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MELVIN (NMI) DENNISON 35650465, Private First Class, Company C, Italy, 12 February 1944. Entered service from South Point, Ohio.

ROY (NMI) GILMORE 38450139, Private First Class, Company C, Italy, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Trumann, Arkansas.

FRANK B. NESTASIA 32803974, Private, Headquarters Company, Italy, 20 February 1944. Entered service from Glendale, New York.

FRED H. PURCELL 34497766, Private, Antitank Company, Italy, 26 January 1944. Entered service from Kingsport, Tennessee.

RICHARD F. KIRWAN 32639360, Private, Antitank Company, Italy, 14 December 1943. Entered service from Springfield Gardens, New York.

JOHNIE (NMI) GRAVES 7008677, Private, Cannon Company, Italy, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Fountain City, Pennsylvania.

AURPA E. BRISTOE 35686150, Private, Cannon Company, Italy, 17 February 1944. Entered service from Camp Taylor, Kentucky.

LAWRENCE A. PECORARO 34077284, Private, First Battalion, Headquarters Company, Italy, 13 November 1943. Entered service from Hammond, Louisiana.

CHARLES F. FERRELL 3578979, Private, Company A, Italy, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Somerset, Kentucky.

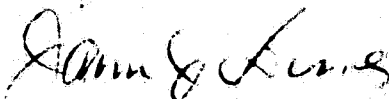
ROBERT B. KARPINSKI 36288178, Private, Company A, Italy, 22 January 1944. Entered service from Montreal, Wisconsin.

CONN J. ROSSIER 39462373, Private, Company A, Italy, 3 December 1943. Entered service from Lewiston, Idaho.

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NUMBER 112

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, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ROBERT A. BAUGHMAN 0436908, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 16 December 1943. Entered service from Manson, Iowa.

JUDGE W. MARION 20803140, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Luling, Texas.

WILLIAM G. WALEY 20803178, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 14 February 1944. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

JOSEPH H. ROST 32302184, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

CARL R. SIDNER 20802734, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 4 December 1943. Entered service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

JOSEPH (NMI) SIEWZEK 32301957, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 4 February 1944. Entered service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

ROBERT S. UNDERWOOD 34421934, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Sallis, Mississippi.

HERVEIN (NMI) SCHNABEL 37556692, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 17 February 1944. Entered service from Eureka, South Dakota.

SECTION II - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

BERNICE W. VEALY 35746247, Private First Class, MC, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Racine, Virginia.

PETE (NMI) PIVERA 38285808, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 16 December 1943. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

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EARL N. LLEWELLYN 32663185, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 December 1943. Entered service from Maryland, New York.

ARTHUR B. BRADDOCK 34465212, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 January 1944. Entered service from Rockingham, North Carolina.

JERRY L. BROZ 20803327, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Yoakum, Texas.

ROBERT M. CHANEY 14009943, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 January 1944. Entered service from Spray, North Carolina.

THURMAN D. CLINKSCALES 38035692, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

JACK (SMI) MOOCINEK 32397636, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 16 February 1944. Entered service from New York, New York.

RICHARD H. WALLACE 12082132, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 8 February 1944. Entered service from Wajertown, New York.

DONALD J. ROUTHBAUX 56817067, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 January 1944. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

JOHN T. KEVILL 51311385, Private, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Terrace, Lynn, Massachusetts.

CHARLES A. SIGETTI 31208567, Private, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Naugatuck, Connecticut.

FRANK J. BAGGAN 32908307, Private, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals (for wounds received in action against the enemy:

RICHARD A. POLASEK 20803349, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Shiner, Texas. ✓

IGNATIUS A. WARDYNSKI 36612884, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 24 November 1943. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois. ✓

RAYMOND L. BLUBAUGH 35138196, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 January 1944. Entered service from Ellettsville, Indiana. ✓

CECIL P. GILBERT 34613475, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 15 December 1943. Entered service from Philadelphia, Mississippi. ✓

ALBERT A. HEMMERLING 32840504, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 February 1944. Entered service from Springville, New York. ✓

MICHAEL (NMI) WIGNAT 33435548, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 15 February 1944. Entered service from New Castle, Pennsylvania. ✓

HARRISON P. HOBART 32848704, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Manbr, New York. ✓

FRED F. NANNI 32222134, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 21 December 1943. Entered service from Queens, New York. ✓

FREDERICK F. RUCKRIEGEL 35689666, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 February 1944. Entered service from Jefferson, Kentucky. ✓

TILLMAN (NMI) WINDHAM 34547273, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Wauchula, Florida. ✓

LESTER R. E. TURMAN 34496935, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 January 1944. Entered service from Prima, Tennessee. ✓

WINIFRED O. WILLIAMS 38476282, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Hughes Springs, Texas. ✓

FRANK (NMI) SICHEL 32821366, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Bronx, New York. ✓



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HENRY H. WALLS 35659634, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Charbondale, West Virginia.

THURMAN H. EDWARDS 32443834, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 January 1944. Entered service from Millville, New Jersey.

HARRY N. McNELLY 32267603, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Claymont, Delaware.

JAMES E. ROSSELLE 33671789, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 January 1944. Entered service from New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

JESSE R. HOWDYSELL 33629210, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 28 January 1944. Entered service from Mount Crawford, Virginia.

ALBERT S. CROUCH, JR 33525790, Private, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 20 January 1944. Entered service from Richmond, Virginia.

EUGENE J. OATLEY 15302111, Private, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 23 January 1944. Entered service from Toledo, Ohio.

HAROLD (NMI) HOLTZER 32905101, Private, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 27 January 1944. Entered service from Bronx, New York.

DAVID A. HALL 35143324, Private, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 27 February 1944. Entered service from South Bend, Indiana.

HERBERT E. CALKINS 32735549, Private, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Holley, New York.

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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:

HOWLAND E. McWILLIAMS, 20304066, First Sergeant, Company C, 141st 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 materially assisted in the successful taking of the company objective. Sergeant McWilliams was later killed in another engagement. Next of kin: Ella M. McWilliams (Mother), Ballinger, Texas.

GORDON H. KOHNKE, Staff Sergeant, 36236309, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Sergeant Kohnke, perceiving an enemy counterattack, and with thoughts only for the security of his unit's position, upon his own initiative left his place of comparative safety and skillfully worked his way under this withering enemy fire to alert his men and check on casualties. He moved from place to place encouraging his men and assisting in making their positions more secure. While returning to his own position he was fatally wounded by an enemy mortar shell. His magnificent display of leadership, calmness under fire and extraordinary devotion to duty materially aided in repulsing the subsequent enemy counterattack. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Kohnke (Mother), Route #2, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM G. YOKOM, 32474467, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Sergeant Yokom, platoon leader, was checking his group in preparation for crossing the ~~\*\*\*~~ river when artillery fire hit two of his men. Exposed at all times to intense enemy fire, he immediately ran to the wounded men to render aid. While thus nobly engaged, he was hit and fatally wounded by a shell burst. Sergeant Yokom's magnificent courage, calmness under fire and extraordinary devotion to his fellow soldiers greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Willelum Yokom (Mother), 40 Wade Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

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IVAN J. LANDRY, 34150805, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d 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 battalion preceding an attack against strongly held enemy positions, bravely chose a direct route despite the intensity of artillery fire falling in the area. Moving forward into enemy held territory, he alertly 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 position of the entire battalion. He was later killed in another engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Jane Landry (Mother), Maringouin, Louisiana.

JOSEPH W. KIELIAN, 32236275, Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Kielian, a mortar squad leader, was directed to move his squad with Company B when it crossed the \*\* river. He oriented his men and gave them excellent encouragement while enroute to the river, meanwhile maintaining good contact with his company. In progressing down a steep ravine leading to the river, heavy enemy artillery fire fell on his men, wounding some of them. Inspiringly calm, he immediately led those who had not been wounded to protective cover. In the face of continued fire, he then rushed back to the wounded and attempted to remove them to a place of comparative safety. While thus engaged, he was fatally wounded by an artillery shell. Sergeant Kielian's superior leadership and unselfish devotion to his fallen comrades greatly inspired his men. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph Kielian (Father), 9 Mary Street, Saverville, New Jersey.

HOMER MEADORS, 35267699, Corporal, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Corporal Meadors, gunner on a light machine gun, had participated for nine days in the movement of Company B from Hill \*\*\* to a position east of Hill \*\*. Enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire caused numerous casualties. Due to constant rain, strong winds and low temperatures, many men including Corporal Meadors suffered from fatigue, exposure and painfully swollen feet. Near exhaustion, he cheerfully performed the work of fallen comrades in addition to his own. After the attack on Hill \*\* stopped, Company B acted as a holding force on the reverse slope while a regiment of Special Service Force troops continued the attack. The light machine gun section of Company B was ordered to support the attack. Corporal Meadors and one private, the remaining man of his squad, set up their gun and opened fire on the enemy. Then entirely on his own initiative, Corporal Meadors picked up his machine gun and went over the ridge to more effectively support the attack. Ignoring the withering enemy fire falling about him, he neutralized many enemy gunners and artillery and mortar observers with his devastating fire, making possible the advance of the Special Service Force troops. Though aware of the extreme danger of his position, he continued to place effective fire on the enemy until killed by a direct hit from an enemy artillery shell. Corporal Meador's boundless fortitude and unequalled courage under adverse conditions were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Polly Meadors (Mother), Jellico Creek, Kentucky.

*Citation amended 12/20/45* *24, 1945*  
 JOSEPH KOWALCZYK, 31301305, Private, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 November 1943 on ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. Assigned to maintain a vital line of communication, Private Kowalczyk was confronted by a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Realizing the importance of keeping his communications open and despite the fearsome intensity of the enemy fire, he courageously entered the extremely hazardous area to repair a break in the line there. Advancing fearlessly over the open terrain, he located the break and skillfully repaired it. With calm determination, he continued to brave the holocaust of enemy fire and service the line until he was struck by a shell fragment and killed. Private Kowalczyk's coolness under fire and exemplary devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Adamina Urbaniak (Foster Mother), 18 Front Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

#### 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:

ROBERT L. DAVEY, 01288017, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 and 23 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. Lieutenant Davey by brilliant leadership succeeded in advancing his company across the treacherous ~~\*\*\*~~ river despite a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to a point two hundred yards inland. Encountering heavy barbed wire entanglements and withering machine gun fire he sought a better avenue of approach. At this point he was severely wounded and refused to be evacuated. He again and again exposed himself to the hail of fire as he moved among his men for twenty hours, encouraging their efforts and directing their fire. When their position became untenable he gathered the remnants of his company and he led them back across the river. His magnificent courage, aggressiveness and selfless devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Zeigler, Illinois.

HAROLD L. BOND, II, 01317497, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. With his unit in a defensive position, Lieutenant Bond moved past the advance outposts to set up an observation post in enemy patrolled territory. Skillfully pushing forward through intense machine gun and small arms fire, he occupied a position from which excellent observation of the enemy would be possible and then daringly maintained his position through a concentration of mortar and artillery fire sweeping this area in preparation for an enemy counterattack. With cool determination and outstanding courage, Lieutenant Bond directed accurate and highly effective mortar fire against the attacking enemy, steadfastly refusing to leave his hazardously exposed post until the advance had been crushed. His magnificent valor and exemplary devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful defense of his unit's position and were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Newtonville, Massachusetts.

JOHN K. LINDSTROM, 01306750, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. The 2d Battalion was assigned the hazardous mission of establishing a beachhead on the west bank of the swift flowing and treacherous ~~\*\*\*~~ river. Lieutenant Lindstrom fearlessly led the men of his platoon across a foot bridge that was the target of severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Successfully across, he advanced his men two hundred and fifty yards inland where they encountered terrific enemy machine gun fire and heavy barbed wire entanglements. The rising crescendo

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of enemy fire inflicted heavy casualties on our troops. Lieutenant Lindstrom dauntlessly went forward alone in the face of the withering fire in search of a way through the entanglement. While then bravely engaged he was severely wounded and unable to continue on his mission. His courage, calmness under fire and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from North Walpole, New Hampshire.

BARNARD J. ZEBROWSKI, 01301583, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Zebrowski by brilliant leadership brought his platoon across the treacherous \*\*\* river and through heavy barbed wire entanglements to a point two hundred and fifty yards inland. His machine guns silenced, the group scattered by intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he spent the night alone in enemy territory. The following day he observed two enemy machine guns in a house nearby and dauntlessly went forward in an effort to destroy them. Enroute he suddenly came face to face with an enemy soldier armed with a machine pistol. Firing simultaneously, he succeeded in killing the enemy but was himself severely wounded. Painfully he made his way back to friendly lines gathering several lost American soldiers on the way. His courage, aggressive vigor and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York. ✓

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals (for wounds received in action against the enemy:

✓ WILLIAM R. MOREHEAD 01307286, First Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Kingsville, Texas.

✓ FRANK S. KULA 01294491, First Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 24 February 1944. Entered service from Trenton, New Jersey.

✓ ISIAH J. SPENCER 01294213, First Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Patrick Springs, Virginia.

✓ HENRY A. RIDDLE, JR 01316211, Second Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 21 January 1944. Entered service from Bellevue, Pennsylvania.

✓ EUGENE (NMI) SAFFOLD 20809025, First Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Belton, Texas.

✓ FRED W. BURNER 38542051, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 27 January 1944. Entered service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ HENRY L. FORD 34592494, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Belmont, North Carolina.

✓ CHARLES E. HENDERGRASS 20803798, Sergeant, Inf, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Benito, Texas.

✓ RALEPH F. PHILLIPS 35033635, Sergeant, Inf, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 25 December 1943. Entered service from Barnesville, Ohio.

✓ JAMES I. GIBBS 35658040, Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 28 November 1943. Entered service from Flushing, Michigan.

✓ JOHN (NMI) POSKOSKY 33268268, Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Atlasburg, Pennsylvania.

✓ JERLDEAN (NMI) MERRY 20803554, Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 20 January 1944. Entered service from Gonzales, Texas.

✓ WILLIAM E. SASSER 12059651, Technician Fifth Grade, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 9 September 1943. Entered service from Senoia, Georgia.

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✓ JOHN T. WADE 34709426, Private First Class, Inf, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 21 January 1944. Entered service from Double Springs, Alabama.

✓ PAUL P. CIGANEK 36285682, Private First Class. Inf, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 21 January 1944. Entered service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ FRANK K. BOGGS 35267455, Private First Class, Inf, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 25 January 1944. Entered service from Second Creek, West Virginia.

✓ JOSEPH E. ULRICH 33230887, Private First Class, Inf, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 16 December 1943. Entered service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

✓ DOMINGO (PMM) ROSAS 36026810, Private First Class, Inf, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 9 September 1943. Entered service from Rio Grande City, Texas.

✓ ROBERT M. WALSH 3574675, Private, Inf, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 16 January 1944. Entered service from Carrick, Pennsylvania.

✓ JAMES E. HASEK 36642535, Private, Inf, Headquarters Second Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 January 1944. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ EDMOND (PMM) WASNIEWSKI 32895121, Private, Inf, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 22 January 1944. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

✓ RAYMOND L. WILEY 35700979, Private, Inf, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 12 February 1944. Entered service from Glasgow, Kentucky.

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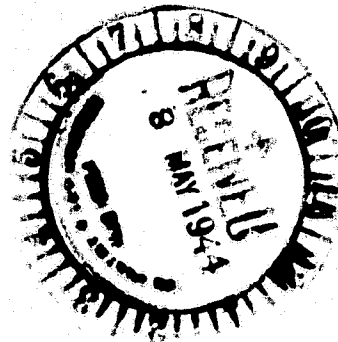
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AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

*✓* SIDNEY E. LURIE 01388083, Captain, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 23 January 1944. Entered service from Springfield, Missouri.

*✓* HERBY W. MESSING 01291398, First Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment ~~Italy~~, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Albany, New York.

*✓* CHARLES R. MATTIS 01296554, First Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

*✓* JOHN F. JACKSON 01315428, Second Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 20 January 1944. Entered service from Napoleon, Ohio.

*✓* CHARLES P. SELIN 01310157, Second Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 20 January 1944. Entered service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

*✓* VERNON G. JUDD 0503827, Second Lieutenant, Inf, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 25 February 1944. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

*✓* THOMAS W. THOMPSON 20803815, First Sergeant, Inf, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 24 November 1943. Entered service from McAllen, Texas.

*✓* HERCY H. BOYER 20803294, First Sergeant, Inf, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Gonzales, Texas.

*✓* CECIL E. HERTER 20803298, Technical Sergeant, Inf, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Gonzales, Texas.

*✓* CARL R. SIDNER 20803734, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 27 November 1943. Entered service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

*✓* CARLOS C. BARRICE 38025569, Staff Sergeant, Inf Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 19 February 1944. Entered service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

*✓* ALLEN L. ISHAM 32840752, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 11 February 1944. Entered service from Houghton, New York.

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JOSEF (NMI) STEFFENSEN 32222734, Staff Sergeant, Inf, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~ 12 December 1943. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN W. ECKENRODE 20345029, Sergeant, Inf, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 24 November 1943. Entered service from Cantonsville, Maryland.

HENRY R. HUBER 39561886, Sergeant, Inf, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 25 November 1943. Entered service from Los Angeles, California.

SAMUEL J. LUCENT 33268143, Sergeant, Inf, Headquarters Third Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 5 December 1943. Entered service from Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM L. SCARBROUGH 37614525, Sergeant, Inf, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 14 February 1944. Entered service from Sikeston, Missouri.

JOHN A. SIERN 32898458, Sergeant, Inf, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 14 February 1944. Entered service from New York, New York.

FRANK (NMI) MASI 32302225, Technician Fourth Grade, MC, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 13 February 1944. Entered service from Scarsville, New Jersey.

JOSEPH (NMI) CORDEO 32223833, Corporal, Inf, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 21 January 1944. Entered service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN M. PAVLOVIC 33685891, Private, Inf, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, ~~Italy~~, 18 January 1944. Entered service from Russelton, Pennsylvania.

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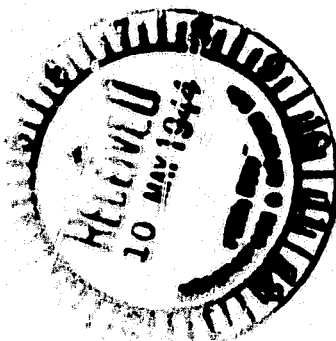
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- Posthumous Award of Silver Star ..... I
- Award of Silver Star, Missing in Action ..... II
- Award of Silver Star ..... III

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:

✓ ASHBELL G. McCLUNG, 0421401, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~Italy~~. When the assault of the infantry units to which he was attached as artillery liaison officer was stopped by enemy defensive wire and a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire, Lieutenant McClung courageously moved forward so that he could accurately direct artillery fire on the enemy positions. Although under observation by the enemy, he dauntlessly worked his way ahead over difficult open terrain to a position from which he could successfully accomplish this mission. He repeatedly broke from cover to obtain the maximum effectiveness for the artillery support which he was directing, and while thus exposed, he was killed by the burst of an enemy mortar shell. His aggressive determination and outstanding bravery contributed materially to the success of the attack and greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Hazel McClung (mother), 406 S.E. Fourth Street, Kerens, Texas.

✓ STANLEY A. UJAZDOWSKI, 33315258, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~Italy~~. Sergeant Ujazdowski, a mortar section leader, moved forward with the company to cross the swift and treacherous ~~\*\*\*~~ river and attack the well fortified and heavily defended enemy positions on the East side. When the company was stopped by intense artillery and mortar fire, he dauntlessly moved among his men, attempting to find any available cover for them and assisting many wounded men to the rear. While so doing he was fatally wounded. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership and selfless devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Miss Stella Ujazdowski (Sister), 2081 East Albright Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ JOHN (NMI) SPOONER, 32236581, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~Italy~~, on the night of 20-21 January 1944. Sergeant Spooner was a squad leader in a rifle platoon assigned the mission of attacking the well fortified and heavily defended enemy positions, across the swift flowing ~~\*\*\*~~ river. While crossing the treacherous stream, Sergeant Spooner and his squad came under fierce and intense enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Having crossed the river, he dauntlessly moved among his men, reorganizing his squad and encouraging them on to their objective. While so bravely serving he was fatally wounded. His great fortitude, outstanding

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leadership, and selfless devotion to duty, greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Shirley Spooner (Wife), 162 Chester Street, Brooklyn, New York.

✓ CHARLES O. CAMPBELL, 36055395, Private First Class,  
Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Clara Mae Campbell (Mother), Carrier Mills, Illinois.

✓ JOHN E. CREWELL, 36055291, Private First Class,  
Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment,  
Next of kin: Mrs. Beulah Crewell (Mother), Bridgeport, Illinois

For gallantry in action on 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. After seizing its objective, Hill \*\*\*, the company was in the process of establishing defenses on its newly acquired position when it became subjected to an intense artillery and mortar barrage. Displaying outstanding calmness and devotion to duty despite the continued shelling and insufficient time to complete the establishment of their mortar emplacement, these men dauntlessly remained in their exposed position and delivered effective fire on the enemy installations. During the enemy concentration, an artillery shell struck the mortar emplacement, killing both men instantly. Their gallant action reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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 individual, missing in action:

✓ WALTER J. BIELSKI, 31344797, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Bielski, a company aid man, crossed the \*\*\* river and courageously advanced over flat terrain through mine fields, barbed wire entanglements, withering mortar and small arms fire. Without thought of self he skilfully administered to the wounded carrying the more seriously hurt across the fireswept battleground to the other side of the river. After sixteen hours continuously devoted to this hazardous and exhausting task, Private Bielski volunteered to help litter casualties from a position abandoned by friendly troops. His exemplary devotion to duty and outstanding valor saved many lives and inspired all who witnessed his deeds. He was subsequently reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Bielski (Mother), Uncasville, Connecticut.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

✓ WILLIAM L. BARNETT, 01289027, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While in defensive positions along the hazardous slopes of Hill \*\*, Captain Barnett's company was subjected to an intense continuous barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Under this tremendous concentration of heavy fire, several unit installations were knocked out and enemy snipers infiltrated into positions threatening the security of the company. With outstanding courage and magnificent determination, Captain

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Barnett moved openly among his men, encouraging them and reorganizing his defenses. His defiance of the holocaust of enemy fire and the calm disregard which he displayed toward it were an inspiration to his men. By his daring leadership and extraordinary devotion to duty, he was able to rout the snipers and maintain his position. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

CHARLES A. FRANCIS, 0496277, Captain, Chaplain's Corps, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1943 on ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. When word was received by Chaplain Francis that three men had been killed and buried under by enemy shell fire at an advanced outpost, he immediately organized a litter party to evacuate them. Fearlessly leading the group up the steep hazardous ascent and continually exposed to deadly mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, he moved forward to the outpost line. Although under enemy observation and subjected to intense aimed fire at this vital position, he worked tirelessly for five hours excavating the bodies. Then with dogged determination and despite physical exhaustion, he helped carry them back down the tortuous trails to the collecting point. His magnificent courage and valor greatly inspired the men of his party. Entered the Service from Bethel, North Carolina.

LEE HOY BILLINGSLEY, 39065126, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Monahans, Texas.

JOSEPH R. KOLIBAS, 32919459, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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. These men, realizing the dire necessity of communication, upon their own initiative, repeatedly left their place of safety to repair the lines. Although under continuous enemy mortar and artillery fire, they traced and repaired their platoon's lines thereby restoring vitally needed contact with the company command post. The holocaust of fire caused casualties all around them but they dauntlessly carried on with their self-appointed task. Their magnificent courage and outstanding calmness greatly inspired all members of their platoon.

GEORGE N. TULLER, 36177189, Technician Fourth Grade, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 February 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. Motor trouble in one of the self-propelled 105mm howitzers rendered the position of the platoon temporarily helpless. Realizing that repairs must be made hurriedly so they could move to an alternate position, Technician Fourth Grade Tuller, a mechanic, set to work on the motor. Enemy observers soon spotted the disabled howitzer, and a terrific barrage was poured in upon them. Despite the intensity of the fire, Technician Fourth Grade Tuller refused to take cover and continued on with his work until it was possible to move the valuable gun to a new location. Entered the Service from Monroe, Michigan.

GERALD W. LEIGHTON, 31616703, Private, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, Italy. The 2d Battalion launched an attack against the well fortified and viciously defended enemy positions east of ~~\*\*\*~~. Terrific artillery and mortar fire, coupled with

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withering machine gun fire from rock and concrete emplacements, blocked the progress of Company F as they reached a stone wall. All attempts to cross this wall failed. Private Leighton, automatic rifleman, dauntlessly joined a squad in an effort to dislodge the enemy. He crossed the wall and crawled under a hail of bullets until he could lay direct fire on the enemy position. Grenades and the combined fire-power of the squad were insufficient to break the powerful enemy emplacement and two men of the squad were killed and the squad leader wounded. With great fortitude and deadly accuracy, Private Leighton laid down intense fire with his automatic rifle, enabling the squad to return to their company. Entered the Service from Reman, Montana.

JEAN C. ARSENAULT, 31334918, Private, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~\*\*\*\*~~ Private Arsenault, an aid man, was assigned to the leading platoon of the company attacking the ~~\*\*\*~~ river. The attack was launched under intense enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire which resulted in many casualties. Private Arsenault, disregarding the continuous enemy fire, calmly administered aid to more than a score of his wounded comrades. After crossing the river, he crawled under intense machine gun fire to treat and evacuate the injured. His magnificent courage, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from New Haven, Connecticut.

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

✓ ROSCOE MARCUM, 35267598, Private First Class, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~. Attacking with his unit, Private First Class Marcum observed an enemy machine gun emplacement. The advance of his company being halted by overwhelming enemy superiority of artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Marcum without order, and heedless of the danger attending any movement, deliberately moved to an exposed position in order to put the enemy machine gun out of action. Although entirely exposed to enemy fire, displaying an exceptional degree of fortitude and patience, he waited for the enemy to expose himself. One of the enemy machine gunners did so. Private First Class Marcum fired and killed him. Before he could fire again Private First Class Marcum was killed by fragments from an enemy shell. The aggressive initiative and valor which characterized his act greatly inspired his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine Marcum (Mother), Corbin, Kentucky.

✓ SALVATORE J. LUPO, 32898228, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~. Private First Class Lupo, a machine gunner supporting the attack of a rifle unit, advanced determinedly with the forward elements over open heavily mined terrain through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire toward the well fortified objective. When his unit was pinned down before enemy barbed wire entanglements at which withering fire was steadily directed, Private First Class Lupo daringly left a covered position to place his machine gun into action. With magnificent courage and exemplary coolness, he skillfully raked the enemy with devastating fire until he was mortally wounded. His fierce assault and outstanding devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph Lupo (Father), 45 Grandview Avenue, Marines Harbor, Richmond, New York.

✓ EDWARD (NMI) KUSKOWSKI, 32860937, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~. Private First Class Kuskowski was a member of a wire laying detail which was to cross the river during the attack on the well fortified and heavily defended enemy positions on the east side. Under intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he crossed the swift and treacherous stream. As they advanced, his squad leader fell, wounded. Private First

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Class Kuskowski then took command of the party and dauntlessly led them forward under withering machine gun and mortar fire and continued to lay the wire line. In the act of splicing a wire in order to continue on his mission, he was fatally wounded. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership and selfless devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Stella Kuskowski (Mother), 101 Roslyn Road, Roslyn, New York.

✓ ANDREW J. ~~Was~~, 32235121, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1943, in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. Private First Class Was, a member of the intelligence section, was advancing across rough terrain under heavy enemy artillery fire. The section leader was wounded during the intense concentration and evacuated. Private First Class Was immediately assumed command of the section, and, on his own initiative, went forward in the face of the heavy fire and selected a suitable battalion observation post. Returning to his section he organized their advance and led them in laying wire over the shell swept terrain. While dauntlessly pushing forward, intent only upon the accomplishment of his mission, he was killed by enemy fire. Inspired by his superlative leadership and magnificent disregard of personal danger, his section successfully completed the mission. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Was. (Mother), 100 South Fifth Street, Harrison, New Jersey.

ELMER J. BUYNAK, 35524649, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. A company aid man with the second platoon of Company E, Private First Class Buynak figured in the attack across the swift-flowing and treacherous ~~Italy~~ River. Upon reaching the western bank the company was subjected to unceasing fire from enemy artillery, mortars and machine guns. In spite of the terrific barrage Private First Class Buynak advanced through an entanglement of barbed wire and on to a further barrier about two hundred yards inland, tending the wounded as he went. As he reached this second barrier he found a wounded soldier and it was while tending his stricken comrade that Private First Class Buynak was fatally wounded. By his magnificent courage, calmness and selfless devotion to duty he was instrumental in saving many lives. His deeds will serve as a perpetual inspiration to all who witnessed them. Next of kin: Mrs. Sophie Buynak (Mother), 2826 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio.

ARTHUR A. BALARDINI, Private First Class, 31214672, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. Private First Class Balardini, accompanied by two riflemen, was assigned the hazardous mission of destroying a well fortified enemy pill box from which intense machine gun fire was inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. Leading the men, he made his way through enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to a barbed wire entanglement in front of the enemy position. Realizing the area was heavily mined he carefully cleared a path so that his comrades could pass safely. Advancing closer so as to reach a more advantageous position he exposed himself as he prepared to hurl a hand grenade and by so doing drew a concentration of enemy fire upon himself and was fatally wounded. The enemy's attention diverted for the moment, enabled his comrades to successfully silence the machine gun. Private First Class Balardini's courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Balardini (Mother), 64½ Howland Avenue, Adams, Massachusetts.



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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:

JAMES N. MUELLER, 0462796, First Lieutenant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Macon, Georgia.

WILLIAM (JIM) DOLD, JR., 01103141, First Lieutenant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Boston, Massachusetts.

EDWIN B. HAYNES, 20818169, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Victoria, Texas.

JAMES D. WHITE, 16062625, Sergeant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

For gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~. The individuals voluntarily accompanied a group on a hazardous reconnaissance mission along the ~~\*\*\*~~ River. The party, all disguised as peasant shepherds, herded 261 sheep through enemy mine fields near the river bank, being, at ~~\*\*\*~~ points, in full view of enemy observation posts just across the river. Even though they were under constant threat of enemy fire at comparatively short range, the party executed the mission with admirable calmness and efficiency. Upon reaching a small branch creek, the sheep refused to advance further and, instead, turned about and headed back over the route by which they had come. This act aroused the suspicion of the enemy observers, who opened fire on the reconnaissance patrol with several machine guns. Through their courageous and determined action these individuals accomplished a three-fold result. They cleared the mine fields of trip wires and booby traps, they noted possible approaches for infantry advances to the river; and observed, at close range, enemy positions on the opposite bank. This information made possible an effective artillery barrage upon enemy positions and was of great value in formulating plans for subsequent operations by our troops.

ROBERT G. TAFT, 32837611, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~Italy~~. Private First Class Taft was ordered to maintain wire communications during an attack by his company on well fortified enemy positions. The leading elements were pinned down by intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and contact with them was lost. Private First Class Taft braved the holocaust of hostile fire and established lines to the foremost positions. Despite the extreme hazard of movement of any sort in their dangerous situation, he worked continuously along the shell torn wire lines and maintained constant communications. His outstanding courage and skillful unhesitating performance of his important assignment made possible the effective control of the fighting unit and materially assisted the attack. Entered the Service from Fulton, New York.

CHARLES E. HAYMAN, 33184772, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*~~, ~~Italy~~. Private First Class Hayman was assigned as a member of a squad to cross the ~~\*\*\*~~ River into enemy territory and evacuate American wounded. Under intense



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enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire he pulled a boat across the swift flowing stream and crawled up the bank. Completely exposing himself to the deadly enemy barrage and withering machine gun fire, he twice crossed open terrain to administer medical aid and evacuate seriously wounded men. His outstanding display of courage, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of two of his comrades. Entered the Service from Leesville, Louisiana.

SECTION III - CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of Section III, General Orders No. 73, this Headquarters, dated 11 March 1944, as awards a Silver Star to Technical Sergeant DAVID H. HALIBURTON, 20804774, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded, and the following is substituted therefor:

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

"DAVID H. HALIBURTON, 20804774, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Company C, in the attack on the unnumbered hill west of ~~\*\*\*~~, suddenly encountered withering rifle and machine gun fire from the immediate front and right flank. The leading squad of the First Platoon was pinned down and every squad leader became a casualty. Sergeant Haliburton, acting platoon commander, quickly led his squad forward and skillfully deployed his men. In so doing, he was wounded, but dauntlessly carried on and destroyed one enemy machine gun, forcing two others to withdraw. His outstanding initiative and aggressive vigor, despite his painful wound, enabled the company to advance on its objective. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas."

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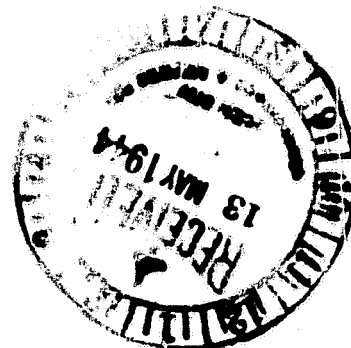
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24 April 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 105

Award of Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action.....I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II

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 individuals, missing in action, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

- ✓ WOODSON W. SALYER, 35238018, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Grace Salyer (Mother), Oil Springs, Kentucky.
- ✓ FLOYD L. CHAPMAN, 37197952, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mr. William Chapman (Father), Vancouver, Washington.
- ✓ NICHOLAS E. ALEXANDER, 33087807, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Clementina Alexander (Mother), Route #2, Weatherly, Pennsylvania.
- ✓ RUSSELL P. PARSONS, 35431049, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Blanche Parsons (Mother), Route #3, Spencer, West Virginia.
- ✓ TERRENCE L. SYVERSON, 36736795, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Lavina Syverson (Mother), 2155 N. Kilbourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
- ✓ JAMES (PMT) WILLOUGHBY, 35267966, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Florine Willoughby (Wife), Route #1, Levee, Kentucky.
- ✓ NOAH E. OSBORNE, 35268047, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Nevada Osborne (Mother), Eastern, Kentucky.
- ✓ JOHN J. ROBINSON, 32637148, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie Robinson (Mother), 55 Meserole Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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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 meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

✓ MORITZ F. BRUECKNER, O-1168206, First Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 7-9 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Chelsea, Michigan.

✓ FRANK B. JACKSON, 38035932, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment, 8-24 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

✓ ARVIAL McMAN, 38050815, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 November-24 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Fordyce, Arkansas.

✓ CLARENCE H. VOGEL, 37143410, Technician Fourth Grade, (then Private), Medical Detachment, 143rd Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Liberal, Kansas.

✓ WESLEY (NMI) OWENS, 35267984, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15-28 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Williamsburg, Kentucky.

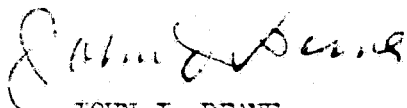
ALLEN L. FINTON, 20805658, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division, 5 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

✓ HENRY G. WACHTELDORF, 20803603, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division, 5 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Moulton, Texas.

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23 April 1944

GENERAL ORDER

NO. 104

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I  
Award of Purple Heart.....II

SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

✓ WILLIAM J. MELTON, 39536161, Sergeant, Company I, 142nd Infantry Regiment, on 17 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York.

✓ TRAVIS D. BISHOP, 18192913, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment, on 14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

✓ HILMER W. BRADSHAW, 38031828, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, on 21 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

✓ KENNETH L. FREEMAN, 19052607, Corporal (then Private First Class), Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, on 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Afton, Oklahoma.

✓ CLARENCE D. SMITH, 12016786, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company, on 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Beaver, Pennsylvania.

✓ EDWARD S. BALSER, 20803870, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, on 21 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

✓ S. K. FREEMAN, 38036079, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, on 21 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Canton, Texas.

✓ HARVEY J. WILLIAMS, 32234330, Technician Fifth Grade, Company D, 143rd Infantry Regiment, on 25 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Spring Glen, Pennsylvania.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

<u>RANK - NAME - SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE AWARDED</u>
✓ T Sgt HOWARD R. GODWIN, 20805842	Inf	502 Carolina St., Amarillo, Texas	26 Jan 44
✓ S Sgt BERL B. BARKLEY, 20805820	Inf	1707 A Buchanan St., Amarillo, Texas	26 Jan 44
✓ S Sgt MURL L. RHOADS, 20805857	Inf	511 1st St., Amarillo, Texas	26 Jan 44
✓ Pfc HENRY H. WARD, 35275472	Inf	316 E. 2nd St., Mansfield, Ohio	26 Jan 44
✓ Pvt LAWRENCE H. BOBO, 35277390	Inf	Route #2, Crooksville, Ohio	26 Jan 44
✓ Pvt EARL E. FLOWERS, 36740718	Inf	Thebes, Illinois	26 Jan 44
✓ Pvt JOSEPH (NMI) JANOWITZ, 12058617	Inf	87 Graham Ave., Brooklyn, New York	26 Jan 44
✓ Pvt JOSEPH (NMI) KOZAK, 33658874	Inf	222 Beaver St., Leetsdale, Penna.	26 Jan 44
✓ Pvt LONNIE A. QUESENBERRY, 33650181	Inf	Indian Valley, Virginia	26 Jan 44
✓ Pvt NICHOLAS M. TREVINO, Jr, 38026497	Inf	433 E. Russell St., San Antonio, Texas	26 Jan 44

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HEADQUARTERS 56TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

22 April 1944

GENERAL ORDER

NO. 103

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I  
Award of Purple Heart.....II

SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

✓ ALVIN A. AMELUNKE, 01702999, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, on 16 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

✓ CLIFFORD W. HALE, 20805225, Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, on 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Marshall, Texas.

✓ MAURICE C. O'NEIL, 32369969, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, on 10 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Canton, New York.

✓ HERBERT I. NELSON, 36245030, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, on 15 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

✓ E. W. (10) RATOLIFF, 38037418, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, on 9 February 1944, in Italy. Entered the Service from Tyler, Texas.

✓ RAYMOND E. SCHUMACHER, 37444040, Private, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 14 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Dubuque, Iowa.

✓ VURGEL (NMI) MONROE, 36419449, Private, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 14 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Skingletown, Michigan.

✓ EMIL J. ANTOLIK, 33348166, Private, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 14 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

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<u>RANK - NAME - SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>
Capt WILLMOTTE S. CURTIS, 0406807	FA	815 W. 13th Avenue, Corsicana, Texas	16 Dec 43
2d Lt FREDERICK C. BURTON, 01316729	INF	Academy, South Dakota	2 Feb 44
Sgt. ANTHONY (NMI) GELORMINO, 31040359	INF	71 South Main Street, Torrington, Conn.	4 Feb 44
Pfc GILBERTO A. GARZA, 38025652	INF	Mirando City, Texas	22 Feb 44
Pfc LAWRENCE A. BOUCHARD, 20145341	INF	Sherman Station, Maine.	22 Jan 44
Pvt MEVIN (NMI) DENTEL, 35793038	INF	411 Catherine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.	30 Jan 44
Pvt CLAYTON A. BRIGHAM, 36817923	FA	333 S. Ninth Street, West Bend, Wisconsin	30 Jan 44
Pvt ALBERT J. ZOELICK, JR, 36657634	INF	1148 Thacker Street, Des Plaines, Ill.	26 Jan 44

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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21 April 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 108

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

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 to the following named individual for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

GORDON (NMI) TAYLOR, 32633974, Corporal, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Hilda Taylor (Mother), 5 Lander Street, Newburg, New York.

SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

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

✓ JOHN M. CARCANAGUES, #0901453, First Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida R. Carcanagues (Wife), Sixth Street, Lampasas, Texas.

