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tion, Private SMOLIN ran and dodged artillery and mortar fire all the way back. Upon his arrival he calmly gave his platoon's disposition and requested mortar and artillery fire which ultimately permitted the platoon to advance and fulfill their mission. In his initiative, courage, and willingness to sacrifice himself, Private SMOLIN exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

WALLY P. KREIL, (01286507), Captain, Infantry, Company "I", 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ELI W. DRAKULICH, (01301455), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "B", 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 1 July 1944 to 9 August 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Kansas City, Kansas.

GEORGE R. BRAZEAU, (36378520), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

KENNETH P. SCHURMAN, (37234876), Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in action on 16 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Atchison, Kansas.

JOY B. HUSEBY, (39322174), Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, Company "L", 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 10 June 1944, near Montalto di Castro, Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

HARRY W. ANDERSON, (36316411), Private, Company "A", 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Berwyn, Illinois.

JOHN G. LAWTON, (32816612), Technician Fifth Grade (then Private, Headquarters and Service Company, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 July 1944, near Montecatini, Italy. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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III - AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 186, dated 11 May 1944, the following named officers are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy:

RUDOLPH W. BROEDLOW, (011161), Colonel, 361st Infantry Regiment
JOHN E. COTTON (04856), Colonel, 362d Infantry Regiment
WILLIAM F. MAGILL, Jr., (37251), Colonel, 363d Infantry Regiment

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GENERAL ORDERS
NO.24

30 August 1944

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)..... I
Award of Silver Star..... II
Award of Bronze Star Medal..... III

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations, 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JAMES D. McILHARGEY, (39453862), Corporal, Medical Detachment, Company G, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. In the battle for Hill 506, the mission of Corporal McILHARGEY was to direct litter-bearer squads to the wounded, by the most direct protected routes, yet when he heard that three men lay at the top of the hill without medical aid, Corporal McILHARGEY, acting above and beyond the call of duty, deliberately exposed himself to fire by making his way to the wounded. With the help of one companion he rendered first aid to the wounded and evacuated two of them. Although they had been exposed to sniper fire on the trip down the slope, Corporal McILHARGEY and his companion returned to evacuate the third wounded man. Near the top of the hill they were caught in the cross fire of two enemy snipers and forced to crawl in a ditch. Although they were fired upon whenever they exposed themselves, Corporal McILHARGEY and his comrade determined to move forward to rescue the third wounded man. As he was leaving the ditch, Corporal McILHARGEY was mortally wounded and died almost immediately. In his devotion to aiding the wounded and his heroic willingness to sacrifice himself, Corporal McILHARGEY is an inspiration to his comrades and brings honor to himself and to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Priest River, Idaho. Next of kin, Mrs. Gertrude R. Mcilhargey, (wife) Box 232, Priest River, Idaho.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ROBERT J. CONNELLY, (36403201), Staff Sergeant, Company L, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 15 July 1944, in the vicinity of Monte Castello, Italy. When his company became pinned down in the course of a flanking movement, Staff Sergeant CONNELLY volunteered to lead a party forward to overpower the enemy strong point situated in a group of buildings. Two hundred yards from their objective they knocked out an enemy machine gun.

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and two machine pistols. Continuing to advance they were attacked by a Mark IV tank which suddenly appeared over a small rise. Despite the machine gun and 88mm fire which poured on them Staff Sergeant CONNELLY led his men forward. They killed the machine gunner and the cannoneer, and forced the tank to withdraw hastily. When they had reached their objective, Staff Sergeant CONNELLY and his men rushed the buildings, killing 4 and capturing 13 of the enemy. Staff Sergeant CONNELLY'S dauntless courage in the face of terrifying oppositions and his firm determination to complete his mission successfully exemplify the finest tradition of the Infantry and the armed forces of the United Nations. Entered military service from Phoenix, Michigan.

MARION B. FOSTER, (59265346), Private First Class, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 18 June 1944, in the vicinity of Grosseto, Italy. During an attack through heavy rain, the command party to which Private First Class FOSTER was attached, was attacked by a platoon of enemy riflemen supported by machine guns and mortars and threatened with envelopment and annihilation. Having parked his vehicle in the scant shelter afforded by an abandoned enemy 150mm gun, Private First Class FOSTER operated the radio in the vehicle to transmit fire control orders to his artillery unit. As he worked, sniper fire ricocheted off the gun behind which the vehicle was parked and, when the enemy realized that he was transmitting the fire orders which were bringing artillery fire upon them, he was subjected to constant mortar fire. Although mortar shells fell within fifteen feet of him, Private First Class FOSTER, miraculously unharmed, continued coolly to transmit the fire commands. The resulting artillery fire killed many of the enemy and forced the platoon to withdraw. Friendly infantry were then able to advance rapidly, and inflict heavy casualties upon the enemy. For two hours Private First Class FOSTER had braved small arms and mortar fire which came within inches of him to transmit the information which saved his party from possible extinction and enabled the Infantry Battalion to reach its objective. In his skill, courage and unswerving devotion to duty Private First Class FOSTER upheld the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Fontana, California.

JAMES C. COBB, (12198571), Private, Battery C, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 13 July 1944, in the vicinity of Chienni, Italy. The area in which Private COBB'S unit was located had been extremely heavily mined and booby-trapped with trip wires, Teller mines, and anti-personnel mines. Only narrow lanes had been cleared for movement in the area. Despite vigilant watch an Italian civilian entered the field and set off a booby trap, wounding himself badly. In various successive attempts to aid the wounded man, four American soldiers detonated explosives and were seriously injured. Upon the arrival of the unit surgeon and three aid men, Private COBB, realizing fully the extreme hazard involved and disregarding the approaching darkness which increased the normal danger, unhesitatingly volunteered to guide the surgeon and his aid men into the area. Three trips were necessary to evacuate the wounded, and in addition to acting as guide

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Private COBB assisted in carrying out the wounded on stretchers. During the entire time, the whole area was subject to intermittent enemy artillery fire; several enemy shells landed within 200 yards of the men. Private COBB'S gallantry and courage in risking his life in order to save the lives of others reflects the highest credit upon the Field Artillery and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Bath, New York.

JOHN J. SHISHKOWSKY, (39618039), Private First Class, (then Private), Medical Detachment, Company E, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 17 July 1944, near Strada, Italy. While the company to which Private First Class SHISHKOWSKY was attached was advancing, they suddenly encountered a well-prepared enemy position and found themselves in the cross fire of four machine guns and subject to the direct frontal fire of two Self-Propelled guns. During the ensuing engagement Private First Class SHISHKOWSKY, saw a man hit, lying in an exposed position within fifty yards of the enemy. Without any thought of personal safety, Private First Class SHISHKOWSKY moved forward under the incessant heavy fire to the wounded man, administered first aid and took him 300 yards to the rear to safety. Returning from the rear, he unhesitatingly went out again and reached a second man wounded by machine gun fire lying just as close to the enemy lines. Again he administered first aid and evacuated the wounded comrade through the heavy fire to the rear. Throughout the rest of the engagement Private First Class SHISHKOWSKY continued to administer aid to the wounded everywhere in his sector. In his unflinching courage and his unselfish devotion to the wounded Private First Class SHISHKOWSKY was an inspiration to his comrades, and exemplified the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Baker, Montana.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations, 600-15, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

JESSE L. COHEA, Jr., (O-1286608), Captain, Infantry, Company E, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 17 July 1944, near Strada, Italy. Entered military service from Springfield, Tennessee.

JAMES P. BRUMLEY, (O-1304855), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in action, from 12 July 1944 to 10 August 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Pampa, Texas.

RALPH E. SHAUCK, (O-1306995), Second Lieutenant, Anti-Tank Company, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 29 July 1944, near Montepoli, Italy. Entered military service from Newark, Ohio.

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WILLIAM C. STAERLE, (39541148), Technical Sergeant, Company I, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 1 August 1944, near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from East Rutherford, New Jersey.

PAUL M. BOTHNE, (O-1695647), 2nd Lieutenant, (Medical Administrative Corps, (then Staff Sergeant), (Medical Detachment, 3rd Battalion, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 13 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Erdahl, Minnesota.

DANNIE C. SHELTON, (37394234), Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company F, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 2 August 1944, near San Croce, Italy. Entered military service from Crocker, Missouri.

LEON A. BOYANOWSKI, (37573704), Private First Class, Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 16 June 1944, near La Mondonnina, Italy. Entered military service from McKinley, Minnesota.

ALFRED J. CROWDER, (33216006), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 2 August 1944, near San Croce, Italy. Entered military service from Covington, Virginia.

EDWIN V. KISSEL, (39902867), Private First Class, Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 16 June 1944 near La Mondonnina, Italy. Entered military service from Inkom, Idaho.

WALTER L. WILKINSON, Jr, (34436450), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 22 June 1944, near Batignano, Italy. Entered military service from Concord, North Carolina.

JOHN C. ATHERTON, (36747969), Private, Medical Detachment, Company A, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 12 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Lanark, Illinois.

MANUELY R. JOHNSON, (34395277), Private, Battery C, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 13 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Russellville, Alabama.

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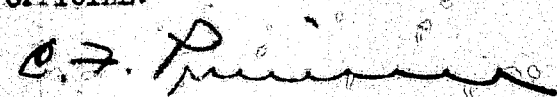
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JOHN P. VANCA, (35233522), Private, Company M, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 13 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

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31 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS
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Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)..... I
Award of Silver Star..... II
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Award of Combat Infantry Streamers..... IV

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations, 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named personnel:

WINDEL A. SOWARDS, (C-130447), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 24 June 1944, near Monticchio, Italy. As leader of the advance platoon of a company assigned the mission of furnishing Infantry protection for a tank detachment and pursuing the enemy along a road winding through mountainous terrain, Second Lieutenant SOWARDS maneuvered his men with skill and courage. By imaginative leadership Second Lieutenant SOWARDS foiled all enemy attempts to pin down the platoon and succeeded in reducing three road blocks by personally leading one squad to engage the deadly frontal fire while a second squad neutralized the enemy. On another occasion Second Lieutenant SOWARDS crawled thirty yards under heavy machine gun fire to shoot the enemy gunner and allow his unit to advance. One mile from his objective, when he learned that an enemy machine gun and sniper position was covering a bend in the road, Second Lieutenant SOWARDS immediately led a small group of men to engage the frontal fire, while the emplacement was attacked from the flank. As he rounded the bend, he was killed instantly by a sniper bullet. Subsequently, the emplacement, the last point of resistance before the objective, was destroyed and the company completed its mission with no further opposition. Second Lieutenant SOWARDS' courage, skillful leadership, and heroic self-sacrifice bring honor to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Edna Sowards, (wife), Columbus, Ohio.

PETER DUGGER, (39112298), Private First Class, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 24 June 1944, near Scalvaia, Italy. In an attack up a hill, Private First Class DUGGER'S platoon was checked by enemy machine gun fire. Maneuvering behind good cover, Private First Class DUGGER reached a vantage point from which he opened fire with his Browning Automatic Rifle and killed the entire gun crew. A squad of enemy riflemen then opened fire on Private First Class DUGGER, who had shifted to a new

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position. He returned the fire, killing two and wounding three. The platoon then continued its advance. Private First Class DUGGER crawled to the crest of the hill, where he was immediately subjected to an intense mortar barrage. After this barrage, a squad of enemy riflemen advanced to counterattack. He permitted them to advance to within 50 yards of him and then opened fire, killing four and wounding three of the enemy. During the operation Private First Class DUGGER had wiped out a machine gun crew and six enemy riflemen, wounded six others, and enabled his squad to complete their mission with a minimum of casualties. His alertness, courage, and will to destroy the enemy exemplify the finest tradition of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Watsonville, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn Dugger, (wife), Box 46, Soquel, California.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ROSARIO V. LERMA, (39545430), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 1 July 1944, near Measano, Italy. During an unusually bitter fire fight the platoon to which Technician Fifth Grade LERMA was attached met intense machine gun, automatic pistol, rifle, and bazooka fire. The enemy also laid down extremely heavy artillery and mortar fire on the position. Unmindful of the extreme danger to his own person, Technician Fifth Grade LERMA moved out to a comrade who had been wounded in the knee. Although there was intense small arms fire in the area through which he had to move, Technician Fifth Grade LERMA picked up the wounded man in such a manner that he could hobble along, and together they started toward the rear. After they had proceeded a short distance, however, the pain became too much for the wounded man and he was unable to continue. Technician Fifth Grade LERMA refused to leave the man, but picked him up and carried him to safety on his back for 700 yards across a road raked by enemy machine gun fire and through an open field that was under heavy artillery fire. His humanity, courage, and disregard of himself were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

INES G. CASTILLO, (39687962), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, Company K, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 5 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. During an attack on a small ridge over rugged and heavily wooded terrain Technician Fifth Grade CASTILLO'S company was caught in the cross fire of enemy machine guns on the right and left flanks. The only aid man present, Technician Fifth Grade CASTILLO moved back and forth from man to man over the company sector treating all the wounded. The enemy during the engagement fired directly at him, yet Technician Fifth Grade CASTILLO, with no regard for his own safety, calmly administered aid to the wounded, and reassured and comforted them.

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When he reached the last man and found that he had no more bandages, he used his own first aid packet. In his devotion to his wounded comrades and his courageous disregard of his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade CASTILLO reflects the finest tradition of the Medical Corps and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Tulare, California.

LLOYD D. STOCKTON, (39565376), Private First Class, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 25 June 1944, at Scalvaia, Italy. To protect themselves from artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, the platoon of which Private First Class STOCKTON was lead scout, having worked its way up a hill toward the town of Scalvaia, took cover in a group of buildings on its outskirts. Here they found all avenues of approach into the town covered by fire from prepared machine gun positions; attempts to flank the positions resulted only in heavy casualties. Realizing that the machine gun nest must be destroyed before the platoon could advance, Private First Class STOCKTON edged his way from building to building under sniper fire and artillery and mortar fire which landed within 50 yards of him. To gain his objective he crossed the street in the face of enemy machine gun fire. Although wounded in the leg while he crossed the street, Private First Class STOCKTON made his way swiftly to a second story window from which he had good observation of the enemy machine gun nest. Even though continually fired up by the enemy, he forced them to abandon the machine gun. Immediately, however, seven more enemy sprang to the position, three manning the machine gun and four acting as riflemen. Private First Class STOCKTON with great courage returned fire with his rifle, killing two, wounding two and forcing the other three to withdraw. This enabled the platoon to advance and complete their mission of driving the enemy from the town. Only then did Private First Class STOCKTON accept medical aid for his wound. Private First Class STOCKTON'S courage, skill, and determination to destroy the enemy exemplifies the finest tradition of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Gardena, California.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

WESLEY H. WOLF, (O-370619), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 23 July 1944, near Leghena, Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

LEROY A. BASTRON, (20943565), Technical Sergeant, Company K, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 4 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Walla Walla, Washington.

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LOYD E. CHANDLER, (39902964), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 25 July 1944, near Leghorn, Italy. Entered military service from Rexburg, Idaho.

HAROLD H. NOOYEN, (36275088); Staff Sergeant, Company C, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 25 July 1944, near Leghorn, Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DELYLE A. JOHNSON, (39113843), Technical Sergeant (then Technician Third Grade), Medical Detachment, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 15 July 1944, near Selvatelle, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

LINWOOD E. MOYE, (34456059), Private First Class, Company F, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in action, from 7 July 1944 to 25 July 1944 in the vicinity of Ripperabella, Italy. Entered military service from Stantonburg, North Carolina.

MATHIES J. REGER, (36237237), Private First Class, Company F, 362nd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 2 August 1944, near San Croce, Italy. Entered military service from Highland, Wisconsin.

JOSEPH F. BOUCHER, (31445198), Private, Company C, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 25 July 1944, near Leghorn, Italy. Entered military service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

ALFRED H. BUGAS, (31424433), Private, Company C, 363rd Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 23 July 1944, near Leghorn, Italy. Entered military service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

IV - AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRY STREAMERS

Under the provisions of War Department Circular #180, 11 May 1944, the following regiments are designated as Combat Infantry Regiments and are entitled to a White Unit Streamer.

