight on them. One of the men was killed as he attempted to throw a grenade. Without hesitation, Private First Class Dokler hurled his own grenades, silencing the enemy machine gun. Since this engagement he has been reported missing in action. This heroic deed greatly inspired his comrades and was instrumental in repulsing the counterattack. Next of kin: Mrs. Juliana Dokler (Mother), 3037 Walton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. VAN METER, 36410812, Private, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Van Meter, as a member of a five man patrol ordered to establish contact between the battalion Commander and the attacking companies, realized the necessity for the speedy completion of the mission and chose the shortest and most dangerous route covered by artillery fire and under enemy observation. The advancing patrol unexpectedly encountered twelve enemy, heavily armed, hurrying to alert the main body of the enemy forces. By quick thinking and immediate aggressive action the patrol adroitly surrounded and captured the enemy group without firing a shot. In capturing the enemy patrol, Private Van Meter and his companions demonstrated a high quality of daring individual initiative. Private Van Meter has since been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Orilla Van Meter (Mother), McBain, Michigan.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-40, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

WILLIAM T. STONE, 0430125, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During the approach against the enemy, the battalion column became pinned down by the intense fire from a hidden machine gun emplacement. Lieutenant Stone, commanding the leading elements of the column, skillfully advanced over the hazardous heavily mined terrain under the concentration of enemy fire to within close range of the enemy nest. With cool determination and utmost daring, he accurately hurled a grenade into their midst and destroyed the position. Lieutenant Stone's significant courage and aggressive leadership cleared the way for the further advance of his column and were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Waynesboro, Georgia.

DUDLEY A. WOOD, 26803606, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Technical Sergeant Wood dauntlessly led his platoon across a narrow foot bridge over the SWART flowing \*\*\*, river while being subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Upon reaching the opposite bank the platoon was pinned down by withering machine gun fire from strongly fortified enemy positions. The enemy at this particular point launched a vicious counterattack and threatened to overrun the position of the platoon. Disregarding the hail of fire and the crashing enemy, he continually moved among his men checking their positions and directing their fire. Sergeant Wood by his courage, calmness and devotion to duty so inspired his men that they were able to stop the enemy attack. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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BENITO G. DOMINQUEZ, 37026003, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Dominquez led his squad as part of a reinforced combat patrol ordered to cross the \*\*\* river and test enemy defenses. On the enemy's side of the river Sergeant Dominquez took his squad forward to cover the advance of the patrol, penetrating one hundred fifty yards into enemy emplacements, the squad captured two prisoners. Advancing, they surprised another of the enemy who immediately opened fire on the patrol, wounding Sergeant Dominquez. As this happened one of the prisoners attempted to escape. Maintaining his presence of mind, Sergeant Dominquez returned the fire, killing his assailant and the escaping prisoner. This activity aroused the enemy and drew fire of machine guns, mortars and artillery on the squad. Although wounded he adroitly maneuvered his squad from its precarious position and directed its return across the \*\*\*, refusing to allow anyone to help him. Not until the other wounded of his men had been cared for did he allow himself to be evacuated. Entered the Service from Seguin, Texas.

JOHN J. PAGAN, 33318596, Technician Fifth Grade, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Tec 5 Pagan, mail-clerk of Company L, voluntarily joined the company in its assault across the \*\*\* river, serving as company First Sergeant. The entire route from the Battalion assembly area to the crossing site at the river was continuously subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Displaying superb leadership and courage, Tec 5 Pagan rendered invaluable aid to the company by encouraging the men along the extremely hazardous route, and setting an outstanding example by his calmness under the intense fire. After the company had crossed the treacherous foot bridge and gained the enemy held western bank, the determined opposition encountered caused confusion among the men. Tec 5 Pagan constantly exposed himself to the withering machine gun fire to organize the men and locate them in positions of cover from which they could bring the greatest amount of effective fire to bear against the entrenched enemy. His magnificent courage and splendid leadership in the extremely hazardous role he voluntarily assumed, constantly inspired the men of his company to greater efforts. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LEWIS E. HALL, 20800950, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Hall, upon learning two men had been wounded, immediately left his position of cover and went to their aid. In order to reach the men it was necessary to cross 300 yards of open terrain fully exposed at all times to the withering enemy artillery and mortar fire. Launtlessly he made his way forward and found the first man already dead. Again moving over the open terrain for 150 yards he reached the second man. He succeeded in stopping the flow of blood and easing the pain. He stayed with the stricken man until the barrage lifted and then helped evacuate him to an aid station. His courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