✓ HOWARD L. ALT, #8058228, Corporal, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Isabelle Alt (Mother), Route #3, Moscow, Pennsylvania.

✓ EDWIN A. STEPHENS, #4082923, Corporal, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Matilda Stephens (Mother), Adairsville, Georgia.

✓ DANIEL (NMI) STELLEY, #4077330, Corporal, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Fegnise Stelley (Mother), Route #3, Box 58, Arnaudville, Louisiana.

✓ TONY (NMI) WILSON, #5267659, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Martha E. Wilson (Mother), Wheatley, Kentucky.

✓ WILLIAM B. ACKERMAN, #5267832, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah Anderson (Mother), RFD #3, Portsmouth, Ohio.

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SECTION III - 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.

✓ LOUIS DELGADO, 20901394, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 18-29 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ ADOLPH T. VOLKER, 12078305, Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from West Orange, New Jersey.

✓ CARL J. ROSEY, 35268193, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Richwood, West Virginia.

✓ ADRIAN A. BOWERS, 59429523, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.

✓ EARLIN (BESS) TAYLOR, 35268009, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16-28 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Fichtner, Kentucky.

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

20 April 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 101

- 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 the following named individuals:

JOHN J. BOWMAN, 33671767, Private First Class, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Private First Class Bowman was a mortar man of the weapons platoon whose mission was to cross the swift-flowing ~~\*\*\*~~ River and attack the well fortified and heavily defended enemy positions. Under cover of darkness while advancing under intense artillery and mortar fire, several men became detached from the company. Private First Class Bowman on his own initiative went about locating the men. Rallying them together, he led them through a ravine toward the river. The artillery and mortar fire became so heavy that it was necessary for him to lead his men to cover. Exposed to intense enemy shell fire at all times he directed and guided them to positions affording comparative safety but while so doing he was fatally wounded. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership and selfless devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs Hazel Bowman (Mother), Route 1, Apollo, Pennsylvania.

PHILLIP AMOROSO, 33370160, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 on Mount ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. On the forward slope of Mount ~~\*\*\*~~ the Second Battalion command post group, to which Private Amoroso was assigned as aid man, were undergoing successive and increasingly heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and artillery fire. During the entire time Private Amoroso coolly and calmly moved about in instant danger to his own life caring for the many casualties. Having completed his work at the Battalion Command Post, he proceeded over some 200 yards of open ground, over which enemy shells were bursting every few seconds, to aid in taking care of casualties at Company H. A second time he made this dangerous trip under heavy fire to minister to another wounded soldier at the Battalion Command Post. While easing the pain of his stricken comrades, Private Amoroso was killed by an enemy shell. His coolness and calmness under fire and his willingness to constantly jeopardize his own life to assist in saving the lives of others are outstanding not only in the minds of the wounded to whom his self-sacrificing deeds brought a better chance of survival, but in the minds of all those who witnessed his unquestioning devotion to duty. Next of kin: Mrs Catherine Amoroso (Mother), 700 East Fornance Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

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ANTON E. ANOZER, 36737774, Private, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 on ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. The entire company of which Private Anozzer was a member was under enemy artillery and small arms fire. Private Anozzer was wounded, but refused to allow himself to be evacuated, and insisted on taking his place in the attack formation, which he did. In an open space to his front, exposed to enemy fire, he saw a wounded comrade. Without hesitation, Private Anozzer left his cover and advanced through the deadly small arms fire to save the life of the fallen soldier. Reaching the injured man, he skilfully dressed his wound. While thus coolly and fearlessly trying to save the life of another Private Anozzer was killed by an enemy sniper. His intrepidity and his inspiring devotion to the needs of his fellow soldiers at the cost of his own life will live as a stirring example to all who witnessed his valiant deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Frances Anozzer (Mother), 2125 West 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES G. JOHNSON, 38452729, Private, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Private Johnson, rifleman, was wounded while participating in an attack up the south slope of Hill ~~\*\*\*~~. Exhibiting magnificent courage, he continued to press forward with his platoon through intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire. With one officer and ten men he reached the top of Hill ~~\*\*\*~~ but the small force was repulsed by a rapid counterattack of numerically superior enemy forces. Private Johnson was killed while heroically fighting to hold the objective. His bravery and aggressiveness so inspired his fellow soldiers that they again attacked and attained their objective. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Bell Johnson (Mother), Fulton, Arkansas.

JOSEPH M. LAPENTA, 32925501, Private, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Private Lapenta, a scout of an assault unit, took command of his squad when both leaders were wounded in the bitterly fought crossing of the ~~\*\*\*~~ river. Leading his men successfully over the treacherous waters, he determinedly advanced up the bank over open heavily mined terrain and through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Cutting through hazardous barbed wire entanglements, he advanced with great daring to within close range of the well fortified enemy positions and led a fierce assault against them. Although seriously wounded in this action, Private Lapenta repeatedly continued to expose himself in encouraging and directing his men; and when their position became untenable, he ordered their withdrawal while he kept up a protective fire covering them. He was fatally wounded while maintaining his devastating fire on the enemy. Next of kin: Mrs. Palma A. Lapenta, (Mother), Belleville, New Jersey.

EDWARD R. NABONZY, 31281765, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Private Nabonzy was attached to Company C as an aid man. While the company was in a defensive position on ~~\*\*\*~~, it was subjected to an intense two hour mortar and artillery barrage that caused many casualties. Realizing the necessity of immediate aid, Private Nabonzy crawled and climbed across the steep, rocky and exposed terrain to administer to the wounded. A casualty was reported in a forward outpost position and though aware of the hazard he unhesitatingly exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar fire to reach his injured comrade. Evacuation of the wounded man was necessary and Private Nabonzy assisted him up the mountain side to an aid station. While returning to his company to continue his work he was fatally wounded. His outstanding courage, dogged determination and devotion to duty saved many lives. Next of kin: Mr. Stephen Nabonzy (Father), Thompsonville, Connecticut.

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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:

RAYMOND M. NUNEZ, 01703001, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. Lieutenant Nunez, in command of Company A, brought his company into the front lines on 11 February 1944 and skilfully placed his men in defensive positions during darkness. At dawn on 12 February 1944, the enemy counterattacked and a fierce fire fight ensued. Lieutenant Nunez moved among his troops urging and encouraging them into battle. With complete disregard for his own life and exposed at all times to severe artillery, mortar, and small arms fire he displayed magnificent courage, calmness under fire, and outstanding qualities of leadership. His heroic deeds were responsible for keeping his company together and halting the vicious enemy attack until reinforcements could arrive to ease the pressure on the position. He has subsequently been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Leonor Nunez (Wife), 930 Railroad Avenue, Beaumont, Texas.

CHESTERFIELD (NMI) BALLARD, 34621656, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. Private Ballard, an aid man, crossed the \*\*\* river with an infantry company and courageously advanced over flat terrain through mine fields, barbed wire entanglements, withering mortar and small arms fire. Without thought of self, he skilfully administered to the wounded, assisting some to evacuation points and carrying the more seriously hurt across the fire-swept battleground to the other side of the river. Returning without hesitation after each hazardous and exhausting trip, and despite a painful wound, he bravely carried on his mission. He was last seen crawling forward to the aid of another wounded man and has been reported missing in action. Private Ballard's exemplary devotion to duty and outstanding valor were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. Robert Ballard (Father), Route 1, Jayess, Mississippi.

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:

IRVING (NMI) FINK, 01309923, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. Lieutenant Fink's company had been ordered to recross the \*\*\* river after having retired the previous night because of the intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. The company lay in a sunken road filled with icy water for ten hours under continuous heavy enemy fire awaiting word to move across the river. Enemy fire was accurate and casualties were heavy. Lieutenant Fink, with utter disregard for his own life, moved about the men in the midst of heavy enemy fire giving aid and encouragement. Orders were received to move his platoon forward across the river to the west and during this action he was wounded. Despite the painful wound and the numbness of his body from the icy water, he courageously continued forward. Observing a soldier struggling in the swift current, he jumped into the river and rescued him. Returning to his platoon, he led them forward despite bitter enemy opposition until he was ordered to the aid station, where he refused to be evacuated. His magnificent courage, devotion to duty and calmness under fire inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York. }

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GENERAL J. NOBLES. O1307569, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Ordered to attack prepared enemy positions west of the ~~\*\*\*~~ River, Lieutenant Nobles approached the crossing site over muddy terrain through intense mortar and artillery fire that forced the men to take cover. He exposed himself to the intense barrage by crawling from casualty to casualty rendering aid and encouragement. He rallied the able-bodied men into an effective fighting unit, and led them across the ice covered, shell swept bridge and up the steep river bank. While fiercely attacking enemy positions against withering machine gun fire he was seriously wounded and forced to be evacuated. His outstanding courage, aggressiveness, leadership and devotion to duty in the face of bitter enemy opposition inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Danville, Georgia.

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

19 April 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 100

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

RICHARD C. DeCHENE, 37577249, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private DeChene was serving as an ammunition carrier for a light machine gun squad of Company E, which had the mission of crossing the \*\*\* River and attacking heavily defended enemy positions. Under cover of darkness the company crossed the swift and treacherous stream and advanced under devastating machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. His squad then concentrated a large volume of fire into enemy positions until their ammunition was exhausted. Private DeChene returned across the area covered by withering enemy fire to the river bank where he secured the needed ammunition. Returning, he found his squad leader and gunner wounded by shell fragments. Taking command of the group, he reorganized and placed the gun again into action and despite the fact that the enemy had located his position and were firing upon him, he successfully released deadly and effective fire into the enemy stronghold, inflicting heavy casualties. He continued this calm display of determination until he was fatally wounded. His outstanding leadership under fire, courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Agnes J. DeChene (mother), 5242 34th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

WILLIS G. BELL, 36247870, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1943 on Mount \*\*\*, Italy. Private Bell, a member of an advance group laying tracer tape for a pack trail necessary to furnish supplies to embattled infantry troops, was confronted with two miles of torturous open terrain under continuous intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire which had caused other operations to stop. With outstanding courage he skillfully worked his way forward through the concentrated enemy barrage, continuing his mission despite the extremely hazardous risk and carefully placing the tape over the best available route. So effectively did he accomplish his mission that rations were carried that night over the trail which his aggressiveness and staunch determination had made possible. Subsequently he was killed in action with the enemy. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret M. Campbell (mother), Campbellsport, Wisconsin.

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:

ANTHONY (NMI) STANICH, 37301775, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry

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Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on \*\*\*, Italy. Company A, after first receiving an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, was subjected to a strong enemy attack. Moving forward to engage the enemy, Private First Class Stanich encountered an enemy machine gun position which he could not reach with hand grenades. Perceiving the hazard it presented to his unit, he made his way back to secure a rifle grenade launcher and ammunition. Upon his own initiative he skillfully worked his way forward in the face of intense enemy small arms fire to a more advantageous point and fired two rounds into the enemy emplacement, completely destroying it. His aggressive determination and devotion to duty materially aided his organization in successfully repelling this determined enemy counter-attack. Entered the Service from Christolm, Mississippi.

ROBERT B. HUGHES, 35277276, Private First Class, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Hughes was assigned the mission of laying a wire line from a mortar to the observation post in conjunction with the advance of rifle units in their assault on the enemy occupied Hill \*\*. He advanced with his platoon, following the leading elements, under intense hostile fire from the right flank. When a rifleman of Company E was wounded by sniper fire, Private First Class Hughes exposed himself and with unerring accuracy, shot and killed the enemy sniper and at the same time caused two other snipers to flee for safety. He then continued on his initial assignment. His outstanding calmness and courageous initiative were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

FREDERICK A. BAKERS, 36236404, Private First Class, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Porterfield, Wisconsin.

JOHN F. BRICK, 33420398, Private, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

For gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. The 3d Battalion was halted during its advance on \*\*\* by intense enemy automatic weapons fire. As assistant machine gunners, these two men were ordered to assist in mounting a heavy machine gun in an effort to neutralize the enemy fire, which was inflicting heavy casualties in the 3d Battalion sector. Mounting the gun in a position devoid of cover but affording the most advantageous field of fire, they dauntlessly delivered fire on the enemy positions and neutralized several machine guns, giving the rifle companies an opportunity to maneuver. They continued to fire with devastating accuracy, although under constant enemy small arms and mortar fire, until a direct hit by a mortar shell destroyed their gun and seriously wounded them. Their gallant action reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

WILLIAM P. ALSWORTH, 38036584, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During the attack on Hill \*\*\*, Company F became subjected to withering enemy rifle and machine gun fire, killing Private First Class Alsworth's platoon leader. Cognizant of the seriousness of this situation, Private First



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Class Alsworth, on his own initiative and without orders, immediately assumed command of the platoon. He skillfully deployed his group and directed the fire of his men on the enemy emplacements. Although exposed to intense enemy fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, he continually moved about his platoon's positions, controlling and directing the fire in such an outstanding manner that the enemy was forced to withdraw several machine gun positions, allowing the company to complete its assigned mission. During this action, he was wounded, but refused to be evacuated. This display of splendid leadership and outstanding devotion to duty, despite a painful wound, was an inspiration to every member of his platoon and was instrumental in the successful occupation of the company's objective. Entered the Service from Breckinridge, Texas.

OKEY L. EDGE, 39026608, Private, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. Private Edge accompanied his squad on a mission of preparing a gap in an anti-personnel mine field from a highway to the banks of the \*\* river. When the squad reached a point in the mine field about 200 yards from the river, a mine exploded, seriously wounding one man and revealing the position of the group to an enemy machine gun nest on the opposite bank. Despite the intense machine gun fire that was immediately directed upon him, Private Edge remained with the wounded soldier, rendering first aid treatment and assisting in carrying him from the area under fire. As the squad withdrew, another mine exploded, killing the previously wounded man and wounding four additional soldiers, including Private Edge. Although suffering intensely from face wounds, Private Edge selflessly continued rendering assistance to his comrades, and under continuing intense fire, assisted in their removal to a place of safety. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM J. PIERCE, 37401427, Private, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. During a determined enemy attack on the 1st Battalion, Private Pierce was on an outpost position in advance of his squad. As the enemy moved two machine guns forward to a position from which they could fire upon the entire platoon, Private Pierce leaped out of his shelter in order to bring more effective fire upon the enemy, and succeeded in killing one of the enemy gunners with his rifle, while another member of his squad disposed of the remaining gunner. In the meantime, enemy riflemen had infiltrated to within close range, and although exposed to the intense enemy small arms fire, Private Pierce remained in this hazardous position and with unerring accuracy, killed four more of the onrushing attackers. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

CHESTER C. VAN DE VELDE, 36319297, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 on \*\*\*, ~~Italy~~. With communications knocked out and enemy tanks threatening to break through the defensive position occupied by his unit, Technician Fifth Grade Van De Velde volunteered to carry a message for help to tank destroyer units over a mile away. His route lay over difficult terrain swept by intense fire and through the line of formidable enemy tanks. He had raced about a mile over the winding, exposed trail when an enemy tank crew spotted him and attempted to intercept him with machine gun fire. Eluding these perils, he accomplished his self-assigned mission and brought the needed help that materially assisted in smashing the enemy attack. Entered the Service from Princeton, Illinois.



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SECTION III — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, and Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Second Silver Star, is posthumously awarded the following named individual:

GENE L. WILSON, O1308572, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13-14 December 1943 on ~~the~~ ~~Italy~~, Pressing an attack against strongly held enemy positions, Lieutenant Wilson skillfully led his company over the tortuous terrain and through an intense concentration of artillery, mortar and small arms fire. When he made contact with the main body of the enemy, his leading platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire at close range. With outstanding courage he fearlessly moved among his men encouraging them and consolidating his forces for a daring assault against the enemy position. Inspiring his men by his leadership and his cool determination in the face of the sweeping enemy fire, he drove forward at the head of a sudden fierce attack which hurled the enemy from its position and forced its withdrawal. While so bravely serving, Lieutenant Wilson was fatally wounded. Next of kin: Mrs. Eva Wilson (Wife), 34 G Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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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:

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✓ JOHN J. KLINE, 01311401, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. Preceding an attack against heavily defended enemy positions, Lieutenant Kline volunteered to establish a forward ammunition dump to closely support the attacking units. Skillfully advancing with his platoon across treacherous terrain where enemy patrols were dangerously active, he accomplished this mission. Then on his own initiative and with magnificent daring, he worked his way onward into enemy-held territory determining routes of supply forward to be used after the attack had commenced. While returning from this hazardous assignment, he was discovered by the enemy and killed in the fire fight that ensued. His outstanding aggressiveness and high devotion to duty contributed materially in successfully supplying the attacking units during the subsequent assault. Next of kin: Mr. John E. Kline (Father), Nicktown, Pennsylvania.

JACOB (NMI) WEINER, 32236570, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. Private First Class Weiner was an aid man with Company E during the crossing of the ~~Italy~~ river. His platoon gained the enemy side of the river in the early morning hours against terrific artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire. In the face of this withering fire he advanced with his platoon to an enemy barbed wire entanglement 400 yards inland. Repeatedly exposing himself to intense enemy machine gun fire covering the barbed wire entanglement he attended the increasing casualties, crawling from one soldier to another rendering first aid. He then dauntlessly proceeded through the wire entanglement in order to treat others who had fallen beyond this formidable barrier. While courageously administering aid to a wounded man on the very threshold of the enemy position, Private First Class Weiner was fatally wounded by machine gun fire. His magnificent courage, great fortitude and calmness under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Miss Sue Weiner (Sister), 739 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

HOWARD S. JACOB, 33288367, Private, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 on ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. While his company's area was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Jacob saw one of his comrades wounded by fragments from a shell which had hit close by. Without hesitation he jumped from the cover of his fighting hole and went to the assistance of the wounded soldier. While gallantly attempting to administer first aid in an exposed position under heavy bombardment a shell hit nearby and killed both him and his comrade. Private Jacob's bravery and devotion to his fellow man were an

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inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mr. Gottfried Jaccb (Father), 4424 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

✓ CARL E. ANNIS 37525471, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Annis was a scout in a rifle squad which had the mission of crossing the \*\*\* river and attacking strongly held enemy positions. Under cover of darkness the company crossed the swift and treacherous river, under terrific artillery, nebelwerfer and machine gun fire. While his platoon was in reserve, Private Annis, on his own initiative, advanced forward under a hail of enemy fire some two hundred yards, reconnoitering the best route for his platoon to follow. He then returned and personally led his platoon into position. While courageously performing this act he was killed. Private Annis' aggressive vigor, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. Daniel E. Annis (Father), Abilene, Kansas.

✓ EDWARD J. BUDNICK, 31328892, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Budnick was an automatic rifleman with Company E during the vicious attack against strongly held enemy positions across the \*\*\* river. After crossing the swift and treacherous river under intense mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, Private Budnick immediately placed his weapon at a vantage point and loosed a great volume of deadly and effective fire into the enemy positions, thereby enabling the members of his squad to advance. In the face of tremendous opposition he continued his fire until he found it necessary to move forward to another position in order to more effectively support his squad. Exposing himself to the withering enemy fire he courageously crawled forward in an attempt to gain the desired position, and while so doing was fatally wounded by machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Budnick (Mother), 224 Booth Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

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:

✓ EDWARD M. YEVICS, 01299509, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Yevics led a patrol to establish contact between the Battalion Commander and Company F. Since the time element was of utmost importance and realizing that the patrol afforded the only means of communication, he dauntlessly chose the shortest and most dangerous route through areas known to be completely covered by the enemy fire. Moving forward under heavy enemy artillery fire into enemy held territory, the patrol suddenly came upon a group of twelve enemy led by an officer. To forestall any attempt by the enemy patrol to convey information of his Battalion's position, Lieutenant Yevics quickly and skilfully deployed his small group, surrounding and capturing the enemy without firing a shot. The patrol then continued on and accomplished the mission. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

✓ GROVER C. SMITH, 01290322, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Smith, heavy machine gun platoon leader, whose platoon had been reduced to a section strength, was attached to Company F in support of a night attack on an unnumbered hill south of \*\*\*. When the attack began, he pressed his platoon forward until it was advancing with the leading elements of the company. Near the crest

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of the ridge the Company F Commander, along with part of his leading platoon, bypassed a sleeping enemy machine gunner in the darkness. Suddenly awakening, the enemy gunner began to direct his fire into the backs of the Company Commander and his men. Observing the first movement of the enemy soldier, Lieutenant Smith, quickly hurled a hand grenade into the emplacement, completely destroying the machine gun and instantly killing the gunner. Despite a resultant hail of enemy fire, he continued to lead his unit to the crest, immediately setting up his weapons in a strong defensive line to hold the gained objectives. His magnificent courage, quick action and determined devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of several comrades. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

✓ JAMES M. DEVLIN, 01290039, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Devlin and his platoon were part of the leading element during the 3d Battalion's advance on Hill \*\*. Suddenly the group became subjected to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, but with utter disregard for his own safety, he took charge of a squad and skilfully outflanked the two enemy machine guns while seeking a route for his battalion to follow. After moving but a short distance, they were again fired upon by additional machine guns and mortars. Realizing the magnitude of the enemy forces, he led his group in the face of the enemy fire to report the situation to his Commanding Officer. As a result, the battalion outflanked the enemy stronghold, thereby saving many lives and enabling the advance to continue. Entered the Service from Roslindale, Massachusetts.

✓ ALVIN J. RICHARDSON, 20804831, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on \*\*\*, Italy. At 0600, the enemy attacked the defensive positions of the 1st Battalion, preceded by an intense two-hour artillery barrage. In the face of this enemy onslaught the company on the left of Company C was forced back, leaving Sergeant Richardson's platoon, the flank platoon, partially surrounded. Displaying magnificent leadership he held his platoon intact, and, disregarding the bitter fire, he took up a position on the left flank of his platoon. With rifle and hand grenades, he stemmed the enemy advance, assisting the company on the left to reestablish its line and permitting the arrival of reinforcements to bolster the defenses of his own organization. His intrepidity and outstanding calmness in the face of tremendous odds, materially aided in the successful repulsion of this determined enemy counterattack. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.

✓ RUSSEL R. HOLSTER, 38065116, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During an attack on the enemy's strongly defended positions on the southwestern slopes of Hill \*\*, Sergeant Holster, 81mm mortar section leader, was attached to Company G as the forward observer for his section. Under constant enemy sniper and artillery fire, he advanced with the company until pinned down by the intense grazing fire of a machine gun located in a nearby house. Sergeant Holster immediately registered in his mortars, but discovered that his position did not afford sufficient observation to direct the needed supporting fire. On his own initiative, he quickly worked his way forward under intense small arms fire to a position which commanded a view of the entire enemy occupied area. He then directed the heavy concentration of mortar fire which made it possible for the rifle companies to advance and capture the house, taking some twenty-five prisoners. Entered the Service from Midland, Texas.

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VIRGIL R. COLEGROVE, 16062651, Sergeant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~, ~~Italy~~. Sergeant Colegrove led his squad on a mission of preparing a gap in an anti-personnel mine field from a highway to the banks of the ~~\*\*\*~~ river. When the squad reached a point in the mine field about 200 yards from the river, a mine exploded, seriously wounding one man and revealing the position of the group to an enemy machine gun nest on the opposite bank. Despite the intense machine gun fire that was immediately directed upon him, Sergeant Colegrove remained with the wounded man, supervising first aid treatment and directing his men as they evacuated to a place of safety. As the squad withdrew, another mine exploded, killing the previously wounded man and wounding four additional soldiers. Sergeant Colegrove amidst the continuing machine gun fire, maintained control of his squad and successfully directed the evacuation of the wounded to the safety of a roadside ditch several hundred feet away. He then led the remainder of his squad back through the mine field and completed the gap under continued intense fire. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

WALTER D. HAYNES, 20818194, Corporal, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944, in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~, ~~Italy~~. Corporal Haynes accompanied his squad on a mission of preparing a gap in an anti-personnel mine field from a highway to the banks of the ~~\*\*\*~~ river. When the squad reached a point in the mine field about 200 yards from the river, a mine exploded, seriously wounding one man and revealing the position of the group to an enemy machine gun nest on the opposite bank. Despite the intense machine gun fire that was immediately directed upon him, Corporal Haynes went to the aid of his wounded comrade. He applied a tourniquet to his shattered leg and constructed a litter with two rifles and a blanket upon which to carry him from the area under fire. As the squad withdrew, another mine exploded, killing the previously wounded man and wounding four additional men. Although he himself suffered from shock, Corporal Haynes selflessly continued rendering assistance to his comrades, and under continuing enemy machine gun fire, assisted in their removal to a place of safety. He then returned with the remainder of his squad to the task of clearing mines and completed the mission in the face of continued intense fire. Entered the Service from Victoria, Texas.

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APO #36, U. S. Army

17 April 1944

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AWARD 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:

JULIAN H. PHILLIPS, 01298919, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, 19 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

CHARLES A. KENNEDY, 20809820, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Abbott, Texas.

ANDRE A. KNATH, 32334125, Corporal (then Private First Class), Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

STEVE (MMI) NIZERAK, 32239153, Corporal (then Private), Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

BURLESS J. OYER, 34160021, Corporal (then Private First Class), Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service Fort Payne, Alabama.

RAFAEL (MMI) CAMANO, 20808810, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Galveston, Texas.

CLARENCE H. LEWIS, 20809450, Technician Fifth Grade, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

WAYNE A. HUMPHRIES, 34097041, Private First Class, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Loo, South Carolina.

HENRY W. WILSON, 34170513, Private First Class, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

JOHNNIE LANDS, 35108420, Private First Class, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Boston, Kentucky.

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EDWARD J. WALSH, 36247618, Private First Class, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Lannon, Wisconsin.

MAURICE C. O'NEILL, 32369969, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from St. Laurence Edwards, New York.

CLARENCE O. WHATELY, 20805678, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 5-12 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

EMMITT A. WHITE, 20809349, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

JOHN R. URIE, 3115260, Private, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Barton, Vermont.

STEPHEN L. QUALLS, 38050934, Private, Medical Detachment, Headquarters, Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division (then 111th Medical Battalion), 25 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JULIAN C. DILLARD, 33532719, Private, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Salem, Virginia.

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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:

CARL E. REICH, 16145952, Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Reich was leader of a squad assigned hazardous outpost duty. Severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire swept the area as he led his men through an enemy mine field. With exceptional leadership he successfully brought the group through the dangerous area to their assigned post where he directed the men to their proper positions. Constantly moving among the men checking and encouraging them, it was necessary for him to again cross the mined area. While thus engaged he set off a mine and was fatally wounded. His courage, calmness and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. William H. Reich (Father), 1000 North 2nd Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

EVERETT C. CARPENTER, 20809079, Corporal, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 12 to 14 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Corporal Carpenter, squad leader, reorganized his command in a most effective manner after they had been dispersed by intense enemy artillery fire. Despite severe continued artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, he kept his men disposed in the most advantageous positions, materially assisting in the repelling of a subsequent attack by the enemy on the company left flank. His complete disregard for personal safety, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds. In a later action he was killed while valiantly performing his duty. Next of kin: Mrs. Velda Etha Carpenter (Wife), Moody, 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:

EBEN C. BERGMAN, 0420426, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Under cover of darkness, the assault company commanded by Captain Bergman, attacked the well fortified and heavily defended enemy positions across the \*\*\* river. Under intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, he led his men across the swift flowing river. In the face of withering machine gun and mortar fire, the company broke through the first barbed wire entanglement and moved forward to a second wire entanglement. He dauntlessly led his men in a savage bayonet charge through the wire entanglements and fiercely attacked the enemy positions beyond, knocking out one after another. His outstanding, aggressive leadership, magnificent courage and calmness under fire

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greatly inspired the members of his command. Captain Bergman is missing in action from this engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Edgar C. Bergman (Father), Route 2, Clifton, Texas.

PHILLIP F. ORTMAN, 01290804, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Ortmann, leader of a daring daylight patrol, skillfully crossed the bitterly defended \*\*\* river under enemy observation and determinedly advanced over open heavily mined terrain through an intense concentration of enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Locating defending positions by the hazardous exposure of himself to their fire, he calmly directed effective artillery fire against these emplacements. When ordered to withdraw after having successfully completed his mission, Lieutenant Ortmann courageously continued to expose himself while encouraging and protecting his men. Once more braving the withering holocaust of enemy fire, he safely led them back across the treacherous waters without a single casualty. By his aggressive leadership and inspiring coolness under fire, he heroically performed an assignment at which six previous attempts had failed. He has been subsequently reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy D. Ortmann (Wife), 102 Armstrong Place, Peoria, Illinois.

WOODROW L. KELLEY, 20809819, Technician, Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As a company aid man with Company F, Tec 5 Kelly advanced with his unit in the vicious attack against strongly held enemy positions across the \*\*\* river. The crossing was made during the early morning hours under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Upon reaching the far side of the river Tec 5 Kelly immediately began treating many wounded soldiers and in spite of the terrific fire he continued his lifesaving work throughout the day. With his medical supplies nearly exhausted and when death or capture seemed imminent he remained with his stricken comrades, crawling from one to another rendering first aid. He has subsequently been reported missing in action. His magnificent courage, calmness under fire and selfless devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. Oscar Kelley (Father), c/o Irvine Kelley, Route #1, Milford, Texas.

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:

MILTON E. CROW, 0407020, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. The Second Battalion was halted in its advance on Hill \*\*\* by enemy small arms fire from concealed emplacements that artillery and mortar fire were unable to destroy. A platoon of tanks was called on to attack the enemy emplacements and Captain Crow, commanding Company E, upon his own initiative led the tanks in the attack. While attacking the enemy positions, the lead tank, in which Captain Crow was riding, struck a mine, disabling it. Although suffering from concussion, he stoutly refused to be evacuated but returned to his company and personally directed mortar fire on the remaining enemy machine gun and sniper positions, resulting in their complete destruction. His aggressive determination and indomitable devotion to duty materially aided the Battalion in its advance. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

CHRISTIAN A. LEHNE, 0403234, Captain, Chaplain's Corps, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division (then 141st Infantry Regiment), for gallantry in action on 9 and

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10 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Chaplain Leano landed in the early hours of D-Day with the First Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, crossing the fire swept beaches with the battalion headquarters. As the battle grew more bitter, he went forward to the front lines to assist in the evacuation of the dead and to offer spiritual assistance to the fighters and their wounded comrades. For two days, with little sleep or rest, he worked diligently despite intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire and made frequent trips from the front lines to the beaches. His care and spiritual ministrations eased the dying moments of many of his fighting comrades. His sterling example of calm demeanor, cool courage and outstanding faith materially contributed to the maintenance of good order and the ultimate success of the mission. Entered the Service from Fredericksburg, Texas.

JAMES W. SHERRER, 20818545, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. At the height of the furious fighting for control of the \*\*\* river, Tec 4 Sherrer volunteered to evacuate wounded men from the river's edge. Cover was negligible over the last 700 yards of the river approaches, but he and a comrade took the ambulance to a point near the river and forward of the positions of five of our tanks. This area was under a particularly heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Disregarding the danger he located three wounded men and with the help of a litter squad placed them in the ambulance. His cool courage and devotion to duty in the midst of a devastating barrage greatly inspired the fighting men on the river and undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

HAROLD E. BAIZE, 38068893, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. At the height of the furious fighting for control of the \*\*\* River, Tec 5 Baize volunteered to evacuate wounded men from the river's edge. Cover was negligible over the last 700 yards of the river approaches, but he and a comrade took the ambulance to a point near the river and forward of the positions of five of our tanks. This area was under a particularly heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Disregarding the danger he located three wounded men and with the help of a litter squad placed them in the ambulance. His cool courage and devotion to duty in the midst of a devastating barrage greatly inspired the fighting men on the river and undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades. Entered the Service from Hereford, Texas.

FRANK (MMI) HENSON, 34708374, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on \*\*\*, Italy. While in his rock emplacement, Private First Class Henson observed an enemy machine gun crew working its way forward to within fifty yards of him. He leaped out of his shelter, exposed himself to the withering enemy small arms fire, and hurled a phosphorus grenade into the enemy emplacement, completely destroying it. Throughout this determined enemy attack Private First Class Henson fought with great courage and skill. Entered the Service from Dadeville, Alabama.

DEODARO S. RUIZ, 38026197, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*. As Private First Class Ruiz and his squad moved forward to engage the enemy, a leading scout was slightly wounded and rendered unconscious by enemy fire. Realizing the plight of the stricken soldier, Private Ruiz

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immediately went forward in the face of fire from three enemy  
concentrated his automatic rifle fire on the enemy emplacements.  
calmness and unerring accuracy, he kept the enemy resistance to  
secret regained consciousness and together they destroyed one of the  
His superb covering fire was instrumental in his unit's successful  
its mission. Entered the Service from Bonavides, Texas.

JAMES C. WOLFE, 33434324, Private, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion  
for gallantry in action on 17 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private  
Wolfe was ordered to secure urgently needed equipment for his battery. In order  
to accomplish his mission, it was necessary to drive two miles over roads made ex-  
tremely hazardous by intense enemy artillery fire. Without hesitation, he daunt-  
lessly drove to his destination and loaded the equipment in his truck. On the re-  
turn trip, the enemy fire became even more intense, and during one of the heavy  
barrages he was painfully wounded. His route of return was in the vicinity of an  
aid station, but with thoughts only of the urgency of the material he was ordered  
to procure, he disregarded the pain of his wound and courageously drove on to his  
battery. Immediately after arrival, he collapsed from the effects of his injuries.  
His great fortitude, devotion to duty and utter determination with no thought of  
himself greatly inspired and witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from  
Eric, Pennsylvania. ✓

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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 each of the following named individuals:

ROBERT L. McDONALD, 34588129, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class McDonald, machine gunner, crossed the swift and treacherous \*\*\* river, destroyed several enemy pill boxes and gave supporting fire to the riflemen as they crossed the river despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. He observed several enemy strong points and realized their destruction was paramount if the attack was to be successful. In order to reach a position from which effective fire could be delivered it was necessary to cross an open field under enemy fire and observation at all times. He advanced to the new position and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and gave supporting fire to the riflemen as they advanced through heavy barbed wire entanglements. While thus courageously engaged he was fatally wounded by enemy mortar fire. Next of kin: Mr. John H. McDonald (Father), Brilliant, Alabama.

JOSEPH M. DeSANTO, 32918894, Private, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. A mortar man in a weapons platoon whose mission was to furnish supporting fire for Company A, Private DeSanto attacked across the swift-flowing and treacherous \*\*\* river in the face of intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. During the ensuing action the position of the company became untenable and Private DeSanto picked up a machine gun, struggled back across the raging torrent, set up the gun by himself and delivered protective fire while his comrades regrouped and set up their new position. While thus gallantly serving he was mortally wounded. His magnificent courage, calmness under fire and his selfless devotion to duty greatly inspired all his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Louise DeSanto (Mother), 324 Watson Avenue, Plainsfield, New Jersey.

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 C. L. ADAMS, 015716, Lieutenant Colonel, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As commanding officer of the 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Adams was charged with defending the southeast slope of Hill \*\* in conjunction with a battalion of the 143d Infantry. On the afternoon of 12 February 1944, the

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enemy made a strong attack against the right flank of the 2d Battalion and the 143d Infantry battalion. After a fierce battle in which heavy casualties ensued on both sides, the enemy forces broke through and the men of the 2d Battalion and the 143d Infantry battalion were withdrawing to a secondary defense line. Leaving his command post, Lieutenant Colonel Adams personally took charge of the disorganized units. He exposed himself to enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire to reorganize the two battalions and lead them in a counter-attack against the enemy. His calmness and courage in the face of the heavy enemy fire greatly inspired the men under his command and his force fought back so well that all ground lost to the enemy attack was regained. Casualties as a result of this action were so heavy for the enemy that they asked for a truce to evacuate their dead and wounded. Entered the United States Military Academy from Texas.

ROBERT E. MEHAFFEY, 0324193, Major, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Major MehaFFEY commanded the 3d Battalion in the attack across the \*\*\* river. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire across the 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. Many men were killed and many boats were destroyed. Throughout this hail of enemy bullets and shrapnel, Major MehaFFEY was ever present among his men, encouraging his officers and men and successfully leading them across the river during the night. Next morning he led his men forward, constantly improving their fighting positions. While so doing he moved from group to group, utterly disregarding personal danger from the extremely heavy fire that fell on the area. His cool courage and fearless determination to see that orders were carried out in the face of great danger were a magnificent inspiration to his men. Entered the Service from Stamford, Texas.

LOUIS A. CASELLA, 32810012, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from New York, New York.

ALFRED A. ENZ, 32918282, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Crawford, New Jersey.

SATURNINO (NMI) MARES, 38025747, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

HOWARD E. PALMER, 31324082, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

ARARAT O. TOSQIAN, 13177456, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LESLIE L. VAN DINE, 31334095, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Stratford, Connecticut.

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GEORGE E. HARRISON, 35267331, Private First Class,  
Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Elihu, Kentucky.

HARRY J. DOBBS, 35778744, Private First Class,  
Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from Spring City, Pennsylvania.

LEROY (NMI) TOWNSEND, 34670360, Private,  
Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment,  
Entered the Service from St. Pauls, North Carolina.

For gallantry in action on 24 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As members of a daylight combat patrol from the 1st Battalion, these men were assigned the mission of crossing the \*\*\* river to determine enemy strength and position. The final 700 yards of the river approaches were almost devoid of cover and under direct enemy observation and intense artillery and mortar fire. Due to wind conditions a prearranged smoke screen was ineffectual and the patrol moved to the river bank under enemy observation. Despite the result of fire they succeeded in crossing the river and engaged the enemy in an intense fire fight, causing the enemy to disclose many of their vital defense positions. In the face of this intense enemy fire, orderliness was consistently maintained and the return of the patrol to their unit was effected without a casualty. This courageous crossing in daylight under clear enemy observation and in the face of strong enemy defenses obtained valuable information of enemy gun positions and strength.

JOSEPH C. HOWELL, 31135095, Technician Fifth Grade, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade Howell was assigned the arduous task of running a line across the swift-flowing \*\*\* river from the company command post to the mortar platoon in support. Taking a reel of wire he started to swim the stream but the numbing iciness of the water and the swift current momentarily overcame him and he dropped the reel. Although suffering from fatigue and cold he swam back to the west bank of the river, secured the wire and made a second attempt by holding the wire in his teeth. The swift current bore him down river, however, and the wire was ripped from his grasp. Almost utterly exhausted he pulled himself from the river and was forbidden by his commander to attempt the third crossing. When sent to the rear area for dry clothing and rest he refused to remain there but dauntlessly returned to aid his company in the attack against the enemy. Entered the Service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

CHARLES W. LANE, 38050660, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Lane was a regimental messenger in the bitter battle of the \*\*\* river crossing. Cover was negligible in the last 700 yards of the river approaches and the enemy laid a terrific artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms barrage on this area. Repeatedly Private First Class Lane carried messages of command importance through this area which was made even more dangerous by the presence of mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Throughout the attack he accomplished all assigned missions with exceptional fortitude and outstanding calmness. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

CHARLES J. HAAS, 32222775, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Haas, mortar gunner, crossed the swift-flowing \*\*\* river on a

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hazardous footbridge. The enemy quickly counterattacked under cover of darkness and Private First Class Haas dauntlessly moved among his squad in order to keep them organized under the intense machine gun and mortar fire. Throughout the day he not only kept his mortar firing with devastating accuracy but also dauntlessly rendered first aid to many wounded men who lay on the battle field. When the enemy launched a second counterattack he directed deadly fire, killing and wounding many of the enemy until his ammunition was exhausted. When the position became untenable he plunged into the icy \*\*\* river and swam to the east side to avoid capture. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

SAVINO (NMI) MANELLA, 32885684, Private, Medical Detachment, 147th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Manella, as a medical aid man attached to Company A, crossed the \*\*\* river at night under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and dauntlessly proceeded inland. The intense fire caused many casualties, but he calmly administered first aid. He collected a number of wounded together and placed them in a building where they would not be exposed to shell fire and hand grenade fragments which the enemy were using profusely. While administering to the wounded in the building, Private Manella and the wounded soldiers were captured by the enemy. Although he was a prisoner, he continued to take care of the wounded men and contributed materially to alleviating the pain of his comrades. Private Manella was released by the enemy to deliver a message requesting cessation of fires to remove the wounded. Entered the Service from Corona, Long Island, New York.