361st Infantry Regiment, 91st Infantry Division, United States Army.

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9 September 1944

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

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

JEGIL G. WHITE, Jr. (O-366431), Captain, Medical Corps, 2d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944 near Casanova, Italy. During an intense artillery and mortar barrage several casualties were inflicted on E Company. An aid man sent to help a seriously injured soldier had hardly reached his comrade before he himself became a casualty. Captain WHITE on his own initiative and without any thought of personal safety immediately went out to help them. On reaching the wounded soldier he so placed his body over him as to protect him from further injury. Although sprayed with the dirt from close bursting shells, Captain WHITE administered artificial respiration and plasma to the soldier. Following this Captain WHITE moved over the company area attending the wounds of each casualty. Captain WHITE then organized litter squads and speedily supervised the evacuation of the wounded soldiers. Captain WHITE by his actions exemplifies the highest type of gallantry and devotion to duty. His indomitable spirit and self sacrifice bring high honor to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

WARREN C. HALE, (O-1317908), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 852d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action 15 July 1944 near Casanova, Italy. Lieutenant HALE led his platoon forward to relieve a dangerous situation on his company's right flank. Entering a small wooded area, Lieutenant HALE'S platoon was suddenly subject to an intense mortar barrage. Tree bursts scattering fragments wounded 17 and killed one. Lieutenant HALE was painfully wounded in 3 places. Calling for aid men, Lieutenant HALE directed the evacuation of the casualties through refusing aid or evacuation himself. While the aid men started evacuating the wounded, Lieutenant HALE accompanied by his platoon Sergeant went forward 200 yards, set up an Observation Post, brought the remainder of the platoon forward, placed them in a good defensive position, returned to the wooded area and personally

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supervised the evacuation of the remaining casualties. By this time Lieutenant HALE through loss of blood and severity of pain was forced to be evacuated. His indomitable spirit and devotion to his men was a most outstanding example of heroism and gallantry. He brought great honor on himself and reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Corbin, Kentucky.

REX W. JEWKES, (39901446), Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944 near Castellina, Italy. When his company after heavy fighting prepared to help repel the second German counterattack against Mt. Vaso, Staff Sergeant JEWKES was ammunition bearer in a mortar squad. All but one mortar had been put out of action before his company moved up on Mt. Vaso. Just as the company went into action, the crew of a light machine gun was knocked out by enemy artillery. Staff Sergeant JEWKES, seeing he was not needed at the mortar, picked up the machine gun, sought out men to help him, moved over the hill with the rifleman, set up his machine gun and began firing on the enemy. A Browning Automatic Rifle cut down a clump of grass not over a foot from his side. Though he had neither cover nor concealment, Staff Sergeant JEWKES held his ground and kept the fire up until the enemy was driven back. Staff Sergeant JEWKES' initiative and courage was instrumental in keeping up the spirits of his comrades while his well-directed fire was one of the main factors in stopping an enemy counterattack of greatly superior numbers. When this action took place Staff Sergeant JEWKES had not slept or rested for over two days. Staff Sergeant JEWKES' courage and initiative bring honor to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Orangeville, Utah.

LELAND G. CASTRO, (39686460), Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 July 1944 between Strada and Forcoli, Italy. The advance of Sergeant CASTRO'S company was held up by an enemy machine gun position in a nearby house. Two members of the mortar platoon brought up a weapons carrier armed with a .50 calibre machine gun to neutralize the enemy position. Heavy enemy fire and the malfunction of their gun forced these men to take cover. Sergeant CASTRO then located about 75 yards from the vehicle moved from his position to the weapons carrier, and although still receiving heavy enemy fire, put the gun into action and by his accurate fire destroyed the enemy machine gun. Aware of his company's shortage of ammunition. Sergeant CASTRO then turned the vehicle around and drove it from the area to the Battalion Ammunition Dump. During this time an enemy mortar shell punctured both rear tires and put 12 holes in the body of his vehicle. At the Battalion Ammunition Dump he turned the vehicle over to its proper driver and returned to his platoon. Sergeant CASTRO by his fearlessness and presence of mind set a splendid example to his organization and the United States Army. Entered military service from Visalia, California.

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ARTHUR ROCCO, (39113478), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company M, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944 near Riparbella, Italy. As darkness fell, the battalion was holding a hill, preparing to attack in the morning. As Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO'S company was preparing positions to support the advance, 20 shells landed in the vicinity, one 88mm. shell making a direct hit in the area occupied by the machine gun platoon. Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO suffered a severe wound in the shoulder, one soldier had both legs blown off and others were seriously hurt. Despite his wound and in spite of artillery shells falling not over 30 yards away, Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO without even dressing his own wound went to help his comrades, giving morphine and applying tourniquets to the soldier who had lost his legs and first aid to the other wounded men. Only after caring for all his comrades did Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO call for another aid man to help him bandage his own shoulder. Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO then went back over rough terrain to the aid station a quarter of a mile away, and refusing to be evacuated, immediately led litter squads back to pick up the wounded and guided them to the aid station. Only then upon direct order of the Battalion Surgeon did Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO consent to being evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade ROCCO'S great devotion to duty serves as an inspiration to his comrades and upholds the highest traditions of the Medical Corps and the United States Army. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

DAVID C. STEINMAN, (39521520) Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 30 June 1944 near Messina, Italy. When the Company to which Technician Fifth Grade STEINMAN was attached as an aid man was forced to withdraw by a fierce counterattack and suffered heavy casualties, Technician Fifth Grade STEINMAN personally attended several wounded men and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. After this withdrawal, a wounded man had been left between enemy and friendly troops. With disregard of his own life, Technician Fifth Grade STEINMAN CRAWLED 175 yards to the wounded man, though the area was under machine gun and mortar fire, and carried him to safety, skillfully taking cover several times before completing the trip. Technician Fifth Grade STEINMAN, by his high courage and devotion to duty brings honor to himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Gresham, Oregon.

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II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

RAYMOND E. S. WILLIAMSON, Brigadier General, (O-8602), United States Army. For extraordinary meritorious achievement in action from 17 July 1944 to 29 July 1944. As Commanding General of a Task Force, Brigadier General WILLIAMSON led the first allied forces into the cities of Leghorn and Pisa, Italy. His keen judgment, energy and devotion to duty, coupled with his superior tactical ability made possible the liberation of these towns with a minimum of losses to the forces under his command. Entered the United States Military Academy from New York, New York.

THOMAS M. DRANEY, (O-1286618), Captain, Infantry, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 July 1944 near Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from Orange, Virginia.

RUSSELL E. MORaine, Jr., (O-1307058), First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company H, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944, near Ferooli, Italy. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

EARLE W. OTTO, (O-1645266), Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 18 August 1944 to 22 August 1944 near the Arno River, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

FRAZIER SAVAGE, (W-2107900), Chief Warrant Officer, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 31 August 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Wellington, Texas.

THOMAS A. BELL, (O-267771), First Sergeant, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 June 1944 near Belforte, Italy. Entered military service from Weldo, Arkansas.

JACK B. MATTHEWS, Jr., (34434534), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy from 12 July 1944 to 31 August 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Ashville, North Carolina.

ROBERT E. EMIG, (16111286), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 17 August 1944 to 19 August 1944, near the Arno River, Italy. Entered military service from Marine City, Michigan.

CYRUS A. LANCASTER, (34447471), Staff Sergeant, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944 near Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

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ROBERT R. LAKE, (36617134), Staff Sergeant, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 August and 4 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from St. Francisville, Illinois.

JOSEPH A. SCHMITT, (37313421), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944 near Selvatella, Italy. Entered military service from Aberdeen, South Dakota.

ELVIN M. YARBROUGH, (39403194), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944 in the vicinity of Casaglia, Italy. Entered military service from Susan, California.

JAMES P. HONEYCUTT, (34456449), Sergeant, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Varina, North Carolina.

BILLY H. McMASTER, (39492624), Sergeant, Medical Detachment, Company W, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944 near Strada, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Heights, Illinois.

RALPH W. BAKER, (19049275), Sergeant, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 2 August 1944 to 6 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Seaside, California.

RUSSELL L. McKINNEY, (34436879), Sergeant, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 August, 3 August and 6 August 1944, near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Plum Tree, North Carolina.

JOHN E. SHUBERT, (37061058), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944 in the vicinity of Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Mena, Arkansas.

ERTLE D. CORNELIUS, (16133875), Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 August 1944 to 6 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM A. HALL, (39852275), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944 near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

HAROLD L. COONES, (37229131), Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 2 August 1944 to 6 August 1944, near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Jarsaw, Missouri.

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EDWARD T. WADE, (39688089), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944 near Chiassini, Italy. Entered military service from Tulare, California.

WILLARD T. BROWN, (34378105), Private First Class, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 2 August 1944 to 4 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Pikeville, Tennessee.

RICHARD P. DALESSIO, (31341271), Private First Class, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

ALFRED BIGARI, (36403916), Private First Class, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 2 August 1944 to 4 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Iron River, Michigan.

JOHN H. FROST, (37266367), Private First Class, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 2 August 1944 to 6 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Genoa, Nebraska.

BENNIE VAN ELLEN, Jr., (37442535), Private, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 2 August 1944 to 6 August 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Aplington, Iowa.

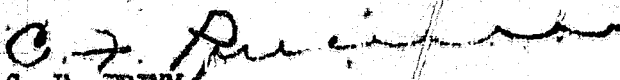
ARNOLD F. WIEGAND, Jr., (37535685), Private First Class, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 30 June 1944 near Radicondoli, Italy. Entered military service from Wellington, Kansas.

EUGENE H. BOGGS, (35294039), Private First Class (then Private), Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 July 1944 near Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Lima, Ohio.

ROBERT C. BECKER, (36767530), Private First Class (then Private), Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 July 1944 near Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Shelbyville, Illinois.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 18

Award of Silver Star (Missing in Action) I
Award of Silver Star II
Award of Bronze Star Medal III

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (MISSING IN ACTION)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man, who is missing in action:

JOE H. GREGORY, (54408444), Private First Class, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 July 1944, near Cevoli, Italy. Private First Class GREGORY'S wire crew was pinned down by machine pistol, machine gun, and heavy artillery fire while attempting to establish an OP and was forced to withdraw from their positions. Private First Class GREGORY alone fought a rear guard action, and so accurate was his fire that the wire crew was able to withdraw 500 yards to the shelter of a building. Although wounded, Private First Class GREGORY continued his fire and did not give ground. During this action he was surrounded by the enemy and believed captured. Private First Class GREGORY'S acts in fighting a successful rear guard action for the Battalion Command Group and wire party reflect the highest tradition of the military service. His indomitable spirit and self-sacrifice bring high honor on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Perry, Florida. Next of kin: Andrew Gregory, (brother), 15 Miller Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

ELI BLACK, (O-417854), Captain, Infantry, Company "C", 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 June and 17 June 1944, near Ponte D'Istia, Italy. Captain BLACK'S company received the mission to assist the advance of the 3d Battalion by securing high ground west of Ponte D'Istia, Italy. When his company was held up by intense machine gun and mortar fire which made it impossible for the company to continue its advance, Captain BLACK with utter disregard for his personal safety stood up in full view of the enemy and directed time artillery fire 150 yards in front of his troops. Captain BLACK'S accurate fire broke up an enemy counter-

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attack, destroyed an 88-mm gun, and permitted him to deploy his support platoon and set up his mortars to destroy the enemy machine guns. On 17 June 1944, Captain BLACK'S troops were subjected to intense machine pistol and mortar fire. Captain BLACK again exposed himself to enemy fire to direct artillery on the enemy positions. This fire was responsible for the annihilation of 2 enemy mortar crews and their guns, 2 anti-tank guns, two 8.8CM guns and approximately 35 enemy infantrymen. During this action Captain BLACK was struck on the right temple by an enemy machine gun bullet, but even then he did not leave his command until ordered to do so by the Battalion Commander. Captain BLACK'S acts exemplify the highest type of gallantry and devotion to duty. Captain BLACK brought great honor on himself and served as an inspiration to his troops. His acts reflect the highest tradition of the service. Entered military service from Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES R. SAWYER, (34456301), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company "K", 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 June 1944 near Istia, Italy. While dispersing his platoon Technical Sergeant SAWYER saw 2 enemy soldiers crawl into a hole 100 yards to the front. When he opened fire on these men, an enemy machine gun fired from a prepared position pinning down the platoon. With utter disregard for his personal safety and with determined devotion to duty, Technical Sergeant SAWYER crawled over open ground to within 50 yards of the machine gun in the face of constant fire directed at him. Bullets struck all around him, some passing just over his head, some landing within a few feet of his position. Technical Sergeant SAWYER opened fire with his rifle, killing the gun crew and wiping out another machine gun nest. As a result of Technical Sergeant SAWYER'S heroic action the enemy was demoralized and their defensive position shattered. Technical Sergeant SAWYER'S gallantry and devotion to duty upholds the highest tradition of the military service and brings great honor on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Roper, North Carolina.

THOMAS D. BRAMLETT, (39902517), Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company "F", 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 June 1944 near Montieri, Italy. The platoon of which Staff Sergeant BRAMLETT was a member was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire and by the turret guns of a tank 500 yards away. The platoon was ordered to withdraw to cover, but Staff Sergeant BRAMLETT without regard for his personal safety contacted each member of his squad to see that they withdrew safely. While crawling to assist an injured man, Staff Sergeant BRAMLETT was hit on the upper arm by machine gun fire. Disregarding his wound, Staff Sergeant BRAMLETT crawled 50 yards further to the injured man whom he dragged to safety and then assisted in bringing another injured man to cover. Shells fell 20 yards from Staff Sergeant BRAMLETT but he refused to go to the aid station until he had reorganized his squad and accounted for each of his men. Staff Sergeant BRAMLETT by his high courage and devotion to duty brings great honor on himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Emmett, Idaho.

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WILLIAM A. WALL, (39614006), Private First Class, Company "I", 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 July 1944, near Pontadera, Italy. Private First Class WALL, advancing with the rest of his company under intense artillery and mortar fire, volunteered to proceed forward on a scouting mission to determine exact enemy locations beyond a ridge which his platoon leader deemed necessary before exposing his entire platoon. Private First Class WALL and another soldier proceeded to the left approximately 150 yards in an attempt to gain the top of the ridge, but was driven back by a hail of bullets from machine guns and small arms. He then proceeded in the face of this heavy fire to his right flank and with only brush and shrubs as cover managed to reach the top of the ridge, from which he could gain the information concerning the employment of the enemy. As Private First Class WALL inched his way along the ridge, he repeatedly had to expose himself to enemy fire. Snipers continued to fire at him but he did not leave the ridge until he had completed his mission. Upon leaving this ridge Private First Class WALL stepped on a mine and was severely wounded in the left leg, ankle and foot. He dragged himself 80 yards to his platoon leader and refused to be evacuated until he had given a detailed account of enemy positions and installations on his enemy front. Private First Class WALL, then due to the loss of blood and the shock of his wounds fell unconscious and was evacuated to the rear. Private First Class WALL'S gallant action and disregard for personal safety saved the platoon from being ambushed and annihilated. By his courage and devotion to duty Private First Class WALL reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Lodgrass, Montana.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

FRED P. CRANE, (3900620), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944, in the vicinity of La Cava, Italy. Entered military service from Vallejo, California.

EUGENE E. DUMONT, (39031850), Staff Sergeant, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944, near Monte Castello, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

JOSEPH D. HIGDON, Jr., (6954973), Staff Sergeant, Company A, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 August 1944, in the vicinity of San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Waco Texas.

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JAMES R. HILL, Jr., (37229659), Private First Class, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in action from 10 June 1944 to 18 July 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Colony, Kansas.