ROMAN (NMI) SANCHEZ, 38025799, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During the bitter battle of the \*\*\* river crossing, Private First Class Sanchez was bodyguard of the Commanding Officer of Company L. Disposing the company about 150 yards from the river banks, the company commander, accompanied by Private First Class Sanchez, went forward under terrific artillery, nebelwerfer

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and mortar fire to reconnoiter the area for the crossing of Company L. Having completed this mission, the commanding officer sent Private First Class Sanchez back to lead the company to the crossing site. Disregarding the intense concentrations of mortar and artillery fire which the enemy poured into the area in an attempt to prevent the crossing, he crawled back over the exposed terrain to the place where the company had been left. As he reached that point, he was severely wounded in the stomach by shell fragments. Discovering that the company had moved, Private First Class Sanchez, despite his painful wound, made his way back to notify his company commander of his findings. His magnificent courage, utter disregard for self and devotion to duty kept his company commander advised at this critical period of the attack. Entered the Service from San Sera, Texas.

JAMES R. REID, 33058833, Private First Class  
Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment  
Entered the Service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

WILFORD E. BARKER, 35409178, Private First Class  
Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment.  
Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

For gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on Mt. Italy. During an intense artillery barrage preceding an enemy counterattack, the machine gun of these men became frozen and locked by ice. With magnificent daring, they moved ahead of the gun emplacement and engaged the attacking enemy with grenades and rifle fire. Despite a concentration of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire sweeping their position, they fiercely maintained it, protecting the vital machine gun until one of the crew was able to get it into operation. Their outstanding courage, aggressive leadership, and exemplary devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed their deeds and materially assisted in repulsing the attack.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named members of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received in action against the enemy:

*NIF* - ROBERT W. BRICKMAN 01313197, Second Lieutenant, Italy, 24 December 1943. Entered service from Holstein, Iowa.

JOEL D. GOODE, JR 2081464, Technical Sergeant, Company A, Italy, 21 January 1944. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

ADOLPH T. VOIKER 12078305, Technical Sergeant, Company A, Italy, 25 December 1943. Entered service from West Orange, New Jersey.

JOHN W. FRASHER 35276169, Sergeant, Company B, Italy, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Barnesville, Ohio.

DALE W. CASTLE 37342320, Sergeant, Company C, Italy, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Denver, Colorado.

*NIF* - DANIEL (NMI) BRODERICK 32221565, Corporal, Company I, Italy, 16 February 1944. Entered service from Bronx, New York.

*NIF* - HERMAN T. ROPER 18076634, Private First Class, Antitank Company, Italy, 28 January 1944. Entered service from Littlefield, Texas.

WADE H. RILLINGSLEY 3802797, Private First Class, First Battalion, Headquarters Company, Italy, 23 February 1944. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

RAYMOND A. DOWNING 13083043, Private First Class, Company A, 25 January 1944. Entered service from Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

OWEN J. BURKE 32921482, Private First Class, Company B, Italy, 13 March 1944. Entered service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

CARL W. FRANTZ 33231371, Private First Class, Company B, Italy, 17 February 1944. Entered service from Meyerstown, Pennsylvania.

WAYNE (NMI) SLONE 35689455, Private First Class, Company C, Italy, 14 February, 1944. Entered service from Garner, Kentucky.

AUSTIN L. GEAR 15377787, Private First Class, Company C, Italy, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Mill Creek, West Virginia.

EDWARD R. COLLIER 12155760, Private First Class, Company C, Italy, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Larson, Wisconsin.

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