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**GENERAL ORDERS**

**10 April 1944**

**NO. 93**

- Award of Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action..... I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster..... III

**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 the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry in action against the enemy:

**RICHARD H. MANTON, 01299443, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Unknown.**

**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 against the enemy:

**MARION P. BOWDEN, 0407022, Major (then Captain), 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Belton, Texas.**

**KILIAN H. MAUZ, 0413791, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Denver, Colorado.**

**JAMES E. ROBERSON, 01703000, First Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Hillstoro, Texas.**

**JESSE M. HOKLES, 20808043, First Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Killeen, Texas.**

**SAMUEL D. FLORENCE, 38037328, First Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Royce City, Texas.**

**JOHNNIE C. BURCH, 38037349, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Terrell, Texas.**

**OTTO L. BROTHERTON, 20807603, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 12-28 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.**



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JAMES A. PENN, 20807436, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 29 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.

GAYLE S. ALBRITTON, 20809657, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Vaco, Texas.

RAYMOND V. BARTON, 20809789, Technician Third Grade (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 12-19 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Abbott, Texas.

LESTER H. WILLIAMS, 38038563, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Ireland, Texas.

FENTON E. BROWN, 12096809, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 October 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Broad Albin, New York.

JAMES D. FLEMING, 34087748, Sergeant (then Corporal), Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

WAYNE F. DRISKILL, 20813434, Corporal, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Conway, Texas.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal, is awarded to the following named individual, for gallantry in action against the enemy.

JAMES E. ROBERSON, 01703000, First Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

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**GENERAL ORDERS**

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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:

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**MARSHALL P. ZAPATA**, 20801811, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Zapata landed with his company in the pre-dawn hours of D-Day, crossing the beach under intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire. He fought his way with his comrades to their assigned objective, serving as a guide from the forward elements to the rear elements. His duty called for him to signal with a flash light signifying the route behind him was clear. These actions attracted sniper fire on him but he dauntlessly engaged these snipers with his rifle and caused them to disperse. In a second encounter with snipers he was killed. His quick action, outstanding fortitude and devotion to duty materially assisted in the success of the operation. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Zapata (mother), 1838 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

**FRANK J. HIMMELSBACH**, 12078488, Corporal, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. His squad was returning from a patrol deep in enemy occupied territory when they encountered sudden enemy rifle and machine gun fire which seriously wounded a member of the squad. With utter disregard for his own life, Corporal Himmelsbach left his position of comparative safety and exposed himself by crossing an area which was being swept by withering enemy fire from the front and both flanks, to render first aid to his stricken comrade and move him to a position of safety. Corporal Himmelsbach then continued on and successfully accomplished his important patrol mission in the face of bitter enemy opposition. His courageous and unselfish act saved the life of his comrade; and his initiative, dogged determination, and devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Corporal Himmelsbach was later killed in action by an enemy artillery shell while on another dangerous patrol mission. Next of kin: Mrs. Minnie Himmelsbach (Wife), 551 Second Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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 R. AARON**, 20806013, Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Aaron, a squad leader, was assigned the mission of leading a patrol from \*\*\* into enemy occupied territory to locate enemy positions, determine their strength,

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and report upon their activity. Under the cover of darkness and in heavy rain, he dauntlessly led his patrol across swollen streams and heavily mined fields to penetrate into the enemy area. As the group moved forward to reconnoiter an enemy held cross-road, it became pinned down by heavy enemy automatic rifle and mortar fire. In the face of this fire, Sergeant Aaron reorganized his patrol and continued on the mission without loss of a single man. Upon his return to the company he related valuable information as to enemy strength and disposition, thereby aiding the security of his company's position. His outstanding calmness and aggressive vigor greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Ranger, Texas.

ADAM STOCK, 35277380, Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Stock was assigned the mission of leading a patrol into enemy occupied territory to reconnoiter the strength, disposition, and activity of the enemy. As Sergeant Stock skilfully led his group forward over swollen creeks, mined fields and through a blar et of fog into enemy territory, the patrol suddenly became pinned down by enemy automatic rifle fire and mortar fire. In the face of the enemy fire, he located the enemy positions and estimated the strength, reorganized his patrol and continued on his mission in the hazardous area. Sergeant Stock, in addition to obtaining vitally needed information, led his patrol back to the company area without loss of life. His determination and aggressive vigor aided in the security of his company's positions. Entered the Service from Barbeton, Ohio.

JOSEPH A. REED, 20809037, Corporal, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Corporal Reed and three men were assigned the difficult mission of penetrating far behind the enemy outpost line of resistance to obtain information sorely needed by the 141st Infantry Regiment. The patrol penetrated to the strongly-held village of \*\*\*, and in carefully investigating the high ground surrounding this enemy strong point, Corporal Reed discovered two enemy machine gun and one enemy mortar position. Having obtained his patrol information he skilfully directed his small group in a hand grenade attack against these positions, destroying all three. He then dauntlessly led his group back to report his information. Entered the Service from Moody, Texas.

VIVIAN REYES, 20801094, Technician Grade 5, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20-21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Technician Grade 5 Reyes was a lineman of a wire party whose mission was to install and maintain wire communications between the regimental forward switchboard and the command posts of the assault battalions which were to attack across the \*\*\* river. The approach area was under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire, further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Technician Grade 5 Reyes and his party on the night of the assault laid heavy wire by hand twelve hundred yards to the crossing sites, going in with the assault companies and having communications established when the battalion command post arrived at the river. Within the forty-eight hour duration of the crossing assault the continued maintenance of communications required this party to use more than six miles of wire which they laid over exposed terrain in concentrations of enemy fire that drove other personnel to cover. To avoid this constant destruction within the heaviest impact area of the enemy fires, this party altered the wire route to run through unmarked mine fields where other personnel had been and were being killed by mines. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

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CARL E. LAWHORNE, 33533957, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As Company C advanced, under cover of darkness, in the attack on \*\*\*, the weapons platoon was cut off from the rifle platoons by enemy patrols. Private First Class Lawhorne, first gunner in a machine gun squad, immediately, without assistance, secured ammunition and set up his machine gun, determined to disperse the enemy patrols. Although enemy mortar and small arms fire were directed on his position, he fired his gun with deadly accuracy, killing four of the enemy and driving the remainder back. His prompt and effective action enabled the weapons platoon to reestablish contact with the company and continue on to the successful completion of its mission. The outstanding courage, determination and aggressive vigor displayed by Private First Class Lawhorne greatly inspired all members of his company. Entered the Service from Lynchburg, Virginia. ✓

FRANK C. VASQUEZ, 39560352, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Vasquez was a member of a squad assigned to establish telephone communications with a rifle squad entrenched on the west side of the \*\*\* river. Taking charge of a rubber assault boat, he led the way through an enemy sown minefield to the bank of the river. During the river crossing the enemy laid down heavy concentrations of mortar fire, and a soldier was thrown from the rubber boat. Instantly perceiving the great danger to his comrade, Private First Class Vasquez dove into the icy water and battled the swift current to successfully rescue the struggling soldier. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

L. A. (IO) CLEM, 38035527, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Clem was assigned the task of carrying the engineer bridge to the bank of the \*\*\* river for the crossing of foot troops. The final 700 yards of the river approaches were almost devoid of cover and ingeniously sown with enemy mines and booby traps. As they approached the river several of the mines were detonated causing severe casualties. Although suffering from a head wound, Private First Class Clem secured a stretcher and assisted in the evacuation of the more seriously wounded men. Although wounded a second time, he continued with his efforts of mercy. His calm courage and utter disregard for his personal safety greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

HERBERT C. HARWOOD, 32639626, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As messenger and orderly for the battalion commander Private First Class Harwood moved forward with the battalion commander in the attack to cross the \*\*\* river. The enemy laid down a terrific barrage of nebelwerfer, artillery, and mortar fire but Private First Class Harwood carried vital messages from the battalion commander to both company and regimental command posts during the height of the attack. During a particularly heavy concentration of fire the battalion commander and several other staff officers were seriously wounded. Private First Class Harwood ignored instructions to remain under cover and ran 300 yards through exploding mortar and artillery shells to telephone the regimental commander and advise him of the situation. Later he led two litter squads through the intense fire to evacuate wounded. Entered the Service from Queens Village, New York.

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BERNARD H. MARRITT, 35538552, Private, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20-21 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Merritt was a lineman of a wire party whose mission was to install and maintain wire communications between the regimental forward switchboard and the command posts of the assault battalions which were to attack across the \*\*\*, river. The approach area was under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire, further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Private Merritt and his party on the night of the assault laid heavy wire by hand twelve hundred yards to the crossing sites, going in with the assault companies and having communications established when the battalion command post arrived at the river. Within the forty-eight hour duration of the crossing assault the continued maintenance of communications required this party to use more than six miles of wire which they laid over exposed terrain in concentrations of enemy fire that drove other personnel to cover. To avoid this constant destruction within the heaviest impact area of the enemy fires, this party altered the wire route to run through unmarked mine fields where other personnel had been and were being killed by mines. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

HERMAN POWELL, 34584220, Private, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Popwell was directed to lay a telephone line across the \*\* river. Attached to the leading platoon of Company C, he was crossing the swift-flowing river when the boat capsized under heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and artillery fire. One of the men in the boat became entangled in the wires being carried across and was in imminent danger of drowning. Private Popwell, although himself weighted down with wire, swam through the icy water and cut the wire in which the drowning soldier was entangled. He then successfully pulled the man ashore. His great fortitude and dauntless disregard of personal danger saved the life of a comrade and greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Fayette, Alabama.

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Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I  
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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 to the following named individuals for gallantry in action against the enemy.

GEORGE C. POTWIN, 32223297, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company H, 1471 Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby R. Potwin (Mother), 1485 Columbia Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

JOHNNIE A. ROGERS, 20809426, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mr. William Rogers (Father), 114 Craig Street, Hillsboro, Texas.

WILLIAM B. HENDERSON, 34109993, Private First Class, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Henderson (Mother), Wadsworth, Alabama.

SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, PRISONERS OF WAR

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

WILSON S. GREGORY, 33190605, Private First Class (then Private) Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Gregory (Wife), 816 Walker Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

JOHN (NMI) ZAK, 33271156, Private, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13-14 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph Zak (Father), Route #1, Wampum, Pennsylvania.

SECTION III - 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 against the enemy.

EDGAR C. POLKING, 37423455, Sergeant (then Corporal), Battery B, 443d Anti-Aircraft Battalion (Self-Propelled) 27 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Breda, Iowa.

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EDWARD (NMI) KEETON, 20816751, Corporal, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 11-14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JOSEPH JENNINGS, 35379403, Corporal (then Private), Battery B, 443d Anti-Aircraft Battalion (Self-Propelled), 27 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Fairmont, West Virginia.

REGINALD MATHESON, 31071287, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 443d Anti-Aircraft Battalion (Self-Propelled), 27 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

STEVE (NMI) BORECZSKY, 35302989, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ELZA (NMI) ROOP, 33531059, Private First Class (then Private) Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Newbern, Virginia.

GRANT W. SAUER, 13086701, Private First Class (then Private) Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM PETERSAK, 32188991, Private First Class, Battery B, 443d Anti-Aircraft Battalion (Self-Propelled), 27 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Trenton, New Jersey.

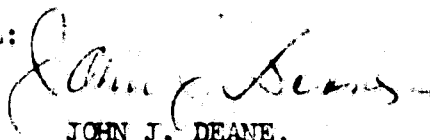
WELTON R. BRASWELL, 20815995, Private First Class, Service Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 11 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from New Braunfels, Texas.

JAMES W. HAWKINS, 34054452, Private, Service Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 11 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Miami, Florida.

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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:

WILLIAM P. CUSHING, 38039135, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. A lineman in the communications platoon, Private First Class Cushing was assigned the mission of repairing a vital wire line leading to one of the forward battalions under severe enemy artillery fire. Having tested the faulty wire, he called the Communications Officer and explained that the highway along which the line lay was being subjected to a heavy artillery barrage. Upon learning that this line was essential to the attack, Private First Class Cushing doggedly stuck to his task checking and repairing the damaged line in the face of the bitter enemy artillery barrage. While proceeding forward on his mission he was wounded by shell fragments and although weakened by the loss of blood persisted at his work until his task had been completed. His outstanding courage, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty were instrumental in the success of the attack. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

MANUELL (NMI) SILVA, 31291120, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Silva, an automatic rifleman, advanced over open mountainous terrain until his company was pinned down along a stone wall by deadly machine gun fire from heavily fortified enemy emplacements. When several attempts to cross the wall were repulsed by the withering fire of one of these emplacements, Private First Class Silva courageously led a squad of men over the wall to wipe out this enemy stronghold. Moving steadily forward not only in the face of the intense enemy fire but through a hail of hand grenades as well, he attacked the enemy position at close range with his automatic rifle. Maintaining his assault when the squad was ordered to withdraw, he covered the remainder of the men until they had reached the safety of the wall and then successfully returned by himself. His magnificent daring and outstanding aggressiveness greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Providence, Rhode Island.

EDGAR W. WERNLI, 38026842, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Driving a ration and water truck in daylight over a narrow road under direct enemy observation, Private First Class Wernli was caught in a heavy artillery concentration. His way was barred by a disorganized mule pack train whose leaders had sought cover. Realizing the resultant chaos offered an excellent enemy target, he brought the terrified animals under control and led them out of the way. Removing the dead mules and men from the road, he cleared the way for essential traffic to the front and completed his own mission. By superior initiative and coolness under fire, Private First Class Wernli materially assisted in

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maintaining an uninterrupted flow of vitally needed supplies to the fighting men. Entered the Service from Taylor, Texas.

STONY N. PLEMPER, 20808251, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8-9 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Company A, to which Private First Class Plemper was attached as a litter squad leader, was the assault company in the vicious attack on enemy positions on the slopes of the mountain. The company advanced up the steep, slippery, and rocky terrain under the cover of darkness. At daylight there were numerous casualties and Private First Class Plemper assisted in carrying them down the exposed mountainside for a distance of two miles to the aid station. As time was of paramount importance in getting the men to the aid station, he personally reconnoitered a route from the crest of the mountain down the difficult, exposed trail under heavy enemy fire and observation. Returning to the crest of the mountain he continuously exposed himself to intense enemy small arms and mortar fire going from position to position rendering first aid and assisting in the evacuation of the wounded. He doggedly stuck to his task and worked for two days and nights without rest until he was seriously wounded and evacuated. His magnificent courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty were instrumental in the saving of many lives and inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

BERNARD C. VIERGE, 20809318, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. In the afternoon, under cover of a smoke screen and fog, Company K advanced to the \*\*\* river crossing site where it obtained boats and successfully crossed the river in the face of bitter enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Vieregge was an assistant gunner in a mortar squad and as his platoon advanced across the flat, exposed and fire swept terrain, his platoon leader and several other non-commissioned officers were wounded. Displaying outstanding ability as a leader he immediately took command, reorganized his men and welded them into an effective fighting unit while being subjected to withering machine gun fire and intense mortar and artillery fire. In the face of this bitter enemy opposition while many of his comrades were being killed or wounded, he moved about giving encouragement and urging the men on to their objective. His magnificent courage, outstanding leadership, and devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

EDWARD M. BARR, 13175470, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private First Class Barr served as an aid man in a defensive position along the \*\*\* river under constant mortar, artillery and machine gun fire. A shell burst at the fighting holes along the main line of resistance and wounded three men. Private First Class Barr dauntlessly climbed over the forward banks of the river bluff in full view of the enemy snipers and constantly was exposed to withering machine gun fire which was directed at him. He calmly dressed the wounds of the men with mortar shells falling within ten yards of his position and then assisted these men back to a draw where they were evacuated. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RALPH H. DICKLEMAN, 36820771, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Dickleman was serving in an aid station near the \*\*\* river under constant and intense enemy fire when it was found that several wounded American soldiers were stranded on the banks of the river. On his own initiative and in spite of the fierce enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, Private Dickleman proceed-

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ed to the banks of the river and assisted in moving the casualties across the swift and treacherous stream. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty in the face of great hazards was instrumental in saving many lives. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JOHN R. PENACHIO, 32803807, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~, Company B, to which Private Penachio was attached as an aid man, had the difficult mission of crossing the ~~\*\*~~ river and attacking well prepared enemy positions to the west. Under cover of a smoke screen and thick fog, the company advanced to the crossing site when it was subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire. Obtaining rubber boats, the company crossed the swift-flowing river and slowly moved up the steep, slippery river bank. Because of the intense mortar and machine gun fire and personnel mines, progress was slow and many casualties occurred. In the face of withering enemy machine gun fire, Private Penachio crawled across the flat, muddy and exposed terrain rendering first aid and personally directing the litter bearers in the evacuation of the wounded. His magnificent courage, aggressiveness, determination, and devotion to duty were instrumental in the saving of many lives and inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

PETER J. HILLMAN, 32638719, Private, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Private Hillman, ammunition bearer of the crew of a 75mm Self-Propelled gun, was assigned the mission of assisting in the repulsion of an attack by thirteen mark IV enemy tanks which were seriously threatening the 36th Division Command Post and the beachhead. During this action he was constantly exposed to the intense fire of the approaching tanks, but with great fortitude he determinedly stood his ground. Private Hillman observed that the .50 caliber machine gun could not be fully exploited from its vehicular mount, and without orders he dismounted the gun in the face of the enemy fire and set it into action from a more favorable position. His indefatigable efforts assisted in the destruction of five tanks, crushing the enemy attack. His calm and efficient performance in the face of withering fire inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Newark, Ohio.

AUBREY (NMI) HOLLAND, 33589983, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Private Holland, a medical aid man attached to an assault unit during the crossing of the ~~\*\*\*~~ river, advanced with his unit over open heavily-mined terrain through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Fearlessly exposing himself to the withering fire he moved from casualty to casualty, skillfully administering aid and helping them to positions from which they could be evacuated. With magnificent daring Private Holland crawled through a forward barbed wire entanglement to aid one of his comrades who was lying wounded exposed to the concentrated fire of the enemy. Although he was wounded himself in reaching this casualty, he continued forward and moved the man to a place of cover. After successfully accomplishing this heroic deed he was wounded again by shell fragments and was later evacuated. His exemplary devotion to duty and outstanding courage greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

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JACK E. FULLEM, 33412592, Private, medical Detachment, 1st Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, Italy. Fullem was a medical aid man at a battalion aid station during the advance across the \*\*\*\* river. He voluntarily moved forward over open, heavily wooded terrain through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to administer aid to casualties occurring on the fire-swept river bank. He fully treated the wounded, although exposed to the withering enemy fire. Then, again on his own initiative, Private Fullem accompanied a small group to the rescue of some casualties who had become stranded on the enemy side of the river. Displaying outstanding courage and exemplary coolness under the deadly fire at this point, he refused to seek cover and worked tirelessly until the last casualty was evacuated. Entered the Service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

RAY J. BELL, 32857390, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*\*, Italy. Private Bell, an ammunition carrier, crossed the \*\*\*\* river in the face of heavy enemy resistance, and advanced determinedly across the muddy river bank to engage the enemy. Over flat terrain through mine fields, barbed wire entanglements, artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he crawled toward the enemy. Nearing the foe, he was seriously wounded. With great fortitude, he refused to return for medical aid and continued the painful and hazardous advance carrying with him the vital ammunition for his team's weapon. Only when their mission had been performed did Private Bell return for medical treatment. His determination and outstanding valor inspired the members of his team and directly aided the accomplishment of their task. Entered the Service from Massena, New York.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 89

Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II

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 to the following named individuals for gallantry in action against the enemy.

✓ LARRY V. FANTO, 32301790, First Sergeant (then Corporal), Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Fanto, (mother) New Brunswick, New Jersey.

✓ GARLAND C. SMITH, 20804579, Corporal (then Private), Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 12 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Aubrey Smith (mother) Route #3, Coleman, Texas.

✓ CHARLES E. GEORGE, 33292734, Private, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 5 December 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura George, (mother) 130 Water Street, Niles, Ohio.

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 against the enemy.

✓ ROGER L. CUTTERMAN, 01030247, First Lieutenant, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 25 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

✓ WILLARD S. WILLIAMS, 20806446, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal) Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

✓ FORREST C. KIMBELL, 20804649, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

✓ RAYMOND C. RAINWATER, 20805666, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Company C, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 8 October 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

✓ RICHARD W. COOK, 33201212, Corporal (then Private First Class) Headquarters Battery, 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, 15 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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✓ PAUL G. KUBIK, 33274022, Corporal (then Private) Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Mercer, Pennsylvania.

✓ SAMUEL (NMI) POLIZZE, 33315210, Corporal (then Private First Class) Headquarters Battery, 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, 15 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ MANUEL I. MADRID, 20802280, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

✓ EDWARD O. HORTSMANN, JR., 37196644, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Big Rock, Iowa.

✓ JOHN J. COLABIEWSKI, 33270869, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private) Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

✓ HENRY C. GOODSON, JR., 20801015, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 25 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Eagle Pass, Texas.

✓ HAROLD R. BISSETT, 11040068, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 25 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Berlin, New Hampshire.

✓ BURRELL B. ROITCH, 20804427, Private First Class (then Private) Company A, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 12 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Copperas Cove, Texas.

✓ ROBERT F. KPOZOSKA, 36807384, Private First Class (then Private) Company C, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 12-13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ CASIMIR (NMI) TOMCZAK, 35570066, Private First Class, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, 25 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from East Chicago, Indiana.

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30 March 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

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Award of Silver Star ..... I  
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster ..... II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

MELVIN R. CLEMENS, 01291590, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Clemens, acting as observer for his platoon of the cannon company, received word that other troops were suffering heavy machine gun fire from concealed enemy positions. Observation being limited at his positions, he courageously moved forward over open terrain under direct observation by the enemy, exposing himself to concentrated artillery, mortar and small arms fire in an attempt to reach a building from which he could direct accurate fire against the hidden enemy. Despite the intense fire, he skillfully reached his objective and directed such effective fire that two enemy machine gun nests were wiped out. Lieutenant Clemens' magnificent daring, aggressive determination and coolness under heavy enemy fire were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

RUSSELL J. DARKES, 01307615, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Darkes' company had been ordered to recross the \*\*\* river after having retired the previous night because of heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Waiting to cross the river, they lay in icy water in a sunken road for ten hours. Receiving word to attack, Lieutenant Darkes, although suffering from wounds received the night before, organized his company and crossed the river on an ice covered footbridge. In the face of intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire from the front and both flanks, he led his men forward until ordered to retire. His magnificent courage, devotion to duty, and calmness under fire in the face of bitter enemy opposition greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

JOE F. PRESNALL, 0423492, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. While hauling supplies during daylight along a narrow roadway under enemy observation, Lieutenant Presnall was caught in a heavy artillery concentration. The way was congested by a disorganized mule pack train and abandoned vehicles whose drivers had fled for cover. Realizing the resultant chaos of jammed traffic made an excellent enemy target, he courageously brought the terrified animals under control and led them out of the way. He then cleared the road of vehicles, dead mules and men, opening it for essential traffic to the front and successfully completed his own mission. His superior initiative and coolness under fire materially assisted in maintaining an uninterrupted flow of vitally needed supplies to the fighting troops. Entered the Service from Lufkin, Texas.

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JOHN BURTUCCO, 01304851, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. In the course of the bitter battle of the \*\*\* river crossing Lieutenant Burtucco had returned to the river to lead the remainder of his platoon into the fight. When two of his men fell into the icy waters, Lieutenant Burtucco leaped into the river and pulled both men out after a great struggle in the rushing stream. Disregarding the intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire he then assembled his men and continued to the objective in the attack. His utter disregard for self and devotion to duty under intense fire undoubtedly saved the lives of two men and greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Bristol, Connecticut.

OVIE (NMI) GALLET, 20807807, First Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Through the night Sergeant Gallet waited with his men in bitter cold and dampness for orders to cross the \*\*\*, river. Exposure aggravated an old foot wound, but despite his intense pain he continually moved among his men encouraging them and maintaining control for the assault. Realizing his hampered movements would impede the progress of his men through the holocaust of enemy fire during the crossing, he appointed another leader in his stead. Later when he had assured their successful crossing, he found a partially inflated boat and made his way to the opposite bank in spite of his injured foot and the overwhelming enemy fire. With resolute fortitude he limped forward through mine fields and barbed wire entanglements continuously exposed to artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and withering small arms fire. Regaining contact with his company, he brilliantly led his men and inspired them to attain their objective. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

PAUL E. SMITH, 20808457, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As the company advanced along the slopes of \*\*\* across terraced, exposed terrain it was subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire and its advance halted. Several attempts had been made to eliminate an enemy pocket of resistance beyond a rock wall but because of the excellent enemy observation and the intensity of the fire they were unsuccessful. Sergeant Smith, on his own initiative, advanced his men over the bullet swept wall toward the position. He crawled over the exposed, muddy terrain to within twenty yards of the enemy emplacement and although exposed to intense enemy fire succeeded in throwing a hand grenade into the enemy position. While attempting to hurl a second grenade he was seriously wounded. Despite his wound, he then succeeded in leading his men back to our lines. His outstanding leadership, dogged determination, and devotion to duty inspired all those who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

FRANK T. HOLLAND, 20809786, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Holland, commanding the station platoon, 2d Battalion Medical Detachment, established his aid point near the river bank in the intense battle of the \*\*\* river crossing. All during the morning under terrific artillery, mortar and small arms fire he treated the casualties. When he discovered several wounded men on the far bank of the river, he voluntarily formed a squad and led them under direct enemy observation and fire across the stream. So intense was the enemy fire that it was necessary for him to wait several hours before he succeeded



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in moving boat loads of the wounded back across the river. His determined courage and calmness under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from West, Texas.

EDWIN A. NOWACKI, 36320295, Sergeant, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Nowacki, acting leader of a machine gun section, was attached to Company K in the assault across the \*\*\* river. After crossing the swift and treacherous river under intense mortar and artillery fire, they attacked the enemy defensive positions, coming under withering and intense small arms fire. Sergeant Nowacki rallied his men and fearlessly led them forward. Upon making contact with the remaining elements of the company and finding that his superior officers were casualties, he assisted in reorganizing the rifle platoons as well as his own platoon by personally leading riflemen to positions of vantage. His outstanding display of leadership and calm courage under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ALBERT D. SMITH, 38051466, Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Smith assisted engineers in taking men across the swift flowing \*\*\* river under intense enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire. During the bitter battle he organized a group and placed them in fighting positions. He then directed the fire of a mortar squad, effectively destroying an enemy automatic weapon emplacement. When the enemy attacked his position in a bayonet charge he quickly secured an automatic rifle and with deadly fire killed two of the enemy and dispersed the others. Entered the Service from Cause, Texas.

O'DEAN T. COX, 20809238, Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Cox led his rifle squad under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire across the swift-flowing \*\* river. In the bitter battle that ensued the company commander and first sergeant became casualties and Sergeant Cox assisted in the reorganization of the Company. He led his men to new defensive positions and assisted in the organization of a new line of resistance. His magnificent courage, calmness under intense fire and outstanding leadership greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

SECTION II — 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 the following named individuals:

JULIAN M. QUARLES, 0397887, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Quarles, executive officer of an infantry company, undertook to maintain all around defense when his men were cut off from the rest of the company by a strong enemy tank attack penetrating from the rear. Moving fearlessly among his men during an intense concentration of enemy artillery and small arms fire, he skillfully placed them in positions from which their bazookas and small arms could be used most effectively against the formidable tanks. Although surrounded and outnumbered by the heavily armed enemy, with magnificent courage and exemplary coolness under fire he inspired the defense of the position at

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close range, personally killing three of the enemy before being overwhelmed and captured. Lieutenant Quarles' aggressive leadership and fierce determination materially aided in retarding the enemy advance and in its ultimate repulsion. Later he again displayed his outstanding daring and alertness by escaping from his guards and successfully making his way through the enemy lines back to his unit. Entered the Service from Nashville, Tennessee.

ROBERT M. PATTERSON, 6836501, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When his platoon leader was wounded during the crossing of the \*\* river, Sergeant Patterson assumed command and led his men in a courageous advance over flat exposed terrain protected by mines, booby traps and barbed wire entanglements and raked by continuous artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer and small arms fire. Fearlessly directing and encouraging his men in a bitter assault, he found they had been cut off and surrounded by a numerically superior enemy. With the lives of his comrades at stake, he cleverly distracted the attention of the enemy by allowing himself to be captured, while his men crawled away undetected. Sergeant Patterson later escaped from the enemy and returned to his unit with valuable information. His brave leadership and quick-witted aggressiveness under fire saved his comrades and inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Beaver, Pennsylvania.

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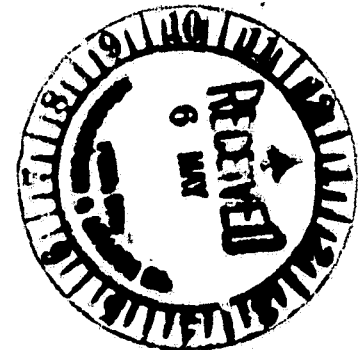
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28 March 1944

**GENERAL ORDERS**

NO. 87

Award of Bronze Star Medal ..... I  
Award of Purple Heart ..... II

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 gallantry in action:

GILBERT P. SCHAEFER, 38026597, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 27 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Cleburne, Texas.

EARL C. WACKER, 36351134, Sergeant (then Private) Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

RUSSELL T. FLAHE, 20816741, Sergeant, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 26-28 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

LESLIE R. GARCIA, 20818190, Private, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 11 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Victoria, Texas.

PALMER D. TAYLOR, 20816762, Corporal, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 26-28 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JOHN M. LISDERO, 36049961, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Crete, Ill.

PAT H. BRILES, 20815149, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 15 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Italy, Texas.

HENRY E. GERDES, 20818191, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 9-13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Victoria, Texas.

MAURICE B. ROBUST, 33130442, Private, Battery D, 443d Anti-Aircraft Battalion, on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from St. Michael, Pennsylvania.

ALFRED E. GOLDEN, 37379708, Private, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, on 24 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Seaton, Missouri.

KENNETH E. TAYLOR, 33075451, Private, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, on 24 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Norwood, Pennsylvania.

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ROBERT W. HANSELL, 32341528, Private, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment. on 19 November 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Springfield Gardens, New York.

SECTION II — AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

<u>RANK - NAME - SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ARM OR SERVICE</u>	<u>HOME ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE OF WOUND</u>
Pvt. Otis G. Newby, 20813375	FA	1722 East 66th St. Los Angeles, Calif.	26 Mar 44
Pfc. Fred B. Park, 34365072	FA	711 Buckley St. Chattanooga, Tenn.	24 Mar 44
Pfc. Frederick L. Warren, 35361021	FA	1000 N. Gentry St. Frankfort, Ind.	16 Mar 44
Pvt. Theodore J. Zembruski, 32850798	FA	383 Orange St. Albany, N. Y.	24 Mar 44
Pfc. Guy W. Dewey, 36183910	FA	Lowell, Mich.	6 Jan 44
Pvt. John H. Russell, 34623929	FA	Route #3 Decatur, Miss.	9 Jan 44

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

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 each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

HARVEY E. SELLER, 20803592, Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Fannie Sellers, (Mother) Waelder, Texas.

LEANDER (NMI) HOLLOWAY, 32220831, Corporal, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Minnie Holloway (Mother), Portland, Bonavista South, Newfoundland.

WILLIAM (NMI) LISECKI, 32431051, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mr. Stephen Lisecki (Father), New Rochelle, Westchester, New York.

*Award Awarded by Act 365367, Sept 30, 1944 - (to read Silver Star Posth.)*  
\* J. C. JONES, 38037012, Private, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Dell Jones (Mother), Sanger, Texas.

JOSEPH P. MAHER, 32430561, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Maher (Mother), Newburg, New York.

SECTION II — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

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

JOSEPH J. ZETTI, 35597407, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Zetti (Mother), Clarks-ville, Pennsylvania.

SECTION III — 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:

HERBERT C. BISHOP, 0290764, Captain, 132d Field Artillery

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ember 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Cleburne

✓ VERNON C. KROGG, 0469918, First Lieutenant, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 13-14 September 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Lakewood

✓ CLAIR I. TAYLOR, 01306766, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Allerton, Iowa.

✓ HERBERT L. SPEARMAN, 01107143, Second Lieutenant, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

✓ MIRAM F. FENTON, 01703044, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

✓ THEODORE J. MITCHELL, 20803144, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Luling, Texas.

✓ RAYMOND M. DODD, 20816081, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 12 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

CHARLES W. BARNARD, JR., 20813423, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Clyde, Texas.

PETE H. ARMSTRONG, 20818351, Sergeant, Company B, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, 9 September 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I  
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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 to the following named individuals (for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations):

JOSEPH B. COOPWOOD, 0268356, Major, 141st Infantry Regiment, from 9 September 1943 to 21 November 1943 in Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Kate E. Coopwood (Wife) Lockhart, Texas.

JAMES E. BRAXTON, 34515451, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, on 5 December 1943 in Italy. Next of kin: Mr. Clayton Fentress Braxton (Father), Cottondale, Florida.

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 meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

JOHN N. GREEN, 0333369, Lieutenant Colonel, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, from 3 to 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

L. GENE HENSLEY, 0337567, Major, 142d Infantry Regiment, from 15 November 1943 to 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

CHRISTIAN A. LEHNE, 0403234, Captain, Chaplains' Corps, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, from 18 November 1943 to 14 February 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from Fredericksburg, Texas.

MILTON E. CROW, 0407020, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment on 9 September 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

ISIDORE CHARKATZ, 01533282, First Lieutenant; Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Section, 36th Infantry Division, (then Clearing Company, 11th Medical Battalion), from 9 September 1943 to 13 October 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

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MILES E. HILL, 01109365, First Lieutenant, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 9 September 1943 to 6 April 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from Ellisville, Mississippi.

IVERSON C. CAMERON, 01310218, Second Lieutenant, 142nd Infantry Regiment, from 15 November 1943 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from Portia, Arkansas.

JOHN F. JACKSON, 01315428, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, from 15 November 1943 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from Napoleon, Ohio.

FREDERICK C. BURTON, 01316729, Second Lieutenant, 143rd Infantry Regiment, from 21 December 1943 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from Academy, South Dakota.

BEN A. WYATT, JR., 20804206, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 142nd Infantry Regiment, from 3 December 1943 to 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Brownwood, Texas.

CLAUDE WINTER, 20818605, Staff Sergeant, Clearing Company, 111th Medical Battalion, from 9 September 1943 to 13 October 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Antlers, Oklahoma.

JOSEPH S. ELLIS, JR., 38051121, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Grade 4), Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, from 26 November 1943 to 7 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Beaumont, 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 to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

SAMUEL S. GRAHAM, 0333299, Lieutenant Colonel, 142nd Infantry Regiment, from 15 November 1943 to 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Huntsville, Texas.

THOMAS T. ATKINS, 0246315, Lieutenant Colonel, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, on 13 September 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Richmond, Virginia.

FREDERICK L. YOUNG, 01304301, Second Lieutenant, 143rd Infantry Regiment, on 25 September 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Los Angeles, California.

ALVIS B. WILLIAMS, 20806240, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment, on 9 September 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Stamford, Texas.

KENT C. HATFIELD, 20816013, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, on 5 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Terrell Wells, Texas.

FLOYD BALTUS, 6667567, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 142nd Infantry Regiment, on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Sharon, Pennsylvania.

ZERK O. ROBERTSON, 20809520, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 143rd Infantry Regiment, on 14 September 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Merkel, Texas.

ROMAN J. RAU, 37163423, Corporal, Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 20 November 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

JOSEPH J. BUGAJSKY, 36066214, Corporal, Company M, 142nd Infantry Regiment, on 19 November 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Christopher, Illinois.

JOHN A. GRIGSBY, 20814541, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, on 5 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Cleburne, Texas.

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SAAMUEL M. RISLER, 13080905, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment, on 21 November 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROY J. JACKSON, 20816048, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, on 5 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Terrell Wells, Texas.

ANDREW F. LITTLE, 20816033, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, on 5 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Stockdale, Texas.

ROBERT L. PAINE, 20814569, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, on 5 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Cleburne, Texas.

AARON WEISSMAN, 32219982, Private First Class, Battery D, 443rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion, on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from New York, New York.

PETER CAHANEY, 32220524, Private First Class, Battery D, 443rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion, on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from New York, New York.

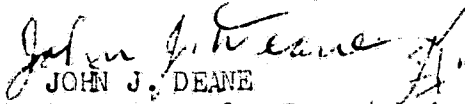
JOSEPH G. ABEL, 13081420, Private First Class, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, on 24 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Berwick, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. DIETRICH, 38039700, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 20 November 1943 in Italy. Entered the service from Dallas, Texas.

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

*Private* CHARLES E. BOSTON, 38195098, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. Private Boston was a member of a machine gun section attached to one of the forward rifle companies of the Second Battalion in the attack across the \*\*\* River. This attack was launched under intense artillery, nebelwerfer and mortar fire and over approaches almost devoid of cover and through ingeniously prepared defensive fires of the enemy. Disregarding the danger of the enemy fire and the dense mine field through which he had to travel, Private Boston crossed the swift flowing \*\*\* River on a hazardous foot bridge and assisted in setting up a machine gun on the battalion's right flank. In the bitter fight that ensued he was of great assistance in keeping the right flank of the battalion clear until the intensity of the enemy attack made the entire position untenable. His great calmness, fortitude and devotion to duty under enemy fire inspired all who witnessed his deeds. He subsequently died of wounds received in later action. Next of kin: Mrs. Phyllis Boston (Mother), Route No 2, Box 186-G, Houma, Louisiana.

AUSTIN R. GREGORY, 35267354, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. Private Gregory advanced with Company C inland from Blue Beach in the invasion of Italy. When they reached a point about two hundred and fifty yards inland, two enemy machine guns pinned the group to the ground with intense fire. Private Gregory dauntlessly took his automatic rifle and dashed across open ground to secure a better field of fire. The enemy concentrated their fire on him and he engaged in a bitter duel against the two guns. While so doing he was killed, but the delay of enemy fire which he caused enabled the company to secure better positions and ultimately to advance on to their objective. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. Eli Gregory (Father), Route 3, Box 852, Morehead, Kentucky.