DALE G. MONTGOMERY, (39339720), Private First Class, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944 in the vicinity of Ponsacco, Italy. Entered military service from Prineville, Oregon.

STANLEY A. RUMPZA, (37314141), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 July 1944, in the vicinity of Leghorn, Italy. Entered military service from Roslyn, North Dakota.

PAUL G. SENILLO, (39028678), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 June 1944, near Grosseto, Italy. Entered military service from Redwood City, California.

MARVIN B. HAYLINE, (37395527), Private First Class (then Private), Company D, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 July 1944 and during the period from 27 July to 3 August 1944 in the vicinity of Pontederra and San Ministo, Italy. Entered military service from Arlington, Missouri.

HAROLD V. SALZMAN, (39402068), Corporal (then Private), Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944 near Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Magalia, California.

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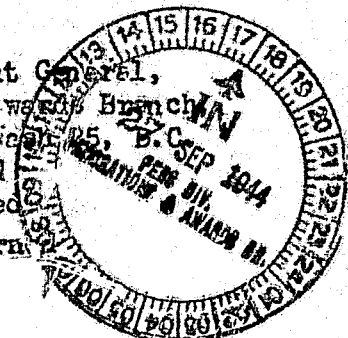
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Award of Silver Star..... I
Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ARNOLD DOORNHAAG, (36405327), Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 June 1944, near Scavlaia, Italy. As the right flank squad of a platoon sent out in advance to clear the town of Scavlaia, Italy, approached the town, it was fired on from the rear by a sniper and from the front by automatic and small arms fire from prepared positions. After dropping back to the rear and killing the sniper, Technical Sergeant DOORNHAAG returned to his squad, picked up an automatic rifle and crawled forward toward a house from which fire was coming. Working himself slowly into position, he threw a hand grenade into the house and silenced the automatic rifle fire. Other grenades he threw destroyed a machine gun nest at the corner of the house. A little later when, in the face of a strong counter-attack the platoon was forced to withdraw, Technical Sergeant DOORNHAAG remained behind alone to cover the withdrawal of his squad. In this action he killed five more enemy and wounded several others. In his personal courage, resourcefulness, and will to destroy the enemy, Technical Sergeant DOORNHAAG exemplifies the highest tradition of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from West Branch, Michigan.

JOHN W. EMMERT, (35611362), Private First Class, Company D, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. When his company was suddenly halted in its advance by the fire of an enemy machine gun, Private First Class EMMERT moved forward with his machine gun and, engaging the enemy gun, successfully neutralized its fire. A second enemy machine gun then opened direct fire on Private First Class EMMERT and wounded him painfully in the back. Despite his injury he continued to fire on the first gun, keeping it silenced, until another bullet wounded him again. Private First Class EMMERT'S dauntless courage and tenacity in mending his gun in spite of a painful wound enabled his company to continue its advance. His gallantry and fighting spirit bespeak the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Marysville, Ohio.

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II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

KENNETH C. PFANN, (O-1295216), Captain, Infantry, Company F, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 June 1944, near Montieri, Italy. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

WILBUR R. JACOBS, (O-1166294), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, near Chevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

ROBERT W. STOOKEY, (O-1166389), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 June 1944, in the vicinity of Velletri, Italy. Entered military service from Evanston, Illinois.

HILLARD A. TOLLIVER, (O-259994), Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 June 1944, near Roccastrada, Italy. Entered military service from Charles City, Iowa.

MARION H. HAUNTZ, (20935173), Technical Sergeant, Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 June 1944, in the vicinity of Montalto Di Castro, Italy. Entered military service from La Grande, Oregon.

GORDON H. METCALF, (39614095), Staff Sergeant, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 June 1944, in the vicinity of Tornellia, Italy. Entered military service from Luther, Montana.

VERNAN D. BREITLING, (39902533), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 31 July 1944 at Roffia, Italy. Entered military service from Caldwell, Idaho.

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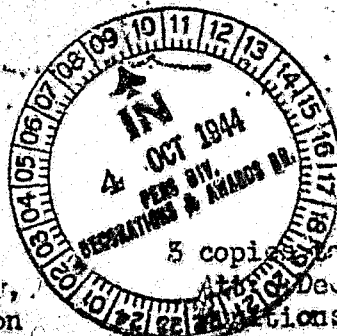
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

ROBERT J. WALSH, (39542881), Technical Sergeant, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 July 1944, near Strada, Italy. When the second and third platoon of Technical Sergeant WALSH'S company were pinned down by intense machine gun and mortar fire before their objective, a series of well-fortified positions around a group of houses, he was ordered to lead his platoon, heretofore held in reserve, around to the left flank and capture a house in which were located three machine guns. Despite the open terrain and the severe mortar fire which was falling in the area, Technical Sergeant WALSH maneuvered his entire platoon unobserved to within 150 yards of the objective. Although immediately subjected to a hail of small arms fire, the platoon moved forward 100 yards by fire and movement. Technical Sergeant WALSH then led the final assault across 50 yards of open and exposed terrain which drove the enemy from their position, capturing three prisoners, killing three and wounding one. Moving 200 yards beyond the objective, Technical Sergeant WALSH reorganized his platoon. Before the company could move into a defensive position, the enemy counter-attacked furiously. Technical Sergeant WALSH held his platoon in position, and moving alone to an exposed position directed mortar fire so accurately and effectively that the enemy was forced to withdraw with heavy casualties. Technical Sergeant WALSH'S personal courage, his coolness under fire, and his leadership exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

REED A. VAN SCOYK, (39322291), Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 June 1944, near Tornella, Italy. Upon learning at 0900 of heavy casualties being suffered by an infantry company, Staff Sergeant VAN SCOYK took a litter squad in a jeep to a point 1,000 yards from the company. There, when he learned that the company had been forced to withdraw leaving the wounded behind, he ordered the vehicle to the rear out of danger. Alone, he worked his way to where the wounded men were, and, having carried them to a covered position, he administered first aid. Because the enemy fire was so intense, the stretcher bearers were not able to reach the wounded until 1500. During

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this time two jeeps attempted to advance to evacuate the wounded, but the leading vehicle was hit by machine gun fire which blew out a tire and the vehicle had to be abandoned. Staff Sergeant VAN SCOYK, who had remained with the wounded the whole time, moved back to the jeep and changed the tire while under intense machine gun fire and then drove the vehicle forward in the face of machine gun and mortar fire to evacuate the casualties. Staff Sergeant VAN SCOYK'S personal courage, resourcefulness, and unselfish humanity exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Corps and the Armies of the Allied Nations. Entered military service from Willamina, Oregon.

NILES E. RAWLS, (39338186), Private First Class (Then Private), Medical Detachment, Company M, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, in the vicinity of Selvatelle, Italy. While his company was engaged in a fierce fire fight, Private First Class RAWLS observed a man wounded in the arm by a mortar shell lying in the cross fire of two machine guns. It was virtually impossible to approach the man who was in extreme pain and unable to move. Private First Class RAWLS, without regard for personal safety, crawled forward from his covered position and despite the murderous cross fire from the machine guns, began to give aid to the wounded man. While working over his comrade, the machine gun fire increased and the man received nine wounds in the other arm. Despite the accuracy of the machine gun fire and the knowledge that death was only inches away, Private First Class RAWLS did not attempt to seek cover for himself but stayed at the wounded man's side until he had attended to these additional wounds. Finding it impossible to drag the man to safety he crawled to the rear and brought a litter squad forward to evacuate him. His constant attention to the wounded man allayed his suffering and undoubtedly saved his life. In his unselfish humanity and utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class RAWLS upheld the finest traditions of the Medical Corps and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Corvallis, Oregon.

II - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following, named onlisted man:

ARVIN M. BOATWRIGHT, (34447263), Private First Class, Cannon Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 14 May, 1944, near St. Lou, Algeria. Private First Class BOATWRIGHT, heedless of his personal safety, plunged into the Mediterranean to rescue a comrade caught in the undertow. Private First Class BOATWRIGHT supported the man with one arm and tried to swim ashore, but finding this task beyond his endurance, he kept the man afloat until aid arrived. His action was responsible for saving the life of a drowning man. In his courage and disregard of his own safety, Private First Class BOATWRIGHT bespeaks the high tradition of the American soldier. Entered military service from Brunswick, Georgia.

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III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

CLIFFORD D. HURLEY, (37256366), Master Sergeant, Headquarters, 91st Infantry Division, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 20 June 1944 to 30 June 1944 near Civitavecchia, Italy. Entered military service from North Platte, Nebraska. Next of kin: Mrs. Patricia E. Hurley, (wife), 618 Pine Ave., North Platte, Nebraska.

SYLVESTER T. GUZINSKI, (16132972), Staff Sergeant, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 31 July 1944 near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Guzinski, (mother), 3046 North Suffolk, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LEON DAUGHERTY, (34395326), Private First Class, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 July 1944 near Casto del Bosco, Italy. Entered military service from Delta, Alabama. Next of kin: Mrs. Lessie Duko Daugherty, (mother), Route #2, Delta, Alabama.

GILBERTO GIL, (38458818), Private, Medical Department, Company C, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 July 1944 in the vicinity of Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Raymondville, Texas. Next of kin: Mr. Candido Gil, (father), Raymondville, Texas.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

COY R. PICKLE, (O-414262), Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 June 1944, near Fonte D'Istia, Italy. Entered military service from Linnis, Texas.

HAROLD M. WOOD, (O-1301555), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 4 June 1944, near Velletri, Italy. Entered military service from Campbell, Missouri.

HAROLD G. GIBSON, (O-1322935), First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 25 June 1944, near Scavina, Italy. Entered military service from Tomona, Georgia.

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EUGENE C. JOHNSON, (W-2119531), Chief Warrant Officer, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat activities in Italy from 12 July 1944 to 11 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Frostburg, Maryland.

JAMES M. REA, (W-2107886), Chief Warrant Officer, Headquarters, 316th Medical Battalion, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 10 July 1944 to 19 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Grand Canyon, Arizona.

BYRON W. JOHNSTON, (W-2122974), Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Headquarters Battery, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations in Italy from 12 July 1944 to 10 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Coalville, Utah.

GUY P. DE MARCO, (6295398), First Sergeant, Headquarters 91st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 14 July 1944 to 12 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

JOHN E. McALLISTER, (38006908), Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat activities in Italy from 12 July 1944 to 12 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Segundo, Colorado.

HENRY A. ECKERT, (35282451), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat activities in Italy from 12 July 1944 to 11 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

FRANCIS M. McDOWELL, (39025483), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat activities in Italy from 12 July 1944 to 10 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

MAHLON J. HERRICK, (36401823), Technical Sergeant, 316th Medical Battalion, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 10 July 1944 to 19 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Harbor Springs, Michigan.

JOSEPH COOK, (3797503), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters, 91st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 14 July 1944 to 12 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from ~~Chicago, Illinois~~

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STEPHEN CUTILLO, (20222908), Staff sergeant, Headquarters 91st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 14 July 1944 to 12 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Clifton, New Jersey.

MELVIN N. HANEBERG, (39321741), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 11 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Sandy, Oregon.

RAY P. PARKER, (38355630), Staff Sergeant, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 July 1944 near Casto del Bosco, Italy. Entered military services from Little Rock, Arkansas.

THOMAS A. GREEN, (37442530), Staff Sergeant, 91st Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 September 1944 in the vicinity of Futa Pass and Castro San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Pocahontas, Iowa.

EDMUND WASIELEWSKI, (35421677), Sergeant, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 11 September 1944 near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Lafferty, Ohio.

JOHN J. ENGLEHART, (37314533), Sergeant, Battery B, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Fort Ripley, Minnesota.

ROBERT J. BRITTEN, (16132719), Sergeant, 91st Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 September 1944 in the vicinity of Futa Pass and Castro San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Marshfield, Wisconsin.

DAVID H. SMITH, (37228907), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 June 1944, near Batignano, Italy. Entered military service from Calhoun, Missouri.

DONALD W. DANIELSON, (37313659), Technician Fourth Grade, (then Private), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 26 June 1944 near Tornella, Italy. Entered military service from Mora, Minnesota.

SYLVESTER T. FROST, (36272773), Corporal, Battery B, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Princeton, Wisconsin.

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MARVIN S. HAWK, (34490625), Corporal, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 July 1944, near Certaldo, Italy. Entered military service from Bristol, Tennessee.

CHARLIE H. COOK, (34435387), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 July 1944, near Certaldo, Italy. Entered military service from Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

ISHMAELE A. RUSCONI, (39108032), Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 9 September 1944, near the Sieve River, Italy. Entered military service from Hollister, California.

ARVIN J. BOHMBACH, (37314224), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, near Selvabelle, Italy. Entered military service from Goodhue, Minnesota.

LEO P. DUNLAP, (37435821), Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 26 June 1944, near Suveretto, Italy. Entered military service from Algona, Iowa.

JOHN W. FASSETT, (35791872), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 June 1944, near Montiori, Italy. Entered military service from Hamilton, Ohio.

JOE H. IVERS, (39263868), Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 11 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

LOUTHER B. MAHAN, (34803345), Private First Class, Medical Department, Company C, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 14 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Alexander City, Alabama.

MERVIN B. MOORE, (34456098), Private First Class, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 August 1944, near Roffia, Italy. Entered military service from Greenville, North Carolina.

JOHN PIRES, (39137554), Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 11 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from California.

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FRED R. BENNETT, (35715856), Private, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 July 1944, near Certaldo, Italy. Entered military service from Mayfield, Kentucky.

JOHN J. LEAHY, (31295253), Private, 91st Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 September 1944 in the vicinity of Futa Pass and Castro San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Charlestown, Massachusetts.

JOHNNIE R. W. MACK, (38328861), Private, 91st Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 September 1944 in the vicinity of Futa Pass and Castro San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Winnsboro, Louisiana.

PHILLIPPE J. LACONTE, (31220766), Private, 91st Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 September 1944 in the vicinity of Futa Pass and Castro San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Brunswick, Maine.

OAKLEY H. HARP, (34378627), Private, 91st Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 September 1944 in the vicinity of Futa Pass and Castro San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Westmoreland, Tennessee.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

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GENERAL ORDERS
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Award of Silver Star. I
Award of Bronze Star Medal. II

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JAMES C. TRUSHEIM, (37228119), Private First Class, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, near Monte Castello, Italy. When his company had been pinned down by intense artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class TRUSHEIM and three others volunteered to go forward and engage the enemy who were retarding the company's advance. From the moment he started forward he became a moving target for direct enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class TRUSHEIM advanced 900 yards. Armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle he moved across the first 300 yards completely exposed to grazing small arms fire, yet returning fierce counter-fire. While machine guns, machine pistols and 88's steadily pounding away, he moved forward. In a final concerted assault Private First Class TRUSHEIM and his companions, firing and throwing hand grenades rushed the enemy position, killing four Germans and capturing thirteen others. After taking this objective Private First Class TRUSHEIM assisted, by his accurate fire, in repelling two counter-attacks which followed immediately. In his personal courage and indomitable fight spirit, Private First Class TRUSHEIM reflected the finest tradition of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Wellsville, Kansas.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

FRED B. GOTTER, (O-1323560), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company H, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 27 July 1944 to 9 August 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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GEORGE BITTNER, (31193476), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

LEO W. HUFF, (6062030), Sergeant, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

DARWIN WINTERTON, (39542585), Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 and 17 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cevoli, and Ripoli, Italy. Entered military service from Compton, California.

CARL S. CARLSON, (37314202), Corporal (then Private First Class), Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Hallock, Minnesota.

WILLIAM F. DELBLEDGE, (36536263), Private First Class, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Warren, Michigan.

KENNETH D. FOX, (37395461), Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 and 17 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cevoli, and Ripoli, Italy. Entered military service from Rolla, Missouri.

ERNEST R. HIRT, (37535265), Private First Class, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

ALVIN D. JOHNSTONE, (39543633), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 and 17 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cevoli, and Ripoli, Italy. Entered military service from Santa Monica, California.