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:

FRANK S. CONVERSANO, 32223068, Technician Grade 5, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. Technician Grade 5 Conversano voluntarily accompanied a group of

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four other soldiers and two civilians on a hazardous reconnaissance mission for a distance of about one thousand yards along the \*\*\* River. The party, all disguised as peasant shepherds, herded 261 sheep through enemy mine fields near the river bank, being, at many points, in full view of enemy observation posts just across the river. Even though they were under constant threat of fire at comparatively short range, the party executed the mission with admirable calmness and efficiency. Upon reaching a small branch creek, the sheep refused to advance further, and, instead, turned about and headed back over the route by which they had come. This act aroused the suspicion of the enemy observers, who opened fire on the reconnaissance patrol with several machine guns. Through their courageous and determined action the patrol accomplished a threefold result. They cleared the mine fields of trip wires and booby traps, they noted possible approaches for infantry advances to the river, and observed, at close range, enemy positions on the opposite bank. This information made possible an effective artillery barrage upon enemy positions, and was of great value in formulating plans for subsequent operations by our own troops. The magnificent initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Grade 5 Conversano and his comrades was an inspiration to all who witnessed their acts. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES HILL, 35635502, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. Private First Class Hill was messenger and guard for the Second Battalion commanding officer during the attack across the \*\*\* River. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer and small arms fire across the 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 but Private First Class Hill made numerous trips across this open terrain to deliver command messages to the rifle company commanders. He crossed the river with the battalion commander and continued his hazardous duties until the battalion commander was wounded by sniper fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Hill went to the aid of his battalion commander, although subjected to almost incessant mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. He physically carried his battalion commander to a point on the east bank of the river where normal evacuation could be accomplished. He then returned to the front lines to contribute his fire power to the attack. His gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

EUGENE B. ANDERSON, 35608159, Private, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on \*\*\* Italy. During a strong attack on the First Battalion, a number of enemy soldiers infiltrated the right flank of Private Anderson's platoon and began setting up machine guns in their most advantageous position. In the face of intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire, Private Anderson dauntlessly stood erect so as to be able to bring more effective fire on the enemy. With outstanding calmness and unerring accuracy, he killed four enemy machine gunners with his rifle and continued to fire despite enemy hand grenades bursting all around him. By his intrepid courage and devotion to duty, Private Anderson repulsed the enemy in his vicinity and materially aided his battalion in repelling the determined enemy counterattack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Youngstown, Ohio.

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ROCCO J. ANTONELLI, 31358213, Private, Company F, 162d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. After Company F had successfully attained its objective southeast of Hill \*\*\*, the enemy laid down a terrific concentration of mortar and machine gun fire and followed swiftly with a determined counterattack. The fire-swept position became untenable but Private Antonelli, automatic rifleman, steadfastly maintained his position in advance of his platoon and rendered effective fire support while his platoon withdrew and organized new defenses. He inflicted heavy casualties upon the on-rushing enemy with deadly accurate fire, and rejoined his platoon only when his ammunition was exhausted. His devotion to duty and utter disregard for his personal safety in the face of overwhelming odds materially aided in stemming the enemy counterattack, and gave his platoon urgently needed time for organization and evacuation of the wounded. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Revere, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR H. BERKOBEN, 33671753, Private, Medical Detachment, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. As Company C moved out to the attack against Hill \*\*\*, heavy concentrations of artillery and small arms fire caused many casualties among the men, disabling them in the midst of the area of greatest impact of the enemy fires. Private Berkoben rushed into this fire-swept area to aid the wounded men, even though they were not from his company. Private Berkoben's courageous actions in the midst of enemy fire, performed while snipers were deliberately shooting at him, saved the lives of many wounded and set an inspiring example for all who witnessed his performance. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

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 individuals:

JOHN W. BAUM, 01299668, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\* Italy. Just prior to the time his company was to attack Hill \*\*\*, the enemy launched a strong counterattack against the company positions. In the face of heavy concentrations of artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Lieutenant Baum constantly exposed himself in placing his men individually and directing their fires against the attacking enemy. While so doing, he was seriously wounded in the leg by shell fragments. Disregarding his wounds, he continued to supervise the construction of an effective defense, refusing to allow himself to be evacuated until the maximum fire power of his platoon was being utilized. Lieutenant Baum's skillful work, with utter disregard for his personal safety, was materially responsible for crushing the enemy counterattack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOE W. GILL, 01702996, Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 on \*\*\* Italy. After having taken part in his unit's successful advance on \*\*\*, Sergeant Gill volunteered to lead an important three man patrol to locate enemy defenses deep


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in enemy occupied territory. He stealthily advanced through the darkness and rain, over steep, slippery trails in the rugged mountains, encountering hostile as well as friendly artillery fire along the way and enemy patrols which he skillfully evaded. With utter disregard for his own safety, he remained in this hazardous area during most of the night to observe enemy movements and to secure valuable information, with which he later successfully returned to his unit, thereby materially aiding the security of the positions held by Company F. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Canyon, Texas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

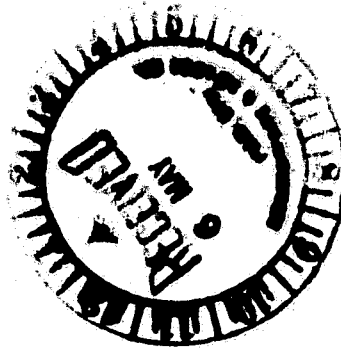
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Award of Silver Star ..... III

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:

✓ CHESTER MAYS, 35267695, Private First Class, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. In an attack by Company B on Hill 730, Private First Class Mays, a mortar squad gunner, was assigned a position for his mortar. Although constant observed fire from enemy mortars, artillery and machine guns fell on the ground between him and the spot designated for his mortar, he immediately advanced toward it with his weapon. When he reached the final trail leading to the position deadly machine gun fire barred his way. To advance further seemed certain death, but Private First Class Mays well knew that success or failure of the operation depended on effective employment of his mortar. Unflinchingly he continued forward, with utter disregard to the tremendous peril to his life, racing from boulder to boulder, pausing only for seconds to select the route that would make his success more nearly possible. When he was only twenty yards short of his destination he was shot by an enemy sniper and died in a valiant attempt to accomplish his mission. Inspired by his magnificent courage and sacrifice, members of his squad who were trailing him carried his weapon forward to its assigned position and laid devastating mortar fire on the enemy. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Ellen Mays (Mother), Teague, Kentucky.

✓ THOMAS JORDAN, JR., 32850517, Private, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During an attack by Company B on Hill 730, Private Jordan, ammunition carrier in a mortar squad, advanced toward a designated mortar position carrying essential ammunition for the weapon. When he reached an exposed part of the route he was informed by a guide that he would soon come under enemy observation and be subjected to direct, aimed machine gun fire and mortar and artillery shelling. But he continued to advance, well knowing the risks he was taking to perform his duty. He reached a trail that was covered by deadly accurate fire from enemy machine guns. Realizing the great importance of his getting ammunition to the mortar that it might lay necessary fire on the enemy, he unhesitatingly went ahead. By short rushes and judicious use of the meager cover available he advanced, constantly checking his ammunition bag against loss in this rugged terrain. One hundred yards down the exposed trail he was hit by an enemy bullet and died valiantly trying to accomplish his mission. His aggressive vigor and magnificent courage in the face of death so inspired the other members of his section that they carried on to complete the task he had begun. The example of his bravery, typical of the highest traditions of American infantrymen, was a vital factor in lifting the morale of his company. His gallant action reflects great credit

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upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Myrtle M. Jordan (Mother), Lyons Fall, New York.

✓ GLYDE G. BROWNING, 35267439, Private, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During an attack by Company B on Hill 730, Private Browning's squad leader was killed and without order he assumed command of the squad. When the advance across the rugged and barren terrain was halted, defensive positions were set up. Despite a constant stream of enemy small arms fire and continual artillery and mortar shelling that fell all about him, Private Browning efficiently organized his squad and placed them in proper positions. Disregarding his own peril he repeatedly visited the members of his squad, encouraging them, advising them, and giving to them information received by him from time to time. While thus bravely performing more than his duty in a holocaust of enemy fire, he was killed. His valor during great personal danger inspired his men to carry on in a superior manner even after he had sacrificed his life. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Jane Browning (Mother), Rockview, West Virginia.

SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

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

✓ WILLIAM B. ACKERMAN, 35267832, Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Ackerman was a squad leader in Company A during the crossing of the \*\*\* river. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar, and small arms fire across the 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. An enemy strongpoint was firing on the company's positions and holding up the advance of the company. Sergeant Ackerman and two other enlisted men advanced toward the enemy strongpoint to eliminate it when an enemy thrown hand grenade landed in the middle of the group. With utter disregard for his own safety and thinking only of the lives of his comrades, Sergeant Ackerman picked up the grenade to throw it away from the group when it exploded in his hands and seriously wounded him. From this enemy engagement Sergeant Ackerman is missing in action. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah Ackerman (Mother), Portsmouth, Ohio.

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:

✓ RALPH S. PHELAN, 0378415, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Captain Phelan was battalion surgeon of the 2d Battalion, which was occupying a defensive position on Mount \*\*\*. Intense enemy artillery concentrations were falling at frequent intervals inflicting numerous casualties. The rugged terrain made evacuation almost impossible. Despite the heavy enemy fire, Captain Phelan went up the side of the mountain and administered first aid in the battle area. His self-sacrificing action and devotion to duty with utter disregard for his personal safety

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undoubtedly saved the lives of many soldiers. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

✓ OMER E. FORTIER, 01112697, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant)  
111th Engineer Combat Battalion  
Entered the Service from Lewiston, Maine.

✓ WILLIE R. SMITH, 20817740, Sergeant.  
Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion  
Entered the Service from Port Arthur, Texas.

✓ HAROLD R. THOMPSON, 20817806, Sergeant.  
Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion  
Entered the Service from Bowie, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 4 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, Italy. These men volunteered to make a daylight reconnaissance in order to find a route around the mountains suitable for a pack trail to be used in supplying critically needed rations and ammunition to front line infantry troops. As the party began ascending the mountain slope they were immediately met by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. The terrain was difficult to traverse and afforded scant cover, so that the men were forced to advance by dashing forward a short distance and then falling flat on their stomachs to protect themselves from injury by flying shell fragments. When Sergeant Smith was wounded Sergeant Thompson rendered first aid while Lieutenant Fortier hastily secured medical aid. Lieutenant Fortier and Sergeant Thompson then continued on to accomplish their mission. The information obtained by this patrol made possible the construction of the pack trail under cover of darkness, contributing materially to the subsequent flow of adequate supplies to infantry troops on the front lines. Their gallant action reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

✓ WILLIAM J. DeLOREY, 32445052 Corporal.  
Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion  
Entered the Service from Beacon, New York.

✓ ARTHUR L. TRUMAN, 35443467, Corporal (then Private First Class)  
Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion  
Entered the Service from Beckley, West Virginia

✓ JOSEPH (NMI) ROMANY, 36173650, Private First Class  
Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion  
Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.

For gallantry in action on 5 December 1943 on Mount \*\*\*, Italy. These three soldiers formed an advance group for an engineer platoon placing tracing tape on the route of a proposed pack trail in support of two infantry battalions. Enemy observation was perfect and the entire two mile route was subjected to continuous sniper, mortar, and artillery fire. The barren mountain slopes afforded only scattered rocks for cover and under the intense fire all other operations were forced to cease. With outstanding aggressive vigor and magnificent display of



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courage these three men disregarded their personal safety and accomplished their essential mission despite the severe enemy fire. Their gallant action reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

JOHN R. ROGERS, 15047004, Private, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Rogers accompanied his squad on a mission of preparing a gap in an anti-personnel mine field from a highway to the banks of the \*\*\* river. When the squad reached a point in the mine field about 200 yards from the river, a mine exploded, seriously wounding one man and revealing the position of the group to an enemy machine gun nest on the opposite bank. Despite the intense machine gun fire that was immediately directed upon him, and with utter disregard for his own life, Private Rogers remained with the wounded soldier, assisting in rendering first aid treatment and in carrying him from the area under fire. As the squad withdrew, another mine exploded, killing the previously wounded man and wounding four additional soldiers, including Private Rogers. Although he himself was seriously wounded and was suffering intense pain, he refused first aid treatment for himself until he was certain that the other wounded men had received attention. His magnificent courage and strong devotion to the welfare of his comrades while under enemy fire greatly facilitated the evacuation of his fellow soldiers and himself. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Campbellsville, Kentucky.

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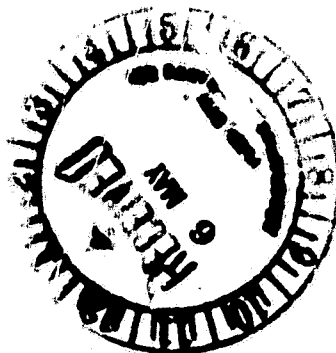
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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

✓ RUSH S. WELLS, JR., 023191, Major (then Captain), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 15 November 1943 to 19 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\* and Mount \*\*\*, Italy. Captain Wells, commanding the 3d Battalion, personally led his men in the holding of mount \*\*\* and in the subsequent capture of mount \*\*\* which enabled an expansion of the entire divisional front. Although operating for intensively long periods over rocky terrain ingeniously mined and booby-trapped, and in constant artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Captain Wells moved determinedly among his front line troops, encouraging them and directing them on to their ultimate achievement. Throughout the operations, where difficult trails were made tortuous by severe weather, he worked day and night with little or no rest and with complete disregard for his personal safety, leading, supervising and directing his force to the utter defeat of a well entrenched and determined enemy. He was later killed by an artillery shell while leading his battalion. His gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Rush S. Wells, Jr., (Wife), Rosedale, Mississippi.

LEANDER (NMI) HOLLOWAY, 322208 L, Sergeant, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 November 1943 on Mount \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Holloway was assigned command of a machine gun section defending a vital point on the main line of resistance. Despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fires falling intermittently day and night in the vicinity, he constantly visited the men at the gun positions, encouraging them and making certain that the weapons were ever ready and the men alert at all times. During a particularly heavy concentration of enemy mortar fire he calmly took out his compass to determine the direction of the source of the fire and then visited each gun position to warn the men that the concentration might be a preliminary to an attack and to personally check the weapons and determine that they were properly placed on the final protective line. Although he well knew the great dangers to his own safety that would result from so exposing himself, Sergeant Holloway deliberately braved the storm of steel loosed on the area by the heavy enemy artillery and mortar concentrations so that he might accomplish the mission assigned him. While

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thus courageously serving he was killed by an artillery shell. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Winnie Holloway (Mother), Portland Bonavista South, Newfoundland.

SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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✓ EDWARD N. HARRIS, JR., C205238 Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Harris was division liaison officer with the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment which landed in the assault waves on the \*\*\* beaches south of \*\*\*, in the face of withering artillery, machine gun and mortar fire from organized and fortified enemy positions. Throughout the intense battle and despite repeated tank attacks and severe enemy fires, Lieutenant Colonel Harris moved among the most forward troops assisting in the attack. On one occasion, while well in advance of the attacking riflemen, he killed an enemy soldier with pistol fire. His calm leadership and cool determination inspired the attackers to increase their efforts to continue the battle to its ultimate success. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from El Paso, Texas.

EDWARD D. McCALL, O274810, Lieutenant Colonel, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Colonel McCall was battalion commander of the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment which landed in the assault waves on the \*\*\* beaches south of \*\*\*, in the face of withering artillery, machine gun and mortar fire from organized and fortified enemy positions. When the battalion was severely disorganized by repeated tank attacks and severe enemy fires, Lieutenant Colonel McCall, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved about the battalion area directing the attack of individual units. His calm leadership and cool determination inspired his battalion to increase their efforts to continue the attack to its ultimate success. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

FRLED L. WALKER, JR., O20293, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, (then Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment), for gallantry in action on 3 October 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Walker, the 1st Battalion, less Company B, was assigned the mission of seizing and holding the town of \*\*\*. Company A, the assault company, while approaching the town was halted and pinned down by intense and accurate enemy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire. Due to the absence of close artillery support and the limited fields of fire for the battalion's heavy weapons Lieutenant Colonel Walker sensed the urgent necessity for mobile gun support to accompany the riflemen in their assault. He temporarily left his voluntary post with the assault company and returning to his battalion command post, secured the assistance of two British tanks. He personally led these tanks to previously selected positions, through intense aimed small arms fire and under direct enemy observation. Upon arriving at the selected positions he directed a coordinated attack by the tanks and infantry supported by his battalion heavy weapons. This attack knocked out several machine gun positions and caused immediate

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forces confronting Company A, thus enabling his battalion successfully. Lieutenant Colonel Walker's fearless behavior while under enemy fire, together with his sound tactical decision and rapid action at a critical time were an inspiration to the command. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the U. S. Military Academy from the United States at large.

✓ JOHN W. BAUM, 01299668, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Baum was assigned to lead a rifle platoon of Company C across the swift-flowing \*\*\* river and seize enemy held territory. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire 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 but Lieutenant Baum pressed forward and led his platoon across the river. When the intense fire halted the attacking forces he moved among his men personally placing them in proper fighting positions and directing their efforts against the enemy. When the position became untenable Lieutenant Baum exposed himself to almost continuous enemy fire and so effectively directed the evacuation that there were no additional casualties. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Force of the United States. Entered the military service from East Chicago, Indiana.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

✓ PETER P. BRUNETTA, Private, 32932281, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for heroism on 4 January 1944 in Italy. Private Brunetta was standing with a group of soldiers around a fire when a can of gasoline was accidentally spilled over the head and body of one of the men. The gasoline instantly became ignited and covered the soldier with flames. Private Brunetta instantly seized a blanket and, wrapping it around the body of the burning soldier, beat out the flames. In so doing Private Brunetta suffered severe burns on his hands, face and head. His prompt and heroic actions, with utter disregard for his personal safety, undoubtedly saved the burning soldier from death. Entered the military service from Buffalo, New York.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

In accordance with Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy:

✓ MITCHELL C. TACKLEY, 0455833, First Lieutenant, 36th Quartermaster Company, from 15 December 1943 to 2 April 1944 in Italy. Entered the service from Malone, New York.

✓ FRANK F. WALKER, 20804353, Private, Headquarters Company, 36th Infantry Division, from 5 September 1943 to 30 March 1944 in Africa and Italy. Entered the service from Levelland, Texas.

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SECTION V — COMMENDATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

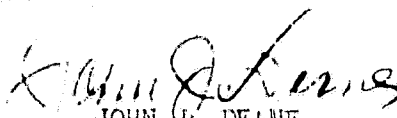
JACK (NMI) WEINER, 32304626, Technician Grade 4, 36th Signal Company, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 1 October 1943 to 15 December 1943 in Italy. Technician Grade 4 Weiner was placed on detached service with the British 10 Corps on staff information service. He performed duties normally accomplished by an officer and rapidly grasped the tactical situation and mastered the British method of routine. Despite numerous obstacles he accomplished his tasks so capably and efficiently as to evoke nothing but praise from members of the Corps Staff. His superior performance of duty relieved the staff information service of the necessity of placing an officer on that position. His tact, intelligence and outstanding accomplishments reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

SAM Z. TENEYUCA, 20801325, Technician Grade 4, Service Company, 1121st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct during the period 1 to 6 June 1943 in Africa. A soldier of unusual abilities, Technician Grade 4 Teneyuca repeatedly has demonstrated his superior talents as a welder and mechanic above and beyond the call of duty. He modified the M-32 gun mount of a 2½-ton truck by a unique design of mounting plates so that transportation of the spare barrel of the .50 caliber machine gun could be more readily accomplished. His outstanding ability and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

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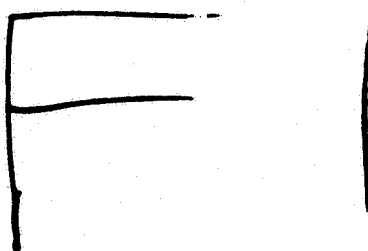


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SECTION I — AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individual is awarded a Soldiers Medal for heroism.

HANCHER L. VINCENT, 38023531, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism on 24 April 1944 in Italy. Tec 5 Vincent was awakened at midnight when a gun section's equipment burst into flame, exploding with tank and small arms ammunition and fragmentation grenades. The personnel in the area was endangered by hurtling projectiles, and a high wind threatened to spread the fire to the battery motor equipment and vehicles. Although he was warned that more live ammunition might explode at any moment, Tec 5 Vincent unhesitatingly approached the holocaust and began shoveling soil onto the fire. Working calmly in the intense heat and heavy smoke, constantly imperilled by the exploding ammunition, he continued smothering the flames with sand until the fire was extinguished. By his valor and quick-thinking, he saved invaluable army material and vehicles from destruction. Entered the Service from Claremore, Okla.

SECTION II — 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 heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

EUGENE B. DICKERY, 01287491, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, December 1943. Next of kin: Unknown.

REX GLOVER, 20803504, Private, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1943. Next of kin: Mr. Tom Glover (Father), RFD #3, Luling, Texas.

SECTION III — 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 heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

THOMAS A. MC NAMER, 36319487, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, 29 to 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

EDDIE H. GILLILAND, 20803762, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 11 to 14 February 1944. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

ANDY GIBSON, 35268033, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1943. Entered the Service from Raven, Kentucky.

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ROBERT D. HEES, 35130485, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 February 1944. Entered the Service from Middletown, Ohio.

JOE E. CHEANEY, 20806800, Technician Third Grade (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Electra, Texas.

LAWRENCE T. DOUGLAS, 33233480, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Peach Bottom, Pa.

JOHN W. GILBREATH, 20803544, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 23 November 1943. Entered the Service from Wealder, Texas.

ALFRED G. VENHAUS, 36055303, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Breese, Illinois.

RAYMOND F. SIMONS, 35754415, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Steubenville, Ohio.

JACK SCOTT, 34774098, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Taylorsville, North Carolina.

WILLIAM E. QUATMAN, 36055159, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Teutopolis, Illinois.

JAMES NESBIT, JR., 3555939, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

KENNETH SPARKS, 35651524, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Paintsville, Kentucky.

EUGENE V. SHAFER, 36695743, Private, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Havana, Illinois.

ROLIN H. THOMPSON, 39336749, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Bend, Oregon.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named soldier for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

BEN E. SNAPKA, 38036763, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Mount Calm, Texas.

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SECTION I — COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT

Under the provisions of War Department Circular #269, of 1943, more than sixty-five percent of the command having established eligibility to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the 142d Infantry Regiment is hereby designated a Combat Infantry Regiment and is entitled to a "Combat Infantry Regiment" white streamer for the Regimental Colors.

SECTION II — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

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

CHARLES W. WALKER, 0442455, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, 9 September 1943 to 1 March 1944. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

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.

WALTER R. GONZALES, 20801389, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 20 to 22 January 1944 in Italy. During the action on the banks of a strategic river, Sergeant Gonzales remained determinedly in the vicinity of the river for three days placing and lighting smoke pots to screen the movements of troops and tanks from the enemy observers. Although he was exposed to ceaseless artillery and mortar fire and sometimes to long range machine gun fire, he remained on the bank alone, covering the activity of friendly units and hiding the targets from the enemy artillery. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

FRANK P. GONDA, 33412582, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 December 1943 in Italy. Ordered to accompany Company B in the attack and maintain communications between the battalion switchboard and the company, Private First Class Gonda advanced with the unit in the face of sweeping machine gun and rifle fire and ceaseless artillery and mortar shelling. He moved forward, laying the

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communications line as he progressed, until the company was pinned down by the increased tempo of enemy fire. Without a thought for personal security, he exposed himself to the holocaust of fire and repaired the line when it was shattered by the shelling. He maintained almost unbroken communications between the battalion commander and the company. Entered the Service from Everson, Pa.

JAMES GIACALONE, 32639164, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 22 November 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Giacalone volunteered to lead a detail to the heights of a mountain forward of the Company L outpost in order to remove the bodies of three soldiers which had been buried by a direct hit by a mortar shell. After guiding his companions up steep, rocky trails through heavy rain and under artillery and mortar fire for five hours, he reached his destination and began digging for the men. After working tirelessly for six hours, constantly imperilled by enemy shelling and small arms fire, he and his comrades succeeded in uncovering the bodies. Private First Class Giacalone then guided the party down the precipitous mountain trail to the collecting station, assisting the men in carrying the heavy load. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JAMES A. MONACO, 31352065, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 June 1944 in Italy. When Company G had penetrated the enemy defenses and had almost completed its mission, the enemy, strengthened by reinforcements, launched a vigorous counterattack. While Private Monaco's platoon leader was conferring with the company commander, an enemy soldier crept cautiously toward the two officers and prepared to hurl a hand grenade at them. Spotting the sniper, Private Monaco, moving with startling rapidity, fired from the hip and killed him, thus saving the lives of the officers. Entered the Service from Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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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 gallantry in action in Italy.

- WILLIAM J. DUBE, JR., 0417745, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.
- ROGER G. DANIELS, 36055334, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Alton, Illinois.
- THOMAS J. FLAIM, 33058914, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Hazleton, Pennsylvania.
- RAYMOND N. MC CALL, 20802888, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1943. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.
- ADELBERT A. SKAGGS, 39336725, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bend, Oregon.
- WALTER T. CASEY, 3222711, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1943. Entered the Service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.
- CHARLES BRANSCOM, 39256288, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hynes, California.
- ROGER C. BUCK, 33746112, Private, Medical Detachment, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

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 in Italy.

- RALPH S. PHELAN, 0378415, Captain, Medical Corps, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 December 1943 to 26 February 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.
- PERCY V. HARLIN, 38063829, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 1 February 1944. Entered the Service from Littlefield, Texas.
- LAMBERTH A. WAGONER, 34771491, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 1 February 1944. Entered the Service from Roxboro, North Carolina.

SECTION II-- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following named individual is awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of second Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

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NEAL M. EUBANKS, 34085372, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Albany, Georgia.

SECTION III -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

PAUL R. DILL, 32270226, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 14 December 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Dill advanced through darkness toward the front line positions with his commanding officer to assist in establishing a forward aid station. He carried bulky supplies to the new station and spent almost the entire night preparing and placing sandbags for protection. During an attack against the enemy on the following day, the aid station was subjected to sniper fire, and the building which sheltered it was three times hit by artillery shells. Ignoring the many dangers which imperilled his life, Private First Class Dill worked tirelessly setting up blood plasma units, assisting the walking wounded and rendering prompt and efficient first aid treatment to the numerous casualties. Entered the Service from Medford, Delaware.

EUGENE A. HART, 35219476, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Hart was ordered to protect the right flank of his squad's outpost, the most likely avenue of approach by the enemy. When a group of enemy soldiers counter-attacked, they struck at his position with a strong force, sweeping the area with intense small arms fire. Steadfastly maintaining his post against the enemy onslaught, he calmly directed accurate rifle fire against the attackers and then, after reloading his rifle several times, began tossing hand grenades. He killed two enemy soldiers and wounded four, and he succeeded in delaying the attack until friendly troops were alerted and help arrived. Entered the Service from Lancaster, Ohio.

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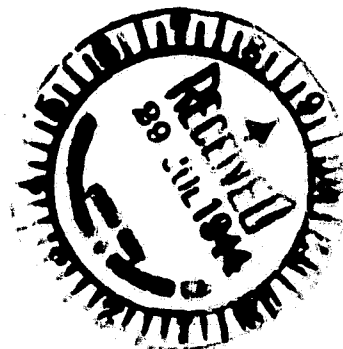
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SECTION I — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

LAWRENCE W. KOLITAS, 33139350, Private First Class, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. The machine gun platoon of which Private First Class Kolitas was a member was assigned the mission of establishing a base of fire on the enemy's right flank, and to pin the hostile soldiers to the ground thus permitting a friendly unit to maneuver successfully and envelope them. Private First Class Kolitas and his comrades directed rapid and effective fire against the enemy; however, the enemy soon located the source and began blasting the platoon position with mortar shells. As the platoon's supply of ammunition became critical, Private First Class Kolitas, aware of the extreme danger to which he would expose himself, braved the intense enemy fire to secure additional ammunition. He moved forward fearlessly until he was struck down by enemy shell fragments, and died of these wounds shortly thereafter. Next of kin: Mrs Marie Kolitas (Mother), 855 Carroll Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

JESS G. GARBER, 0480244, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Medical Corps, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When a tank recovery vehicle was struck by enemy artillery fire and an enlisted man was seriously wounded by the explosion, Lieutenant Garber unhesitatingly left his place of safety and ran across the shell blasted terrain under continued hostile fire, to aid the man. He succeeded in carrying the injured soldier to a shallow hole which afforded some protection from the barrage and proceeded to administer effective first aid. While artillery shells burst all around him, he calmly dressed the man's wounds and steadfastly refused to leave him until the shelling ceased and evacuation was possible. By his skill and daring, Lieutenant Garber saved the leg and perhaps the life of the wounded soldier. Entered the Service from Brookline, Massachusetts.

BERNARD J. MURPHY, 01290290, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\* \*\*\*, ITALY. The 1st Battalion had reached its objective and had begun to occupy the new positions when the enemy launched a determined counterattack. Immediately cognizant of the situation, Captain Murphy, a battalion staff officer, noted the routes of approach the enemy was using and the approximate number of the hostile force. Moving rapidly, he

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collected the nearest men and rallied them into an effective fighting unit. He then led them in the face of intense enemy fire to the forward slope of the mountain and, with scarcely enough time to deploy his men, displayed outstanding qualities of leadership in placing them immediately in strategic positions affording the best fields of fire. He led his men across the slope of the hill and directed an effective and continuous wall of fire against the enemy to his front. Although he was wounded by a grenade fragment, Captain Murphy continued directing his men in their fierce fire fight until the enemy force had been driven back. Entered the Service from Omaha, Nebraska.

SELVIN E. SAMPSON, 01309840, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Lieutenant Sampson, a platoon leader in Company C, was ordered to lead his platoon against heavily fortified enemy positions in a strategic town. He valiantly led his men forward in the attack in the face of sweeping machine gun and small arms fire across terrain blasted by enemy artillery and mortars. Aware that the tanks which supported his unit had poor visibility while buttoned up, he personally located several enemy positions affording excellent targets for the tanks. He then stood erect, consciously exposing himself to the furious enemy fire, to direct the tank fire on the well concealed enemy positions. He not only led his platoon courageously against the hostile force; he also enabled the tanks to destroy strong enemy emplacements. Entered the Service from Hector, Minnesota.

REDMON R. GAINES, 01016119, Second Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. When Lieutenant Gaines led the 2d Platoon of his tank company in support of two attacking infantry companies, he contacted the enemy almost immediately. The tanks were subjected to intense enemy antitank fire and a heavy mortar barrage, and the infantry troops were stopped by sweeping machine gun fire. Lieutenant Gaines unhesitatingly swung his tank into the line of fire in order to protect the infantrymen from the hail of machine gun bullets. By his skillful maneuvers and accurate fire, his tank destroyed two enemy antitank guns. He then turned his tank and charged the machine gun emplacements, knocking out ten of them. Largely because of his quick thinking and daring, the enemy resistance was broken and only two casualties were sustained by the friendly forces. Entered the Service from Climax, Georgia.

JACK A. LONG, 20804865, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. During an enemy counterattack, a group of six enemy soldiers crawled very near Private First Class Long's machine gun emplacement and, by their selection of positions, prevented his directing effective fire on them. When the riflemen supporting his position were forced to set up a new defense, he was left at an unprotected, forward point exposed to the enemy fire. The hostile soldiers began throwing hand grenades at his emplacement, and Private First Class Long answered with accurately hurled hand grenades. He forced the enemy to withdraw to a position where he could deliver effective machine gun fire on them and completely crushed the attack. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.

JACK C. STEVENS, 32766958, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Private First Class Stevens was the first scout of the 2d Platoon which was the base unit in an attack on enemy positions. After moving forward, ahead of his platoon for 200 yards over the mountainous terrain, he was fired on by an enemy machine gun. Dropping to the ground under the rapid bursts of machine gun bullets, he realized that he could not contact his platoon to warn them of the imminent danger or

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to receive orders from his superiors. Aware that he must act immediately, on his own initiative, to save his comrades, Private First Class Stevens advanced directly in the face of the heavy, ceaseless machine gun fire. As he neared the gun emplacement, his bayonet was shot from his rifle and bullets kicked up dirt all around him, but he never faltered and continued on toward the hostile position. Taking careful aim, he fired his rifle and killed the enemy gunner; then he destroyed the machine gun nest. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

JOHN S. WINYSKI, 32776390, Private First Class, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Private First Class Winycki was riding on a truck toward \*\*\* as part of the leading element of a motorized column. When the column was delayed on the outskirts of the city, an enemy force opened fire on the vehicles. Private First Class Winycki leaped from his truck and ran to a position from which he could direct fire on the attackers; and, by his quick thinking and immediate, aggressive action, he succeeded in repelling the assault. He then participated in a counterattack on the hostile force, personally killing three of the 10 enemy soldiers who were killed and assisting in the capture of 25 prisoners. Entered the Service from New Brunswick, N. J.

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ARTHUR G. GIANACOPOLOUS, 31381076, Private, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Ordered to hold a strategic road crossing which separated his unit from the remainder of the battalion, Private Gianacopolous moved into position fifty yards from the nearest friendly troops on his right. A strong enemy force of approximately twenty men launched repeated assaults against his position, but he staunchly maintained his post. Although he was imperilled by sniper fire from his rear as well as sweeping enemy fire from the attackers in the woods below him, he repelled each new attack with his accurate rifle fire and expertly hurled hand grenades. He held back his unmercifully superior foe for two hours, firing tirelessly in the face of the enemy soldiers until other riflemen were placed on his right flank and his platoon was ordered to move to alternate positions. He personally accounted for two enemy dead and aided materially in repelling the enemy attack. Entered the Service from Hartford, Connecticut.

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 each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

MARION P. BOWDEN, 0407022, Major, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. The 1st Battalion had taken its objective on the heights of a mountain and had begun to fortify the new positions when the enemy launched a furious counterattack. Major Bowden, battalion executive officer, immediately observed the strength of the enemy and probable routes of advance. He then swiftly organized a group of men in his vicinity into an effective combat unit and led them down the forward slopes of the mountain. Displaying unusual courage and outstanding qualities of leadership, he directed each man to an advantageous position and, exposing himself to the holocaust of enemy fire, moved among the men, encouraging them and skillfully directing them to advance on the enemy and form a continuous wall of fire to disrupt the counterattack. Largely as a result of his personal heroism, the hostile force was repelled and 20 enemy soldiers were killed or wounded. Entered the Service from Belton, Texas.

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HARRY R. MOORE, 38035998, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Although he was in the hospital recovering from an attack of malaria, Sergeant Moore insisted upon rejoining his unit when he learned that it was returning to the front lines, and he reached his company in time to participate in a perilous crossing of a strategic river. After effecting the crossing in the face of intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he assumed command of his platoon when the platoon sergeant was killed and, although painfully wounded in the hand, refused to leave his unit. Enemy soldiers called out for the attackers to surrender, but he forced the enemy to withdraw by directing his men in firing on them. Ordered to return to the friendly bank of the river for treatment, Sergeant Moore assisted two wounded men in crossing the river and reaching an aid station. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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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 gallantry in action in Italy.

- RICHARD W. DASHNER, 0422625, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 January 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.
- CARL J. DELLASANTINA, 35018861, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 January 1944. Entered the Service from Sandusky, Ohio.
- HOMER B. ALEXANDER, 32426540, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Orangeburg, N.Y.
- EDWARD M. DRESSEL, 35304662, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 February 1944. Entered the Service from Temperance, Michigan.
- BENJAMIN DANNAN, 16186094, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 11 and 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Keokuk, Iowa.
- MELVIN DENTEL, 35793038, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.
- ARLYN J. ULL, 16054271, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1943. Entered the Service from Dorsey, Illinois.
- ANTHONY F. OREFICE, 32516413, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 and 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

SECTION II -- 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.

- FRANK B. JACKSON, 38835932, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.
- ERNEST E. WEST, 20808467, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.
- ROBERT A. NOWELL, 20808448, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.
- FLAVIUS B. HALL, 34253696, Technician Fourth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Onalco County, Texas.
- RAY C. ROBERSON, 38037217, Corporal, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.
- LEMING D. MOORE, 38037817, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Kilgore, Texas.

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GEORGE O. SCOTT, 20808453, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

PRESTON H. NICHOLS, 39051680, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Center, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 25 November to 8 December 1943 in Italy. The above named soldiers were members of the kitchen personnel of their company, and were assigned the task of carrying supplies to the front line forces fighting on the summit of a mountain. The steep, tortuous trail, exposed to furious enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, required four hours to climb and was rendered doubly treacherous by heavy rain and slippery mud. In spite of all difficulties, these soldiers unfalteringly carried ammunition, rations and clothing to the soldiers, keeping them constantly furnished with the vital supplies, thus relieving the necessity for removing much needed men from the front lines.

SECTION III - CORRECTED AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

OK. So much of General Orders Number 226, this Headquarters, dated 5 July 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to SEYMORE C. ROSEN, 32797360, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

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

OK. SEYMORE C. ROSEN, 32797360, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, Italy, 17 January 1944. Next of kin: Mr. George Rosen (Brother), 4715 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

OK. So much of General Orders Number 241, this Headquarters, 27 June 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to ORVIL W. CHRISMAN, 0365248, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, and so much of General Orders Number 241 this Headquarters, 14 July 1944, as awards an Oak Leaf Cluster to ROBERT D. DIETERLE, 16062508, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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 in Italy.

OK. ORVIL W. CHRISMAN, 0365248, Captain, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 9 September 1943 to 24 February 1944. Entered the Service from Denver City, Texas.

OK. ROBERT D. DIETERLE, 16062508, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1943 to 26 February 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

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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 to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

**MICHAEL LUCHIK**, 01311662, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. During the advance on \*\*\*, one of the leading companies was delayed by the fire from two enemy antitank guns covered by machine guns and snipers. Lieutenant Luchik was instructed to lead his platoon against the enemy position. After expertly directing his men in bringing fire on the snipers and forcing their withdrawal, he skillfully deployed his group, placing them in advantageous positions in order to bring effective fire on the enemy guns. When he and his men were suddenly pinned down by the increased tempo of enemy fire, he fearlessly advanced across an open field, leading his platoon in a flanking movement to neutralize the enemy position. He continued forward in the face of the sweeping fire until he was killed. His valor and selflessness inspired the men of his company to redouble their efforts and repel the enemy force. Next of kin: Mrs Anna Luchik (Mother), 1517 Forsythe Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**WILLIAM S. PALMER**, 01015036, Second Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 25 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When his tank battalion was supporting the French infantry in an attack on \*\*\*, Lieutenant Palmer placed his tanks in the most advantageous position and then proceeded to make a foot reconnaissance in advance of the main body of infantry to secure information concerning the location of enemy defenses. He advanced into the town which had just been evacuated by the enemy, and he and his party were probably the first friendly troops to enter the booby trapped and sniper infested village. Although the area was constantly blasted by artillery shell fire, he continued on to complete his reconnaissance and returned with invaluable information which materially expedited the attack and capture of the town. In a later engagement, while supporting the 141st Infantry Regiment, he continued down a road in the face of enemy shell fire until he was killed by a direct hit on his tank. Next of kin: Mrs Florence E. Palmer, (Wife), 220 North Clark Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

**WILLIAM VODLICK**, 35277379, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Vodlick was instructed to lead his platoon against the left sector of a hill defended by a strong enemy force. As he advanced aggressively toward the enemy positions, his platoon was subjected to intense small arms, artillery and mortar fire and was pinned to the ground. Aware that the furious shelling and sweeping automatic weapons fire threatened to confuse and disorganize his men, Sergeant Vodlick valiantly exposed himself to move about the area, encouraging them and reorganizing his platoon into an effective combat force. As he led his unit in the attack, he was killed by enemy machine gun fire, but his display of valor and

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fortitude inspired his men to redouble their efforts and sweep forward to their objective. Next of kin: Mrs Anna Vodlick (Mother), 1108 Cherry Street, Barberton, Ohio.

FLOYD C. DOHERTY, 20804873, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Doherty a member of the command group of his company, was assigned the tasks of communications sergeant when his unit moved forward in an attack on a hill occupied by the enemy. After advancing to the edge of a field near the hill, the company was pinned down by sweeping machine gun fire, and three soldiers of the six-man command group were wounded. Cognizant of the vulnerable position of his comrades, Sergeant Doherty voluntarily left his place of cover and started at a run to direct friendly tanks to his unit. Moving under the cross fire from six machine guns he succeeded in contacting the tanks, but, while returning to his position, he was killed. His courageous and selfless deeds resulted in the repulse of the enemy attackers and enabled the company to reach the safety of a draw. Next of kin: Mrs Lois Doherty (Wife), Millersview, Texas.

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 for gallantry in action.

W. T. MC FARLAND, 01299772, First Lieutenant, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Lieutenant McFarland, leader of an antitank gun platoon, had his weapon in position on the right flank of the 1st Battalion when enemy tanks attacked a sector of the battalion positions. One of the gun squads fired at the enemy force, then withdrew in the face of the charging tanks. Without hesitation Lieutenant McFarland ran across terrain blasted by artillery shelling and swept by intense machine gun fire to the gun position and put the gun back into action. He made the enemy tanks button up and, with accurate fire from his carbine and the antitank gun, forced them to withdraw. He supervised the extinguishing of the camouflage net, placed over the gun, which had been ignited by the hostile fire, and reorganized the original gun crew. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.

THOMAS M. WHITTEN, 38050617, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Whitten, with two companions, was instructed to guard prisoners captured in an attack on enemy positions. When the forward element of his company had passed by, the enemy launched a vigorous assault against the building in which he was guarding the prisoners. Acting entirely on his own initiative, he aggressively fired rifle grenades into the attackers and directed the fire of his two comrades. He determinedly held his ground, disdaining withdrawal, even when an enemy tank advanced until it was only 15 feet from him. He retained his cool nerve and calm judgment and stopped the tank with his accurately fired grenades. He continued fighting furiously for more than an hour, holding the enemy force at bay until the remainder of his company could draw back and form a defensive line. When he determined the location of the company, he fired to cover his two companions as they moved back to their unit; and only then would he return to his company. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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**JAMES M. ARMSTRONG**, 34076282, Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Armstrong was ordered to move his machine gun squad to the right flank of his company's area to assist in defending a newly captured house against an enemy counter-attack. When he spotted an enemy machine gun squad through his field glasses and saw it approach the company positions and open fire, he determined to change the position of his weapon so that he could direct effective fire against this new threat to his company. He guided his squad across an area covered by intense enemy fire to the new position and put his gun into action. He immediately advanced to a more exposed point from which he could observe the enemy gun emplacements; and, while bullets kicked up dirt around him, he calmly directed his gun crew in bringing accurate fire on the enemy machine gun. So accurate were his directions that the four members of the enemy gun crew were killed and the attack repelled. Entered the Service from Selma, Louisiana.

**ETHEMER H. SISLEY**, 36710012, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Assigned as aid man to Company F, the assault unit in an attack on a strategic crossroads, Tec 5 Sisley advanced with the attackers until they were pinned down by sweeping machine gun and sniper fire before reaching their objective. The battalion commander had advanced beyond the company positions when he was suddenly caught in the cross fire of enemy machine guns and was severely wounded. The call for an aid man was given, and Tec 5 Sisley immediately left his protected position and moved in the face of the intense small arms fire to assist the officer. He rendered effective and speedy first aid treatment to the battalion commander and to an enlisted man who had also been injured. While so engaged, he was painfully wounded by the enemy fire; but he refused to be evacuated until he had made his way back to the company commander and reported the condition of the battalion commander. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.

**WILLIAM E. WOOD**, 38066045, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Technician Fifth Grade Wood advanced in an attack with Company G, the unit to which he was attached as aid man, until an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage delayed the company and inflicted severe casualties. Tec 5 Wood moved fearlessly across the shell blasted terrain, rendering prompt and skillful aid treatment to the wounded. Although he was in the center of the most concentrated part of the bombardment, he worked calmly and efficiently, stopping profuse bleeding by the expert application of a tourniquet and treating a severe chest wound with extraordinary proficiency. When he was wounded in the right arm by a hurtling shell fragment, he quickly dressed his painful wound to stop the bleeding and immediately continued his treatment of the injured. He ignored the ceaseless, heavy shelling and his own wound and worked tirelessly with the men until his medical officer ordered him to desist. Entered the Service from Sweetwater, Texas.

**SAMUEL ATKINSON**, 35173988, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. The squad in which Private First Class Atkinson was a rifleman had advanced to the base of the enemy stronghold in preparation for an assault against the well defended position when enemy snipers, from concealed positions in the woods, directed harassing fire against the squad members and prevented their delivering effective fire against the enemy. Aware that this threat had to be removed before his unit could continue in the attack, Private First Class Atkinson, acting on his own initiative, left his covered position and advanced in the direction of the fire. Moving cautiously, aware that he was exposed to the enemy fire, he searched for the snipers

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and, finding them, killed one and forced the others to withdraw. His valiant deeds enabled his squad to continue on to its objective. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

RICHARD J. TERNYEY, 33140068, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Private First Class Ternyey was the lead scout of his company as it advanced up a thickly wooded hill, and he moved forward aggressively through an area infested with enemy patrols and snipers. He was suddenly fired on by an enemy machine pistol and was severely wounded by the bullets. His first thought was of his comrades; and, realizing that his company commander was following close behind him and would advance into the fire of the well camouflaged sniper, he rallied his falling strength in an attempt to remove this danger. Although he was suffering from his painful, almost fatal, wounds, he succeeded in lifting his rifle and firing at the enemy soldier. He wounded the sniper and removed that threat to the safety of his commanding officer and the remainder of his unit. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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 officer for gallantry in action.

GEORGE C. FUGATE, 01286818, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Captain Fugate was commander of Company C, which was the leading unit in an attack on a strategic, enemy held hill. When his two forward platoons were caught in the sweeping cross fire of six enemy machine guns, he unhesitatingly faced the intense fire to reach the leading element. He found his men pinned to the ground in an open field, unable to move. Aware that in their present location the life of every man was imperilled, he directed the platoons forward toward a draw at the edge of the field. Constantly urging them on and encouraging them by his own bravery, he moved his men to the comparative safety of the draw, thus preventing the heavy casualties which would have resulted from remaining in the open field. Captain Fugate skillfully and speedily reorganized his unit and, during the night, led his men in taking their objective. Entered the Service from Hazelhurst, Mississippi.

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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 gallantry in action in Italy.)

CHARLES J. DENHOLM 021293, Lieutenant Colonel, 143d Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944. Entered the United States Military Academy from Pennsylvania.

ANTONIO J. INCOGNITO, 32432465, Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 December 1943. Entered the Service from Ossining, New York.

WILLIAM H. ROSENBAUM, JR, 35368055, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Martinsville, Indiana.

IRA GOBLE, 35436220, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 December 1943. Entered the Service from Inez, Kentucky.

RICHARD BRISCOE, 34580715, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 December 1943. Entered the Service from Somerville, Alabama.

LEO A. LEACH, 31300575, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 December 1943. Entered the Service from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

JOHN MARTIN, JR, 33201206, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 December 1943. Entered the Service from Chesapeake City, Maryland.

NORMAND L. LA FRANCE, 31267620, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 December 1943. Entered the Service from Berlin, New Hampshire.

CLAYTON W. OLSEN, 36236381, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 21 January 1944. Entered the Service from Oconto, Wisconsin.

HAROLD M. BUTLER, 36035571, Private First Class, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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

THOMAS B. SESSMAN, 11017314, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ANTHONY D. ELIA, 32309428, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Bayonne, N.J.

ERNEST J. FRERICH, 20803896, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Red Rock, Texas.

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SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer (for gallantry in action in Italy.)

HOWARD L. HENRY, 01288051, First Lieutenant, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fresno, California.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy.

*Revised by HQ 245 - July 17, 1944 (Third)*  
\* ROBERT D. DIETERLE, 16062508, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1943 to 26 February 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

SECTION III -- CORRECTED AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of General Orders Number 235, cs, this Headquarters, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to JOW P. PARISH, 0406965, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, from 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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

JOE P. PARISH, 0406965, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, from 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

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Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

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 to the following named soldier for gallantry in action.

CHESTER R. NAGEL, 20808498, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943, Italy. Next of kin: Mrs Ida S. H. Nagel (mother), 215 South Hamilton Street, Gonzales, Texas.

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 in Italy.

ROBERT O. BRINKERHOFF, 0236812, Major, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

WAYNE W. JENNINS, 16054281, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 January 1944. Entered the Service from Toledo, Illinois.

NICHOLAS A. DE CHESTOHLER, 32223192, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Inf Regt, 21-22 January 1944. Entered the Service from Long Island, NY.

JESUS R. GARCIA, 20802309, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21-22 January 1944. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

H. O. DICKEY, 38036608, Corporal, Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Kosse, Texas.

SYLVESTER P. GOERTZ, 20803903, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1943. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

PIERRE GRIMES, 32799802, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from New York, N. Y.

LORAIN F. HAAS, 36055289, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from New Baden, Ill.

BRUNO POZZA, 32763237, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Fairview, New Jersey.

PAUL W. CUTHBERT, JR, 34678116, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Burlington, N. C.

BRANDON J. FAYNE, 42010373, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Kearny, New Jersey.

C. W. DULIN, 20805265, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943. Entered the Service from Colorado City, Texas.

FRANCIS GIRARD, 32370243, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 December 1943. Entered the Service from Johnstown, New York.

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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 in Italy.

*Citation signed by Lt. 252 July 23, 1944*  
\* ROBERT I. STACK, 07585, Brigadier General, U. S. Army, Assistant Division Commander, 36th Infantry Division, from 15 May 1944 to 26 June 1944. Entered the United States Military Academy from New York.

ROBERT M. IVES, 0140472, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, from 9 September 1943 to 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

FRED W. SLADEN, JR, 017677, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, 27 February to 10 July 1944. Entered the Service from United States Military Academy from New York.

FRANCIS R. REESE, 0360194, Major, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, from 9 September 1943 to 4 July 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

ROBERT H. TRAVIS, 0406588, Major, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, 9 September 1943 to 11 July 1944. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

BENJAMIN F. WILSON, JR, 0346448, Major, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, from 13 November 1943 to 11 July 1944. Entered the Service from Kingsville, Texas.

THEODORE J. NYKIEL, 01288103, Captain, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, from 9 September to 11 July 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

DOSS A. DULANEY, 20803750, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, from 23 January to 27 February 1944. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

ERNEST J. KUDELKA, 20809827, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, from 1 December 1943 to 17 February 1944. Entered the Service from West, Texas.

WILLIAM E. PEIERSTEIN, JR, 36812706, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class and Private), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, from 15 November 1943 to 24 February 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

COY E. RICHARDSON, 20818932, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, from 6-26 February 1944. Entered the Service from DeKalb, Texas.

JEARL W. WADE, 33632708, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 6-26 February 1944. Entered the Service from Richmond, Virginia.

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GENERAL ORDERS

13 July 1944

NO. 238

Combat Infantry Regiment..... I  
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SECTION I -- COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT

Under the provisions of War Department Circular #269 of 1943, more than sixt-five percent of the command having established eligibility to wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the 141st Infantry Regiment is hereby designated a Combat Infantry Regiment and is entitled to a "Combat Infantry Regiment" white streamer for the Regimental Colors.

COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

ROBERT E. GRAHAM, 01168254, First Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 28 January 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Graham, with the remainder of his platoon was quartered on the premises of a stone building used as the company command post when the enemy began shelling the area with heavy artillery fire. The entire platoon had taken the best cover available; only one man was still in the building when it was struck and demolished by an enemy shell. Without hesitation Lieutenant Graham left his covered position and braved the intense bombardment to dig away the debris beneath which the soldier had been buried. With the assistance of several men from the platoon, he succeeded in removing the wounded man from the shattered building and carried him to a sheltered position where he was given first aid treatment. Entered the Service from Sumter, South Carolina.

CLAUDIE E. GARNER, 20848520, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 22 November 1943 in Italy. After completing his duties as a member of a ration carrying detail, Sergeant Garner volunteered to assist in recovering the bodies of three soldiers from a point in advance of the friendly lines. He struggles forward over steep, rocky terrain, rendered slippery by the blinding rain, exposed to ceaseless enemy artillery and mortar shell fire. Upon reaching the location, he found that the bodies had been buried by a direct hit from a mortar shell, and he proceeded immediately to uncover them. After digging tirelessly for six hours, constantly threatened by the enemy fire, he removed the three bodies from the mass of debris covering them and helped carry them over the steep, treacherous trail, continuing on for five hours to cover the two miles to the collecting point. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.

BILLY J. GREEN, 20804221, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 and 21 January 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Green crossed a strategic river with his

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company and, upon reaching the hostile bank, was pinned down by the intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. When he realized that his assault boat was the only one which had successfully crossed the river at that point, he directed the men in his group to dig in; and he expertly maintained control within the group and kept it intact. Rather than risk an attempt at crossing the river during daylight hours, he waited through the entire day, constantly imperilled by the enemy artillery and mortar shelling and small arms fire, until his unit recrossed the river that night. He then directed his men in rejoining their unit and proceeding with the attack. Entered the Service from Brownwood, Texas.

WALTER C. POLONCASH, 36320771, Sergeant (then Corporal), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.  
NORBERT J. WARNING, 36813147, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hortenville, Wisconsin.  
JOHN M. KELLY, 32340243, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.  
EDWIN GILES, 32239394, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rutherford, New Jersey.  
EDWARD A. TRAYWICK, 20848333, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.  
LOUIE D. PUTMAN, 38037247, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sulphur Springs, Texas.  
ROBERT H. DRUM, 39251997, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Canyon, California.  
EDGAR G. VOISINS, 31221626, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ft. Kent, Maine.  
JOSEPH H. PEARCE, JR, 37666239, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Eldera, Iowa.  
WILLIAM J. WOLEK, 36320463, Private First Class (then Private), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 8 December 1943 in Italy. The above named soldiers were assigned as litter bearers to evacuate the dead and wounded from front line positions. Ignoring the furious mortar, machine gun and sniper fire they dauntlessly followed the attacking troops and evacuated the casualties. Moving across the shell blasted terrain, they removed the dead and wounded with extraordinary efficiency and promptness.

THOMAS S. DOCHAK, 32302187, Corporal (then Private), Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 and 21 January 1944 in Italy. Assigned as messenger and body guard to a regimental staff officer, Private Dochak advanced toward a strategic river point, exercising his keen sense of direction and employing his ability to move cautiously under cover of darkness. When he reached the crossing and discovered that it was being subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he fearlessly carried vital messages to the various units which had lost contact with the battalion command post and in this way facilitated their reorganization under the heavy barrage. Entered the Service from Bernardsville, New Jersey.

GEORGE D. BELL, 20808636, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.  
ROBERT E. GIBSON, 20808436, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.  
ANDREW J. RAYMOND, 20808478, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

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ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, 35018805, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

ODELL T. GREEN, 20808646, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Marquez, Texas.

WALTER F. DUCKWORTH, 38037774, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greggton, Texas.

VIRGIL S. RENEAU, 18037633, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

BENNIE J. JUDD, 37035201, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Yahoo, Nebraska.

JIM E. EDWARDS, 38038397, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Stephenville, Texas.

JOHN L. GRANT, 34774975, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Guilford County, North Carolina.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 8 to 30 March 1944 in Italy. Assigned as truck drivers, the above named enlisted men were ordered to carry ammunition and other supplies loaded in their trucks to a strategic beachhead. The trip to the beachhead was made on landing craft which was often subjected to bombing and strafing attacks from enemy aircraft. Upon reaching the point of debarkation, they drove their vehicles to the various dumps under almost continuous artillery shelling and unloaded the ammunition themselves. Although they were completely unfamiliar with the area, they drove to the front lines to evacuate a group of paratroopers from positions rendered untenable by the heavy artillery and mortar shelling. During this period they made four round trips to the beachhead, always performing their duties with exemplary calmness and dispatch.

WILLIAM A. COOKE, 35751470, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to attack the strongly fortified, well concealed positions on a hostile bank of a strategic river in an attempt to push a spearhead into the enemy defenses, Private First Class Cooke advanced fearlessly in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling; intense machine gun fire. When the increased tempo of the enemy fire stopped most of the attackers, causing casualties and threatening the organization of the troops; he courageously continued on to cross the river, braving the holocaust of enemy opposition and stormed the hostile positions on the opposite bank. Entered the Service from Wellsburg, West Virginia.

PRESTON D. GRAYBEAL, 33384080, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. During this period Private First Class Graybeal, a member of the maintenance section of his company, repaired thirteen vehicles damaged by enemy shell fire. Working calmly and efficiently under the constant threat of mortar and artillery fire, he continued repairing the vehicles, adding materially to the effectiveness of the Cannon Company. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILSON J. GIERKE, 36184751, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 14 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned as a forward litter bearer during the fighting on a strongly defended mountain, Private First Class Gierke had just reached the foot of the mountain after assisting in carrying a wounded soldier in a five hour descent from the heights, when another detail of litter bearers were in need of a guide to the forward collecting point. Although exhausted by his recent exertion, Private First Class Gierke volunteered to lead the detail up the difficult

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snow-covered trails, subjected to artillery and mortar fire, to the mountain top. Upon reaching his destination, he assisted in evacuating a wounded soldier to the battalion aid station at the foot of the mountain. Entered the Service from Grayling, Michigan.

FRANK D. PRUVEADENTI, 33679776, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to attack the strongly fortified, well concealed positions on the hostile bank of a strategic river in an attempt to push a spearhead into the enemy defenses, Private Pruveadenti advanced fearlessly in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense machine gun fire. When the increased tempo of the enemy fire stopped most of the attackers, inflicting many casualties and threatening the organization of the troops, he courageously continued on to cross the river, braving the holocaust of enemy opposition and stormed the hostile positions on the opposite bank. Entered the Service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

HARRY GOLDBERG, 36627453, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 11 to 14 February 1944 in Italy. While his company was in a defensive position and was being subjected to numerous severe enemy assaults, Private First Class Goldberg, a radio operator for his unit, volunteered to maintain the telephone lines to the battalion command post. During this period the line was repeatedly broken by the heavy artillery, mortar and nebelwerfer fire with which the enemy blasted the route to the battalion command post. Private First Class Goldberg never hesitated to expose himself to the shell fire and direct sweeping fire of enemy machine guns to check the line and repair the breaks. He maintained almost unbroken communications between his company and the battalion at a crucial period in the operations. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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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 to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

HAROLD D. BRAY, 20806020, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When his company was ordered to hold the newly won high ground captured in an attack on enemy positions, Sergeant Bray, guide for the 2d Platoon, directed his men in establishing a defensive position. Almost immediately the enemy launched a vigorous counterattack and forced the unit to withdraw under heavy artillery shelling and intense rifle and machine gun fire. Sergeant Bray, the target for enemy-thrown grenades, staunchly maintained his forward position, unflinching in the face of the onrushing attackers; and he directed effective fire against them. He valiantly delayed the enemy force while his men set up a new defensive line. When the enemy soldiers began firing machine pistols at his position, he was instantly killed by the hostile fire. Next of kin: Mrs Nellie Bray (Mother), Ranger, Texas.

ARTHUR W. KUHL, 35559107, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Private First Class Kuhl was a rifleman in the squad assigned the defense of the forward positions on a newly captured hill. During a vicious enemy counterattack, the intensity of the artillery, small arms and hand grenade fire forced the remainder of his squad to withdraw; but he maintained his position, covering his comrades while they moved back and established new defensive positions. Unflinching in the face of the onrushing attackers, he continued to direct effective fire against the enemy force. His dauntless determination to hold his position enabled his comrades to establish the new positions and repel the enemy attack, but Private First Class Kuhl was killed by the rifle fire. Next of kin: Mrs Edith M. Kuhl (Mother), 3326 Oliver Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

MELVIN L. BARHAM, 34679085, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Private Barham, a rifleman, was ordered to protect a machine gun which was firing in support of his platoon. During one of several fierce enemy assaults, he detected an enemy force advancing cautiously in an attempt to flank the gun emplacement. He immediately alerted the gun crew and opened fire with his rifle, delaying the attackers. He continued firing accurately and calmly until the enemy neared the position; he then began hurling hand grenades into their midst. The enemy was forced to withdraw, but Private Barham was found dead at his post. Next of kin: Mrs Susan D. Barham (Mother), Route #1, Reidsville, North Carolina.

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SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

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

A JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM, Private First Class, 37539566, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Private First Class Cunningham was a member of a patrol with the mission of clearing a forward area of enemy snipers. When several of the patrol members were pinned to the ground by heavy enemy fire from a nearby house, he realized the necessity for destroying this threat to the safety of the group and continuing on to accomplish his mission. Ignoring the danger from mortar shelling and intense small arms fire, Private First Class Cunningham was last seen moving away from his place of cover and advancing toward the house. Next of kin: Mrs Alice K. Cunningham (Wife), 3404 Independence, Kansas City, Missouri.

SECTION III — AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

MARVIN J. COYLE, O18602, Lieutenant Colonel, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. While the 142d Infantry Regiment was advancing on \*\*\* in a motorized column, an enemy force harassed the unit with artillery and mortar shelling, antitank and small arms fire, and the 3d Battalion was assigned the mission of neutralizing all resistance. Lieutenant Colonel Coyle, the battalion commander, moved forward with the assault company and directed it in the attack. Consciously exposing himself to the holocaust of enemy fire, he remained with his forward elements during the entire four hours of furious fighting, encouraging the men by his very presence and expertly leading them against the hostile force. He personally maneuvered the rifle platoons moving from one to another over the shell blasted, exposed terrain, and he frequently advanced forward of the assault elements. Although he was wounded in this engagement, his boundless enthusiasm and selfless leadership inspired his men to redouble their efforts and destroy the enemy resistance. Entered the United States Military Academy from the United States at large.

WILLIAM H. MARCUM, O1295916, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. While leading his men in an advance against his company's objective, Lieutenant Marcum encountered heavy enemy machine gun fire which pinned down the company in a hazardous position. Skillfully deploying his men in firing positions from which their hold could be best defended, he repeatedly risked the sweeping fire to personally direct and encourage each man for a determined fight to maintain their gains. Staunchly resisting five hostile counterattacks against his precarious position, he inspired his company not only to hold their ground, but to successfully assault their objective when the strength of the numerically superior enemy was spent in the futile and costly attempts to dislodge them. Entered the Service from Oneida, Tennessee.

JOHN R. POTTS, O1284048, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. After an attempt to cross the \*\*\* River had failed, Lieutenant Potts, commander of Company F, skillfully reorganized his men in preparation for a second assault. Although the banks of the river were swept with machine gun fire and blasted by artillery and mortar shelling, he determined to reconnoiter the area to select the safest routes for his unit. Advancing valiantly in the face of the heavy, ceaseless enemy fire, he

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chose the most advantageous route to the river and then continued further under enemy observation to select a suitable crossing point. As he started to return to his unit, a shell exploded near him and wounded him severely. However, his runner returned to the company and reported the results of Lieutenant Pott's reconnaissance which greatly expedited the advance of the unit to the river. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

**WILLIAM P. ROBINSON, 01291886, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Lieutenant Robinson was company commander of G Company, the advance guard for the battalion during an approach march. When an enemy force attacked the advance unit, firing into the troops with rifles and machine guns and constantly shelling the area with mortar fire, Lieutenant Robinson skillfully deployed his men and directed them in repelling the attack. He moved about fearlessly, giving orders calmly and inspiring his men by his own courageous demeanor. So marked was his leadership and so skillful his guidance that he and his men killed a large number of enemy soldiers and captured many more, while friendly forces sustained but few casualties. By successfully leading his company in repelling the enemy attack, Lieutenant Robinson enabled his unit to resume its advance. Entered the Service from Glenn Falls, N.Y.**

**JASPER R. JONES, 38060760, Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Upon returning to his platoon area after placing a three man outpost in advance of the unit's sector, Sergeant Jones, a squad leader, learned that the members of the outpost had been subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire and were pinned down, unable to move. He led his squad in an attempt to flank the enemy positions, advancing 50 yards until he and his men were caught in rapid bursts of machine gun fire. Continuing valiantly forward, Sergeant Jones fired an antitank grenade at the gun emplacement and forced the gunner to retire. He then made a dash over open terrain, carrying an empty rifle, to the enemy positions and caught the enemy force completely unawares. Threatening them with his empty weapon, he tricked the terrified soldiers into surrendering and released the outpost from the sweeping enemy fire. This action resulted in the capture of 10 prisoners, 6 horses, 2 mules and medical supplies. Entered the Service from Dalhart, Texas.**

**JOSE M. L. ROBLES, 38025731, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When an attack on strongly defended positions was stopped by intense machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Robles, first scout of his platoon, crawled forward in the face of the continuous, sweeping enemy fire toward the gun emplacements. Firing rifle grenades until they were exhausted and then hurling hand grenades, he succeeded in knocking out the machine gun nest. Then, cleverly out-maneuvering the enemy, he led his squad to the unprotected left flank in time to block an attack in that sector. Delivering effective fire on the advancing enemy, he directed his men in repelling the attack and held his new positions throughout the day. Entered the Service from La Feria, Texas.**

**BILLIE R. CALLOWAY, 34708626, Private First Class, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. During an attack on heavily fortified enemy positions protected by barbed wire entanglements, mines and booby traps, Private First Class Calloway led his squad under intense artillery and mortar shelling and machine gun fire. By crawling forward on his stomach he neared the enemy positions; and, as he was taking careful aim to fire on an enemy soldier, a bullet struck his trigger finger and cut it**

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off. Headless of the intense pain of his wound, he pulled the trigger with his middle finger and killed the soldier. His profuse bleeding forced him to return to an aid station for treatment; but, upon learning that the ammunition supply of his platoon was almost exhausted, he secured a jeep, loaded it with ammunition, and drove to his platoon. There he helped distribute the vitally needed ammunition and then ignoring personal security and comfort, he stood guard throughout the night with a submachine gun, constantly on the alert for an enemy counterattack. Entered the Service from Wetumpka, Alabama.

SECTION IV - CORRECTED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of General Orders Number 192, cs, this Headquarters, as awards a Silver Star to Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) RAYMOND NUNEZ, 01703001, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

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

"RAYMOND NUNEZ, 01703001, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. While engaged in clearing the slopes of this treacherous mountainous objective, the platoon leader was instantly killed and Sergeant Nunez assumed command. Fearlessly he led his men in successfully completing their missions, and without further instructions immediately set up a defensive position for possible enemy counterattack. Working under adverse weather conditions and terrain which offered practically no possible chance to dig in, Sergeant Nunez moved from one position to another instructing and making secure the sector assigned him. Dauntlessly he continued to check his supply and communication lines and assisted in the evacuation of wounded members of his platoon. Later that day, while establishing an outpost, Sergeant Nunez with nine other men successfully repelled two counterattacks which consisted of at least two enemy machine gun squads and one mortar squad. He was subsequently reported killed in action. Next of kin: Mrs Leonor Nunez (Wife), 930 Railroad Avenue, Beaumont, Texas."

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**GENERAL ORDERS**

10 July 1944

FINAL ORDER

NO. 235

Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I  
Corrected award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

**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 gallantry in action in Italy.

- ROBERT GAILLARD, 01299029, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23 to December 1943. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- HENRY KAHN, 01299245, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.
- LOUIS A. COULSON, 01307513, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
- OVIE ALLET, 20807807, First Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, 8 February 1944. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.
- JAMES E. DOZIER, 38060155, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 28 January and 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Blytheville, Ark.
- SAMUEL L. SHOCKLEY, 35629909, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 6 June 1944. Entered the Service from Newark, Ohio.
- LUTHER L. CURBO, 20804857, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.
- LOIS M. SINCLAIR, 38035564, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 30 May 1944. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.
- HAROLD C. SPRING, 39309677, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1944. Entered the Service from Dumont, New Jersey.
- ALFONSE A. DORZAN, 32279103, Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.
- GUY E. CARROLL, 20808184, Corporal, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943 to 20 February 1944. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.
- ARVIL R. MOORE, 38037197, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.
- MORRIS DE MAYO, 32222076, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
- JOHN R. SPRAG, 35555316, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, 11 to 15 February 1944. Entered the Service from Sandusky, Ohio.
- NEWTON E. BEVILLE, 20814807, Private First Class, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Paris, Texas.
- RAYMOND DOLZANI, 32221936, Private First Class, Headquarters Company (then Company I), 141st Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1943. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
- JAMES B. KNOWLTON, 35759131, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Friendly, West Virginia.
- LAWRENCE A. DODDS, 14201847, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from Charleston, South Carolina.

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NEAL M. EUBANKS, 34085372, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Albany, Georgia.

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 in Italy.

*Name amended to (J.P.) by G.O. # 241 - July 18, 1944 - (this copy)*  
\* JOHN P. PARISH, 0406965, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

SYLVAN A. GARFUNKEL, 01166993, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 9 to 26 January and from 11 to 22 February 1944. Entered the Service from Savannah, Georgia.

JOHN R. PROESEL, 36039756, Master Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944. Entered the Service from Dundee, Illinois.

THOMAS G. JONES, 26817910, Master Sergeant, Headquarters & Service Company, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 9 September 1943 to 24 February 1944. Entered the Service from Bowie, Texas.

CHARLES E. JONES, 33275691, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944. Entered the Service from Denbo, Pa.

SECTION II - CORRECTED AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

*OK*  
So much of General Orders Number 137, cs, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Colonel WILLIAM H. MARTIN, 0335126, 143d Infantry Regiment, and so much of General Orders Number 178, cs, as awards a Division Commendation to Private WALTER G. LA FLAMME, 36220022, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, are rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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 in Italy.

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WILLIAM H. MARTIN, 0335126, Colonel, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 September 1943 to 29 January 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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WALTER G. LA FLAMME, 36220022, Private, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery, 10 December 1943. Entered the Service from Superior, Wisconsin.

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GENERAL ORDERS

9 July 1944

NO. 234

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

SECTION I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment are each awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

- JOSEPH T. MIDDLETON, 0383605, Major, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.
- CHARLES E. WOLFE, 38050659, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.
- J. M. CALHOUN, 20800106, Sergeant, Company H, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.
- CHARLES HANNA, 15311298, Corporal, Company B, 27 May 1944. Entered the Service from Athens, Ohio.
- THOMAS BELLUE, 34385289, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Clinton, South Carolina.
- RAYMOND STRAKBEIN, 39125130, Private First Class, Company B, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.
- JOSEPH E. STACHNIK, 35277091, Private First Class, Company B, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.
- JOHN R. BROOKS, 33734584, Private, Company E, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cambridge, Maryland.
- JOSEPH COHEN, 4203630, Private, Company H, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
- RANDOLPH M. LABBY, 31317478, Private, Company M, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Millinockett, Maine.
- GORDON D. LAWSON, 31370106, Private, Company K, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Arlington, Massachusetts.
- CARL W. STEWART, 38543547, Private, Service Company, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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.

- HENRY W. WHEELER, 33632682, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Spottswood, Virginia.
- JOE P. WOODS, 38065650, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hamlin, Texas.
- GRADY HALE, 20815429, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Kerens, Texas.
- ARMO R. JEFFREY, 38026606, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mc Mahan, Texas.

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NEAL A. BARTON, 37667780, Private, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from La Verne, Iowa.

EDWARD W. SHACKELFORD, 33442360, Private, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fairfax, Virginia.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment are each awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a 2d Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

PAUL ROSANSKY, 33776966, Private First Class, Company K, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JESUS P. RETA, 39285709, Private First Class, Company F, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Costa Mesa, California.

CLAUDIS D. ROLLINS, 34390070, Private First Class, Company I, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Delta, Alabama.

WARREN A. STEERE, 31384114, Private First Class, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Oakland Beach, Rhode Island.

EARL W. WATKINS, 20807005, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

WILLIAM A. WOLLITZ, 20809702, Private First Class, Company M, 23 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

HENRY A. YEO, 36456242, Private First Class, Company F, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from East Lansing, Michigan.

VINCENT ARCURI, 32638900, Private, Company A, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN H. CANNON, 38037862, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Marietta, Texas.

CLARENCE G. CASSELL, JR., 34517084, Private, Company B, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Pickens, South Carolina.

CLAUDE C. COLLINS, 38419293, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Charnel View, Texas.

MELVIN DENTEL, 35793038, Private, Headquarters Company, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

ARCHIE L. MILLARD, 34493678, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

LAWRENCE E. THORNHILL, 20807878, Private, Cannon Company, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

FLOREAN TRUDELLE, 31361481, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 233

Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I  
Commendation for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct..... II

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 gallantry in action in Italy.

- PAUL D. ADAMS, 0017306, Colonel, Commanding, 143d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the United States Military Academy from Alabama.
- JOHN W. HARMONY, 015240, Colonel, Commanding, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 June 1944. Entered the United States Military Academy from Ohio.

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

- WILLIAM A. BLAND, 0462336, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 January to 28 February 1944. Entered the Service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

SECTION II -- 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.

- ARTHUR B. WOLLAM, 32344238, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
- WILLIAM L. ACKERMAN, 32376239, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Newfane, New York.
- BERNARD E. CONNOLLY, 33439706, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Broughton, Pennsylvania.
- STANLEY A. BARNAS, 36662126, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. The above named soldiers were assigned the task of carrying ammunition, water and rations to the front line forces at a time when all experienced riflemen were vitally needed to hold the battalion defensive positions against the enemy. The precarious mountain trails, employed as routes of supply, were slippery and clogged with mud and were 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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VIRGEL Q. DENNY, 20809065, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Moody, Texas.

DAVID E. PRATT, 20807249, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

GEORGE W. TURNER, 20807677, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

GUY H. BEENE, 20807686, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

FRANK J. ANDELL, JR, 38051613, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from East Bernard, Texas.

CARL V. FOOTE, 38037270, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Campbell, Texas.

JERD V. SHARP, 20807445, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.

JAMES H. SANDERS, 20807865, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

JOSEPH DERISE, 20807800, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

MAURICE W. DAVIS, 33588127, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 to 30 March 1944 in Italy. Assigned as truck drivers, the above named soldiers were ordered to carry ammunition and other supplies loaded in their trucks to a strategic beachhead. The trip to the beachhead was made on landing craft which was often subjected to bombing and strafing attacks from enemy aircraft. Upon reaching the point of debarkation they drove their vehicles to the various dumps under almost continuous artillery shelling and unloaded the ammunition themselves. Although they were completely unfamiliar with the area, they delivered the supplies speedily and efficiently. On one occasion they drove to the frontlines to evacuate a group of men from positions rendered untenable by the heavy artillery and mortar shelling. During this period they made four round trips to the beachhead, always performing their duties with exemplary calmness and dispatch.

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8 July 1944

NO. 232

- 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 to the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

HARPER W. HARRIS, 20803514, Corporal, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Corporal Harris, assistant squad leader, advanced with his unit in the face of intense enemy fire after landing on the fiercely defended beachhead. After pushing 1000 yards inland against fierce resistance, the increased tempo of enemy fire necessitated an order for the squad to withdraw from the dangerous positions. After making a reconnaissance for a place of protection for his squad, Corporal Harris began directing his men to cover. While so engaged, he was severely wounded by the enemy fire, but, in spite of an alarming loss of blood, he refused to be evacuated until he had moved his men to safety. He continued valiantly performing his duties until he died of abdominal wounds. Next of kin: Mrs Allie R. Harris (Mother), Route #1, Waelder, Texas.

TINY G. WALDRUM, 38036259, Corporal, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. During a furious enemy tank attack which threatened the company's positions, the camouflage net covering one of the antitank guns burst into flame. The gun crew scattered, but Corporal Waldrum, although he was a member of a different unit, realized the necessity for employing every available gun to repel the enemy attack and unhesitatingly ran to the position under heavy enemy tank fire to man the weapon. Inspired by his extraordinary courage and his disregard for personal safety, the gun crew returned to the antitank gun and resumed their positions. Corporal Waldrum was responsible for keeping the gun in action, and the weapon proved invaluable in assisting in the repulse of the tank attack. He was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs Tula King (Mother), Vernon, Texas.

HARRY J. KEEFER, 33230603, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Private First Class Keefer was an automatic rifleman with the 2d Platoon when his unit landed in an assault against the enemy positions on the strategic beachhead. He pushed forward with his comrades, covering 1000 yards of furiously defended terrain, until his company was stopped by the increased tempo of enemy shelling and machine gun cross fire. Private First Class Keefer crawled forward under the sweeping fire to a position from which he could direct fire on the enemy emplacements with his automatic rifle. Aware that the gun which he attacked was covered by another enemy machine gun, he fearlessly opened fire on the weapon and knocked it out. As he turned to fire on the second machine gun he was killed by the bursts of fire from that gun nest. He was found clutching his rifle, his finger

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still pressing the trigger. Next of kin: Miss Laura Keefer (Sister), 1923 Fulton Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD R. MIDDLEING, 35023639, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When heavy enemy mortar shelling and incessant small arms fire rendered the positions of Private First Class Middling's platoon untenable, the unit was ordered to move to a new position affording more cover. The route followed by the platoon members led across several open terraces swept by enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Middling's progress was impeded by the cumbersome mortar which he was carrying, and, while crossing one of the terraces, he had difficulty in moving his weapon. Rather than abandon the mortar which he knew to be indispensable to the security of his platoon, he delayed his advance across the terrace and faced the cross fire of enemy machine guns. His refusal to leave his mortar resulted in his death; Corporal Middling was killed by the bursts of machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs Elda Middling (Mother), RFD #1, Nova, Ohio.

HOWARD G. SARTORY, 32222861, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. After landing in the assault wave with his platoon on the strategic beachhead, Private First Class Sartory advanced dauntlessly in the face of heavy enemy fire, constantly encouraging his comrades to a greater display of bravery. When the platoon was delayed by the cross fire from enemy machine guns and intense shell fire, he moved forward to engage the enemy. Although seriously wounded and weak from loss of blood, Private First Class Sartory continued valiantly onward toward the enemy emplacements, staunchly refusing evacuation. Even when his weakened condition prevented his further advance, he selflessly declined the assistance of soldiers who offered to carry him to an aid station, and he struggled alone to the beach. While his evacuation was being effected, he was killed by shell fragments from the enemy artillery. Next of kin: Mrs Peggy E. Sartory (Wife), 100 Debevoise Street, Brooklyn, New York.

ASA J. TAYLOR, 34678159, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When the platoon in which Private First Class Taylor was an automatic rifleman had forced the enemy to withdraw from an area of high ground and was engaged in reorganization, the enemy force launched a vigorous counterattack. Without hesitation Private First Class Taylor moved forward in the face of the heavy machine gun and machine pistol fire to an exposed position which afforded an excellent field of fire and enabled him to protect the entire right flank of the positions against the onrushing enemy forces. He continued firing his automatic rifle accurately and calmly, undaunted by the fierce enemy opposition, until he was killed by the machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs Annie J. Taylor, (Mother), Route #2, Williamston, North Carolina.

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 for gallantry in action.

JOEL B. CUNNINGHAM, 0345134, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Captain Cunningham performed his duties as battalion surgeon with the greatest skill and admirable intrepidity under the most hazardous conditions. During the first hours of the beachhead landing, he moved fearlessly over the shell torn terrain, personally

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attending many of the wounded. By braving numberless hazards to work near combat, he was able to render early treatment and so saved the lives of many men. Entered the Service from Camden, New Jersey.