ALEXANDER KROITOR, (36896043), Private First Class, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan.

JAMES C. STOVER, (15062859), Private First Class, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Livingston, Tennessee. CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED CHANGED

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FRANCIS J. DOLAN, (32959359), Private, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 and 17 July 1944 in the vicinity of Cevoli, and Ripoli, Italy. Entered military service from Yorklyn, Delaware.

HAROLD A. EHART, (32959292), Private, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 and 17 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cevoli, and Ripoli, Italy. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

WILLIAM J. LA COMB, (39459024), Private, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 9 September 1944, in the vicinity of the Sieve River, Italy. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

NORMAN L. MEASLER, (31291178), Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 June 1944, in the vicinity of Orbetello, Italy. Entered military service from Catasauqua, Pennsylvania.

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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star..... I
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I - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

REX W. JEWKES, (39901446), Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. While his Battalion was reorganizing after an artillery barrage, Staff Sergeant JEWKES, learned that five men lay wounded back on the hill and that every time anyone attempted to reach them, he had been driven back by small arms and machine gun fire. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant JEWKES with one comrade, left his covered position, a deep draw, and made his way to where the wounded men lay. Five times he made the journey back to the draw evacuating the wounded, and each time he was fired on by machine guns and snipers. Once safe in the draw, it was possible to administer first aid to the wounded men until they could be evacuated later. In his gallantry, humanity, and willingness to sacrifice himself, Staff Sergeant JEWKES exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armies of the United Nations. Entered military service from Orangeville, Utah.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

FERDINAND H. MEYNERS, (37440520), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 July 1944, near Ragni di Cascianni, Italy. While searching for water in a draw, two American soldiers set off a Teller mine which seriously wounded one and temporarily blinded the other. Technician Fifth Grade MEYNERS, attracted by the explosion, quickly gathered four or five men and started in the direction of the sound. As he approached the draw, he saw some Italians, who warned him that two natives had been killed in the same place, and that the Germans had been observed dumping a whole truckload of

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mines in the area. Despite this information and the protestations of both the natives and his comrades, Technician Fifth Grade MEYNERS with complete disregard for his own personal safety advanced to aid the wounded man, still lying in the draw. He had gone only about twenty yards toward the draw when he set off a mine which mortally wounded him. In his unselfish humanity and his courageous self-sacrifice, Technician Fifth Grade MEYNERS upheld the highest traditions of the Medical Corps and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Boyden, Iowa. Next of kin: Mrs. Eugusta E. Meyners, (mother), R.F.D. #1, Boyden, Iowa.

LOUIS T. BACCIGLIERI, (39113578), Private First Class, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Private First Class BACCIGLIERI was a member of a squad which, after the capture of Mt. Vaso, had been deployed in a defensive position on the forward slope of the hill. Despite his weakness and exhaustion, the result of three days of bitter fighting without adequate supplies of food and water, he and his comrades tried vainly during the night to prepare defenses in the rocky sides of the hill. At daybreak they were virtually unprotected by the stones heaped up about them, and their supply of ammunition was running low. They succeeded, however, in driving back one counter-attack which followed a heavy artillery shelling lasting an hour and a half. After a second barrage only 45 men remained in the whole company to face 200 enemy. As the enemy charged up the hill in a second counter-attack, the men wavered, and there was danger the line would break. When his squad leader rose and called to his men to charge the advancing enemy, Private First Class BACCIGLIERI and three others without thought of their personal safety, followed him. After a short but bitter engagement, the enemy fled. Private First Class BACCIGLIERI was found dead, surrounded by a score of enemy dead. In his supreme sense of duty and heroic self-sacrifice, Private First Class BACCIGLIERI brought honor to himself, to his country and to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Martinez, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Bacciglieri, (mother), R.F.D. #1, Martinez, California.

III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

STANLEY M. CURTISS, (39193616), Sergeant, (then Private), Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Sergeant CURTISS was a member of a squad which, after the capture of Mt. Vaso, had been deployed in a defensive position on the forward slope of the hill. Despite his weakness and exhaustion, the result of three days of bitter fighting without adequate supplies of food and water, he and his comrades tried vainly during the night to prepare defenses in the rocky sides of the hill. At daybreak they were virtually unprotected by the stones heaped up about them, and their supply of ammunition was running low. They succeeded, however, in driving back one counter-attack which followed a heavy artillery shelling lasting an hour and a half. After a second barrage only 45 men remained in the whole company to face 200 enemy. As the enemy charged up the hill in a second counter-attack, the men wavered, and

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there was danger the line would break. When his squad leader rose and called to his men to charge the advancing enemy, Sergeant CURTISS and three others without thought of their personal safety, followed him. Sergeant CURTISS advancing directly into the enemy fire had his shirt collar shot away by enemy machine pistol fire, but he did not stop moving forward until the enemy had fled. In his personal courage and will to destroy the enemy, Sergeant CURTISS exemplified the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Kirkland, Washington.

WALTER M. OSENBAUGH, (35758847), Private, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Private OSENBAUGH was a member of a squad which, after the capture of Mt. Vaso, had been deployed in a defensive position on the forward slope of the hill. Despite his weakness and exhaustion, the result of three days of fighting without adequate supplies of food and water, he and his comrades tried vainly during the night to prepare defenses in the rocky side of the hill. At daybreak they were virtually unprotected by the stones heaped up about them, and their supply of ammunition was running low. They succeeded, however, in driving back one counter-attack which followed a heavy artillery shelling lasting an hour and a half. After a second barrage only 45 men remained in the whole company to face 200 enemy. As the enemy charged up the hill in a second counter-attack, the men wavered, and there was danger the line would break. When his squad leader rose and called to his men to charge the advancing enemy, Private OSENBAUGH and three others, without thought of their personal safety, followed him. Private OSENBAUGH and the other men, in spite of the heavy odds, drove into the enemy who, under the surprise and ferocity of the assault, fled. Only two of the five men returned but the counter-attack had been driven off. Private OSENBAUGH'S gallantry and will to destroy the enemy upholds the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Folson, West Virginia.

ANTHONY J. RADICELLA, (32988659), Sergeant, (then Private), Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 27 June 1944, near Cerciano, Italy. After his company had been subjected to a heavy artillery, mortar and rocket barrage, and a severe counter-attack which forced part of the company to withdraw, Sergeant RADICELLA'S squad was ordered to flank the enemy and occupy a house at the crest of a hill 75 yards away. While moving across open ground, they received heavy machine gun fire. Sergeant RADICELLA, in the face of machine gun, mortar and tank fire, crawled the remaining 50 yards alone to a building and worked his way to the second floor. From this position he had excellent observation of the enemy who were only 30 yards away. He threw two hand grenades and fired an anti-tank grenade into the enemy machine gun emplacement, killing three of its crew and destroying the gun. As a result of his action, the squad was able to move forward and repel the counter-attack which had threatened the entire company position. Sergeant RADICELLA'S courage, coolness under fire and will to destroy the enemy exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armies of the United States. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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27 - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations # 0-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

SIDNEY G. LACROIX, (36536275), Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

MARVIN R. KUEHN, (37313405), Sergeant, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 July 1944, near Marina di Pisa. Entered military service from Huron, South Dakota.

MARION A. NICHOLS, (38137381), Sergeant, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Teague, Texas.

JOSEPH J. CUNNINGHAM, (3374F124), Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casale d'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

MILLARD F. GRIMES, (34407446), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from Lakeland, Florida.

DENNIS W. BARNETT, (39902514), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 13 September 1944, near San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Weiser, Idaho.

WILLIAM L. KRUEGER, (37314261), Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Garden City, South Dakota.

JAMES L. LEATH, (34328680), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 July 1944, in the vicinity of Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Bethpage, Tennessee.

EARLY A. MARTIN, (37537291), Technician Fourth Grade, (then Private First Class), Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casale d'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from McCredie, Missouri.

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SOL FRIEDMAN (2220247), Private First Class, (then Private), Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casole d'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

CAMMIE A. GIBSON, Jr, (3778205), Private First Class, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Whiteside, Missouri.

CHARLES H. KNIGHT, (34378654), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from Goodlettsville, Tennessee.

LARRY E. FRINCE, (34769069), Private First Class, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casole d'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from Lincoln, Georgia.

LAWRENCE REESE, (39852778), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Pima, Arizona.

ANTHONY MASSA, (42009898), Private, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casole d'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

EDGAR E. ROHDE, (39331685), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Chico, California.

EMORY L. WALES, (39194998), Private, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casole d'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

RAY WARREN, (18018532), Private, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near San Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Post, Texas.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

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GENERAL ORDER
NO. 34

- Award of Silver Star (Posthumous) I
- Award of Silver Star. II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal. III

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS) -

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named personnel:

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GERALD W. KRACHT, (O-1311562), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 28 June 1944, near Montingegnoli, Italy. Lieutenant KRACHT, Weapons Platoon Leader of a company which was acting as an advance guard along the road near Montingegnoli suddenly saw about a half squad of enemy in the dense underbrush at the side of the road. He immediately opened fire on them. Calling to two men to flank the enemy, he moved toward the enemy firing his submachine gun, and the enemy withdrew. The company then advanced to the outskirts of the town, where it was subjected to an intense artillery barrage. The leading platoon suffered heavy casualties and became temporarily disorganized. Lieutenant KRACHT was wounded and bleeding profusely. Ignoring his wounds, he directed the emplacement of the weapons of his platoon to cover the reorganization of the leading rifle platoon. Only when this was done did he have his wounds dressed, and he returned to his command within thirty minutes. Lieutenant KRACHT'S courageous devotion to duty despite serious injury exemplifies the finest tradition of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Centerline, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Kracht, (wife), 7164 Coolidge St., Centerline, Michigan.

WOODROW W. PYLE, (39686065), Staff Sergeant, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Gaggiolo, Italy. As daylight approached, Staff Sergeant PYLE'S company was engaged in a fierce fire fight with machine gun and rifle fire coming not only from the front but the two flanks as well. Realizing the urgent need for the assistance of the Weapons Platoon, Staff Sergeant PYLE, on his own initiative, moved out into murderous fire and succeeded in establishing contact with the Weapons Platoon, with which contact had been lost during the previous night. Returning to his company, he personally guided them into a more advantageous position where enemy fire was materially reduced. In this area his company was able to repel two severe enemy counter-attacks. When the second counter-attack was driven back, the company was ordered to move forward. One

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again Staff Sergeant PYLE, aware that the left flank was exposed, led a six man patrol ahead of his company. On the patrol he individually silenced one machine gun and with his men knocked out three others. Throughout the entire action Staff Sergeant PYLE was constantly exposed to enemy fire. Near the completion of this maneuver Staff Sergeant PYLE was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. Staff Sergeant PYLE'S gallantry in action, aggressive leadership and heroic self-sacrifice bring honor to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Wasco, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertee R. Pyle, (wife), Box 1345, Richmond, California.

II. - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named persons:

GORDON H. FOOTE, (O-128681), Captain, Infantry, Company K, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. While returning from an extended reconnaissance, Captain FOOTE and his two companions were subjected to a heavy artillery barrage. Captain FOOTE began to work his way laterally to survey the situation. Moving forward over a little rise in the ground, he suddenly came upon three Germans, heavily armed, observing the advance of his company. Acting coolly and quickly, Captain FOOTE called upon them to surrender. Then, noting a dugout to the left, he forced one of the prisoners to call upon the rest of the Germans to surrender. As a result ten more were captured. Captain FOOTE, by his daring courage, not only captured single handed thirteen prisoners; but saved his company untold casualties. In his resourcefulness, daring and gallantry Captain FOOTE upheld the highest traditions of the Armies of the United Nations. Entered military service from Whitchell, New York.

KENNETH W. SWEETON, (39321490), Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 September 1944, near Campiano, Italy. At approximately 1400 on 10 September 1944, after an advance of about 6,000 yards, the Infantry elements were stopped near Campiano, Italy. Staff Sergeant SWEETON had carried a radio transmitter during this advance which, by trail up ravines and over mountains, actually necessitated a march of about six miles. Even though the weight of the radio made the march a physical torture and in addition, there was constant danger from mines and enemy fire, Staff Sergeant SWEETON would not rest but stayed up to the advance. When the advance was halted by direct fire from a German 88mm gun, machine gun, mortars and small arms fire, Staff Sergeant SWEETON without regard for his own personal safety and without any order to do so, moved up under this direct fire with his radio to an observation post in plain view of the enemy. He transmitted artillery commands from his vulnerable position with fire directed at him personally and landing within a few feet of him on all sides. The ensuing artillery fire put the 88mm gun out of action, destroyed the machine gun and its crew, caused the mortars to withdraw, and allowed the Infantry to continue its advance. Staff Sergeant SWEETON'S courage and loyalty to his duty

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bespeak the highest traditions of the Field Artillery and the Armies of the Allied Nations. Entered military service from Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

GEORGE VITTOLINO, (3346629), Private First Class, Company G, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 July 1944, near San Pietro, Italy. While his company was being subjected to a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class VITTOLINO observed a comrade who had been severely wounded by shell fragments. Since no aid men were available to reach him, Private First Class VITTOLINO immediately climbed out of his fox hole and made his way to the wounded man. At the wounded man's side, he removed his belt and applied a tourniquet to his wounded comrade's leg. He then covered him with his field jacket. All this time artillery shells were dropping in about the two men. Twice Private First Class VITTOLINO placed his body over that of the wounded man to protect him from shell fragments which landed as close as twenty yards and showered him with dirt. Then just as calmly, he removed his comrade to a safer place from which he could be evacuated. Private First Class VITTOLINO'S gallantry, humanity and willingness to sacrifice himself exemplify the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT D. BRANCH, (14085327), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 near Scarperia, Italy. Technical Sergeant BRANCH, acting platoon leader of Ammunition and Pioneer platoon, was called upon to clear a path through a mine field which was blocking the advance of an infantry company. Because of the dangerous and difficult nature of the assignment, Technical Sergeant BRANCH would allow no one but the squad leader of the mine sweeping squad and himself to go in. They had cleared a path almost seventy yards in length when the squad leader suddenly stepped on a mine and lost his leg in the ensuing explosion, which also seriously wounded another man who had come in to help. Technical Sergeant BRANCH called for help in evacuating one man and immediately started to carry out the squad leader. One of the other men who had come to assist in the evacuation then stepped on a mine, blowing off his foot and dropping directly in the path of Technical Sergeant BRANCH. Technical Sergeant BRANCH then laid the man he was carrying on the ground, picked up another of the injured men in front of him and carried him to safety. Then, immediately and without order he went back into the mined area, which by now was completely covered with enemy machine gun fire, and evacuated another man. He was about to go in for the third man, again without hesitation, but his battalion commander ordered him to stay out of the area. Technical Sergeant BRANCH'S gallant action reflected the finest in comradeship and unselfish action and made him a credit to his organization and an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

THOMAS C. MORTON, (O-1323254), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Gaglianico, Italy. Lieutenant MORTON, skillfully leading his platoon through a maze of barbed wire and treacherous and rocky Mt. Celvo suddenly spotted

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well entrenched machine gun nest. He motioned his platoon to stay down. Then, despite the excellent observation of the enemy machine gun crew, Lieutenant MORTON carefully made his way up the precarious slope until he was within fifteen yards of the emplacement. Calmly, and unmindful of his extremely dangerous position, he threw a grenade into the machine gun nest. The Germans threw the grenade back at Lieutenant MORTON; it landed close to him, exploded, and wounded him painfully. Despite these wounds, he thought only of carrying out his mission. Taking another grenade from his pocket, he carefully timed the throwing of it with the result that it landed in the center of the German position, exploding immediately and killing all the members of the crew. Despite the intense pain he was suffering, Lieutenant MORTON hurried into the enemy emplacement just in time to meet three Germans who had come to aid their comrades. He captured all three and gained the position. His gallant action destroyed an extremely dangerous obstacle which would have caused his platoon many casualties. Lieutenant MORTON'S intense devotion to duty and fine example to his men reflected the highest qualities of the American soldier and the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

LEE D. ALLEN, (39113907), Technician Fifth Grade, 2d Battalion, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Cassace, Italy. An infantry platoon, to which Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN was assigned as aid-man, was advancing toward a ridge. They came to a blow-out bridge and the decision was made to by-pass by using a deep draw. A corporal, who was in the lead, stepped on a mine, blowing off a foot and otherwise injuring himself seriously. The platoon was immediately ordered out of the mined area. Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN, knowing of the mined condition of the draw, but realizing his duty to the injured man went ahead to administer aid. By this time it was so dark in the draw that it was impossible to determine where other mines lay. Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN reached the side of the injured man safely and immediately administered sulfanilamide and a tourniquet. As he reached back to get his morphine syrette, his foot struck another mine. The ensuing explosion threw him five feet and blew off his lower right leg. When another aid man came to administer to the two men, Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN suddenly recalled that he hadn't given morphine to the first injured. With complete disregard for his own intense pain, he ordered that this be done before allowing himself to be treated. In his personal courage, intense devotion to duty and disregard for his own suffering, Technician Fifth Grade ALLEN reflected the self-sacrificing spirit of the Medical Corps and the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Santa Rosa, California.