JOEL W. WESTBROOK, 0410474, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Assigned the mission of contacting units of the 143d Infantry Regiment and the 753d Tank Battalion located on the outskirts of the town, Captain Westbrook moved over unknown, heavily mined terrain, past enemy pill boxes and gun emplacements, under intense artillery, mortar and sniper fire toward his destination. He was compelled to pass behind the enemy right flank, stealing cautiously past enemy outposts; but he continued fearlessly, unfalteringly to complete his mission. At last he succeeded in contacting the two companies and coordinating an immediate attack on the enemy positions. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

RAYMOND T. LAHAR, 01293612, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When strongly fortified enemy gun positions in a cluster of buildings near \*\*\* stopped the advance of friendly armored units along a highway, Lieutenant Lahar led his platoon in an attempt to neutralize the enemy force. After advancing into the inferno of enemy fire, the platoon was pinned to the ground by rapid bursts of machine gun fire and intense small arms fire. Instantly cognizant of the situation, Lieutenant Lahar moved about fearlessly and quickly reorganized his platoon. Then, exercising superb qualities of leadership and courage, he led his men in continuing the attack and successfully routed the enemy. He personally killed at least ten enemy soldiers and captured seven prisoners singlenandedly. Entered the Service from Newport, Vermont.

MARTIN W. DIETER, 32633611, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When the leading elements of his company were subjected to heavy enemy fire directed from across the road along which the unit was advancing, Sergeant Dieter led his squad in an attempt to rout the enemy. Advancing along a draw defended by some 40 enemy soldiers, the squad was caught in the fire from machine guns and tanks. Sergeant Dieter continued aggressively forward, moving ahead of his men in order to bear the brunt of enemy resistance himself. Although wounded in the furious fire fight, he refused to withdraw and remained with his squad to direct them in the attack. As a result of Sergeant Dieter's undaunted determination to destroy the enemy stronghold, ten enemy soldiers were killed, five captured, and the remainder of the force driven away. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN R. CARBERRY, 20808062, Sergeant, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, ITALY. The platoon of which Sergeant Carberry was a member was ordered to hold the right flank of newly captured positions, but a desperate enemy counterattack forced the platoon to withdraw. Aware that all the company positions were threatened, Sergeant Carberry volunteered to lead a small group of men in an assault against the enemy. Advancing under heavy mortar shelling and sweeping machine gun and rifle fire, he engaged the enemy in battle and, after overcoming furious opposition, and capturing 17 prisoners, reoccupied and secured the original positions. Entered the Service from Temple, Texas.

ROBERT E. JACKSON, 20802548, Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When Company F

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was delayed in its advance against its assigned objective by the enemy action from buildings on the left flank, Sergeant Jackson led his squad to crush the enemy resistance. He directed his men to positions from which they could bring effective fire against the hostile forces in the buildings. Then, consciously exposing himself to the holocaust of enemy fire, he hurled hand grenades and fired rifle grenades at the positions, driving the enemy soldiers terrified from the two buildings and, with the assistance of his men, killing six and capturing five. When a tank attack threatened the company's left rear positions, Sergeant Jackson unhesitatingly volunteered to lead a bazooka squad in the face of the heavy tank fire, and he directed the squad in bringing accurately aimed bazooka fire on the tank, forcing it to withdraw. Entered the Service from San Marcos, Texas.

PHILIP F. STROM, 20808579, Corporal (then Private), Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, ITALY. In spite of continuous enemy artillery shelling and sweeping machine gun and rifle fire, Private Strom, a member of the crew of a 105mm self-propelled howitzer, fired his weapon with great accuracy and effectiveness into the face of the attacking enemy until his ammunition was exhausted. Spotting a comrade, seriously wounded by machine gun fire, lying exposed to the fury of the enemy attack, he left the comparative safety of the vehicle and crawled across the shell torn ground under intense small arms fire toward the man. After rendering speedy, efficient first aid to the wounded soldier, Private Strom carried him back to the shelter of the vehicle amidst a hail of hostile fire. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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NO. 231

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

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

✓ JAMES N. HARRISON, 01317394, Second Lieutenant, 112d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\* ITALY. Lieutenant Harrison, commander of the 2d Platoon, was assigned the mission of leading an attack by Company A near \*\*\*. In closing in on the objective, the platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Realizing the urgency of additional fire power, and unwilling to weaken his lines by withdrawing any of his men, Lieutenant Harrison skillfully deployed them in the most advantageous positions, returned to his support squad and carried forward the weapon and ammunition of a wounded automatic rifleman. In moving into a firing position he was killed instantly. However, the rapidity of fire brought upon the enemy enabled the company commander to move the remainder of the company into position and repel the vicious assault. Next of kin: Mr. Henry D. Harrison (Father), RFD #3, Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

✓ H. LAWRENCE, 20806636, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 112d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\* ITALY. When enemy forces launched a vigorous attempt to retake newly won positions of Company M, Sergeant Lawrence was ordered to move his mortar platoon into position and repel the attack. Determined to make a personal reconnaissance of the area and select the most advantageous gun positions, although the enemy was shelling the area with continuous artillery fire, he moved about fearlessly, scouting the terrain for positions affording a maximum of cover and clearance for the field of fire. Before he had completed his reconnaissance, an enemy shell exploded less than five feet from him and killed him instantly. However, Sergeant Lawrence's heroism inspired his platoon to move bravely against the enemy and successfully repel the attack. Next of kin: Mr. William Lawrence (Father), 1504 W. 13th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

✓ CHARLES S. TULIN, 36320190, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 February 1944, in the vicinity of \*\*\* ITALY. Assigned as communications sergeant during the defense of a precarious mountain position, Sergeant Tulin courageously risked repeated concentrations of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire while determinedly maintaining the important wire lines. Exposing himself to the observation and direct fire of the hostile positions in order to make prompt repairs or replacements of communications which were being knocked out by the heavy barrages, he contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector. During his aggressive performance of these hazardous tasks, Sergeant Tulin was fatally wounded by a direct hit of a mortar shell. Next of kin: Mrs. Emily Tulin (Mother), Galesburg, Illinois.

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PAULIE C. BUSS, 20803535, Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Ordered to withdraw his squad from positions rendered untenable by heavy shell fire and small arms fire, Sergeant Buss reconnoitered the open terrain to select the most covered route for his squad. He then led his men forward under the intense enemy fire until the withdrawal was stopped by an enemy force firing from the flank. Unhesitatingly, Sergeant Buss braved the holocaust of enemy rifle and machine gun fire, consciously exposing himself, to scout a new route. While struggling over the difficult, mountainous terrain he was killed by enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Elvora Buss (Wife), 2008 New De Loon Street, Victoria, Texas.

HAROLD M. PICKETT, 20801868, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Pickett's squad was assigned a sector to protect against enemy patrol action from which they could observe the movements of the enemy forces. Believing that he could secure better observation from high ground, he moved his squad forward toward the vantage point which he had chosen. As the squad was effecting the move, the enemy blasted the area with a heavy artillery barrage. Sergeant Pickett willfully exposed himself to the shell explosions and hurtling fragments in order to scout the terrain for an alternate position which would afford a maximum of protection for his men. He then led his squad to the new position and directed them to take cover while he returned to the original vantage point. While moving toward the high ground he was fatally wounded by enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida May Mayton (Mother), 301 Warren Street, San Antonio, Texas.

WALTER L. ZEEB, 32769942, Sergeant, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Zeeb led his light machine gun section to support his company in an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions. Advancing in the face of sweeping machine gun and rifle fire, he selected an advantageous, but exposed, position for the weapon. When his gunner was killed by the enemy fire, he unhesitatingly took his place and manned the gun himself. He moved the weapon to an even more forward position which afforded a better field of fire and continued covering the friendly troops with his accurate and rapid bursts of machine gun fire. The enemy located the position which had been inflicting such damage on their force and directed fire on it. Sergeant Zeeb was wounded, but he maintained his gun position until he was later killed by sniper fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Ernestino Zeeb (Mother), Mount Pleasant Parkway, Livingston, New Jersey.

**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:

JAMES G. BALLUFF, 019955, Lieutenant Colonel, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 30 May to 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. During this period the battalion which Lieutenant Colonel Balluff was commanding was assigned several heavily fortified objectives between \*\*\*. Lieutenant Colonel Balluff remained constantly with the advance elements of his battalion, exposing himself to enemy sniper fire in order to better direct the movements of his weapons and troops. He established his command post on the front lines, and maintained an observation post in a building which was struck nine times by artillery shells. He personally led the attack on the strongly entrenched enemy positions at \*\*\* and was one of the first to enter the city. After overcoming all resistance between that town and \*\*\*, he and his command group preceded the other elements of his battalion into the city. Lieutenant Colonel Balluff's exemplary conduct, outstanding leadership and calm demeanor inspired his men to redouble their efforts and accomplish their difficult missions.

Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.



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**DENEY W. MANN, 01290762, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Lieutenant Mann, commander of Company B, was advancing just behind the two leading platoons when the enemy suddenly opened fire from the left flank and pinned down the attack platoons. Lieutenant Mann unhesitatingly moved forward in the face of the heavy, continuous small arms fire and began organizing the men into a defensive position, working calmly and rapidly, urging them to return the enemy fire and directing them in digging in. He then returned to the supporting platoon and guided it to a position he had previously selected to augment the fire power of the first two platoons. Although the tempo of enemy fire had increased, he continued moving about over the battle ground, placing his machine guns and mortars in the most advantageous positions and directing the artillery observer to the vantage points from which he could best observe enemy activity. Refusing to succumb to the intense opposition, he directed his platoons so effectively that the enemy realized the hopelessness of overwhelming such determined resistance and withdrew during the night. Entered the Service from Cunard, West Virginia.**

**GARLAND F. JONES, 20809645, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. In an attack on strongly defended enemy positions in a strategic town, Sergeant Jones machine gun section sergeant, fractured his ankle and could hardly walk, but he refused to be evacuated and, because of the depletion of non-commissioned officers, assumed double duties in the assault. When heavy enemy shelling and machine gun fire engendered confusion, he reorganized the men and put his machine guns into action. Later, when the attacking force was ordered to withdraw from the untenable positions, he gathered up the remaining men, led them back to new positions and directed them in establishing a firm defense. Entered the Service from Lakeview, Texas**

**ADOLPH T. VOLKER, 12078305, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. During the intense fighting on the strategic beachhead, Private First Class Volker spotted two friendly squads advancing unawares into an enemy trap. Unhesitatingly he collected two volunteers and, after signalling the squads to halt, led his patrol in a daring flanking movement on the enemy stronghold. Although imperilled by artillery and mortar shelling and small arms fire, he calmly directed the two soldiers in bringing effective fire on the position. During the fire fight which ensued one enemy soldier was killed, and the remaining nine, terrified and disorganized, surrendered. In addition to taking the prisoners, Private First Class Volker seized two light enemy field pieces and enabled his company to continue its advance toward its objective. Entered the Service from West Orange, New Jersey.**

**MITCHELL E. BROWN, 34494007, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Brown led the advance squad of his unit to aid the forces of Company B in repelling a vigorous enemy attack. Upon reaching the company positions, Sergeant Brown and his men were immediately subjected to the intense cross fire from three enemy machine gun nests. He unhesitatingly fired his machine gun at one of the emplacements and destroyed the enemy weapon. Then, with his supply of ammunition almost exhausted, he hurled hand grenades into another of the gun positions and successfully knocked it out. Still imperilled by the fire from the third machine gun, Sergeant Brown moved to his assistant squad leader's position and directed him in bringing fire on the last enemy nest. His outstanding aggressiveness and display of bravery encouraged his men to rush forward and repel the attack. Entered the Service from Pleasantville Tennessee.**

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✓ GUILLERMO L. DE LEON, 38025577, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When the left flank of the company positions was threatened by a vigorous enemy assault, Sergeant DeLeon moved to a sector near a friendly machine gun emplacement in an open wheat field and opened fire on the attackers. When the furious cross fire of three enemy machine guns rendered the positions almost untenable, the crew of the friendly machine gun was forced to withdraw. Sergeant DeLeon, thoughtless of personal security, maintained his position and successfully defended the sector against the onrushing enemy force. When an enemy soldier crept near enough to strike Sergeant DeLeon with the butt of his rifle and demand his surrender, he whirled and fired his sub-machine gun at the soldier, killing him. He continued to fire and delay the attacking force until re-enforcements arrived to assist him. Entered the Service from Uvalde, Texas.

BENNIE SCHOLWINSKI, 20802479, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Sergeant Scholwinski, assigned as squad leader of the scout squad of his company, led his men aggressively forward until an enemy force opened fire with several machine guns. He directed his men to deploy and skillfully maneuvered them into position. Then he moved alone to the right flank and crawled to a spot from which he could bring fire on the gun emplacements. In spite of the constant threat from the rapid bursts of machine gun fire, he calmly aimed his rifle grenade launcher and fired into a machine gun nest, destroying it. He then knocked out another gun emplacement with his mortar fire, and, after crawling cautiously to the dug out, he hurled a hand grenade into the opening. His fearlessness and daring initiative resulted in the death of three enemy soldiers and the capture of three more, thus enabling his squad to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

RICHARD O'KELLEY, 20808874, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When the 2d Battalion motor park was threatened by the rapid advance of enemy tanks, Private First Class O'Kelley, a truck driver, volunteered to try to hold them back until a route could be found for the evacuation of the vehicles. He crawled forward under intense small arms fire with a bazooka and began firing at the tanks. The furious enemy fire kept him pinned to the ground in a prone position, but he knocked out a tank with his accurate fire and remained fearlessly in position until he was ordered to withdraw. Entered the Service from Galveston, Texas.

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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 each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

HAROLD L. REESE, 0145069, Lieutenant Colonel, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , ITALY. Lieutenant Colonel Reese, serving in a command liaison capacity, voluntarily pressed forward with the advance elements in the attack to break the final enemy defenses before \* \* \* . As the bitter battle grew in intensity, with terrific small arms, mortar and high velocity artillery shells crashing all around him, Lieutenant Colonel Reese dauntlessly moved forward to better observe and assist in the severe fight. While in position in front of our tanks and tank destroyers, then engaging the enemy with direct fire, he was instantly killed by a ricocheting artillery shell. Next of kin: Mrs H. L. Reese, (Wife), 1301 Montross Avenue, Hynwood, Pennsylvania.

DAVID B. BARTON, 015261, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, 36th Signal Company, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , ITALY. Lieutenant Colonel Barton, Division Signal Officer, pressed forward to personally supervise the laying of wire in the forward areas as the break through to \* \* \* was beginning. Commanders were operating from the most forward positions, relentlessly pushing the attack against fiendishly defended positions. Fully realizing the urgency of constant communications, Lieutenant Colonel Barton drove on reconnaissance in front of our lines and was killed by enemy artillery and small arms fire. Next of kin: Mrs Polly C. Barton, (Wife), 239 North Pitt Street, Mercer, Pa.

AUGUST A. FLEITMANN, 38035990, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in the vicinity of MOUNT \* \* \* , ITALY. Private First Class Fleitmann, as runner for his company commander, was advancing with the leading elements of his company to relieve a unit of another division occupying positions on the mountainside when the enemy directed heavy machine gun fire against the advancing company from the left flank. Private First Class Fleitmann remained with his company commander, protecting his movements about the area and killing or wounding several enemy soldiers with his effective fire. Acting with extraordinary coolness and consciously exposing himself to the bursts of machine gun fire, he continued covering his commanding officer until he himself was killed by the enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs Catherine Fleitmann (Mother), Box 105, Muenster, Texas.

JAMES DEATON, 34674167, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , ITALY. Private Deaton was a member of a patrol with the mission of clearing a forward area of enemy snipers and gaining contact with troops of another battalion. While members of the

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patrol were pinned down by heavy enemy fire from a nearby house, Private Deaton, determined to destroy this threat to the security of the group, ignored the danger of mortar shelling and intense small arms fire, and moved calmly away from his place of cover to advance toward the house. Catching the enemy completely unawares, he quickly destroyed them, and enabled the patrol to continue forward, however he was killed in the final stages of this assault. Next of kin: Mr. Price B. Deaton (Brother), Biscoe, North Carolina.

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 for gallantry in action.

JAMES E. SEELEY, 35275557, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of MOUNT \* \* \* \* ITALY. During a strong, well-organized enemy attack on the 1st Battalion positions, Sergeant Seeley, a squad leader, directed his men in bringing effective fire against the onrushing enemy. Attracted by the screams of a wounded man, he spotted one of the enemy, with fixed bayonet, charging mercilessly toward the helpless soldier and an unarmed aid man who had been treating him. Unhesitatingly Sergeant Seeley sprang from his fighting hole and threw himself into the path of the enemy soldier, firing as he ran until he killed the enemy only a few feet from the wounded man. Entered the Service from Peninsula, Ohio.

ALLEN L. ISHAM, 32840752, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2-4 February 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* \* \* ITALY. Volunteering on three successive nights to make dangerous reconnaissance patrols of the enemy held bank of the \* \* \* River, Staff Sergeant Isham courageously crossed the treacherous waters and skillfully obtained invaluable information of enemy emplacements, strength and disposition. Constantly exposed to enemy fire and repeatedly risking discovery by the hostile troops, he completed a thorough reconnaissance of the area where severe casualties had already been sustained; and his information contributed materially to later operations in this sector. Entered the Service from Houghton, New York.

MANUEL R. RIVERA, 20802340, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , ITALY. Sergeant Rivera was ordered to lead his light machine gun section to support the riflemen in an attack on enemy positions across the \* \* \* River. Putting his machine guns into action on the hostile bank of the river, he directed accurate fire against enemy gun emplacements which had pinned down the attacking troops, and he successfully knocked out four machine guns. When the enemy began shelling the area with mortar fire, he kept his machine guns firing to cover the withdrawal of the riflemen. When the platoon leader was wounded, Sergeant Rivera assumed his duties, organizing a defensive position and initiating the evacuation of the wounded across the river in a rubber boat. While he was assisting in the evacuation, he was wounded by the explosion of a mortar shell and, in spite of his painful wounds, refused to take up room in the boat and insisted upon swimming to the friendly bank of the river. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

WILSON M. DERRICK, 20800458, Sergeant, 36th Signal Company, Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , ITALY. When an intense enemy artillery barrage shattered all the telephone lines into the switchboard located in a newly captured town, Sergeant Derrick led his detachment of linemen to repair the lines. While the shell fire was still

heavy, he guided his men into the streets, taking cover in doorways, shell craters, and behind walls to avoid the hurtling shell fragments. They reached an exposed area where the buildings could no longer afford protection, and Sergeant Derrick encouraged his men to master their fears and continue on to complete their mission. With bombs falling so close that the men were lifted off the ground by the concussion, he directed the linemen in repairing the numerous breaks. He worked rapidly and skillfully, never hesitating until the vital communications were restored. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

HLRBERT R. WILLIAMS, JR, 37667289, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Leading the foremost elements of his unit in an assault on strongly fortified enemy positions across a strategic river, Private First Class Williams advanced under constant artillery and mortar shelling and sweeping machine gun fire into enemy territory, skillfully guiding the company through mined wire entanglements. Upon reaching a second wire fence he was severely wounded by the intense enemy fire; but, heedless of his painful wounds, he rendered efficient first aid to his wounded comrades and assisted in evacuating them across heavily mined, shell torn terrain to an aid station. Entered the Service from Corydon, Iowa.

URBAN L. BRACKEN, 36038619, Corporal, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Although not specifically trained in the tactics of the infantry combat soldier, Corporal Bracken, a clerk in the personnel section, landed with his company on the strategic beachhead along with the first assault waves. Advancing in the face of intense enemy small arms fire, he reached a point in the immediate vicinity of hostile gun emplacements. While acting as a rifleman, Corporal Bracken observed that a number of men had become separated from their squads and he determined to reorganize them into an effective combat unit. After skillfully and speedily collecting the men, he led them in a successful attack on an enemy machine gun nest, forcing the gun crew to withdraw. Then, after establishing his position near the enemy gun emplacements, he led his squad in capturing two enemy snipers who had been harassing the friendly troops. Entered the Service from Lemont, Illinois.

JOHN BIELLO, 31361413, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. During the attack on stubbornly defended enemy positions in \*\*\*, while Company L was engaged in reorganization, enemy troops launched a vigorous assault. Private First Class Biello, an automatic rifleman, was the first man to detect the enemy activity. He immediately alerted his platoon by firing repeatedly into the onrushing attackers, and he continued to bring effective automatic fire against the enemy, disorganizing the hostile troops. When two of his comrades were wounded, he volunteered to carry them across the fire swept area to a position of safety. While effecting the evacuation of the casualties, Private First Class Biello was himself wounded by the enemy fire, but he ignored his painful wound and returned to his position on the front line. While a comrade loaded magazines, he operated two automatic rifles, directing accurate fire against the enemy attackers until the assault was repelled. Entered the Service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

EDWARD S. CAHOON, 32679570, Private First Class, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Advancing at the head of his squad, Private First Class Cahoon, first scout, was fired upon by two enemy machine guns only 30 yards away. He unhesitatingly opened fire with his sub-machine gun and continued firing into the enemy emplacements while the remainder of

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his squad hurried to advantageous positions. When his weapon fell apart in his hands, Private First Class Cahoon ran back under intense machine gun fire to secure a rifle, then returned to his original position and covered the advance of his comrades as they rushed the position, successfully destroying the nests, killing two enemy soldiers and capturing 22. Largely as a result of his aggressiveness and quick thinking, the squad suffered few casualties and continued on to its objective. Entered the Service from White Plains, New York.

CHARLES W. HAVENS, 35460100, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. When the platoon of which Private First Class Havens was a member launched an attack against enemy positions in \*\*\*, the advance was stopped by rapid bursts of machine gun fire from an enemy dugout. Determining to remove this threat to the security of his unit, Private First Class Havens moved forward across 100 yards of terrain, constantly imperilled by exploding hand grenades and machine gun fire, and cautiously approached the dugout. Fully aware of his hazardous position, he began firing into the emplacement and forced the three terrified soldiers manning the enemy weapon to surrender. In this way he removed the obstacle preventing his platoon's advance and continued with the attack. Entered the Service from Manchester, Ohio.

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

SECTION I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named members of the 141st Infantry Regiment are each awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

- JAMES N. LAIN, 01323943, Second Lieutenant, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Galveston, Texas.
- WINSTON H. DUBOSE, 20848481, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waelder, Texas.
- FRANK VALEN, 33258227, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hendersonville, Pennsylvania.
- WALTER S. PATRICK, 34882564, Private First Class, Company K, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.
- ALBERT ZICCA, 32726475, Private First Class, Company L, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Port Chester, New York.
- ROBERT J. MILSON, 38025451, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Angelo, Texas.
- JAMES LOHMAN, 35728507, Private First Class, Company B, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Owenboro, Kentucky.
- FORREST H. BEAN, 35267968, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cynthiana, Kentucky.
- TOM W. COBB, 35267951, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Nicholasville, Kentucky.
- REFERT C. JENKINS, 33656631, Private, Company B, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hillsville, Virginia.
- RICHARD F. CURRAN, 32999855, Private, Company L, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from West Haverstran, New York.
- KENNETH R. PARKE, 33689423, Private, Company A, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- JAMES J. CAVALUZZI, JR, 42023838, Private, Company B, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Elmira, New York.
- ROY J. MERKEL, 35219705, Private, Company A, 20 June 1944. Entered the Service from Port Washington, Ohio.
- ARTHUR H. BERKOBEN, 33671753, Private, Medical Detachment, 12 June 1944. Entered the Service from New Kensington, Pennsylvania.
- SAVINO MANELLI, 32585684, Private, Medical Detachment, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Corona, Long Island, New York.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received as a result on enemy action.  
CHARLES L. HEARN, 0406967, Captain, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 1 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Italy, Texas.

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SECTION II-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 each of the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

HENRY A. RIDDLE, JR., 01316211, First Lieutenant, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bellevue, Pennsylvania.

FERNAND A. CADORETTE, 01293546, First Lieutenant, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Biddeford, Maine.

GORDON E. NELSON, 01233036, First Lieutenant, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dedham, Massachusetts.

VERNON C. JUDD, 0503827, Second Lieutenant, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES I. GIBBS, 36568040, Sergeant, Company K, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Flushing, Michigan.

HENRY W. SATTERWHITE, 38050472, Corporal, Antitank Company, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

ALVIN MURRAY, 34289925, Private First Class, Company L, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from Comfort, Tennessee.

HERBERT F. JOHNSON, 31328305, Private, Medical Detachment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Onset, Massachusetts.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a third Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

JOEL D. GOODE, 20801464, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 21 January 1944. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

MANUEL VILLARELL, 38050645, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JOHN B. LUCIA, 39039795, Sergeant, Company E, 6 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

ETHEMER H. SISLEY, 36710012, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.

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AGRC-SA 201 Blanton, James W.  
20 807 397 (18 Apr 55)

4 May 1955

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

So much of General Orders 236, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 7 July 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to James W. Blanton, service number 20 807 397, is withdrawn inasmuch as subject individual died of wounds received in action and a Purple Heart was posthumously awarded.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

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AIRC-SA 201 Woods, Eric L., Jr.  
34 679 045 (9 Dec 55)

9 January 1956

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Eric L. Woods, Jr.  
General Delivery  
Burlington, North Carolina

1. So much of General Orders 226, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 7 July 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Eric L. Woods, Jr., service number 34 679 045, for wounds received on 25 June 1944, in Italy, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded for wounds received on that date by General Orders 89, Headquarters 21st General Hospital, dated 6 July 1944.

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

Adjutant General

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

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**GENERAL ORDERS**

7 July 1944

**NO. 228**

Award of Purple Heart..... I  
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster..... II  
Corrected award of Purple Heart..... III

**SECTION I — AWARD OF PURPLE HEART**

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

**FORREST C. GESTREICH**, 0381007, Captain, 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fox Lake, Wisconsin.

**WALLACE W. BROCK**, 01306371, First Lieutenant, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bainbridge, Georgia.

**PETER LARSON**, 0384739, First Lieutenant, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Omaha, Nebraska.

**FRANCIS C. SMITH**, 01861167, Second Lieutenant, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Watkinville, Georgia.

**JOHN J. MC CUTCHEON**, 38026791, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 23 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hutto, Texas.

**ROBERT W. KORTHALS**, 6974481, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from North Collins Erie County, New York.

**SAM T. LOCOCO**, 39007698, Staff Sergeant Company B, 23 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

**LEONARD E. ROCKETT**, 20809686, Technician Fourth Grade, Company M, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Marlin, Texas.

**JOHN T. ALEXANDER**, 20807363, Private First Class, Company A, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.

**ROY A. DCHONEY**, 20809444, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

**ALGUSTER HOGAN**, 20809242, Private First Class, Company K, 23 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

**JACK L. JAMES**, 38096342, Private First Class, Company L, 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from Paradise, Texas.

**ARTHUR LARGENT**, 38051409, Private First Class, Company K, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Neches, Texas.

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*41177* **LUCAS W. BLANTON**, 20807397, Private, Company A, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Alto, Texas.

**DENNIS J. BONISZ**, 36817362, Private, Company K, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**WALTER C. MUHN, JR.**, 32988694, Private, Company K, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Elmont, New York.

**WILLIAM L. KING**, 34813339, Private, Company K, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Belgreen, Alabama.

**HAROLD W. ION**, 33272808, Private, Company K, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

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ERIC P. MC NIECE, 36821658, Private, Company G, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Zion, Illinois.

EDWARD H. VOLLRATH, 36815487, Private, Company E, 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from Milltown, Wisconsin.

HARRY A. WALKER, 31374214, Private, Company K, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from East Andover, New Hampshire.

ERIC L. WOODS, JR, 34679045, Private, Company K, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Graham, North Carolina.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

EDWARD V. NIZELSKI, 32904679, Private First Class, Company M, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Maspeth, New York.

WILL C. FREEMAN, 34805359, Private, Company B, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Berry, Alabama.

JOHN C. GOODLETT, JR, 35689700, Private, Company B, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sinai, Kentucky.

GEORGE L. PRAHL, 35757081, Private, Company G, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Monogan, West Virginia.

LANG D. SHOFF, 31268573, Private, Company I, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Colebrook, New Hampshire.

SECTION III -- CORRECTED AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

*OK* So much of General Orders No. 217, this Headquarters, cs, as awards a Purple Heart to "Major MARTIN P. BOWDEN, 040702" is amended to read "Major MARION P. BOWDEN, 0407022".

By command of Major General WALKER:

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

OFFICIAL:

*Vincent M. Lockhart*

VINCENT M. LOCKHART  
Captain, Adjutant General's Department  
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AGRS-DA 201 LoGiudice, Anthony A.  
32 919 852

1 December 1948

WITHDRAWAL OF PURPLE HEART AWARD

So much of General Orders 227, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 6 July 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Anthony A. LoGiudice, ASN 32 919 852, is withdrawn.

The award of the Posthumous Purple Heart has been made to the above named individual who died from wounds received in action.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS

6 July 1944

NO. 227

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

CHARLES A. LIMROTH, 20804326, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Saba, Texas.

DENNY REYNOLDS, 20806084, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ranger, Texas.

HOMER L. WISE, 34150846, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

JOHN A. VERHEY, 32834721, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM J. PIERCE, 37401427, Sergeant, Company B, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Saint Louis, Missouri.

WAYFORD R. STEWART, 34607023, Sergeant, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lowgan, North Carolina.

DEAN F. STALLE, 33441264, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 23 June 1944. Entered the Service from New Alexandria, Pennsylvania.

DONALD E. SPEAR, 20123575, Corporal, Cannon Company, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mattapan, Massachusetts.

GERAL D. ALLENDER, 35875272, Private First Class, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Foster, Kentucky.

OSKAR W. SCHWERTNER, 38036529, Private First Class, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Miles, Texas.

JOE A. SHUFORD, 33454884, Private First Class, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Greenville, South Carolina.

JOHN D. SIMONS, 32832560, Private First Class, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lakewood, New York.

RICHARD D. SINCLAIR, 31308091, Private First Class, Company D, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Everett, Massachusetts.

JACK E. CONNELL, 20806058, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 23 June 1944. Entered the Service from Seagraves, Texas.

CONCEPCION C. PRIETO, 33026371, Private First Class, Company K, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Poth, Texas.

BERNABE CHAVEZ, 39285144, Private First Class, Company G, 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Diego, California.

ANTHONY A. LO GIUDICE, 32919852, Private First Class, Company F, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Garfield, New Jersey.

WILLIAM I. WARNER, 35546808, Private First Class, Company G, 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from Leipsic, Ohio.

BERNARD YAGODA, 31288807, Private First Class, Company B, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

EDWARD E. ERVIN, 12011706, Private, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bryceville, Florida.

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HAROLD W. FROMHOLD, 14190628, Private, Company F, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Birmingham, Alabama.

BEN KAHAN, 36680587, Private, Company F, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

CALVIN H. LANE, 33851542, Private, Company G, 26 June 1944. Entered the Service from South Norfolk, Virginia.

ALFRED E. MENARD, 20112435, Private, Company G, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Webster, Massachusetts.

JOE B. MONTELONGO, 39289430, Private, Antitank Company, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

STEVE C. PASSALY, 34890757, Private, Company F, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

MC QUIRE P. WATHEN, 33563795, Private, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Clements, Maryland.

ANTHONY CIAVARELLA, 36878914, Private, Company D, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM E. MURRAY, 36479306, Private, Company A, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Granite City, Illinois.

MAX D. SACHS, 42034841, Private, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

EDWARD L. SMITH, 33629098, Private, Company C, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ellison, Virginia.

WILEY K. THOMAS, 34828738, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lula, Georgia.

JOSEPH D. NORRIS, JR, 38051188, Technician Fifth Grade, Company M, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Port Arthur, Texas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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GENERAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS

5 July 1944

NO. 226

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....	I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster.....	II
Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.....	III

SECTION I -- 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.

✓ JOHN V. WILKES, 35170891, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gary, Indiana.

✓ BILL F. WALLS, 34129967, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Murphy, North Carolina.

✓ SEYMORE C. ROSEN, 32797360, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York. *(By G.O. # 245 - July 17, 1944)*

✓ ROBERT L. KIEM, 32886447, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York. *(Brother)*

✓ WILLIAM C. GILLILAND, 33635255, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brookneal, Virginia.

✓ MICHAEL HNAT, 33435548, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

✓ MIKE J. PAPE, 36661521, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ VERNON T. ADAMS, 35702531, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

✓ ISAAC S. SMITH, 35675455, Private, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Junction City, Kentucky.

For gallantry in action on 17 January 1944 in Italy. Assigned as members of a dangerous reconnaissance patrol to locate hostile positions on the strongly held enemy bank of a treacherous river, the above named men courageously crossed the treacherous waters under heavy artillery and mortar fire and advanced determinedly through hazardous mine fields to reach the main enemy line. Skillfully infiltrating through the hostile emplacements, the patrol bravely continued its important mission and obtained vital information. While returning through enemy territory, the patrol was intercepted by a strong hostile force; but by a magnificent display of co-ordinated aggressiveness, these brave soldiers forced their way through the enemy trap and successfully completed their mission.

✓ CANDIDO DE LOS SANTOS, 38036354, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Eastland, Texas.

✓ JESSE J. ELKINS, 35266539, Corporal (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Van, W. Va.

✓ HOWARD F. LANE, 31200069, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Burlington, Vermont.

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✓ FRANK MC DANIELS, 35267428, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greenup, Kentucky.  
✓ JOHN W. MC DANIEL, 36055721, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Charlestown, Illinois.  
✓ STEVEN J. FOSTER, 32721285, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.  
✓ EVERETT T. SHANKS, 35613080, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.  
✓ STERLING D. MURRELL, 20803793, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

For gallantry in action during the period 17-26 November 1943 in Italy. With their battalion occupying hazardous defensive positions in a mountain area almost isolated by enemy patrols and concentrated artillery and mortar fire, these brave soldiers were assigned the dangerous and exhausting task of hand-carrying rations, ammunition, and supplies to the hard pressed units. Repeatedly facing the heavy hostile barrages and overcoming the rugged terrain and treacherous trails, they completed two to three trips each night during this period, each trip requiring four hours of strenuous labor. Their determined efforts materially aided the successful defense of the sector.

SECTION II — AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment are each awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

✓ DEWEY R. LEHMAN, JR, 01296544, First Lieutenant, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Rouse, Wisconsin.  
✓ JOEL D. GOODE, 20801464, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 23 December 1943. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.  
✓ JAMES E. HARVEY, 38035661, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.  
✓ RAFAEL GUTIERREZ, 38025698, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from Uvalde, Texas.  
✓ LINUS A. YOUNG, 37379116, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 28 May 1944. Entered the Service from Elvins, Missouri.  
✓ CHARLES H. SMODISH, 32222919, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Jamaica, Long Island, New York.  
✓ JOSEF STEFFENSEN, 32222734, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.  
✓ JOHN T. COCHRAN, 20803121, Sergeant, Company I, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.  
✓ CHARLES F. SCHIEFER, 33231328, Sergeant, Company L, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.  
✓ JERIDEAN SHERRY, 20803354, Sergeant, Company K, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.  
✓ LENWARD W. STANFORD, 34055056, Sergeant, Company K, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Wauchula, Florida.  
✓ VANCE N. BARBER, 35570415, Corporal, Company F, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Wolcott, New York.  
✓ ETHEMER H. SISLEY, 36710012, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.  
✓ MICHAEL SAVARY, 32303520, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 28 May 1944. Entered the Service from Alph, New Jersey.

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✓ VANCE SMITH, JR, 34773689, Private First Class, Company E, 4 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Statesville, North Carolina.

✓ JOSEPH P. DES JARDINS, 31268560, Private First Class, Company F, 28 May 1944.  
Entered the Service from Berlin, New Hampshire.

✓ PAUL D. CIGANEK, 36285682, Private First Class, Company F, 11 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ HARMON JUDE, 35267320, Private First Class, Company C, 1 June 1944. Entered  
the Service from Lockisville, Kentucky.

✓ CURTIS HUNT, 35267298, Private First Class, Company C, 1 June 1944. Entered  
the Service from Ruth, Kentucky.

✓ RUSSEL R. ELLIOTT, 35753346, Private First Class, Company C, 1 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Mc Connelsville, Ohio.

✓ GEORGE N. KAPETANIS, 31285604, Private First Class, Company G, 2 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

✓ ELAM C. HIATT, 35766480, Private First Class, Company G, 1 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Marion, Indiana.

✓ GLEN R. SMITH, 35629917, Private First Class, Company G, 28 May 1944.  
Entered the Service from Johnston, Ohio.

✓ JUNISS BRYAN, 34670445, Private First Class, Company L, 31 May 1944. Entered  
the Service from Lumberton, North Carolina.

✓ HENRY H. WALLS, 35659634, Private First Class, Company L, 1 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Carbondale, West Virginia.

✓ ERNEST F. BIDDULPH, 12078304, Private First Class, Company I, 2 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

✓ DOMENIC D. FERRARI, 32343773, Private First Class, Company K, 1 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

✓ ROBERT J. PHILLIPS, 36423847, Private First Class, Company K, 1 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Muskegon, Michigan.

✓ FLOYD E. MARTIN, 35649563, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 2 June  
1944. Entered the Service from Whitesville, West Virginia.

✓ JESUS V. LOPEZ, 38025565, Private, Company E, 28 May 1944. Entered the  
Service from Del Rio, Texas.

✓ JOSEPH M. MONCHAN, 31371806, Private, Company F, 28 May 1944. Entered the  
Service from Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

✓ KENNETH C. KARSEN, 36879960, Private, Company F, 28 May 1944. Entered the  
Service from Benton Harbor, Michigan.

✓ GLEN W. DIGGS, 36876082, Private, Company B, 1 June 1944. Entered the  
Service from Pontiac, Michigan.

✓ LAWRENCE E. BAILEY, 34881890, Private, Company G, 2 June 1944. Entered the  
Service from Pulaski, Tennessee.

✓ ANTHONY P. SCANGA, 32222012, Private, Company I, 2 June 1944. Entered the  
Service from Brooklyn, New York.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment are each awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

✓ MORTON B. BRICKLIN, 01306967, Second Lieutenant, 25 June 1944. Entered the  
Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ GEORGE B. MILLER, 13112693, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 25 June  
1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ JAMES R. ROBERTSON, 20806736, Private First Class, Company M, 25 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

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✓ HOWARD C. SHEETS, 35277244, Private First Class, Company C, 25 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Lecta, Ohio.

✓ ERNEST H. SULLEY, 39911136, Private First Class, Company B, 24 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Sego, Utah.

✓ ROBERT H. CHAPMAN, 20805282, Private First Class, Company E, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Sweetwater, Texas.

✓ ANTHONY MONTEGERO, 12067528, Private, Company E, 13 June 1944. Latered the  
Service from Saint Johnsville, New York.

SECTION III -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

CARL MC CLENDON, 38037207, Corporal, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Entered the Service from Whitesboro, Texas.

JOE R. FOIT, 20809572, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Entered the Service from West, Texas.

EDWARD F. HORSTMAN, 35726372, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry  
Regiment. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

DAVID J. H. HEIN, 36817976, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry  
Regiment. Entered the Service from Cambria, Wisconsin.

MARTIN M. PHILLIPS, 32665035, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry  
Regiment. Entered the Service from Mechanicville, New York.

WILBURN POSTON, 34728537, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regi-  
ment. Entered the Service from Livingston, Tennessee.

BERNARD F. SZUTER, 32918965, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry  
Regiment. Entered the Service from Trenton, New Jersey.

RALPH R. TRESINAR, 35061403, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry  
Regiment. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

STANLEY J. EWANITZKY, 32921648, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Entered the Service from Newark, New York.

MYRON A. DUNMYER, 33760113, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Entered the Service from Elton, Pennsylvania.

WYMAN G. HIGGINS, 34774504, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Entered the Service from Cane River, North Carolina.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to attack the strongly fortified, well concealed positions on the hostile bank of a strategic river in an attempt to push a spearhead into the enemy defenses, these soldiers advanced fearlessly in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense machine gun fire. When the increased tempo of the enemy fire stopped most of the attackers, inflicting many casualties and threatening the organization of the troops, they courageously continued on to cross the river, braving the holocaust of enemy opposition and stormed the hostile positions on the opposite bank.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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GENERAL ORDERS

4 July 1944

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- Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I
- Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct..... II
- Rescission of award..... III

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.

WILLIAM T. STEGER, W-2110392, Chief Warrant Officer, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 16 June 1944, in Italy. Mr. Steger, chief clerk of the Division Adjutant General's Section, landed at noon on D-Day in the invasion of Italy and immediately upon coming ashore proceeded to assist in assembling the Adjutant General's Section and allied personnel sections, and in getting them established for duty on the scarcely won beachhead. His sound judgment, perseverance and calmness in carrying out these duties within easy range of enemy guns and under bombing and strafing attacks on the beachhead are most praiseworthy and deserving of emulation. Throughout the campaign in Italy from 9 September 1943 to 16 June 1944 he has not missed a single day of duty for any reason and his manner of duty performance during this period has been superior, despite unfavorable weather and poor working conditions. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

OTTO H. ANDERSON, W- 2109910, Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 16 June 1944, in Italy. Warrant Officer Anderson, in charge of the Officer's Section, Adjutant General's Office, landed on D-Day in the invasion of Italy and materially assisted in the speedy set-up of the administrative units. His conscientious application to study and assimilation of the ever-changing rules of officer administration, working faithfully for long hours in adverse conditions, coupled with his cheerful personality, have been an inspiration to his section and the the officers and men with whom he has come in contact. Throughout the campaign in Italy from 9 September 1943 to 16 June 1944 he has performed all manner of duties assigned him in a superior manner with a modicum of supervision by his immediate superior officer. In accomplishing his duties, he was frequently subjected to artillery fire and aerial bombardment and strafing. In this period he has not missed a single day of duty through leave, sickness or any other reason. Entered the Service from Muskegon, Michigan.

SECTION II -- 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.

GEORGE T. MERRITT, 20809713, Sergeant, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gatesville, Texas.

JAMES W. WEEKS, 34806233, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Crews, Alabama.

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CLAUD W. CALHOUN, 18193943, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Duncan, Oklahoma.

EDWARD G. CAMPBELL, JR, 32752924, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gibbsboro, New Jersey.

HUBERT J. CARR, 34800261, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Geneva, Alabama.

WILLET J. KEEFE, 32797799, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

ANTHONY S. KWAK, 32595836, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Garfield, New Jersey.

CAREY H. MANER, 14074488, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Wadesboro, North Carolina.

CHARLES M. LEE, 31321432, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from South Portland, Maine.

BERTRAND N. CORMIER, 31267660, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rochester, New Hampshire.

HAROLD L. CRAGGS, 33396136, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

MERLIN M. COOPER, 34764616, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cedartown, Georgia.

REUBEN H. LITTLE, 34714928, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Moodyville, Tennessee.

CIPRIANO CASTILLO, 38439739, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

CHARLES L. CRAVENER, 33687520, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dayton, Pennsylvania.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to attack the strongly fortified, well concealed positions on a hostile bank of a strategic river in an attempt to push a spearhead into the enemy defenses, these men advanced fearlessly in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense machine gun fire. When the increased tempo of the enemy fire stopped most of the attackers, inflicting many casualties and threatening the organization of the troops, they courageously continued on to cross the river, braving the holocaust of enemy opposition, and stormed the hostile positions on the opposite bank.

WAYNE L. BOCIAN, 37675723, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sioux City, Iowa.

JOHN A. BOULAY, 20111171, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

ARTHUR A. BLATCHORD, 37572340, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Crookston, Minnesota.

WALTER P. BLAMIRE, JR, 33745873, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

ARTHUR L. COX, 36680304, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hillview, Illinois.

EDWIN W. CURLEY, JR, 36680604, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

HAROLD B. COX, 37675513, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

ROSS B. CORNELIUS, 36680753, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Peoria, Illinois.

VINCENT J. BLACHAE, JR, 36829373, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Tomah, Wisconsin.

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CONNELY W. BIRMES, 38555035, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

CHARLES L. CROW, 38470273, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Muldrow, Oklahoma.

HOUSTON L. BONNETTE, 38497306, Private, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

EDWARD H. STREINICH, 36604505, Private, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 14 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. These men were assigned to a mule pack train that carried vitally needed supplies over trails through flat, muddy, exposed ground, and then steep, treacherous mountain paths. Braving constant artillery and mortar harassing fire that caused many casualties and much disorganization, they repeatedly made their way to the front line fighting men. Many times the pack train was caught in the open at daylight and subjected to aimed enemy fire, but despite all hazards they carried on and kept a continuous flow of ammunition, food, water, and equipment to the battlefield.

WILLIAM E. BURDETTE, 35267990, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry. Entered the Service from Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

ROBERT O. MC MILLIN, 37181664, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brownington, Missouri.

LOWELL H. HARPER, 35461163, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Loveland, Ohio.

JAMES R. BARBOUR, 35266504, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Queen Shoals, West Virginia.

CASSIDE J. CRISLIP, 35268007, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kerz, Kentucky.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 18 December 1943 in Italy. As litter bearers, assigned the task of evacuating casualties to the forward aid station, the above named enlisted men, after removing all the wounded from the front line positions, voluntarily advanced 700 yards beyond the friendly outposts to search for wounded soldiers. Although constantly threatened by artillery and mortar shelling and small arms fire, they continued on until they found a wounded officer who had lain, unattended and weak from loss of blood, in an exposed position for 56 hours. Acting calmly and efficiently, they placed the officer on a litter and successfully evacuated him.

VINCENT S. VENDA, 36856065, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ecorse, Michigan.

WILLIAM G. PICKERING, 35729620, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 21 January 1944 in Italy. When the personnel of the communications platoon was depleted by the heavy enemy shelling and sweeping machine gun fire which met an attack on well fortified enemy positions across a strategic river, these men, although they were assigned as messenger and runner, volunteered to carry wire and other communications equipment to the platoon. After crossing the river in the face of intense opposing fire, they advanced fearlessly to the most forward line of the attacking troops and delivered the vital equipment.

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**SECTION III -- RESCISSION OF AWARDS**

So much of General Orders No. 188, as, this headquarters, awards a Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct to each of the following named individuals is rescinded, these being erroneous duplications of previously announced awards.

NOLAN L. DE FORD, 38038502, Sergeant (then Corporal), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gordon, Texas.

CLARENCE N. CLEMONS, 36066818, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 145d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Marion, Ohio.

ALEX GUDANIEC, 36319118, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLARD F. HYDE, 35547632, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Oak Harbor, Ohio.

DANIEL MAROWITZ, 32304564, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

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NO. 224

Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I  
Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct..... II

SECTION I - 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 meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

VINCENT M. LOCKHART, 0404789, Captain, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 20 June 1944 in Italy. Since landing in the invasion of Italy on D-Day, Captain Lockhart has worked indefatigably during more than nine months in combat, frequently under artillery fire and aerial bombardment. Serving for six months as assistant G-1, he drew upon a profound knowledge of the intricacies of administration in combat, and, exercising sound judgment and exceptional tact, he has materially assisted commanders in personnel problems and decisions. As assistant adjutant general, he organized and directed the Awards and Decorations Section, working day and night supervising the processing and personally editing each of more than one thousand citations in two months. His careful evaluation of deeds of valor, with respect to appropriate awards, and his exceptional composition of citations have materially contributed to the perpetuation of the heroism of the command. He has worked tirelessly and cheerfully, often under adverse conditions, but always in a superior manner. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

*Amended: To read Silver Star Medal last to 269, 2 Aug. 44 (see citation) M.B. 269*  
\* ROBERT N. BEAULIEU, 31178794, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 to 18 December 1943 in Italy. Assigned as aid man to Company G when that unit moved in an attack on enemy positions he advanced with the assault forces until he was stopped by intense mortar shelling and deadly machine gun fire. The company was forced to withdraw, but he remained in the hazardous area to help collect the wounded and remove them to a protected ravine. He refused to leave his patients for three days and nights, continually administering effective first aid treatment, and he made perilous trips to the forward aid station to guide litter bearers to the ravine and evacuate the wounded men. Entered the Service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island. NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

EDWIN A. PETERSON, JR, 39040732, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 21 December 1943 in Italy. Private Peterson volunteered to join a litter party to evacuate the wounded from front line positions. When the battalion was ordered to withdraw from the hill under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he remained to assist in carrying ammunition and supplies to the unit which covered the withdrawal. Although he had not rested for 32 hours, he voluntarily returned to the battalion's former position in the face of enemy fire and, advancing beyond the front line elements, he assisted in recovering the wounded and evacuating them to the rear. Entered the Service from Richmond, California.

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SECTION II -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

JOHN M. HARDY, 0262163, Major, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Gainesville, Texas.

BERNHARDT B. BURSTON, 0126599, Major, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Brookline, Massachusetts.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 September 1943 in Italy. Upon learning that an officer and 28 enlisted men were lying wounded in the vicinity of a village near the scene of combat, these two medical officers secured three ambulances at a clearing station and voluntarily led them in searching for the men. Although misdirected several times and repeatedly warned of the danger from artillery shelling, they drove on undaunted, until they located the men. They directed the quick loading of the wounded into the ambulance and brought them back safely to a hospital for medical attention.

WILLIAM A. CHILDRESS, 38037256, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Leonard, Texas.

ARTHUR J. STIEN, 32238636, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, N.Y.

VICTOR ACOSTA, 38026623, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

LEONARD E. RICE, 20807859, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

JOE B. SIMS, 34728970, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sparta, Tennessee.

ROY C. WARREN, 31319926, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from East Parsonfield, Maine.

JULIO G. VELA, 38026630, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

HERBERT H. PAUL, 35536538, Private First Class, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

WILLIAM G. MOORE, 34770686, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pineville, North Carolina.

GEORGE C. KNIGHT, 34773776, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Belmont, North Carolina.

LEO L. GOFF, 38402288, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lahoma, Oklahoma.

HARVEY W. FARRIS, 20807624, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

JULIUS L. DE ROBERTIS, 32804790, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. These men were assigned the task of carrying ammunition, water and rations to the front line forces at a time when all experienced riflemen were vitally needed to hold the battalion defensive positions against the enemy. The precarious mountain trails, employed as routes of supply, were slippery and clogged with mud and were 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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AARON M. COPELAND, 38039727, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

JOHN L. LANGSTON, 18160051, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

EDWARD H. INKAMANN, 36897245, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from West Allis, Wisconsin.

ROBERT BERKMAN, 32426867, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from East Rockaway, New York.

ANDREW J. SANZO, 31256769, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

JAMES L. CARTER, 35698625, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

ALBERT A. WALIMA, 37275476, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 20 to 27 January 1944 in Italy. As litter bearers at a battalion aid station during the action on the banks of a strategic river, these men made numerous trips to forward positions under intense small arms fire across uncleared mine fields to remove the wounded. On one occasion, they volunteered to brave the ceaseless small arms and mortar fire to remove a number of wounded men who were pinned down near the river and unable to move. Although, upon reaching the area, they discovered that the patients had been evacuated by other means, these courageous men fearlessly crawled over the mile and a half of shell torn terrain to make certain that other wounded had not been overlooked.

ELLIOTT A. WHITE, 20809649, Corporal, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

WILLIAM N. POTTORFF, 35143221, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lapel, Indiana.

JESSE L. SMOTHERS, 34806311, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cordova, Alabama.

RAYMOND MOORE, 32235212, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kearney, New Jersey.

BRAXTON MORGAN, 32753498, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bridgeton, New York.

BRUCE MC EVELL, JR., 20809500, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

BILBERT O. WRIGHT, 34806103, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from York, Alabama.

JOHN G. THOMPSON, 33396411, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Monessen, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH G. TAYLOR, JR., 36560428, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN J. STURNIOLO, 31301782, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

EDWARD S. STUBBS, 35173399, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Youngstown, Ohio.

ROBERT J. STEVENSON, 35629999, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Circleville, Ohio.

LEROY STUBLER, 34801863, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Foley, Alabama.

NICK RUSSIAN, 33684538, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Crucible, Pennsylvania.

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AUSTIN E. REED, 35630986, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment.  
Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

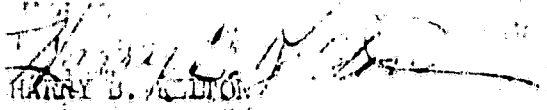
For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to attack the strongly fortified, well concealed positions on a hostile bank of a strategic river in an attempt to push a spearhead into the enemy defenses, the above named men advanced fearlessly in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense machine gun fire. When the increased tempo of the enemy fire stopped the attackers inflicting many casualties and threatening the organization of the troops, they courageously continued on to cross the river, braving the holocaust of enemy opposition and stormed the hostile positions on the opposite bank.

JAMES PENCE, 35267223, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 December 1943 in Italy. While working at a forward supply dump, Tec 5 Pence volunteered to lead a group of men carrying supplies to the front line rifle companies over two miles of difficult terrain through misty darkness. When an enemy patrol contacted the carrying party and attacked it, he directed the men to take cover and forced the patrol to withdraw with effective rifle fire. After skillfully reorganizing the group, he led the men under heavy enemy artillery fire to their destination and delivered the vitally needed supplies. Entered the Service from Gleason, Wisconsin.

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NO. 223

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I  
Corrected Award of Oak Leaf Cluster.....II

SECTION I - 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 meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

HARRY B. KELTON, 0377166, Major, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 1 July 1944 in Italy. Since landing in the invasion of Italy on D-Day, Major Kelton has worked indefatigably during more than nine months of combat, frequently under artillery fire and aerial bombardment. He has maintained constant close touch with the personnel needs of the fighting units, accomplished requisitions, and made personal and tactful contacts with the replacement depots, which insured the receipt in the division of the highest type combat soldiers available. His sound judgment and profound insight into the intricacies of administration under battle conditions have relieved commanders of a multitude of details and thus materially contributed to the success of operations. He has cheerfully worked long hours, often under adverse conditions and while in poor health, but has, despite these handicaps, always performed his duties in a superior manner. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

LLOYD M. SOUTHWICK, 0344229, Captain, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 17 November 1943 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. During this period Captain Southwick performed his duties as battalion surgeon with extraordinary skill and coolness under the most hazardous conditions. Although often subjected to heavy enemy fire, he assisted in the expert surgical care of large numbers of patients and constantly inspired the men of his unit by his resourcefulness, ingenuity and fearlessness. Largely because of his tireless efforts in treating his patients, the mortality from illness and battle injuries were kept at a minimum. Entered the Service from Edinburg, Texas.

FRANK POLITZER, 01285296, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. During this period Lieutenant Politzer performed his duties as battalion communications officer with tireless efficiency, insuring almost unbroken communication between the battalion commander and all the units of his command. On one occasion, he made a personal reconnaissance over trails constantly under enemy observation to select the best route of communications to the front line companies. During a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage which disabled the wire lines, he led wiremen forward across the shell torn terrain to repair the breaks and reestablish the vital communications. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

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JAMES R. CROCKER, 01289051, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 4 to 15 December 1943 in Italy. When all the communication lines from the regimental command post to the battalions were disrupted by heavy enemy artillery shelling, Lieutenant Crocker carried a vital message concerning an attack to the units, traversing precipitous, muddy trails, advancing under intense artillery and mortar fire. Later, when a battalion staff officer in charge of supplies was wounded, Lieutenant Crocker assumed his duties and worked tirelessly supervising the supply functions for the battalion. He personally reconnoitered the shell torn area, constantly threatened by enemy small arms fire, to determine the best routes for the supply trains to reach the battalions. Entered the Service from Petaluma, California.

JOHN J. WICKHAM, 01170601, First Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 November 1943 to 12 March 1944 in Italy. As forward observer for his battery during this period, Lieutenant Wickham performed his duties with unusual skill and efficiency. Although often subjected to hostile fire, he always maintained his position and directed deadly accurate fire on enemy emplacements, thus supporting the infantry troops and aided them in attaining their objectives. Entered the Service from Quincy, Massachusetts

HERBERT S. MASKEW, 02055838, First Lieutenant (then Master Sergeant and Second Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944 in Italy. Because of his faithful and efficient performance of duty, Sergeant Maskew was promoted to battalion staff officer charged with the responsibility of supplying his unit. By carefully reconnoitering the approaches to the battalion positions, he selected the safest and most maneuverable routes of supply. During the action on the banks of a strategic river, he supervised the carrying of a two days supply of food and ammunition to a point accessible to the troops; and, when the battalion withdrew from the hostile bank of the river to reorganize, he moved about over the shell torn terrain personally checking all companies to determine what equipment and supplies were vital for a maximum fighting efficiency. Entered the Service from Galveston, Texas.

CLYDE E. BURTON, 20813425, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 28 March 1944 in Italy. During this period, by his diligent and tireless supervision of his motor section, he made certain that the vehicles of his battery suffered no mechanical failures. On one occasion, the battery motor pool was shelled by the enemy artillery and direct hits enflamed the vehicles and equipment. Immediately assuming command, Sergeant Burton restored order, directed the extinguishing of the fire and prepared to repair the damaged vehicles. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

ARTHUR KAUPPINEN, 31005965, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 14 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Kauppinen was assigned to a mule pack train that carried vitally needed supplies over trails through flat, muddy, exposed ground and then over steep, treacherous mountain paths. Braving constant artillery and mortar harassing fire that caused many casualties and much disorganization, he repeatedly made the trip to front line fighting men. Many times the pack train was caught in the open at daylight and subjected to aimed enemy fire, but despite all hazards he carried on and kept a continuous flow of ammunition, food, water, and equipment to the battlefield. Entered the Service from Athol, Massachusetts.

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JAMES E. CARTER, 20809732, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Carter, while still performing his duties as mess sergeant and feeding 300 men daily, volunteered to work with mule trains which brought supplies to the fighting troops every other night. Through rain and snow, often subjected to enemy artillery shelling, he dauntlessly guided the pack train up the muddy, rugged, treacherous trails to the battalion area. During this period Sergeant Carter performed his double duties tirelessly and efficiently, facing the dangers of his arduous tasks uncomplainingly and fearlessly. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

*Amended by 120769, 2 Aug. 44 to read Silver Star (see citation on 120269)*  
\* WILFRED LANGLOIS, 31245906, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 to 18 December 1943 in Italy. Assigned as aid man to Company G when that unit moved in an attack on enemy positions, he advanced with the assault forces until he was stopped by intense mortar shelling and deadly machine gun fire. The company was forced to withdraw, but he remained in the hazardous area to help collect the wounded and remove them to a protected ravine. He refused to leave his patients for three days and nights, continually administering effective first aid treatment, and he made perilous trips to the forward aid station to guide litter bearers to the ravine and evacuate the wounded men. Entered the Service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

OSIE MOORE, 20808264, Technician Fourth Grade, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

LOSS R. WARLICK, 20808215, Technician Fourth Grade, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

EDWARD J. MAREK, 20808267, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

STEVE R. PRAZAK, 20808211, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

FRED V. DAVIS, 33093199, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Buckingham, Virginia.

MARTIN L. WERT, 33245564, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lakemont, Pennsylvania.

FRANK J. JOHNSON, 32330181, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New York City, New York.

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 11 to 15 December 1943 in Italy. These men, members of the kitchen personnel of their company, volunteered to carry supplies to the 1st Battalion forces fighting against strong enemy troops on a strategic mountain. Day after day they courageously braved the furious artillery and mortar fire, struggling up the mountainside over trails too rocky and steep for the use of mules, to furnish the battle-weary soldiers with food, clothing and ammunition. By their determined performance of their duties, these men greatly raised the morale of the fighting men and relieved some of their hardships.

MICHAEL KNOPIC, 35160742, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 to 21 September 1943 and from 12 to 20 November 1943 in Italy. As mail orderly for his organization, Tec 5 Knopic often braved enemy artillery and small arms fire to bring the mail which he knew was vital to the men's morale from the rear area to the front line positions. On numerous occasions he volunteered to serve guard duty and perform other duties of a rifleman although he

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could have returned to the safety of the rear. In addition, he made many trips to carry rations, water, and clothes to the fighting troops; and he consistently executed every new task with efficiency and fearlessness. Entered the Service from Gary, Indiana.

CLARENCE E. JAROSZEWSKI, 20803555, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 14 February 1944 in Italy. When the battalion command post in which Private Jaroszewski was serving as an aid man was blasted by an enemy mortar shell, the explosion killed one man and wounded many more. Although he was himself painfully wounded by the shell burst, Private Jaroszewski left the command post and braved the inferno of enemy shelling to enlist aid from a medical station further down the road. He led the aid men back to the shattered building and directed them in evacuating the wounded. Only when all the men had been cared for would he consent to be removed. Entered the Service from Moulton, Texas.

SECTION II -- CORRECTED AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of General Orders No. 210 as awards a Bronze Star Medal to JESSE M. NOBLES, 20808043, First Sergeant, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star medal is awarded the following named individual for gallantry in action.

"JESSE M. NOBLES, 20808043, First Sergeant, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in Italy. When communications to his company's observation post were knocked out during a heavy enemy artillery barrage and several repairmen had been wounded in attempting to reestablish the important lines, First Sergeant Nobles voluntarily undertook the dangerous mission despite the continued intense fire. Courageously moving forward over the hazardous terrain, he successfully replaced the damaged lines and reopened communications through which accurate friendly artillery fire was directed at the enemy batteries, destroying them. Entered the Service from Killeen, Texas."

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

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GENERAL ORDERS

2 July 1944

NO. 222

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

- JAMES M. MC GOWAN, 36066438, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fairfield, Illinois.
- HOWARD J. GRAHAM, 33526185, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Salem, Virginia.
- EDWARD C. KAVANAUGH, 35038524, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Jeffersonville, Indiana.
- PAT MC ELYEA, 20805258, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sylvester, Texas.
- DONALD W. MILLS, 35259576, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Noblesville, Indiana.
- ALBERT W. EDQUIST, 36250416, Sergeant, Company E, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Poplar, Wisconsin.
- FRED BERARD, 35039453, Private First Class, Company E, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Clinton, Indiana.
- JOHN W. HARRIS, 38036969, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Post Oak, Texas.
- WILLIAM W. JOHNSON, 35234201, Private First Class, Company E, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.
- HARRY A. MILLER, 33209068, Private First Class, Company C, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Swodescreek, Virginia.
- KENDALL H. PROUD, 6669050, Private First Class, Company E, 28 May 1944. Entered the Service from Rolling Prairie, Indiana.
- MELTON VILLARREAL, 38026464, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brownville, Texas.
- WOODROW WILSON, 38051349, Private First Class, Company E, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Call, Texas.
- THOMAS A. YOUNGLOVE, 38036439, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Abilene, Texas.
- JOSEPH W. HEIDENESCHER, 35548519, Private, Company E, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Continental, Indiana.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

- CHARLES SCIOLDONE, 31372216, Private, Company C, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Salem, Massachusetts.
- WILLIAM S. SETTERS, 35801148, Private, Company H, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.
- EARL W. SLAVIN, 35206304, Private, Company A, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Marlinton, West Virginia.

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JOSEPH L. SMITH, 31387119, Private, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

ROBERT F. SPEECL, 33802698, Private, Company F, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

CECIL L. STREETER, 36823585, Private, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

CLARENCE T. STRUBLE, 42000898, Private, Company C, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Franklin, Missouri.

WALTER P. SUHOSKY, 33802585, Private, Company F, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

TIMOTHY C. SULLIVAN, 42033096, Private, Company I, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JOSEPH SUSKO, 35911896, Private, Company D, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Warren, Ohio.

ROBERT E. TAYLOR, 33658373, Private, Company F, 20 June 1944. Entered the Service from Pearisburg, Virginia.

FRANK TEVERI, 33624614, Private, Company D, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE S. THOMPSON, 34893431, Private, Company F, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hendersonville, North Carolina.

HOWARD J. VITIELLO, 31387367, Private, Company K, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

ROBERT C. WADE, 34872416, Private, Company I, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Tupelo, Mississippi.

DONALD A. WALTER, 35172519, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mineral City, Ohio.

MASON G. WEBB, 34893507, Private, Company F, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Pine Hall, North Carolina.

HARRY WHITE, 36688221, Private, Company A, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

LEO J. WIERZBOSKI, 15140346, Private, Company M, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lorain, Ohio.

RAOUL A. WOODS, 31260795, Private, Company H, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Swanzey, New Hampshire.

JOHN F. WOODWARD, 35423907, Private, Company E, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

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APO #36, U. S. Army

ORIGINAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS

1 July 1944

NO. 221

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment are each awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

- WILLIAM C. BRASHEARS, JR, 20848347, Private, Antitank Company, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Clifton, Texas.
- BRONISLAW CHOLAWA, 32445015, Private, Headquarters Company, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Beacon, New York.
- CARROLL A. CORDES, 35892902, Private, Company L, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Crawfordsville, Indiana.
- BRUNO F. COSTA, 32808210, Private, Company F, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.
- NEIL E. DEVINE, 36877425, Private, Company F, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.
- JOSEPH DI MARTINO, 33723971, Private, Company D, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.
- HENRY C. FRIGK, 33797395, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- REGINALD P. GABOURY, 31350724, Private, Company G, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts.
- JOHN H. GROWAGAL, 36830431, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- JOSEPH GUERRERA, 31380096, Private, Company G, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Oakville, Connecticut.
- PAUL A. GUNTZEL, 42031704, Private, Company G, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Laurelton, New York.
- CARL L. HARRISON, 31381115, Private, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Manchester, New Hampshire.
- THOMAS E. HART, 31371488, Private, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Middleboro, Massachusetts.
- BERNARD E. HARTIG, 31380444, Private, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Middletown, Connecticut.
- DEAN B. HIGGINS, 34774511, Private, Service Company, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sioux, North Carolina.
- ERBIE J. HIGGINS, JR, 34815171, Private, Company K, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sylacauga, Alabama.
- WYMAN G. HIGGINS, 34774504, Private, Company M, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cane River, North Carolina.
- LEONARD F. JARANOWSKI, 36503316, Private, Medical Detachment, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.
- FRANCIS J. KENNEDY, 32659362, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.
- WILFRED B. KNOZAK, 36519231, Private, Company A, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.
- ADAM LA BARBERA, 42036271, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

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FRANCIS H. LING, 32946339, Private, Company C, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from Frankfort, New York.

ROBERT C. LUEBBERS, 35799176, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bellevere, Kentucky.

EUGENE T. MASON, 36686905, Private, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Macomb, Illinois.

JOSEPH L. MASTERSON, 35708651, Private, Company F, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

EDWARD H. MILLS, 33563732, Private, Company B, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cambridge, Maryland.

SILVO G. MORENO, 38076740, Private, Headquarters Company, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

HOMER F. MORRIS, 38037447, Private, Company I, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Paris, Texas.

JOHN P. MULLIGAN, 42034297, Private, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

LEO PANAGOPOULOS, 31264164, Private, Company G, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

KENNETH L. PERCY, 33682812, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mercer, Pennsylvania.

IRVING M. RADWING, 16176809, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

DONALD G. REED, JR, 32943762, Private, Company K, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cooperstown, New York.

GERALD B. REED, JR, 38531877, Private, Company G, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

JOSEPH P. REYNOLDS, 31274471, Private, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Norwich, Connecticut.

JOSEPH RIBEIRO, JR, 31386915, Private, Company I, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from West Warwick, Rhode Island.

FRANK ROSENBLUM, 36691086, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

MARSHALL J. ROSS, 36876999, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Marne, Michigan.

JAMES C. ROYALS, 34822991, Private, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ambrose, Georgia.

MAX SAFFRON, 31368903, Private, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dorchester, Massachusetts.

SANTO F. SANTANGELO, 32897300, Private, Company C, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Richmond, New York.

LAWRENCE W. SAUNDERS, 32943486, Private, Company I, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Camden, New York.

GEORGE W. SAWYER, 31388904, Private, Company L, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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AGRS-DC-S 201 Rosenzweig, Irving I.  
32 334 746 (28 Dec 51)

28 February 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Irving I. Rosenzweig  
32 Taft Avenue  
Providence 6, Rhode Island

So much of General Orders 220, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 1 July 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Irving I Rosenzweig, service number 32 334 746, which reads "22 June 1944" is amended to read "21 June 1944".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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

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OFFICIAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS

1 July 1944

NO. 220

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment are awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

HORACE E. MILLER, 20807844, Private First Class, Company C, 23 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

BRAXTON MORGAN, 32753498, Private First Class, Company M, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Bridgeton, New Jersey.

JAMES W. MORGAN, 34884492, Private First Class, Company F, 19 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Waverly, Tennessee.

HENRY J. MORTIMER, 33698224, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT J. NEDOROSTEK, JR, 31379791, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Unionville, Connecticut.

JAMES Q. PATTERSON, 34733019, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Dandridge, Tennessee.

LEONARD E. RICE, 2080785, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

EUGENE W. ROBINSON, 34703380, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Americus, Georgia.

IRVING I. ROSENZWEIG, 32334746, Private First Class, Company I, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

BENJAMIN S. SELLACK, 32828652, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bay Shore, New York.

ADELL H. SMALLWOOD, 34779634, Private First Class, Company I, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Commerce, Georgia.

HOWARD J. SNELLINGS, 20809457, Private First Class, Company C, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Mertens, Texas.

LEROY M. SPELLMAN, 37513540, Private First Class, Company C, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Mount Vernon, Missouri.

HENRY R. SPREE, 32726421, Private First Class, Company G, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Cornwall, Wyoming.

CORBON STEWART, 39033444, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Santa Clara, California.

ANTHONY J. SZEZUNER, 33777050, Private First Class, Company G, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CLYDE E. TEETLER, 34679268, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Oadboro, North Carolina.

RILEY W. TIDWELL, 20807675, Private First Class, Company B, 10 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Fairfield, Texas.

CHARLES H. TILLMAN, JR, 32006557, Private First Class, Company F, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

CARMELLO TREPASSO, 36823569, Private First Class, Company I, 18 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Gaastra, Michigan.

FELIX C. TRIMM, 34814878, Private First Class, Company I, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Eldridge, Alabama.

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RICHARD VAIL, 39196348, Private First Class, Company H, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Bellingham, Washington.

JULIO G. VELA, 38026630, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

FERNANDO P. VERCELLI, 33454618, Private First Class, Company I, 23 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM H. VEST, 34580689, Private First Class, Company M, 15 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Hartselle, Alabama.

EARL E. VINCENT, 36680652, Private First Class, Company A, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Bement, Illinois.

RAYMOND J. WAGNER, 32211868, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Rochester, New York.

MYRON E. WALKER, 31005990, Private First Class, Company T, 16 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Webster, Massachusetts.

DELBERT G. WHITAKER, 36482948, Private First Class, Company B, 23 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Brighton, Illinois.

JAMES E. WHITTEN, 34580068, Private First Class, Company F, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Ethelsville, Alabama.

SHLITON WILKINSON, 34827998, Private First Class, Company I, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Baldwin, Georgia.

WILLIAM A. WOLLITZ, 20809702, Private First Class, Company M, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

ANDREW YATSK, 33778977, Private First Class, Company A, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

OPHIR J. BALLARD, 37345872, Private, Medical Detachment, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Linton, Colorado.

WALTER L. BURANSKI, 26320017, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

RICHARD L. BERNING, 35294515, Private, Company F, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

CORNELIUS P. BOOKHOLT, 32778619, Private, Company F, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from Clifton, New Jersey.

VERNON W. BOYD, 37215677, Private, Medical Detachment, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Blue Mound, Kansas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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AGRS-DC-S 201 Martin, Herman E.  
35 708 751 (20 Dec 51)

20 December 1951

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 219, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 30 June 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Herman E. Martin, 35 708 751, is withdrawn.
2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded to above named former soldier by General Orders 106, Headquarters 8th Evacuation Hospital, dated 27 June 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. J. Leary*  
Adjutant General

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

GENERAL ORDERS

30 June 1944

NO. 219

ORIGINAL ORDER - ~~SECRET~~

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....	I
Award of Purple Heart.....	II
Commenda on for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.....	III

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

SECTION I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

- MARLIN L. BUTLER, 34709435, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Arab, Alabama.
- CHARLES H. MCGEE, 35632216, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bellaire, Ohio.
- WALTER J. HESS, 35490519, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.
- JOHN B. BLACKWOOD, 34708447, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cullman, Alabama.
- JACK L. CLOVER, 35634892, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.
- WELDON ASH, 38026735, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.
- FLOYD J. ELLIOTT, 33565650, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.
- ALFRED L. BEEHAN, 33456716, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sarre, Pennsylvania.
- JOSEPH P. BANASIK, 37553324, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- ALEXANDER S. KOWALCZYK, 13073190, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.
- IVAN L. BENIK, 39616738, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Miles City, Montana.
- ROBERT C. BENNETT, 39911068, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Holden, Utah.
- HENRY L. EVERSMAN, 36479339, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Illinois.
- KENNETH L. CLYDEN, 36653185, Private, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hoopeston, Illinois.

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 22 January to 5 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned to the task of carrying ammunition

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and supply rations to front line companies and evacuating the dead for the regimental graves registration officer, these soldiers unflinchingly made their way across open terrain subjected to intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and for two weeks furnished the men with the vital supplies. By their determined performance of the hazardous duties their courage greatly bolstered morale of the front line forces by constantly supplying them with ample ammunition and rations and removed the necessity for withdrawing men from the lines and the forward outposts.

SECTION II - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, each of the following named members of 143rd Infantry Regiment is awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

- ARTHUR L. HELTON, 20807020, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.
- GUY E. GREEN, 33403122, Corporal, Company B, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Butler, Pennsylvania.
- JOHN J. BARRY, 32236771, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Orange, New Jersey.
- ARLON M. BUCHANAN, 38038610, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.
- HAROLD J. DESCHENES, 31324178, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waterbury, Connecticut.
- CYRIL J. MARTINKA, 38026789, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from Granger, Texas.
- CHARLES A. RACHEL, 38038371, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.
- JOSEPH C. ABEND, 12055632, Private First Class, Company E, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.
- BARNEY B. ADAMS, 38052689, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.
- RAYMOND L. AHLHEIM, 39285644, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bell, California.
- HARDING J. ALLEMAN, 38382308, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Donaldsonville, Louisiana.
- LAWRENCE V. BAKER, 32805179, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Elmont, New York.
- WILLIAM L. BALDAUF, Jr, 32771627, Private First Class, Company L, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waldwick, New Jersey.
- ANTONIO S. BALLO, 32881095, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.
- TROY R. BARNETT, 34631461, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sweetman, Mississippi.
- HAROLD H. BARTLETT, 36447715, Private First Class, Company D, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Peoria, Illinois.
- JOHN BOCHAN, 33684503, Private First Class, Company B, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ambridge, Pennsylvania.
- HOWARD F. BRAMMER, 35875192, Private First Class, Company E, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Maysville, Kentucky.

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JOHN F. CHWAZIK, 3229466, Private First Class, Company B, 21 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

WILLIAM COHEN, 32711958, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

HAROLD B. COX, 37675513, Private First Class, Company F, 18 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

RAYMOND C. DAVIDSON, 34805219, Private First Class, Company B, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Phil Campbell, Alabama.

CLAUD R. DAVIS, Jr, 37229379, Private First Class, Company I, 18 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Kansas City, Kansas.

HOMER DAVIS, 34465953, Private First Class, Company M, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Clarkton, North Carolina.

EDWARD F. DEVANEY, 32734812, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from Geneva, New York.

MARTIN DEVANEY, 32639435, Private First Class, Company F, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ARLEN F. DUKE, 6281242, Private First Class, Company D, 11 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Camp Springs, Texas.

ROBERT L. FARRINGTON, 42024013, Private First Class, Company K, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

OMAR L. FRODGE, 35875188, Private First Class, Company F, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Maysville, Kentucky.

RICHARD D. GAGE, 35556954, Private First Class, Company E, 19 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Columbia City, Indiana.

KENNETH C. GELLER, 32800371, Private First Class, Company M, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Ridgewood, New York.

MARVIN H. GINDLESPIRGER, 33759675, Private First Class, Company B, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Alum Bank, Pennsylvania.

OSCAR F. GLOMB, 38051623, Private First Class, Company L, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from El Campo, Texas.

MAX GOLDSTEIN, 31231774, Private First Class, antitank Company, 17 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Malden, Massachusetts.

BRUCE C. HAINNER, 34705666, Private First Class, Company G, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Killen, Alabama.

BOSS HARKNESS, 34805356, Private First Class, Company G, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Fayette, Alabama.

ANTHONY J. HASCLK, 32918397, Private First Class, Company G, 13 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Crawford, New York.

ORVILLE F. HASSELBACHER, 36319925, Private First Class, Company K, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brimfield, Illinois.

GEORGE E. HILL, 11016144, Private First Class, Company E, 19 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Rockingham, Vermont.

NATHANIEL KEMP, 34623965, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Walnut Grove, Mississippi.

WILLIAM J. KLAUS, 20809822, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, MD, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from West, Texas.

EMIL R. KRAGE, 36880745, Private First Class, Company F, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Wyandotte, Michigan.

RAYMOND A. LONGO, 11136396, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

ARTHUR G. MANNING, 32843470, Private First Class, Company F, 14 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Niagra Falls, New York.

HERMAN E. MARTIN, 35708751, Private First Class, Company F, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Middleburg, Kentucky.

GEORGE MESCO, JR., 33430945, Private First Class, Company E, 10 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

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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.

HARRY E. COSS, 01288010, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT W. STORY, 32902128, Technician Fourth Grade, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from North Plainfield, New Jersey.

SYDNEY L. WEINSTEIN, 32222234, Technician Fourth Grade, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

LEROY A. MORRIS, 20848497, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.

ROBERT R. MC MAHAN, 34380110, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from McAdenville, North Carolina.

THOMAS R. MORGAN, 33279026, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LEHO A. KUNTCHIK, 20848523, Private, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gonzales, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 September 1943, in Italy. As members of the mine platoon, antitank Company, the above named officer and enlisted men had been ordered with their unit to cover any probable tank approaches to the Regimental Sector. Natural obstacles narrowed down the possible route for tanks four hundred yards beyond the outpost line. Three times the platoon tried to make its way across a stream and an open field to lay the mines, but each time it was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. The platoon leader called for volunteers to try again and each of the above named men unhesitatingly offered to risk the great perils and help accomplish the mission. Carrying the mines from a dump several hundred yards away, through intense fire, they covered the tank approaches, thereby strengthening the defenses of their regimental sector.

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SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

WILLIAM A. ALVEY, 20804565, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 September 1943, in the vicinity of \* \* \* ITALY. When enemy forces launched a savage assault against the temporary defensive positions of the 1st Platoon located on a ridge, Sergeant Alvey, platoon sergeant, realized the imminent danger of his small group being cut off from the remainder of the company. He ordered his men to rejoin the company while he remained on the ridge to give them rear security. Contemtpuous of the continuous intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, he staunchly held his position, firing effectively into the advancing enemy troops and delaying them until his platoon had had sufficient time for reorganization. He then joined his company and aided materially in repelling the attack. A short time later Sergeant Alvey was killed by enemy artillery shell fragments. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Ora Lee Alvey (Wife), Coleman, Texas.