HENRY A. EISFELDT, (38156473), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, in the vicinity of Riparbella, Italy. After reaching their objective, the men of Company F, of which Private First Class EISFELDT was a member, organized their position against counter-attack. A member of an outpost, reported seeing an enemy machine gun fire on litter bearers who were attempting to reach wounded

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men in an area about 800 yards to the right. Each time the litter bearers advanced, they were driven back by heavy fire from the machine gun. Private First Class EISFELDT volunteered to go with a Sergeant to knock out the enemy position. After an hour of careful maneuvering, Private First Class EISFELDT and the Sergeant equipped with a rifle, a Browning Automatic Rifle and hand grenades, had worked their way to within 30 yards of the enemy gun without being detected. At this point they discovered that the position was more strongly held than first anticipated, but, knowing that they were out-numbered more than five to one, Private First Class EISFELDT and the Sergeant decided to assault the position. After stunning the enemy with their hand grenades, the Sergeant moved in on them with his Browning Automatic Rifle while Private First Class EISFELDT covered him with his rifle. In the ensuing action Private First Class EISFELDT shot one of the enemy as he was about to knife the Sergeant in the back and killed four more at the gun position. When the action ended, fourteen of the enemy were dead and Private First Class EISFELDT returned to his company carrying the captured machine gun. As a result of his gallant action, litter bearers were able to go forward to evacuate the wounded. In his personal courage and undaunted fighting spirit against overwhelming odds, Private First Class EISFELDT reflected the finest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Taylor, Texas.

HASKEL M. REELS, (34578390), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company F, 365d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. When his company was subjected to intense artillery fire for more than half an hour, Private First Class REELS forsook the protection of his slit trench to administer aid to the men injured by the first rounds. As the artillery fire continued to fall in the company area, Private First Class REELS moved from man to man administering first aid to at least six of his wounded comrades and checking on those who had been killed. With shell fragments covering the area, Private First Class REELS continued to give medical attention to the wounded until he was injured in the head and his arm broken. When the artillery barrage lifted, he directed the dressing of his own wounds and, continuing to show undaunted courage, he led the walking wounded back to the Battalion aid station. With his continuous attention to the wounded under the most dangerous conditions Private First Class REELS upheld the high standard and traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Brotherton, Tennessee.

DON C. LEATH, (34378653), Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company I, 365d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 July 1944 near Castellina, Italy. After his company had helped take an important objective, Staff Sergeant LEATH was sent with his squad to the forward slope of the hill as an outpost for his company which went into position on the reverse slope. The men had fought continuously for three days over rough terrain and had not had sufficient food and water, consequently, they were very much fatigued and could make little headway trying to dig in on the rocky hill. The enemy shelled the position for over an hour with more than 200 rounds of artillery and mortars. They then began a counter-attack with a force superior in numbers to

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our troops. Staff Sergeant LEATH directed the fire of his squad by running from man to man, and, at the same time, kept his company commander informed of the situation, enabling him to make plans. That the counter-attack was driven off in Staff Sergeant LEATH'S sector, was largely due to his directing the fire of his squad with absolute disregard of his own safety. At this point, the enemy threw in a concentration of over 100 rounds and began a second counter-attack in even greater force than before. Again Staff Sergeant LEATH directed the fire of his squad by running from man to man, for the noise of battle was so loud that if he had tried to carry on from partial cover, his men would not have heard him. Staff Sergeant LEATH sent back to his company commander such accurate information regarding the disposition and strength of the enemy, that the latter was able to properly deploy the remainder of his company and charge across the hill, routing the enemy. After the enemy had fled, and in spite of the heavy artillery barrage which was falling, Staff Sergeant LEATH left his covered position to remove a wounded officer who had fallen in an exposed position, to one offering greater protection. Staff Sergeant LEATH, by his gallant actions this day, became a hero to all who saw him. His courageous conduct entitles him to a place among those who have placed the honor of their country and the duty to their comrades above their own well-being and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Lafayette, Tennessee.

III- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

Res ltr No 101 - Aug. 17, 1945
* CALVIN E. BARRY, (O-271325), Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat for period 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

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* ROBERT B. COLLIER, (O-307337), Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

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* DAN F. JOHNSON, (O-386011), Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

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* DODDROW L. LYNN, (O-528187), Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat for period 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Tampa, Florida.

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*JAMES E. SHAW, Jr. (O-281282), Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Grenada, Mississippi.

JAMES M. BECK, (O-1292113), Captain (then 1st Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944, in the vicinity of Casanova, Italy. Entered military service from Valdosta, Georgia.

JOHN C. BOEHM, (O-1166232), Captain, Field Artillery, Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 15 September 1944 near Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Danville, Illinois.

WILLIAM C. GOENNE, (O-447685), Captain, Medical Corps, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 July 1944, in the vicinity of Casale d'Elva, Italy. Entered military service from Davenport, Iowa.

HALLIE B. HENRY, (O-1286835), Captain, Infantry, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on the night of 17-18 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Moultrieville, South Carolina.

FRANK R. KEPLER, (O-1286503), Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, in the vicinity of Traversa, Italy. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

LUTHER E. NELSON, (O-1166795), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944 in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Lawton, Oklahoma.

STANLEY E. YOUNG, (O-1177257), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, in the vicinity of Sceripera, Italy. Entered military service from Atoka, Oklahoma.

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~~CARL S. BLASS, (6247055), Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Midian, Kansas.~~

LOUIS J. HARE, (7885739), Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Derby, Pennsylvania.

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LOYD A. FULLER, (6277469), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 30 September 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Idabel, Oklahoma.

CLIFFORD A. CAHOUN, (39698115), Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company A, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944, in the vicinity of Casaglia, Italy. Entered military service from San Fernando, California.

ARVID L. EDSON, (37314184), Sergeant, Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 15 September 1944, in the vicinity of Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Vancouver, Washington.

RALPH L. GAUBIER, (37313863), Sergeant, Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 15 September 1944, near Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

WALTER C. MEYER, (37213990), Sergeant, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in action on 12 September 1944, in the vicinity of Scarpia, Italy. Entered military service from Eagle Rock, California.

WAYNE L. PETERS, (37314035), Sergeant, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 15 September 1944, in the vicinity of Casoli, Italy. Entered military service from New Ulm, Minnesota.

JOHN H. ACOCK, (17127534), Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 September 1944, in the vicinity of Scarpia, Italy. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

ARCHIE L. CHILDELS, (37228746), Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious services in support of combat operations on 8-10 September 1944, in the vicinity of Sieve River, Italy. Entered military service from Bleirstown, Missouri.

IVAR T. JESPERSON, (37322060), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

EDWIN O. SUNDBERG, (37313790), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 September 1944, in the vicinity of Scarpia, Italy. Entered military service from Pierpont, South Dakota.

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DEVERE L. BELDEN, (58407483), Private First Class, Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 15 September 1944, near Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Allegan, Michigan.

DAVID M. JAMES, (39458685), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 12 July 1944, in the vicinity of Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Yakima, Washington.

BROADIS W. McLEMORE, (14125795), Private First Class, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, in the vicinity of Cassace, Italy. Entered military service from Columbia, South Carolina.

LESTER R. MOLLGARD, (59331508), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 29 June 1944, in the vicinity of Messine, Italy. Entered military service from Hood River, Oregon.

ERNEST J. MORRIS, (34456262), Private First Class, Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 15 September 1944, near Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Vanceboro, North Carolina.

JOSEPH PETTINATO, (32215534), Private First Class, 2d Battalion, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Casacce, Italy. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

WILLIAM T. TOBIN, (36617554), Private First Class, Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 15 September 1944, in the vicinity of Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

SOSTENES C. ALCOCK, (35096545), Private First Class, Medical Department, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casole d'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from East Chicago, Indiana.

RAEYAN W. HOWARD, (39333619), Private, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 August 1944, in the vicinity of Cigoli, Italy. Entered military service from Vancouver, Washington.

TRINIDAD INOSENCIO, (36860894), Private, Medical Detachment, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 30 June 1944, near Mensano, Italy. Entered military service from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

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JUVIN J. MUNGLE, (38400111), Private Medical Detachment, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, in the vicinity of Ponsacco, Italy. Entered military service from Atoka, Oklahoma.

LEONARD T. HILL, (3671950), Private, Medical Department, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casale d'Elva. Entered military service from Grantsburg, Washington.

WILLIE J. RICHARD, (38497301), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private), Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion, Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 30 June 1944, near Radiceandoli, Italy. Entered military service from Thibodaux, Louisiana.

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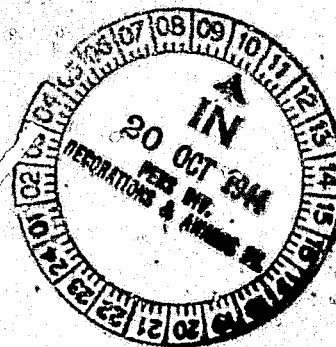
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GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 35

Award of Silver Star I
Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) II
Award of Bronze Star Medal III

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

THOMAS F. DONAHUE, III, (M2001759), Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 September 1944, near Villanova, Italy. As elements of his Battalion pushed forward through a very dark night several men were wounded in a mine field. Two medical aid men attempted to enter the mined area to evacuate the wounded, but one was killed by a mine and the other severely wounded. Technician Fifth Grade DONAHUE, a Chaplain's assistant, volunteered to enter the mine field to get the wounded men. Cautiously and thoroughly probing as he went Technician Fifth Grade DONAHUE cleared a path through the field and reached the injured men. He evacuated one man, and led litter squads into the field three successive times to evacuate the rest safely. Only four days later, Technician Fifth Grade DONAHUE again volunteered to enter a heavily mined area to evacuate casualties. He succeeded in evacuating several before he was severely wounded by an exploding mine. Technician Fifth Grade DONAHUE'S personal courage and heroic willingness to sacrifice himself for his comrades bespeak the finest traditions of the Armies of the United Nations. Entered military service from West Orange, New Jersey.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

WILLIE L. DAVIS, (39544196), Corporal, (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 June 1944, near Batignano, Italy. Entered military service from Chino, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Norma J. Davis, (wife), Schaeffer & Walker Avenue, Route #2, Ontario, California.

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III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

FRANK W. DAKAN, (O-1101799), Captain, Corps of Engineers, 1st Battalion, 39th Engineer Combat Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 28 and 29 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

EDWARD BOTT, (O-1323525), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

WILFURN F. SARGENT, (6284557), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

AUSTIN N. O'HARE, (39266391), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 25 September 1944 between Chianni, Italy and Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from La Habra, California.

WILLARD R. LAMARCHE, (36378526), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Casacce, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

LLOYD GRICE, (34456062), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 June 1944, near Grosseto, Italy. Entered military service from Kenly, North Carolina.

BUDD C. SIDERS, (33756663), Corporal, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 24 September 1944, near Monte di Fo, Italy. Entered military service from Rockton, Pennsylvania.

HARRY L. SPENCER, (34456127), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 24 September 1944, near Monte di Fo, Italy. Entered military service from Sophia, North Carolina.

HENRY A. EISFELDT, (38156473), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Taylor, Texas.

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MICHAEL O'NEILL, (32866588), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Casacco, Italy. Entered military service from White Plains, New York.

ALFRED POLAN, (38001724), Private First Class, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 24 September 1944, near Monte di Fo, Italy. Entered military service from Prescott, Arizona.

ADOLPH J. SYREK, (36617541), Private First Class, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 24 September 1944, near Monte di Fo, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

ARBIE J. WEST, (34456371), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in the vicinity of Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

GALETO LUGG, (39032690), Private First Class, (then Private), Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

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- Award of Silver Star (Posthumous) I
- Award of Silver Star. II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal. III
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) IV
- Award of Bronze Star Medal. V

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named personnel:

RALPH W. HEISINGER, (O-1323427), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 September 1944, near Mount Calvi, Italy. As Lieutenant HEISINGER was leading his platoon just at a break toward their objective on the right side of Mount Calvi, he observed German emplacements protected by barbed wire approximately two hundred yards to the front. Realizing the excellent observation afforded to the enemy by these positions, he immediately placed one squad in a firing position and personally led the remainder of his platoon in a swift flank attack on the machine guns and snipers. They assaulted the positions, killing many and capturing seven. Lieutenant HEISINGER, in his gallant leadership personally accounted for four enemy dead and assisted in the capture of the others. In a very short while, the enemy emplacements, potentially a very serious threat to the Company's advance, were wiped out. Later in the day, while on a reconnaissance, Lieutenant HEISINGER was severely wounded by sniper fire. When an aid man went out to assist him, he too was wounded. When Lieutenant HEISINGER saw two other men start toward him to bring him aid, he ordered them back to safety, saying he would hold out until dark. Just as darkness fell, Lieutenant HEISINGER was evacuated, but he had died as a result of his wounds two hours earlier. Lieutenant HEISINGER'S personal heroism in the assault on the fortified enemy positions and his extraordinary gallantry in ordering his men not to risk their lives to save his own exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Jefferson City, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs Jeanette Heisinger, (wife), Jefferson City, Missouri.

WILLIAM R. MARTIN, (39031162), Technical Sergeant, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6-7 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Just before Technical Sergeant MARTIN'S platoon was to

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leave its assembly area for an assault on Mt. Vaso, it was subjected to an artillery barrage which seriously wounded the platoon leader and several other men. As soon as the barrage lifted, Technical Sergeant MARTIN saw that the wounded were treated and reorganized the platoon in time for its advance. At nightfall, when the objective had been taken, the company was ordered to prepare positions against expected counter-attacks. Although exhausted by three days of continuous fighting without adequate supplies of food and water, Technical Sergeant MARTIN worked all night helping and encouraging his men. The next morning, when the positions were subjected to heavy preparatory fire, Technical Sergeant MARTIN was knocked unconscious, and his comrades, thinking he was dead, covered him with a shelter half. Ten minutes later Technical Sergeant MARTIN recovered consciousness and again took his place directing and inspiring his men. So ably did he deploy his platoon that when the enemy counter-attacked, none reached the platoon area. When this counter-attack failed, the enemy laid down a second heavy artillery barrage. Again Technical Sergeant MARTIN was hit by a shell, throwing him seven or eight feet and rendering him unconscious. When he regained consciousness, he immediately began to organize the remnant of his platoon for the coming attack. So skillfully did he place his men that although they were outnumbered five to one, they drove back the enemy. In his courage, determination, and skillful leadership Technical Sergeant MARTIN upheld the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Oakland, California. Next of kin: Mrs Augusta T. Lopes, (mother), 1050 81st Avenue, Oakland, California.