WILLIS C. LOCKER, JR., 13065140, Corporal, Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Corporal Locker, an assistant squad leader in the 3rd Platoon, was assigned outpost duty with four other men from his squad. When he detected the presence of enemy forces some 100 yards to his front, he immediately sent a runner to inform his platoon leader of the situation and directed another man to maintain the outpost while he stripped himself of all unnecessary equipment and prepared to scout the area. Crawling forward toward the source of the noises which had first indicated the presence of the enemy, he located a machine gun emplacement and an outpost of nine enemy soldiers. After carefully noting the position and strength of the enemy force, he returned to his outpost and made a report of this information to his commanding officer. The following day mortar fire was registered on the enemy position and the gun emplacement was destroyed. A few days later Corporal Locker was killed while on a patrol in enemy held territory. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. Willis C. Locker, Sr., (Father), 5800 Three Chopped Road, Richmond, Virginia.

JAMES W. GALLEY, 38037129, Private First Class, Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 September 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Assigned to defend a position along a front against which an enemy

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counter attack was threatening, Private First Class Gailey, an automatic rifleman, met the first wave of approaching hostile forces with a fiercely effective stream of fire which repelled the advance with heavy casualties. Alertly shifting his position under a heavy mortar and machine gun barrage, he determinedly awaited the enemy's next move and maintained deadly fire against each succeeding wave. Repeatedly exposed to the sweeping hostile fire, Private First Class Gailey loyally defended his sector at great cost to the enemy until he was fatally wounded by machine gun fire the following day. Next of kin: Mrs. Frankie Pauline Gailey (Wife), Sherman, Texas.

JOHN O. WANTLAND, 36054288, Private First Class, Company A, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. Advancing with the leading elements of his platoon in an attack on enemy positions, Private First Class Wantland retained his calmness and good judgment when the enemy suddenly launched a strong counterattack. He secured the automatic rifle and ammunition belt of a comrade who had been killed and, with his deadly accurate fire, killed the entire crew of an enemy machine gun, successfully neutralizing the weapon. Then, realizing that his supply of ammunition had become critical, he left his covered position and started back under the intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire for additional magazines. While struggling across the wooded terrain he was killed by enemy fire. Next of kin: Miss Hazel Wantland (Sister), Route #1, Xenta, Illinois.

WELLINGTON E. BROWN, 36462965, Private First Class, Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, ITALY. While covering his squad with the fire from his automatic rifle during an enemy counter assault against the position which his company was holding, Private First Class Brown's weapon became disabled and his comrades were seriously endangered. Courageously leaving his fighting hole while under heavy enemy fire, he secured a rifle and determinedly resumed his fierce defense. At close range he effectively repulsed the enemy's advance in his sector, inflicting numerous casualties until he was fatally wounded by hostile machine guns and grenades. Next of kin: Mr. Ezra Brown (Father), Mt. Morris, Michigan.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

EMMETT L. ALLAMON, 0355626, Major (then Captain), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. When the defensive positions of the 2nd Battalion were subjected to intense artillery and mortar shelling and a furious enemy counterattack, Captain Allamon, the battalion surgeon, heedless of the danger to which he wilfully exposed himself, supervised the collection and treatment of the numerous casualties. When the assistant surgeon was wounded, Captain Allamon assumed his duties in addition to his own, and continued working calmly and skillfully while the building in which the aid station was located was blasted by hand grenades and fire from tanks only fifty yards away. When the enemy penetrated the friendly defenses, he disdained to retreat and continued administering treatment to the wounded. The onrushing enemy captured the aid station and carried Captain Allamon to an enemy aid station where he worked tirelessly treating his wounded countrymen. Later he executed a daring escape and travelled across more than fifty miles of hostile territory to the friendly lines. Entered the Service from Fort Arthur, Texas.

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ROY D. GOAD, 0407196, Captain, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. While the 1st Battalion was occupying defensive positions to hold a strategic pass, the area was subjected to intense artillery and mortar shelling. During one of the heaviest barrages, a soldier was severely wounded by shell fragments. Although the intensity of the shell fire prevented others from going to his assistance, Captain Goad unhesitatingly left the shelter of his slit trench and fearlessly crossed the shell torn ground to the wounded man. While shells were exploding around him, he calmly administered efficient first aid and then carried the soldier to the safety of an aid station. Entered the Service from Temple, Texas.

DONALD T. REYNOLDS, 0354648, First Lieutenant, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 8 to 10 December 1943 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Although painfully wounded when a shell struck the Company G command post, Lieutenant Reynolds refused to leave his unit and, when the company commander was wounded and evacuated, unhesitatingly assumed command of the company. For two days he ignored his painful wound and performed his duties with tireless efficiency, continually checking on his men's positions and traveling between the company and the battalion command post for orders. Constantly exposed to intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he continued to direct and inspire them by his indomitable courage and fortitude until his shoulder wound became infected and he was forced to be evacuated. Entered the Service from Pueblo, Colorado.

ROBLEY D. W. SHANEBERGER, 01316336, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. Commanding a machine gun platoon attached to Company F in an attack on the strongly defended, well fortified enemy positions across the \* \* \* River, Lieutenant Shaneberger led his men across the river and advanced 200 yards beyond the bank into enemy territory. Discovering that the other platoon leaders had been killed or wounded or separated from their units and aware that the intense enemy fire threatened to disorganize and confuse the men, Lieutenant Shaneberger moved about among the men, encouraging them and urging them to resist the enemy onslaughts. He succeeded in organizing some twenty-five men and skillfully directed them in forming a continuous base of fire. After he had reestablished the broken communications between himself and the battalion command post, the battalion commander ordered the unit's withdrawal. Lieutenant Shaneberger remained on the hostile side of the river, supervising the orderly withdrawal, until the last man had made the crossing. Upon returning he was seriously wounded by shrapnel, but he refused to be hospitalized and continued performing his duties with his unit. Entered the Service from Easton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. SPENCER, 01298148, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. In a fiercely contested attack on well fortified enemy positions across the \* \* \* River, the commander of Company F was killed and Lieutenant Spencer unhesitatingly assumed command. Constantly exposing himself to the intense artillery and mortar shelling and continuous small arms fire, he moved about among the men, encouraging them to disperse, fire and move forward to knock out enemy gun emplacements. Spotting a leaderless squad of men from another battalion, he skillfully directed them in forming a base of fire and incorporated them into his own unit. When Lieutenant Spencer was seriously wounded by a machine gun bullet, he refused to be evacuated until he had instructed the first sergeant to

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take command of the company; and even then, in spite of his painful head wound, he would not allow the aid men to carry him but insisted on walking. Entered the Service from Charlestown, Indiana.

DAVID W. SISCO, 01297603, Second Lieutenant, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, ITALY. When word was received by Lieutenant Sisco that one of the squads of his platoon was being severely pressed during a fierce enemy counterattack, he promptly organized and led another squad to their assistance. Approaching the hazardous position subjected to ceaseless artillery and mortar fire, he alertly detected a maneuver by the enemy forces intended to outflank the beleaguered squad. Moving swiftly to avert the danger, Lieutenant Sisco aggressively planned and inspired a fierce attack which inflicted severe casualties upon the enemy and saved the lives of the desperately pressed squad. Entered the Service from Newport, Vermont.

SECTION III - CORRECTED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of General Orders No. 11, this headquarters, dated 28 January 1944, as awards a Silver Star to PHILLIP O. DAVIS, 11054412, Private First Class, Company B, 143rd Infantry Regiment, is rescinded, and the following is substituted therefor.

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individual is posthumously awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action.

"PHILLIP O. DAVIS, 11054412, Private First Class, Company B, 143rd Infantry Regiment, 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: Mrs. Evelyn Harper (Mother), 105 Main Street, North Plymouth, Massachusetts."

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 217

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named members of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

- Warrior (Name amended by Stat 228 - July 7, 1944)*
- ~~WALTER~~ P. BOWLEN, 0407022, Major, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from Belton, Texas.
- TOM P. BIRKHEAD, 0407625, Captain, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.
- RICHARD W. DASHNER, 0422625, Captain, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.
- FRANK A. MERIGOLD, 0411346, Captain, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- FLOYD E. P. MC CANN, 0467104, First Lieutenant, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Troy, New York.
- HENRY D. RAND, JR., 01316087, First Lieutenant, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Painesville, Ohio.
- JAMES E. ROBERSON, 01703000, First Lieutenant, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.
- MICHAEL C. WALES, 01292810, First Lieutenant, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Troy, New York.
- WILLIAM H. HOWARD, 01320840, Second Lieutenant, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sale Creek, Tennessee.
- NORMAN V. HOWLETT, 01312159, Second Lieutenant, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.
- VINCENT D. KLENEY, 01317586, Second Lieutenant, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Atlanta, Georgia.
- ALFRED SYKES, JR., 01306493, Second Lieutenant, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sayville, New York.
- ALBERT E. TORR, 01309444, Second Lieutenant, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Avoca, Pennsylvania.
- RAYMOND N. ZIMMER, 01295974, Second Lieutenant, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sharon, Pennsylvania.
- MARLIN L. BUTLER, 34709435, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Arab, Alabama.
- JOHN V. BAINES, 20809659, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.
- ELMER C. DENNIS, 20809473, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Whitney, Texas.
- LEWIS E. EVANS, 36739935, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Benton, Illinois.
- JOHN E. FRANCKOWIAK, 38026548, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from St. Hedwig, Texas.
- EDWARD GALOPPO, 3233047, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.
- CASIMER G. GILSEL, 36652679, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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JAMES G. HINCHLIFFE, 20848299, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

MONROE L. KELINSKE, 20807025, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Elm Mott, Texas.

VAUGHN D. MAJOR, 20809495, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

ERVING W. MATTHEWS, 32237247, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Red Bank, New Jersey.

ARTHUR C. NEUMANN, 36738676, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Kankakee, Illinois.

ROBERT W. RHOADS, 33230177, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Sinking Springs, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN ROPER, JR, 39058886, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

SHIRMAN D. WRIGHT, 39310703, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Gresham, Oregon.

WILLIAM H. MC MORROUGH, 20809825, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from West, Texas.

ROBERT E. CARTY, 33532865, Sergeant, Company E, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Abingdon, Virginia.

DENVER HICKS, 34723734, Sergeant, Company A, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Westport, Tennessee.

JOHN J. MC INERNEY, 13080891, Sergeant, Company K, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PAUL F. MCNATT, 34721544, Sergeant, Company F, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

GORDON V. RICHARDS, 20805255, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lorraine, Texas.

ANTHONY SAVINO, 32235618, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

GEORGE M. WILLMAN, 33185002, Sergeant, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Spangville, Pennsylvania.

LESLIE B. WYNNE, 34714589, Sergeant, Company K, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lebanon, Tennessee.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment, for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

JOHN A. BERQUIST, 01289032, Captain, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mankato, Minnesota.

WILLIAM A. HAWKINS, JR, 01303883, First Lieutenant, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mebane, North Carolina.

FRED S. FARRELL, 01299547, First Lieutenant, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

CARL J. STROM, 01317576, First Lieutenant, 20 June 1944. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*WIP* - SALVATORE CAPACCIO, 01296483, First Lieutenant, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

FERNAND A. CADORETTE, 01293546, First Lieutenant, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Biddeford, Maine.

GEORGE R. WILLIAMS, 38035675, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

*WIP* - JOHN T. SCOGGINS, 38035724, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

HERBERT L. NICKELSON, 38050499, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

PAUL J. LINK, 38120958, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

WILLIAM F. STUBBE, 31144602, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Shelton, Connecticut.

CECIL L. JENKINS, 38035918, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

CLEMENS J. MORAN, 20801899, Sergeant, Company C, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

MILTON H. HODGES, 35160726, Sergeant, Company D, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Crown Point, Indiana.

ADOLPH J. ROHRMANN, 32342984, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ELWOOD R. HOPKINS, 33315284, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD C. SCHMIDT, 38035580, Technician Fifth Grade, Company D, 24 May 1944. Entered the Service from Columbus, Texas.

JAMES PENCE, 35267223, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Gleason, Texas.

SAMUEL B. TURNER, 33831378, Private First Class, Company G, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

JOE SCHELLIENER, 33624617, Private First Class, Company F, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

JACK E. LIMIE, 15077809, Private First Class, Company B, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

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WALTER F. YATTAN, 6143290, Private First Class, Company C, 11 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Providence, Rhode Island.

HARVEY M. SNIDOW, 37525321, Private First Class, Company C, 12 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Trenton, Missouri.

MICHAEL J. MC CRYSTAL, 33343772, Private First Class, Company C, 20 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ERNEST R. SMELTZER, 33508047, Private First Class, Company D, 11 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Craley, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY LOQUERCIO, 32893763, Private First Class, Company D, 11 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

LEONARD J. MOTZ, 33058899, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 22 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

FRED DOERSCH, 36292680, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2 June 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT S. PRICE, 32997565, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 12 June 1944. Brooklyn, New York.

ROSAIRE, J. RAJOTTE, 20110864, Private First Class, Company A, 4 June 1944.  
Entered the Service from Northbridge, Massachusetts.

HARRY C. MCGUIRK, JR., 32989051, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Flushing, Long Island, New York.

RUSSELL J. AMBIER, 37480284, Private, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Stapleton, Nebraska.

HARRY B. RIGGAN, 32865803, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

RUSSELL P. CHURCH, 35772526, Private, Company B, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Siloam, Kentucky.

JOHN A. LESKELA, 36823714, Private, Company C, 30 May 1944. Entered the Service from Lake Linden, Michigan.

JOHN P. KEHOE, 36876614, Private, Company C, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN D. STINEBAUGH, 35754447, Private, Company A, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Great Cacapon, West Virginia.

CHARLES E. DOYLE, 35772748, Private, Company A, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Royland, West Virginia.

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AGRC-SA 201 Ward, Elmer S.  
01 683 477 (13 Jan 55)

28 January 1955

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Elmer S. Ward  
3912 Gaston Drive  
Midland, Texas

1. So much of General Orders 215, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 29 June 1944, as pertains to the award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Elmer S. Ward, 01 683 477, is withdrawn.

2. Subject individual has been previously awarded the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart by General Orders 104, Headquarters 8th Evacuation Hospital, dated 24 June 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*J. H.*  
Adjutant General

*File*

AGNO. G-S Petrillo, Louis J.  
33 347 096 (23 Nov 51)

13 January 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 217, Headquarters 35th Infantry Division, dated 25 June 1944, as pertains to the award of an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Private First Class Louis J. Petrillo, 33 347 096, is withdrawn.

2. An Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart was previously awarded the above-named individual by General Orders 39, Headquarters 14th Station Hospital, dated 23 June 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. O. Murray*  
Adjutant General

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30, 1944

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

*Reviewed*  
29 June 1944  
*J. Moore*

GENERAL ORDERS

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment are awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

JAMES D. SUMNER, 0414107, Major, 24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

EARL A. HIGGINBOTHAM, 0416232, Captain, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN J. MUNIAK, 0380791, First Lieutenant, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NATHAN A. HUGHES, 01318671, Second Lieutenant, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

ELMER S. WARD, 01683477, Second Lieutenant, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ivanhoe, Texas.

\*FREDERICK L. YOUNG, 01904301, Second Lieutenant, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California. *Award of 2nd O.L.C. by CG #264 July 31, 1944*

JOHN W. PARKER, 20807649, First Sergeant, Company B, 17 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

JOSEPH T. BODGAN, 32239284, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Wallington, New Jersey.

JERRY W. DAVIS, 28037467, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Paris, Texas.

PETER J. CHULACK, 33668668, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BILLY J. GREEN, 20804221, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 28 May 1944. Entered the Service from Brownwood, Texas.

GERALD W. LEIGHTON, 39616703, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ronan, Montana.

BATTISTA LORENZINI, 36220267, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 19 June 1944. Entered the Service from Roanoke, Illinois.

THEODORE A. MARFIK, 31198160, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Torrington, Connecticut.

JODIE WILLIAMS, 38026805, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

MARTIN CARETTO, 36362103, Sergeant, Company E, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Joliet, Illinois.

RUDOLPH W. FLINCHUM, 33532688, Sergeant, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Salem, Virginia.

PAUL E. HENDERSON, 35469652, Sergeant, Company I, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

HAROLD E. McCONEGHY, 33058713, Sergeant, Company E, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Nicholson, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL J. MANNA, 33779143, Sergeant, Company K, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DEWEY O. MARTIN, 38037563, Sergeant, Company D, 15 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mineola, Texas.

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LESTER W. ULRICH, 33233282, Sergeant, Company G, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Robesonia, Pennsylvania.

FRANK H. HAYWARD, 32237124, Corporal, Company E, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Asbury Park, New Jersey.

EDWARD M. BARR, 13175170, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, MD, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES G. MACHERAS, 33216696, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, MD, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

RUSSELL J. AULER, 35099530, Private First Class, Company H, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Alexandria, Indiana.

NUMAN BAUGHN, 38037446, Private First Class, Company I, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Blossom, Texas.

ROBERT H. BIGGS, 35348877, Private First Class, Company A, 18 June 1944. Entered the Service from Mishawaka, Indiana.

JOHN A. BROAD, 32807867, Private First Class, Company I, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Newburgh, New York.

WILLIAM COHEN, 32711958, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, MD, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

HERBERT DARSICKER, 33386346, Private First Class, Company A, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM E. FARRELL, 31172262, Private First Class, Company K, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

HAROLD F. FIDLER, 33832135, Private First Class, Company K, 16 June 1944. Entered the Service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE E. GUERRETTE, 31153528, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lewiston, Maine.

CHARLES M. LEE, 31321432, Private First Class, Company M, 10 June 1944. Entered the Service from South Portland, Maine.

JOSEPH W. MANELLA, 36630593, Private First Class, Company I, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

BOYD R. MORGAN, 38037315, Private First Class, Company K, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Leonard, Texas.

LOUIS J. PETRILLO, 33347095, Private First Class, Company L, 14 June 1944. Entered the Service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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28 June 1944

NO. 214

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 the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

- STANLEY M. MICHALAK, 01316182, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bearborn, Michigan.
- PETER J. CHULACK, 32662668, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- ALBERT L. LITTLE, 20848309, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.
- KEITH E. FOX, 15311508, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.
- ISIDORE VALCOURT, 31258936, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from North Chelmsford, Mass.
- DELFINIO S. CRUZ, 37460364, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- PETER RAVESLOOT, JR, 36661449, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from South Holland, Illinois.
- JOHN COLUMBUS, 33668810, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Leechburg, Pennsylvania.
- EMORY F. BRIDGES, 33629160, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- MARTIN F. BUMP, 32666338, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Troy, New York.
- MAURICE E. COX, 36653026, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rock Falls, Illinois.
- JOSEPH J. GEPHART, 35556873, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dixon, Ohio.
- DONALD R. CROWFORD, 35655002, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mullens, West Virginia.
- ALBINO OSELE, 13155666, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Russelton, Pennsylvania.
- CLIFFORD G. ABBOTT, 37479661, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cozad, Nebraska.

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 22 January to 5 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying ammunition and supply rations to front line companies and evacuating the dead for the regimental graves registration officer, the above named officer and enlisted men unflinchingly made their way across open terrain subjected to intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and, for two weeks, furnished the men with the vital supplies. By their determined performance of the hazardous duties their courage greatly bolstered the morale of the front line forces by constantly supplying them with ample ammunition

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and rations and removed the necessity for withdrawing men from the lines and the forward outposts.

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.

EDWARD J. SULIGA, 32918714, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 February 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Suliga had been wounded in the knee during an enemy artillery barrage, but when he spotted a comrade lying wounded, exposed to enemy fire, he unhesitatingly left his covered position and went to his aid. Crawling forward under sweeping machine gun and rifle fire, he reached the soldier, lifted him to his back, and started down the steep rugged slopes to the battalion aid station. Aware that the litter bearers had been depleted by casualties, he ignored the pain of his own wound and struggled down the mountain side until he reached the aid station with his wounded comrade. Entered the Service from Linden, New Jersey.

JOSEPH O. GAGNON, 36456868, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. During a strong enemy attack on his unit's positions, Private First Class Gagnon, acting entirely on his own initiative, left his place of comparative safety and made his way under the intense enemy fire to a stack of hand grenades. Loading his shirt and pockets with the grenades, he moved from one foxhole to another, distributing them to his comrades. Headless of personal danger, he continued moving about among the men, occasionally throwing a grenade at the enemy only thirty yards away. When he had no grenades left he returned to his fighting hole and resumed his position, directing effective fire on the enemy. Entered the Service from Lake Linden, Michigan.

*Rec. by No. 97 - Mar. 24, 1945*  
~~HARRY BURLESON, 34593638, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in Italy. Private Burleson, as ammunition bearer in a machine gun platoon ordered to support the riflemen in an attack across a strategic river, advanced with his unit until intense machine gun fire and well directed artillery and mortar concentrations halted the attack. Because of the confusion engendered by the heavy fire from strategically placed enemy positions, the organization of the unit was threatened and the number of casualties was large. Continuing dauntlessly, refusing to let the continuous enemy fire stop him, Private Burleson was among the few who crossed the river and stormed the enemy positions. Entered the Service from Hughes, North Carolina.~~

LAWRENCE W. BROOKS, 37528047, Private, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 12 to 15 February 1944 in Italy. Private Brooks, as ammunition bearer for a heavy machine gun platoon, had been exposed to freezing temperatures for 24 hours when his platoon moved into defensive positions on a strategic hill. Although his feet were badly frozen and numb with cold, he helped put the gun into position and brought up ammunition. For 72 bitter hours, under continuous artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private Brooks refused to be evacuated, nor would he submit to medical attention until the entire platoon was relieved. Entered the Service from Chillsburg, Kansas.

SECTION II -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

WARREN J. HEAD, 38039731, Staff Sergeant, 111th Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 11 to 13 February 1944 in Italy. Charged with

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directing the litter bearers at the battalion aid station during a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant Head skillfully arranged his litter squads in relay posts up the hill to the forward aid station while the enemy was shelling the area with mortar fire. He personally supervised the evacuation of the patients, moving fearlessly from one post to another at all times of the day. In addition to ordinary duties, he controlled 24 Italian litter bearers and was responsible for their rations and comfort. Because of his tireless efforts the wounded were evacuated in the shortest possible time. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

ELMER OJA, 36220318, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT W. COLE, 33592037, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NORMAN D. HURT, 36587597, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

FRANK HACIA, 32209473, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

CLARENCE S. SCOTT, 38371703, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Angelo, Texas.

JOSEPH T. KANE, 13113304, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CLYDE F. MARTIN, 36319276, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lamotte, Illinois.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 16 December 1943 in Italy. These soldiers were assigned the task of laying a vital communication line to the observation post on the heights of a mountain. The difficult terrain forced them to lay the line by hand, and they were continually harassed by heavy enemy artillery and mortar shelling. For twelve hours they worked without food or rest until they had accomplished their mission and succeeded in establishing communications.

ROBERT BANKS, 35267675, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 18 December 1943 in Italy. Assigned special duty as a litter bearer, Private First Class Banks, after evacuating all the wounded along the front lines, advanced beyond the infantry lines to search for more wounded men. With several companions, he continued on, constantly harassed by artillery, mortar and small arms fire, 700 yards beyond the friendly outposts until he found a wounded officer who had lain unattended and weak from the loss of blood, exposed to enemy shelling for 56 hours. Private First Class Banks and his comrades carried him back to the friendly lines. Entered the Service from Ponce, Kentucky.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

FELIX P. B. PETROWSKI, 31316653, Sergeant, (then Private), Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in Italy. Private Petrowski volunteered to guide an artillery forward observer party over a route exposed to enemy fire to a position from which artillery fire could be directed.

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upon an enemy artillery piece. He unfalteringly guided the group, which was laying communication lines as it progressed, down a steep slope, in full view of the enemy, to an unprotected point, 250 yards forward of the most advanced friendly elements. While the observer was refining his adjustments on the weapon, the enemy gun opened fire on the observation post, forcing the party to withdraw. Heedless of the danger from exploding shells, Private Petrowski stopped periodically to cut the wire line so that enemy patrols could not follow it to the friendly positions. Entered the Service from Norwich, Connecticut.

*Revised by G-1 # 287 - Aug 10, 1944 this by*  
# JULIAN H. PHILLIPS, 01298919, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Phillips volunteered to lead a daylight reconnaissance patrol across a treacherous river to secure information concerning enemy installations. The patrol crossed the river in a rubber boat, reached enemy barbed wire entanglements, and spotted gun pits. Returning to the river bank, Lieutenant Phillips discovered that the boat had been punctured by enemy fire and could not be used in recrossing the river. Four of the patrol members were able to swim back to the friendly bank, but one man could not swim. Lieutenant Phillips instructed the soldier to hang on to the rubber boat and he swam across the icy river, pulling the boat behind him. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

*Recommended by G-1 # 287 for change of award to read Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star medal awarded under # 287 for Silver Star for Julian H. Phillips - 0-1298919*

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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 to the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

ARCHIBALD E. DEAN, 01288019, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Binghamton, New York.

JOHN P. MC CORMICK, 01304255, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

JUDGE W. MARION, 20803140, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Luling, Texas.

ALFRED H. MARKOWSKY, JR, 20803705, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

LEE A. HARBIN, 38036355, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Eastland, Texas.

VERNIE M. FOSTER, 35674099, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bethel Ridge, Kentucky.

WILBUR F. DANIEL, 35268139, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from California, Kentucky.

For gallantry in action during the period 17-26 November 1943 in Italy. With their battalion occupying hazardous defensive positions in a mountain area almost isolated by enemy patrols and concentrated artillery and mortar fire, the above named officers and enlisted men were assigned the dangerous and exhausting task of hand-carrying rations, ammunition and supplies to the hard pressed units. Repeatedly facing the heavy hostile barrages and overcoming the rugged terrain and treacherous trails, they completed two to three trips each night during this period, each trip requiring four hours of strenuous labor. Their determined efforts materially aided the successful defense of the sector.

EUGENE D. COTTER, 36587499, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in Italy. Ordered to lay a forward communication line from the battalion command post to Company C, Private First Class Cotter worked rapidly under intense enemy artillery and mortar shelling to complete the line an hour before the forthcoming attack was launched. During the attack on strongly defended enemy positions, he advanced with the forward elements of the unit and continued stringing the line as the company pushed its way forward through the heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Whenever the line was broken by the shelling, Private First Class Cotter fearlessly retraced the line and repaired the breaks, enabling the company commander to receive vital communications concerning the attack. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN H. COADY, 20800517, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 36th Signal Company, Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 in Italy. Because intense enemy artillery fire made it difficult for the 36th Signal Company to maintain its communication lines between the

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division command post and the command post of the 142d Infantry Regiment, cross-country lines were strung from the regimental command post to meet another line which followed a highway from the division command post. Ordered to repair the cross-country line which had been shattered by shell fire, Private First Class Coady, with an officer and another enlisted man, covered the entire length of the line under a heavy artillery bombardment, splicing the wire where it was broken. When the two lines were joined, it was discovered that the cross-country wire had again been damaged, and, while the shelling continued, Private First Class Coady courageously volunteered to trace the line again. He repaired six new breaks and made possible the establishment of the vital communications. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

EUGENE JOHNSON, 14027475, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in Italy. Attached to an infantry company as aid man during an assault against strongly held enemy positions, Private Johnson advanced courageously with the forward elements until they were pinned down by cross machine gun fire. While in this precarious position, they were subjected to a heavy mortar barrage and serious casualties resulted. During this time, Private Johnson displayed outstanding loyalty to his comrades by openly exposing himself to the deadly fire in order to give medical aid to the wounded. Going from man to man, he repeatedly risked the continuing barrage to assist the injured to a sheltered ravine from which they were later evacuated. Entered the Service from Daytona Beach, Florida.

EARL F. PHILLIPS, 38037477, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 in Italy. Tec 5 Phillips, driver of a self-propelled 105mm howitzer, maneuvered his mount to the top of the mountain and skillfully guided it through heavy and continuous enemy artillery and small arms fire in such a way that the crew managed to destroy several enemy tanks. When many of the crew members had been wounded by the intense fire, Tec 5 Phillips, aware that the remainder of the crew was insufficient to insure an adequate supply of ammunition, voluntarily left his vehicle to secure the ammunition and prepare it for firing. By his quick thinking and aggressive courage, he enabled his gun to maintain effective fire until the enemy attack was broken. Entered the Service from Mount Pleasant, Texas.

JULIAN G. NELSON, 36807602, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in Italy. Advancing with the infantry company to which he was attached as an aid man during the bitterly contested crossing of the ~~\*\*\*~~ River, Private First Class Nelson discovered three wounded men pinned down under heavy machine gun fire from hostile nests nearby. Unable to move the injured soldiers through the intense fire which continued to sweep the area, he dug holes for them, administered prompt first aid, and later evacuated them to the friendly side of the river where the aid station had been set up. His courageous action undoubtedly prevented the death or capture of these soldiers. Entered the Service from Racine, Wisconsin.

EDWARD H. REESE, 34335486, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. In addition to his own bulky equipment, Private Reese volunteered to carry whe up the precipitous trails, exposed to enemy harassing fire and rendered almost impassable by ceaseless rain and snow. Although exhausted by the strenuous all night march, he located the battalion command post and set up the message center section. Then, in spite of enemy shell fire, he strung a wire line to one of the forward positions and, on numerous occasions, braved machine gun and sniper fire to repair the vital communication lines. Entered the Service from Dixiana, Alabama.

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FREDERICK F. RUCKRIEGEL, 35689666, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in Italy. Maintaining a precarious automatic rifle position while exposed to freezing rain and snow in a mountain defensive sector, Private First Class Ruckriegel determinedly awaited a threatened enemy assault. Despite heavy machine gun and mortar fire which swept his area, he alertly detected the approach of the hostile force and broke up the attack by his deadly accurate fire. Inspiring his comrades by his furious defense of his position, he met repeated attempts of the enemy to overrun the sector with an unyielding display of courage which succeeded in holding the ground against the numerically superior enemy. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

JACK L. SCHRAPPE, 35626659, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

JACK D. COOPER, 38037274, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in Italy. These men, attached to the supply detail of their company, received word that the front line forces were in desperate need of ammunition. Aware that other soldiers had been killed in similar attempts, they unhesitatingly loaded themselves with ammunition and struggled up the hill in the face of intense enemy fire. After delivering the ammunition they took up a position with the company and assisted in repelling an enemy counter-attack.

RAY NAPIER, 35697425, Private First Class (then Private), Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1944 in Italy. While in enemy territory on a dangerous reconnaissance patrol for which he had volunteered, Private Napier and three other men were discovered by a large enemy patrol. Leading his comrades in an aggressive fire fight to escape the hostile force, he successfully breached the enemy ring and made his way back with his comrades to deliver the important information which had been gathered. Entered the Service from Scottsburg, Indiana.

FRED F. NANNI, 32222134, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in Italy. Manning a precarious defensive position at the top of a mountain exposed to rain, snow, and ice, Private First Class Nanni doggedly refused to relinquish his hold even under the threat of a heavy mortar barrage which preceded an enemy thrust at the position. Encouraging his comrades by his brave example, he met the assault troops with a deadly volley of hand grenades held until the hostile forces were within close range. His aggressive leadership resulted in heavy casualties to the enemy and successfully dispelled the attack in his sector. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM D. THOMPSON, 20801886, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 3-27 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned as an aid man to an infantry company holding a precarious mountain position throughout repeated hostile assaults, Private First Class Thompson rendered immediate medical assistance to casualties resulting from the heavy enemy fire. Moving openly over the hazardous terrain under observation of hostile emplacements and subjected many times to direct fire by the enemy, he constantly sought out and cared for his wounded comrades, carrying several to safety and directing others to points from which they could later be evacuated. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

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WILLIAM R. PADGETT, 33636248, Private, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in Italy. When Private Padgett became separated from his unit in a dense fog, he joined several men in evacuating the wounded from a heavily shelled area. These men were so harassed by hostile sniper fire that they were forced to seek cover in a house, carrying the wounded to the shelter of this building. Private Padgett, realizing that the evacuation of the wounded would be delayed until the enemy snipers were disposed of, left his position of safety and fearlessly began searching for the enemy soldiers until he was fired upon, wounded in the arm and the abdomen, and forced to be evacuated. Entered the Service from Hopewell, Virginia.

MICHAEL B. CLONIGER, JR, 34592333, Private, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, the building in which several of his comrades were staying was hit and collapsed over their heads. Private Cloniger courageously left his position of cover and went to their immediate aid. Working feverishly while exposed to the continued hostile bombardment, he cleared away the wreckage under which they were buried and carried two of the wounded to the protection of a deep ditch. Once more risking the hazardous fire, he secured medical assistance and helped evacuate the injured soldiers. Entered the Service from West Gastonia, North Carolina.

VERNON D. PARADISE, 38038644, Private, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned to a forward observer party, Private Paradise moved over steep muddy trails to repair the vital telephone lines from the forward observer's outpost to higher headquarters. Aware that the intense enemy artillery shelling might be the prelude to a counterattack, he courageously braved the inferno of enemy fire to service and relay the lines which had been shattered by the shell blasts. During the fierce enemy attack the forward observer was captured by the enemy, and Private Paradise remained in this dangerous area to observe enemy movements and maintain the observation post. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

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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 gallantry in action.

JERRY JACOBS, 01171611, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 January 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Jacobs was ordered to establish and prepare during daylight hours, a command post for occupation by his battery to be effected under cover of darkness. He skillfully directed his men in setting up the post in spite of the danger from intermittent artillery fire, then, realizing that the road leading to his position was impassable, he started down the road to secure a bulldozer a half mile away. Although he was caught in an intense artillery barrage and three times knocked to the ground by the concussions from exploding shells, he continued dauntlessly forward, secured the vehicle and supervised the clearing of the road for the battery movement that night. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

*Revoked by GPO # 255- July 23 1944*  
FRANK B. JACKSON, 38035932, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in Italy. Staff Sergeant Jackson, supply sergeant for his company, voluntarily remained at a forward position with his unit when an important assault was launched against a strong enemy objective. When his comrades became pinned down behind a stone wall and their ammunition began running short, he courageously organized and led a detail to carry ammunition to them. Moving forward determinedly in the face of the heavy enemy fire, he made several trips to their line and kept them supplied until the engagement was ended. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

JULIAN C. JONES, 38066113, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in Italy. When his unit was pinned down after reaching the hostile bank during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Staff Sergeant Jones voluntarily moved forward over heavily mined terrain under heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire in an attempt to reconnoiter possible routes of approach toward the enemy emplacements. After determinedly crawling 200 yards on his dangerous mission, he and a comrade who had accompanied him were wounded by mortar fragments. Despite his painful injury, he assisted the other soldier back to friendly positions and delivered the important information which he had obtained by his courageous action. Entered the Service from Lamesa, Texas.

KENNETH A. MOX, 35277335, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Mox, assigned as forward observer for an 81mm mortar section supporting a rifle unit in an attack, advanced in the face of continuous enemy fire with the forward elements of the rifle company. Although the concussion from enemy mortar shells exploding around him rendered him partially deaf, he refused to permit a substitute to do his job and

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took up a position in a shallow draw from which he could direct effective fire against the enemy. Sergeant Mox repeatedly exposed himself to gain observation on enemy emplacements in order to deliver defensive fire when the riflemen dug in and to support the unit when it was attacking. Entered the Service from Zanesville, Ohio.

OWEN C. DAHL, 20807325, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Clifton, Texas.

LEONARD E. RICE, 20807859, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

JACK SINOVOI, 32238034, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

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

For gallantry in action on 16 September 1943 in Italy. At a time when it was imperative to supply, as quickly as possible, ammunition for the mortars and machine guns supporting the assault units, these soldiers chose the shortest route through an intense concentration of artillery fire, to reach the gun emplacements. Time after time they crossed the shell blasted terrain, running through a hail of enemy shells, to carry the vital ammunition which was used effectively in support of the assaulting infantrymen.

SATURNINO MARES, 38025747, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. During a severe enemy assault against a position which he and his machine gun crew were defending, Sergeant Mares directed a fierce resistance against the numerically superior enemy. When the gun which he was firing became too hot for effective use, he courageously risked the heavy hostile fire which was sweeping the area in order to obtain another machine gun whose crew had been knocked out. Resuming his aggressive defense at his position, he contributed materially to the successful repulsion of the enemy in the sector. Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

RAYMOND MOORE, 20804660, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in Italy. Ordered to lead a squad of men in manning an important outpost, Private First Class Moore established and maintained his post in advance of the company defensive position through out the night. When the enemy launched an attack and the outpost was ordered back to the main line of resistance, Private First Class Moore discovered that one of his men was suffering from an attack of acute appendicitis and was unable to move. After covering the withdrawal of his men with his fire, he picked up the sick man and, stopping every few yards to fire at the onrushing enemy, carried him to the safety of friendly lines. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

H. C. TIDWELL, 20818934, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action during the period 10-21 December 1943 in Italy. Aggressively supervising litter squads in their evacuation of casualties from hazardous mountain positions to a battalion aid station, Sergeant Tidwell repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy enemy barrages sweeping these positions in maintaining the organization and operation of his men. Encouraging them by his calm example under fire and assisting them through the most dangerous periods of their work, he insured the continuous prompt medical aid to the wounded in this sector during the successful defense of this sector. Entered the Service from DeKalb, Texas.

FELIX F. PETROWSKI, 31316653, Sergeant, (then Private), Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in Italy. As assistant leader of a rifle squad in an assault on strongly fortified enemy positions on the

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bank of a strategic river, Private Petrowski maintained control within the squad during the perilous river crossing and advanced into hostile territory until his company was pinned to the ground by intense machine gun and small arms fire. He volunteered to attempt a reconnaissance of the area and locate the enemy positions. With three other men he moved across the flat, exposed terrain, covering a machine gun nest and silencing it with an expertly thrown hand grenade. Then, while attempting to return to his unit, he killed an enemy sniper who had fired on him. Entered the Service from Norwich, Connecticut.

VICTOR L. CROWELL, 20803891, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. During a fiercely contested beachhead landing, Tec 4 Crowell was ordered to supervise the evacuation of the wounded from the 2d Battalion aid station to the rear beach area and to keep the aid station furnished with ample medical supplies. Heedless of the danger from artillery shelling and sniper fire, he personally led the litter squads to the medical personnel caring for the wounded on the beach; and, on each trip, after delivering the wounded to the aid men, he would pick up medical supplies for the aid station. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

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

C. A. ROBERTSON, 38037220, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Belcherville, Texas.

JAMES H. FEEVES, 34208736, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Laurel Hill, Florida.

RALPH E. WETZBARGER, 38038487, Corporal, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lowland, Colorado.

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 8 to 18 December 1943 in Italy. Aware that every available man was needed to maintain the gun positions during operations on a strategic mountain, these drivers volunteered to haul ammunition and supplies up a steep mountain trail and deliver them directly to the gun emplacements. Although the trail was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar shelling, they performed their job unfalteringly, keeping the guns well supplied with ammunition and enabling the gun crews to remain in position with their weapons.

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.

WARREN A. OETJEN, 37147002, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Auburn, Nebraska.

VAUGHN J. LARSON, 37146523, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Entered the Service from Yankton, South Dakota.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 18 March 1944 in Italy. As radio operators in an armored car assigned to traffic control duty at a strategic crossroad, they were subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. When, after a particularly heavy barrage, the vehicle burst into flame, they fought the fire with everything available. Realizing the imminent danger to the ammunition and gasoline in the car, they resorted to pulling at the burning net with their bare hands until the fire was extinguished. In this way they saved an invaluable piece of equipment from being destroyed.