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THOMAS F. FOLEY, (33053620), Staff Sergeant, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. When his squad encountered withering machine gun fire as they were advancing, Staff Sergeant FOLEY, on his own initiative, volunteered to seek out and disorganize the positions so that they could be reduced. Despite the enemy's excellent observation and field of fire, he worked his way carefully forward and located the emplacements. He killed two Germans and so disrupted their positions that his platoon surged forward and took the objective. In making the advance possible, however, Staff Sergeant FOLEY was mortally wounded. Staff Sergeant FOLEY'S personal courage and willingness to sacrifice himself are an inspiration to his comrades and exemplify the highest traditions of the Armies of the United Nations. Entered military service from Germantown, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Ellen Foley, (mother) 5230 Marion Street, Germantown, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH D. HIGION, Jr., (6754973), Staff Sergeant, Company A, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Staff Sergeant HIGION, leader of a section of light machine guns, was part of a force ordered to protect the left flank and left rear of his regiment at the end of a day of bitter fighting in the Gothic line defenses. Although met with a sharp counter-attack just as they moved into their area and, subjected to mortar fire in the ensuing hours, the section made some

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progress in preparing fire positions. Before these could be completed, however, the enemy launched a second counter-attack of such strength and persistence that it appeared that the Germans might break through the defensive line. Although he had been wounded by a hand grenade, Staff Sergeant HIGDON picked up the light machine gun and, firing from his hip, charged into the Germans. As he started his charge, he was hit by another hand grenade but he still advanced. The Germans began to flee, at the same time crying for Staff Sergeant HIGDON to cease fire. Staff Sergeant HIGDON kept going and the Germans who were able scattered, but not before Staff Sergeant HIGDON had been wounded the third time by small arms fire. As soon as the enemy fled, Staff Sergeant HIGDON managed to make the 50 yards or more back to his lines, where he fell. Several men immediately went to his aid but, by the time they reached him, he was dead. He had been wounded in almost every part of his body. When daylight came, 9 or 10 enemy dead could be counted along the course of his heroic charge. In his high courage and utter devotion to duty Staff Sergeant HIGDON was an inspiration to his comrades and upheld the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Wasco, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred Lee Higdon, (mother), 715 North 13th Street, Wasco, Texas.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45; as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

CHARLES A. SENN, Jr., (O-289958), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action from 9 September 1944 to 18 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Realizing that the enemy fortifications of the Gothic Line would have to be softened by directed artillery fire before his infantry could advance successfully, Colonel SENN moved his Observation Post well forward of his own troops and dangerously close to the enemy lines. Using a slit trench as an Observation Post and exposed constantly to artillery and mortar barrages as well as small arms fire, Colonel SENN accurately and effectively directed artillery and mortar fire for three days. At one time he observed and directed fires for over twenty-four consecutive hours. As a result of his skill and devotion to duty, when his troops attacked enemy positions they were taken in a very few hours with exceptionally few casualties. With these key strongholds taken Colonel SENN's battalion surged forward toward Futa Pass. Colonel SENN's magnificent leadership and untiring and ceaseless efforts uphold the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Laurens, South Carolina.

LLOYD B. COLLINS, (39688107), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. As he was leading his platoon forward through the defenses of the Gothic Line, Technical Sergeant COLLINS, acting platoon leader, came in sight and range of six Germans, who immediately opened fire on him and his men. Acting instantly and without regard for personal

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safety Technical Sergeant COLLINS momentarily held his platoon back while he went ahead into the hail of enemy fire to eliminate the enemy. By careful strategy in his approach he killed two of the Germans and forced the remaining four to disperse. In this gallant act he so effectively frightened the remaining Germans that they dropped their weapons in their flight. He then summoned his platoon and they continued their advance. Technical Sergeant COLLINS' personal courage and willingness to sacrifice himself upheld the high tradition of the Armies of the United Nations. Entered military service from Richmond, California.

JACK E. BUCHANAN, (34435873), Private First Class, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. While advancing in the lead of his company against prepared defenses in the Gothic Line, Private First Class BUCHANAN came under small arms fire from a pill-box. He continued to move forward, however, firing his rifle at the embrasure. Before he could clear this pill-box, a second pill-box higher on the hill opened fire. Moving on the blind side of the second emplacement, Private First Class BUCHANAN threw grenades and fired into the embrasure. By calling upon the enemy to surrender he captured the three Germans manning the position. These he sent to the rear. He then returned to the first pill-box and jumped boldly inside it, surprising a fourth German into immediate capitulation. By his courage and daring Private First Class BUCHANAN reduced two pill-boxes and single handedly captured four of the enemy. Entered military service from Elk Park, North Carolina.

III- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

EUGENE A. BORG, (37313866), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 18 August 1944 to 22 August 1944, in the vicinity of the Arno River, Italy. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

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STANLEY F. ~~FORNEY~~ (39458571), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters and Service Company, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 18 August 1944 to 22 August 1944, in the vicinity of the Arno River, Italy. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

JOHN E. SHUPERT, (37061058), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 13 September to 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Mena, Arkansas.

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IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

RAYMOND T. POJANOWSKI, (37572874), Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, near Troverso, Italy. Entered military service from Anoka, Minnesota. Next of kin: Harriet Pojanowski, (mother), Route #4, Anoka, Minnesota.

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JAMES R. WIXON, (3498560), Private, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Wixon, (mother), 25 Madison Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

LARRY J. LAND, (6287131), Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from Abernathy, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Land, (mother), Abernathy, Texas.

CHARLES L. WRIGHT, (3457869E), Private First Class, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Fountain City, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Dora Dalton Wright, (wife), Route #2, Corryton, Tennessee.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

EDWIN K. THOMSON, (O-392108), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 2d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 17 July 1944 to 24 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Laramie, Wyoming.

JAMES E. COULTER, (O-1181393), Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 September 1944 to 3 October 1944, in the vicinity of the Sieve River and Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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BRUCE A. FIVE, (O-1286817), Captain, Infantry, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 September 1944, in the vicinity of Mount Calvi, Italy. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

JOHN E. MEAD, (O-1101575), Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 September 1944 to 24 September 1944, in the vicinity of the Gothic Line. Entered military service from Sayville, New York.

CECIL P. FISHER, (6281910), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Brownsville, Texas.

FRANK J. ADAMS, (39614013), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 11 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Big Horn, Montana.

DAVID B. GRAJEDA, (39687173), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 3 July 1944 to 16 August 1944, in the vicinities of Livorno and Roffia, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

ARTHUR E. URBANTKE, (6284487), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 3 July 1944 to 25 August 1944, in the vicinities of Livorno, Roffia, and Certaldo, Italy. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

ROGERS L. KIRK, (39571552), Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 1 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

RICHARD R. SILVA, (39112576), Corporal, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Mount View, California.

FREY D. EGERT, (35294454), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, near Colle, Italy. Entered military service from Elmore, Ohio.

HENRY C. EVERETT, (38134371), Private First Class, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23-24 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Throckmorton, Texas.

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BOYD RITTENBERRY, (34329708), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Carthage, Tennessee,

WILLIAM H. TURNER, (34730906), Private, Medical Detachment, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Manson, Tennessee.

ALBERT J. WILLIS, Jr., (32851547), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Cohoes Albany, New York.

CHARLES MARQUES, (31446455), Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 38

- Award of Silver Star (Posthumous) I
- Award of Silver Star II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) III
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- Amendment to General Orders V

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named personnel:

JESSE A. OGDEN, (O-1154916), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near S. Bianco, Italy. While leading an artillery observation party Lieutenant OGDEN, with three enlisted men, was pinned down by intense machine gun and mortar fire. Directed from German pill-boxes and hillside dugouts approximately 750 yards away, the fire was so located as to make an advance by the infantry impossible. To neutralize the fire Lieutenant OGDEN, at great personal risk, advanced far beyond the front lines to a position affording excellent observation. From here he brought artillery fire to bear upon the enemy, destroying their positions and enabling the infantry to advance. While thus directing artillery fire from his exposed position Lieutenant OGDEN was killed by enemy machine gun fire. Lieutenant OGDEN'S gallantry and unselfish devotion to duty bespeaks the highest traditions of Field Artillery and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Corpus Christi, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. G. W. Ogden, (mother), 418 Indiana St., Corpus Christi, Texas.

FRANK P. RESTIFO, (36547105), Private First Class, Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 June 1944, near Roccostrada, Italy. Assigned the mission of locating four machine guns which had held up the advance of two successive companies all day, Private First Class RESTIFO, a scout, led his squad in a flanking movement over rugged terrain to a creek, wading 300 yards up the creek they turned the enemy flank and worked their way to a point three or four yards from one of the machine gun nests. At this moment they were fired upon; one bullet struck the helmet of the other scout and rendered him unconscious; and a grenade landed within two yards of Private First Class RESTIFO. In the face of intense fire and at great risk of his life, Private First Class RESTIFO, operating his rifle man-

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ually, fired two clips of ammunition into the emplacement, killing the crew. Crawling into the emplacement for protection from the fire of the other three machine guns, now trained on him, he directed the deployment of his men so that they were able to launch a coordinated attack which destroyed the remaining three machine guns. As a result of Private First Class RESTIFO'S gallant action the company recovered two lost radios and freed an officer and two enlisted men who had been previously captured. In his personal courage and his skillful leadership, Private First Class RESTIFO exemplified the finest tradition of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Saginaw, Michigan. Next of kin: Thomas Restifo, (brother), 218 North 3d St., Saginaw, Michigan.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

HERBERT D. CUMMINGS, (39398977), Sergeant, Battery C, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16-17 September 1944, near S. Piasco, Italy. As a member of a forward artillery observation party Sergeant CUMMINGS, when his commanding officer was killed, assumed command of the party and during the rest of the day directed the fire of his battalion upon enemy emplacements with devastating effect. Late in the day another officer assumed command of the party. Sometime later, as the group was displacing forward, the second officer was severely wounded by a mine, and Sergeant CUMMINGS was less seriously wounded by a fragment. Again Sergeant CUMMINGS took charge of the party, guiding the others through the mine field and helping the wounded officer. The next morning the officer was evacuated, but Sergeant CUMMINGS refused to leave his post. All day, despite his wound, he observed and directed artillery fire skillfully and accurately. Not until the arrival of another officer late in the evening did Sergeant CUMMINGS allow himself to be evacuated to the hospital. Sergeant CUMMINGS' courage and unswerving devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the Field Artillery and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Marysville, California.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named personnel:

CHARLIE W. HANKS, (34435319), Staff Sergeant, Company F, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 June 1944, near Montieri, Italy. Entered military service from Benham, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Roosevelt Phillips Hanks, (mother), Benham, North Carolina.

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JOHN J. MOTLEY, (O-1593114), First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company C, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Ponzalla, Italy. Entered military service from Valley Stream, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Motley, (wife), 236 E. Mineola Avenue, Valley Stream, New York.

EDWARD T. MULLEN, (O-1311811), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Mullen, (mother), 16 Ogden St., Newark, New Jersey.

CYRIL C. STRAKA, (36536571), Technician Fourth Grade, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 June 1944, near Torriella, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Straka, (father), 8251 Nuernberg Street, Detroit, Michigan.

OTTO HODGE, (19186582), Private First Class, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 10 September 1944 to 23 September 1944, in the vicinity of Ruta Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Trinidad, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Carrie Hodge, (mother), Trinidad, California.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

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~~EDGAR S. MILLERSON, (O-192762), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 1-2 July 1944, near Cecina, Italy. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.~~

JOHN YAWORSKY, (O-1824181), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Company B, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from Auburn, New York.

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CLARENCE E. MARSHALL, (38041484), Technical Sergeant, Company C, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 21 September 1944, near Barberino, Italy. Entered military service from Ancho, New Mexico.

WILLIAM D. PATRICK, (39676370), Staff Sergeant, Company A, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 June 1944, near Salvaratta, Italy. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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HOWARD M. CARR, (34456078), Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in the vicinity of Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Plymouth, North Carolina.

WILLARD S. STEEN, (37308182), Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 15 September 1944 to 22 September 1944, near S. Bianco, Italy. Entered military service from Lancaster, Minnesota.

JOHN W. ADDIS, Jr., (7022395), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 June 1944, near Tornarella, Italy. Entered military service from Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

MILFORD L. CLARK, (39548350), Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 25 September 1944, in the vicinity of Selva, Italy. Entered military service from Hermosa Beach, California.

WILLIAM R. CONNELL, (42004882), Corporal, Battery C, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16-17 September 1944, near S. Bianco, Italy. Entered military service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

CARL E. SANKER, (34329768), Corporal, (then Private First Class), Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in the vicinity of Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Burns, Tennessee.

OSKAR E. ARMSTRONG, (34378458), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 28 June 1944, near Montingegnoli, Italy. Entered military service from Nunnell, Tennessee.

LOUIS B. PEERY, Sr., (33655323), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, near Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Norton, Virginia.

GUY R. BIANCO, (12207332), Corporal, (then Private), Battery C, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16-17 September 1944, near S. Bianco, Italy. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

WILLIAM GARCIA, (38011381), Private, Company A, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 June 1944, near Salvaretta, Italy. Entered military service from Raton, New Mexico.

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BERNARD P. HALEY, (O-24248), Major, Infantry, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 9 March 1944 to 10 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Havre, Montana.

LLOYD J. DEWART, (O-131455), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 June 1944, near Roccastrada, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CLIFFORD M. GASTON, (39031280), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 July 1944, in Terricciola, Italy. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

LESTER C. LARSEN, (37437189), Sergeant, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 27-29 July 1944, in the vicinity of Cascina, Italy. Entered military service from West Liberty, Iowa.

VERNIE H. GARGO, (39458690), Technician Fifth Grade, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Selah, Washington.

ORVIN W. McKIBBEN, (34449319), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25-27 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Pavo, Georgia.

ROBERT E. McMARTIN, (39403925), Technician Fifth Grade, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Willows, California.

SPENCER B. SMITH, (39113531), Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 12 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Driggs, Idaho.

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DALE STEAD, (39901914), Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 12 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Plymouth, Utah.

JOSE C. GONZALEZ, (39852864), Private First Class, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

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MARION O. MAYNARD, (37228971), Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 13-15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Beloit, Kansas.

SAMUEL M. SOTO, (39708457), Private First Class, (then Private), Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES R. TAYLOR, (37233566), Private First Class, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Noel, Missouri.

EUGENE E. TRUELOVE, (34456416), Private, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Method, North Carolina.

V AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 34, this Headquarters, 10 October 1944, as pertains to Lieutenant Colonel DAN W. JOHNSON, that reads: For meritorious services in support of combat operations, is amended to read: For meritorious service in combat.

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 37, this Headquarters, 16 October 1944, as pertains to Staff Sergeant STANLEY E. DOSEY, that reads: DORSEY, is amended to read: DOSEY.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

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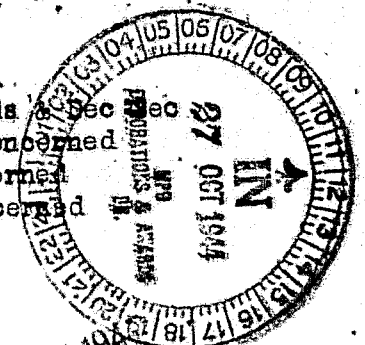
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GENERAL ORDERS

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- Award of Silver Star I
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal III
- Amendment to General Orders IV

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

BERYL H. BAKER, (39265029), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. On the afternoon of 18 September 1944, an infantry company which had lost over half its men, including all its officers, in the previous day and a half of fighting was advancing along a ridge just south of Monticelli when machine gun fire, falling on the forward elements from three pillboxes across a draw on the flank, made any further advance impossible while the fire continued. Technical Sergeant BAKER, a squad leader, located the machine guns. Realizing that this fire would have to be neutralized, on his own initiative, he skillfully led his men across the draw and knocked out the three pillboxes by out-flanking each in turn. In the course of this action, eight Germans were killed and seventeen captured. One of these pillboxes was a communication center, the neutralization of which undoubtedly saved many lives and made the advance of his company possible. Technical Sergeant BAKER'S courage, initiative, and leadership upheld the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

HARRY R. KRAUS, (39330392), Sergeant, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944, in Campiano, Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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EDWARD K. HAMMONS, (39191423), Technician Fifth Grade, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25-26 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

OSHAL C. GREGORY, (34578638), Private First Class, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Lafayette, Tennessee.

ROBERT MALANCHE, (36279522), Private First Class, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

TED W. CHILES, (O-394115), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 15 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Albertville, Alabama.

ROBERT E. SCOTT, Jr., (O-1165207), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from Columbus, Kansas.

HECTOR A. GAWLEY, (O-1305757), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, in the vicinity of Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Bellingham, Washington.

KENNETH C. GAMMON, (39684164), Staff Sergeant, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944, in Campiano, Italy. Entered military service from Porterville, California.

CLEDDIE A. BREWER, (38024463), Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 4 July 1944 to 31 August 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

VITO F. DILORINZO, (36405437), Private First Class, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944, in Campiano, Italy. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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ARTHUR J. ETTORE, (32956646), Private First Class, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Sicklerville, New Jersey.

WESLEY B. KISLING, (37573874), Private First Class, Company C, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

JOHN A. KUBICKO, (36402966), Private First Class, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 4 October 1944, in the vicinity of Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Crystal Falls, Michigan.

DONALD R. LOHRBACH, (37320786), Private First Class, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, in the vicinity of Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Dodge Center, Minnesota.

HARRY ZAWACKY, (36536488), Private First Class, Company C, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Hamtramck, Michigan.

PORTER EVERIDGE, (34407812), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private), 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, in the vicinity of Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Crestview, Florida.

ROBERT A. MCCOY, (35925046), Private, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, in the vicinity of Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Ohio.

GEORGE H. PION, (17156671), Private, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, in the vicinity of Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Brookston, Minnesota.

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IV - AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

✓ So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 38, this Headquarters, as, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade DALE STEED, that reads: DALE STEAD, is amended to read: DALE STEED.

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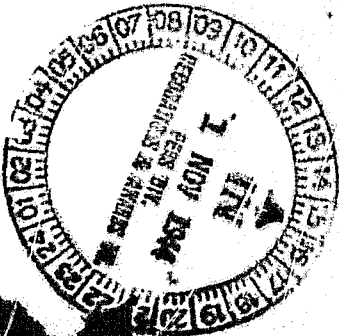
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

LESTER G. NEWELL, (39458971), Staff Sergeant, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 22 June 1944, near Civitella, Italy. An infantry company, of which Staff Sergeant NEWELL was a member, was attacking with tank support. One of the tanks was put out of action by the enemy. When the crew of this tank tried to escape, enemy machine gun fire was placed on the vehicle. The crew radioed for help. Staff Sergeant NEWELL and a scout, mindful of the excellent enemy observation, immediately volunteered for this task. They advanced to within 250 yards of the tank at which point they were subjected to savage enemy machine gun fire, some of the bullets passing within a foot of their heads. Disregarding the extreme danger, Staff Sergeant NEWELL and the scout immediately began firing on the enemy position. Their fire was so effective that the enemy was forced to hold their fire long enough for the tank crew to escape. During this action, two Germans were killed. Having completed his mission, Staff Sergeant NEWELL and the scout proceeded to return to their unit. They were forced to crawl most of the distance under devastating machine gun and mortar fire. This gallant and fearless action on the part of Staff Sergeant NEWELL resulted in saving the lives of the tank crew and in killing two of the enemy. His courageous and fearless action and his willingness to risk his life for his fellow soldier exemplifies the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Next of kin, Charles A. Newell, (father), Route 3, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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* EZEQUEL CHACON, Jr. (38441802), Private First Class, Company G, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. After hard fighting, Private First Class CHACON'S company had captured a portion of Hill 821, but the enemy still held the

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higher slopes. First to volunteer to advance against the rest of the enemy, Private First Class CHACON led a patrol through a hail of small arms and mortar fire. When the patrol momentarily hesitated in their advance, he encouraged his men and placed them into firing positions. He then moved on alone, killed one German, wounded another and demoralized the enemy so completely that the men of the patrol jumped from their positions and, following his lead, cleared the way for the capture of the hill. In leading his men, Private First Class CHACON was mortally wounded. His gallant leadership and unselfish sacrifice bring honor to himself, and to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas. Next of kin: Ezequiel Chacon, Sr. (Father), 429 Charles Street, El Paso, Texas.

CECIL L. SMITH, (37730134), Private, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Private SMITH was a member of an infantry platoon which had been called upon to neutralize a group of enemy machine gun nests. One enemy machine gun was delivering such intense fire that it was impossible for the platoon to maneuver. Despit the constant machine gun and sniper fire, Private SMITH courageously crawled to within 75 yards of the enemy position. With a rifle grenade, he calmly took careful aim and with the first grenade made a direct hit on the enemy emplacement, neutralizing its fire and allowing the platoon to complete its mission. When Private SMITH rejoined his platoon he was assigned to a flank patrol which shortly came under a heavy enemy mortar barrage. The first shell landed so close to Private SMITH that he was knocked unconscious. When he regained consciousness, he saw that all members of the patrol had been killed except another soldier, who had been seriously wounded, and himself. Private SMITH could see that if this soldier were not brought immediately to safety, he would be hit again. So, for the second time that day fearlessly subjecting himself to heavy enemy fire, he carefully and tediously managed to carry his wounded comrade to safety. Private SMITH was killed in action on the following day. Private SMITH'S willingness to accept extreme danger in order to carry out a mission and to risk his life for a helpless comrade exemplify the humanity and gallantry which make him a credit and an inspiration to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Rock Port, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty L. Smith, (wife), General Delivery, Rock Port, Missouri.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

RALPH V. LITTLE, (O-1300666), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. Leading his platoon in an attack upon Poggio, Lieutenant LITTLE and his men were subjected to small arms, automatic weapons, mortar fire, and even hand grenades rolled down the hill on them. Casualties

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were sustained from an automatic pistol on the right and snipers on the left. Lieutenant LITTLE pushed relentlessly on, keeping perfect control of his platoon until they reached the enemy dugouts. At this point he directed bazooka fire into the dugouts and one by one cleaned them out. With inspiring leadership Lieutenant LITTLE directed his platoon coolly and effectively, unmindful of flying bullets and shell fragments. So successful was the platoon's attack that the enemy began to surrender, until the platoon had captured 29 prisoners. Lieutenant LITTLE'S skillful leadership and dauntless courage exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Bellows Falls, Vermont.

LEON HUGHES, (34635278), Private First Class, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 October 1944, at Loiano, Italy. As he was leading his squad in an assault on a house in Loiano, Italy, Private First Class HUGHES and his men came under the cross fire of a pill-box on the left and a garage on the right. Taking a bazooka from one of his men, he fired one round into the garage silencing the enemy there. He then moved over and fired one round into the pill-box silencing fire from it. Almost immediately a tank began to shell the house at close range. Private First Class HUGHES ran to the rear porch, maneuvered into a firing position and began firing at the tank. He continued to fire until a shell from the tank tore the bazooka from his hands, and smashed it to pieces, but did not injure him. The tanks, however, fearing the deadly bazooka fire, began to withdraw. Private First Class HUGHES organized his squad swiftly and poured fire at the tanks and 8 enemy following on foot. All eight were killed. Private First Class HUGHES' courage, leadership, and will to destroy the enemy exemplify the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Collins, Mississippi.

HOWARD N. ROBINSON, (32964098), Private, Company K, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944, near Santa Lucia, Italy. When his company had been temporarily halted by savage enemy machine gun fire from well dug-in positions, Private ROBINSON suddenly noticed that his platoon was in a particularly dangerous position. The enemy were continuously running in and out of their dug-outs, throwing grenades down the slope. Realizing that his platoon would suffer heavy casualties if this condition prevailed, Private ROBINSON seized his automatic rifle and, with complete disregard for personal safety, moved toward the enemy position. As he did so, two Germans appeared, each of whom threw a grenade at him. Private ROBINSON seized the nearest grenade throwing it back and then began firing with his automatic rifle, forcing the Germans to keep their positions closed. Continuing his well-placed fire, he advanced closer and closer to one of the dug-outs, when he was close enough, he threw in a grenade. The Germans threw the grenade back at Private ROBINSON and it exploded close behind him. Despite such dangerous enemy opposition, he forced his way still closer to the dug-out and approached close enough to throw in a white phosphorous grenade. This brought out the Germans and even though they continued firing, he managed to get to a vantage point from which he killed both of the enemy. Private ROBINSON'S fearless and skillful action and his cool thinking under extreme pressure reduced the strong point and permitted his company to advance and outflank the position. His gallantry and courageous action will ever stand as an example to his comrades and exemplify the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

WILLIAM JACOBS, (O-1307021), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual combat on 3 September 1944, near Certaldo, Italy. While riding in a vehicle, Lieutenant JACOBS heard an explosion and saw a helmet fly into the air. Stopping the vehicle to investigate, he saw a man who had stepped on a shoe mine about 70 feet from the road. Lieutenant JACOBS, hearing the man's cries unhesitatingly went in to render aid, despite markings which showed the area to be heavily mined. After having gone into the field part way, Lieutenant JACOBS stepped on another shoe mine which injured him painfully and his driver who had come in with him was thrown several feet. Upon recovering, the driver went back to get help. Lieutenant JACOBS painfully made his way to the injured soldier and applied a tourniquet to his leg, which had been almost blown off. Lieutenant JACOBS' skill and heroic action was responsible for saving this man's life. Lieutenant JACOBS' heroism and self-sacrifice bespeak the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES R. DAYSON, (6858784), Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 3 September 1944, near Certaldo, Italy. While driving a vehicle, Corporal DAYSON heard an explosion and saw a helmet go up in the air. Stopping the vehicle to investigate, he saw a man who had stepped on a shoe mine about 70 feet from the road. Corporal DAYSON, hearing the man's cries, unhesitatingly went in to render aid, despite markings which showed the area to be heavily mined. A Lieutenant who had gone with him stepped on another shoe mine. A fragment wounded Corporal DAYSON and threw him back several feet. Recovering, he made his way out of the mined area. Disregarding his own painful injury, he made his way to some engineers and asked them to clear a path so the two men might be evacuated. Still refusing aid for his own wounds, he summoned litter bearers to administer to the two wounded. Corporal DAYSON'S cool and thoughtful action saved the life of one man and did much to alleviate the suffering of the other. His deed reflects credit on himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from Redwood City, California.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named officer:

BURLEIGH H. RODERICK, (O-1286707), Captain, Infantry, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from Augusta, Maine.

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V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

ELWOOD W. GEYER, (O-272346), Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 14 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

CHARLIE C. COLEMAN, (O-24987), Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 9 September 1944 to 24 September 1944, from Sieve River to Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Ashland, Oregon.

KENYON BEVAN, (O-1297829), First Lieutenant, Infantry, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 25 July 1944 to 1 September 1944, near Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

ALEX B. CRAWFORD, (O-1643342), First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

RALPH L. KEESLAR, (O-1286499), First Lieutenant, Infantry, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 25 July 1944 to 17 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Coldwater, Michigan.

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PATRICK S. GILLET, (39005601), Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 8 July 1944 to 10 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from San Jose, California.

FRED E. MCKAY, (39265469), Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near S. Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Elgin, Nebraska.

LOYD C. RAY, (6276714), Staff Sergeant, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Sulphur Springs, Texas.

MAURICE J. MCGUINNESS, (11063469), Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 30 June 1944, at Messina, Italy. Entered military service from Westerly, Rhode Island.

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JIMMY H. SMITH, (34378605), Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near S. Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Ramer, Tennessee.

CHARLES E. LOFTAMY, (34395351), Sergeant, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Cleveland, Alabama.

ALEXANDRO R. CARAMANICO, (32623902), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near S. Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Amityville, New York.

JOE L. BEACHUM, (34456069), Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 15 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Peachland, North Carolina.

WALTER CHEVERNOLY, (36536446), Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 14 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

CHRIS EGGE, (39191362), Corporal, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Vignale and Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Hoquiam, Washington.

ROBERT S. GORDON, (36617419), Technician Fourth Grade, (then Corporal), Battery B, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DANIEL P. JARRETT, (34435745), Corporal, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Burns Springs, Virginia.

JAMES G. KEEN, (34378641), Corporal, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 16 June 1944 to 3 July 1944, near Casole D'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from Westmoreland, Tennessee.

THEODORE FLUNK, (37393566), Corporal, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 18 June 1944 to 20 July 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Caruthersville, Missouri.

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OTIS G. BANCROFT, (14160930), Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from McDonald, Tennessee.

DAVID G. COLMEY, (38459566), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private), Medical Detachment, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 2 July 1944, near Casole D'Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from Austin, Texas.

CLARENCE E. GULL, (38563433), Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Marietta, Oklahoma.

HORACE G. HOGWOOD, (35727028), Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Paducah, Kentucky.

ROBERT E. WILSON, (37569502), Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 18 September 1944, near Cerliano, Italy. Entered military service from Willow River, Minnesota.

GLEN V. DIETZ, (35234599), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 3 June 1944, near Velletri, Italy. Entered military service from Kent, Ohio.

VASSIE H. ELLIS, (34447537), Private First Class, Battery B, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Murrayville, Georgia.

ROBERT C. HAIG, (33793101), Private First Class, Battery B, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 17 September 1944, near Cerliano, Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT W. HUMPHREY, (37265988), Private First Class, (then Private), Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 June 1944, near Ponte D'Istia, Italy. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

FLOYD E. JOCHUM, (36691709), Private, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12-13 September 1944, near Spracco, Italy. Entered military service from Elgin, Illinois.

OSCAR M. KARLSRUD, (37314287), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near S. Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Red Wing, Minnesota.

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LEO PHILLIPS, (39336861), Private First Class, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 June 1944, near Ponte D'Istia, Italy. Entered military service from Hood River, Oregon.

FINLEY H. POTTS, (34436021), Private First Class, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 18 June 1944 to 20 July 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Mooresville, North Carolina.

TRINIDAD M. QUIROZ, (39684098), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 3 June 1944, near Velletri, Italy. Entered military service from Visalia, California.

DONALD G. RALEY, (37536158), Private First Class, (then Private), Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 June 1944, near Ponte D'Istia, Italy. Entered military service from Roma, Oklahoma.

ERNEST M. REMILLARD, (39338145), Private First Class, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 18 June 1944 to 20 July 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Dundee, Oregon.

JOHN B. SNODDERLY, (34733338), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near S. Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Edgemoor, Tennessee.

HORACE W. ARGO, (38557734), Private, Company H, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944, near Solano, Italy. Entered military service from Paris, Arkansas.

CALVIN L. BURK, (35559070), Private, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Convoy, Ohio.

WILLIAM CASTROVINCE, (35911872), Private, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

EUGENE L. COX, (39265473), Private, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Vignale and Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Colton, California.

EDWARD L. HARTMAN, (37243831), Private First Class, (then Private), Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 3 June 1944, near Velletri, Italy. Entered military service from Jefferson City, Missouri.

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CLIFTON W. JOHNSON, (33763807), Private, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Altoona Pennsylvania.

WALTER L. MOLANE, (39402540), Private First Class, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

BERNARDO PEREZE, (38027393), Private, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Vignale and Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Dilley, Texas.

LEONARD J. SAJEWSKI, (36555677), Private, Battery B, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

WILLIAM O. SMITH, (36683299), Private, Battery B, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 17 September 1944, near Cerliano, Italy. Entered military service from Cobden, Illinois.

HAROLD SPITZER, (39210532), Private, Battery B, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 7 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

HARVEY A. WATTS, (36434606), Private, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 October 1944, near Vignale and Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from McLean, Illinois.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

JOSEPH J. PARINELLA, (39032573), Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Technician Third Grade PARINELLA was attached to an infantry company as aid man as his unit was making an assault across open territory through heavy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, it was met by an intense artillery concentration intended to halt the attack. Technician Third Grade PARINELLA, only aid man with the company at the time, unhesitatingly moved into the barrage to administer aid. Despite heavy fire and complete lack of any cover, he moved about from man to man caring for the wounded and making them as comfortable as possible. With no thought of the great danger involved Technician Third Grade PARINELLA went into the area nine times to evacuate seriously wounded men. He was killed by a mortar shell while making the last of these trips. Technician Third Grade PARINELLA'S courage, gallantry, and self-sacrifice bespeak the finest traditions of the Medical Department and the United States Army. Entered military service from Oakland, California. Next of kin: Joseph Parinella, (father), 1102 Filbert Street, Oakland, California.

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CLARENCE J. KELCH, (17160589), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade KELCH assigned as aid man to a company which, while attacking heavily-defended and fortified positions of the Gothic Line, had suffered many casualties. Enemy resistance was strong, consisting of mortar and artillery barrages, automatic and other small arms fire and barbed wire entanglements. In addition, booby-traps, mine fields and trip wires had to be overcome. Despite the intense enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade KELCH moved among the wounded men, comforting them and dressing their wounds. At no time did he attempt to take cover, even though he himself had been wounded and men on all sides of him were being killed. Members of his company tried to make him stop and dress

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his own wounds, but he continued on his work. It was while administering aid to a seriously wounded man that he was killed by a mortar shell. In his outstanding devotion to duty, his gallant action, and the supreme sacrifice he made on behalf of his comrades, Technician Fifth Grade KELCH displayed the self-sacrificing spirit and indomitable courage of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Kelch, (wife), 8264 Brenner Street, Overland, Missouri.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ANDREW J. DAWSON, (36119426), Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 23 September 1944, in the vicinity of Futa Pass, Italy. Staff Sergeant DAWSON was a member of a platoon which had the mission of making a frontal attack on a strongly fortified hill. As the platoon advanced through heavy enemy fire, the platoon leader and the two remaining non-commissioned officers were so seriously wounded that they were unable to continue. Staff Sergeant DAWSON, realizing that his platoon was in a serious position without leadership, immediately took command. Under intense mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant DAWSON moved about reorganizing the platoon. Although shells were bursting on all sides of him, he made his way individually to each of his squads, gave them instructions and encouragement and then led them forward into the face of fierce enemy fire. After carefully selecting excellent routes for each of his squads and skillfully assigning each a proper mission, he personally led the assault. During this action, many Germans were killed or captured and the objective was taken. Staff Sergeant DAWSON'S aggressive action, willingness to accept responsibility and brilliant leadership exemplified the finest traditions of the American soldier and the United States Army. Entered military service from Highland Park, Michigan.

DAVID M. SEARS, (.394986) Staff Sergeant, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Staff Sergeant SEARS, with his company was advancing up the slope of a well-fortified hill. From their well dug-in positions, the enemy was delivering heavy mortar and sniper fire, thereby seriously impeding progress. During this action, the company commander became a casualty. Staff Sergeant SEARS, realizing the seriousness of the situation, immediately took command of the company. Despite the dangerous fire, he managed to reorganize the company into a strong line of resistance and then ordered them to hold. The company responded immediately to his aggressive leadership and held the line. Thinking only of his responsibility to the company, Staff Sergeant SEARS crawled forward to a well exposed observation post, under heavy enemy shell fire and called for 81mm mortar fire on the German positions. He, alone directed this fire and did it so accurately that the enemy defense was completely

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neutralized. He then led his company up the hill, successfully capturing it. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant BEARS again reorganized the company into a defensive position to repel any counter-attack. He remained there with his company until relieved. Staff Sergeant SPARS' excellent judgment, aggressive leadership and gallant action exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Tallassee, Alabama.

DENNIS M. PLUMMER, (34378481), Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, in the vicinity of Scarperia, Italy. Technician Third Grade PLUMMER was attached to an infantry company which had suffered heavy casualties during an assault. Through a heavy artillery and mortar barrage and intense small arms fire, he continued his work, administering aid and comforting the wounded. Although one of the aid men had been killed and another seriously wounded, Technician Third Grade PLUMMER never sought cover. The fire was so intense that men were hit as he was treating them. Despite the fact that exploding shells had knocked him down and shell fragments had torn his clothes, he thought only of his duty and never stopped work until every man had been treated and evacuated. In his outstanding devotion to duty and disregard of personal safety in treating his wounded comrades under the most perilous of battle conditions, Technician Third Grade PLUMMER reflected the gallant and self-sacrificing spirit of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Shady Valley, Tennessee.

HARRY PETERSON, (37572648), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company K 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 near Futa Pass, Italy. Sergeant PETERSON was with a platoon making an advance in the region of Futa Pass. Suddenly, the platoon was met by a heavy artillery barrage followed by a strong counter-attack. In the ensuing fierce struggle, all the non-commissioned officers were wounded, leaving no one in command of the platoon. Sergeant PETERSON, realizing that at this time leadership and control were extremely necessary, stepped in and took command. He immediately reorganized the platoon, still under heavy fire. He encouraged and reassured his men and quickly gained their confidence. Sergeant PETERSON then led the platoon forward in the face of intense fire, took the objective and held it successfully against further counter-attacks. In his intrepid action, aggressive leadership and excellent judgment, Sergeant PETERSON exemplified the finest traditions of the American soldier and the highest ideals of the United States Army. Entered military service from Albert Lea, Minnesota.

HORACE D. BRIGHAM, (33093236), Private First Class, (then Private), 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 26 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Private First Class BRIGHAM had advanced with his platoon to a depth of two miles behind the enemy lines on a mission to gain information. As the platoon was making its reconnaissance, it was met by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class BRIGHAM, on flank patrol, quickly grasped the situation. He saw that his platoon could not complete its mission under these conditions. With no regard for the extreme danger, he advanced directly into the intense fire of enemy machine gun and, by quick

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and courageous action, single-handedly put it out of action and forced the German gunners to leave their position in a thoroughly disorganized manner. Due to Private First Class BRIGHAM'S great courage and gallant action, his platoon was able to continue its reconnaissance and gain valuable information. Private First Class BRIGHAM'S indomitable fighting spirit and intense devotion to duty causes him to stand out as a fine example to his comrades and a credit to the United States Army. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

DALE M. McNABB, (34491104), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. The company to which Private First Class McNABB was attached as an aid man, was attacking heavily fortified defenses of the Gothic Line. Enemy resistance was extremely heavy, consisting of artillery and mortar barrages and a large volume of small arms fire. In addition, there were booby-traps, mine fields and barbed wire entanglements to overcome. When he noticed that his help was needed with the great number of casualties, Private First Class McNABB, thinking only of the important task to be performed, went into the area. He moved among the men, comforting them and treating them. Even though men were being killed on all sides of him, he at no time attempted to take cover. At one time during his work, Private First Class McNABB was knocked down by a shell bursting nearby. He immediately got to his feet and continued his work. He stopped only when he was so seriously wounded, he could no longer move. Private First Class McNABB'S gallant action and self-sacrificing spirit embodies the finest traditions of the Medical Department and the United States Army. Entered military service from Mosheim, Tennessee.

HANCEL D. PLATT, (54407353), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. In its advance upon Mt. Altuzzo, Private First Class PLATT'S company came under intense machine gun fire. One man fell seriously wounded in an exposed position in the beaten zone of fire. Without thought of his own safety, Private First Class PLATT, the company aid man, moved out into the fire to administer aid. On the way he was hit three times, one bullet breaking his wrist, the other two wounding him in the arm and leg. Hastily dressing his own wounds, he continued forward through the fire to reach the wounded man. Although handicapped by his wounds, he administered first aid and made the man as comfortable as possible. When he returned to his platoon, Private First Class PLATT'S wounds were dressed, and he was given morphine which put him to sleep for an hour. Upon awakening he found that he was the only aid man in the company and that the company had suffered more casualties. Since he was too seriously wounded and too weak from loss of blood to attend to the wounded himself, he directed and instructed the members of the company who were trying to help the wounded. By his sound technical knowledge and patient guidance, eighteen men were properly treated and their suffering was alleviated. Private First Class PLATT'S courage, skill, and extraordinary devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the Medical Department and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Wauchula, Florida.

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III- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

LESTER C. STOCK, (57439626), Sergeant, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25-26 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Hopkinton, Iowa.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

EUGENE C. OATES, Jr., (O-409688) Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 15 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

JAMES O. BERMAN, (O-1319166), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Marciana, Italy. Entered military service from Forest Hills, New York.

JOHN P. LOWE, Jr., (O-519401), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 763d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19-20 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Mineral Wells, Texas.

HERBERT D. JOHNSON, (18019668), Technical Sergeant, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

PERRY L. CLARK, (39398866), Staff Sergeant, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25-26 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Escalon, California.

EARL A. GREGORICH, (36403205), Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 September 1944, near Traversa, Italy. Entered military service from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JOHN PAKES, Jr., (395443...), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, near Traversa, Italy. Entered military service from East Los Angeles, California.

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HENRY PIOTROWSKI, (32620905), Staff Sergeant, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Long Island City, New York.

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS, (11100495), Technician Fourth Grade, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

JOHN G. BLUE, (35629039), Corporal, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

VIRGIL E. CASH, (37442510), Corporal, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Agency, Iowa.

HOWARD R. HOLT, (39339771), Corporal, Battery B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near S. Agata, Italy. Entered military service from Boring, Oregon.

NORMAN A. BORTH, (37321339), Technician Fifth Grade, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944, near Campiano, Italy. Entered military service from Fairfax, Minnesota.

ALBERT G. BUNTE, (39032431), Technician Third Grade, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 8-10 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

WILLIAM S. HOETING, (39403273), Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 18 September 1944, near Mount Calvi, Italy. Entered military service from Jordan Valley, Oregon.

EARL L. SALZMAN, (37321483), Technician Fifth Grade, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 October 1944, near Loieno, Italy. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

EDWARD J. DRUSS, (33490719), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 July 1944, in Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Lonsford, Pennsylvania.

LAVERNE C. HARPER, (38450063), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 July 1944, in Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Star City, Arkansas.

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LEONARD A. STANFIELD, (38211479), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 July 1944, in Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Vick, Arkansas.

RALPH P. WHITE, (35733004), Private First Class, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Mount Calvi, Italy. Entered military service from Murray, Kentucky.

JOSEPH L. KULA, (39401878), Private First Class, (then Private), Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 July 1944, in Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Orland, California.

JOHN R. MAYS, Jr., (37351767), Private, Medical Detachment, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15-16 July 1944, near Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Lyons, Kansas.

CLIFFORD L. RINEO, (34378980), Private, Medical Detachment, Company K, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Orzelle, Italy. Entered military service from White Pine, Tennessee.

RAYMOND F. WALKER, (38000060), Private, Medical Detachment, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Lilliano, Italy. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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- Award of Silver Star I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal III

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

CHARLES D. THARP, (O-533228), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company A, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 27 September 1944, near Monte Freddi, Italy. Lieutenant THARP singlehandedly and at great personal risk made his way through a fire-swept area to wipe out an enemy machine gun nest and to neutralize the fire of snipers so that aid men might be able to evacuate two seriously wounded men. Lieutenant THARP crawled into the face of fierce enemy fire to a spot close enough to the hostile machine gun emplacement to throw in two grenades and effectively put the gun and crew out of action. Then, when he saw that aid men were still unable to go forward because of harassing sniper fire, he located the sniper position and with extreme boldness exposed himself to their accurate shooting and delivered such a heavy and relentless volume of carbine fire that the snipers were forced to take cover. Lieutenant THARP continued this dangerous work until the aid men had evacuated the wounded. He then made his way back to his platoon, effected a reorganization, led his men forward, knocked out the snipers and prepared an ambush for the Germans. His ambush was so skillfully planned that 14 enemy were captured with all their weapons and ammunition. Lieutenant THARP'S courageous action under fire saved gravely wounded men from possible further injury. His fine leadership and will to destroy the enemy will be a constant inspiration to his men and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

DONALD V. JOHNSON, (35348112), Staff Sergeant, (then Private), Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 1-2 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Staff Sergeant JOHNSON successfully reorganized his platoon which had lost all its non-commissioned officers in a

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fierce fire fight during an attack on enemy held positions. As the enemy attempted a counter-attack, Staff Sergeant JOHNSON, realizing the importance of the platoon's mission in repelling this attack, and continuing on the offensive, employed his men so strategically that the enemy was forced to withdraw with heavy losses. When darkness set in, Staff Sergeant JOHNSON decided to make an attack the following morning. During the night he made his plans. He personally went to each squad and to each man giving explicit and accurate instructions, and gaining the confidence of all. At daylight, the platoon, inspired by its new leader advanced directly into enemy fire with Staff Sergeant JOHNSON in the lead. While neutralizing one hostile emplacement, he was wounded in the leg. Realizing the need for a never-ceasing offensive, Staff Sergeant JOHNSON refused medical aid and continued directing the activities of his platoon throughout the rest of the day. It was only when he was ordered to do so that he went off the hill for treatment. Staff Sergeant JOHNSON'S inspiring leadership and carefully directed operations during decisive moments brought credit upon himself, and his platoon. His fearlessness, combat skill and initiative make him a symbol of the great personal courage of the American Combat Infantryman. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

PERRY H. RICE, (34434296), Staff Sergeant, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Vallappero, Italy. When his company was suddenly subjected to a fierce enemy counter-attack, Staff Sergeant RICE, exposing himself to intense small arms fire, stood up in his fox-hole to accurately direct the fire of his squad. As the attacking enemy by-passed his position, he was often in the line of fire of his own men who, because of thick brush, had difficulty in avoiding him as they fired at the nearby Germans. Despite this, Staff Sergeant RICE never once took cover but continued giving valuable directions. Once, one of the attacking enemy, threw a grenade into his fox-hole. The ensuing explosion blew him clear out of his position. Although suffering painful wounds and bleeding profusely from both hands, he unhesitatingly retrieved his rifle and continued firing until the counter-attack was broken. This gallant and courageous act by Staff Sergeant RICE, in the face of intense enemy fire, and in spite of serious and painful wounds, was one of the deciding factors in the smashing of the counter-attack and the retention of important positions. His indomitable and aggressive leadership will remain an inspiration to his men. Entered military service from Marshall, North Carolina.

WILLIAM H. SCHWARTZ, (32981629), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 22 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade SCHWARTZ, voluntarily, and with full knowledge of the peril involved, went directly into an area under heavy enemy artillery fire to administer aid to a group of his wounded comrades. Despite the shelling, which at no time abated in its fury, he worked quickly and efficiently without once seeking

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cover. Technician Fifth Grade SCHWARTZ moved from man to man administering aid, comforting each, and giving much needed encouragement. Many times shells landed, killing men within a few feet of him, but he never stopped work and had soon treated twelve men. Because of Technician Fifth Grade SCHWARTZ'S calm demeanor under fire and great skill, the lives of many men were saved. His fearless conduct in the face of enemy fire and thoroughly selfless action make him a credit to the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

MAX J. POPOFF, (39403087), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 June 1944, near Istia, Italy. When his platoon had been held up by enemy machine gun fire from well-prepared positions, Sergeant POPOFF, alone and voluntarily, crawled over fifty yards of rocky terrain to a position from which he was able to fire into the enemy emplacement, wounding two men. The enemy, discovering his position, threw two grenades at him which landed so close that the concussion momentarily dazed him and sand, blown into his eyes by the explosion, blinded him. Crawling closer to the enemy, he threw two of his grenades into their position, wounding two more of the men. This action enabled the rest of his platoon to advance and drive the enemy from their entrenchment. As they attempted to withdraw, Sergeant POPOFF captured the two remaining members of the machine gun crew. Through his achievement in single-handedly defeating the enemy position and his determined devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds, Sergeant POPOFF was responsible for the successful accomplishment of his mission. Entered military service from Sheridan, California.

DONALD R. MELCHER, (36762705), Private, Medical Detachment, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 October 1944, near Valabdi, Italy. Private MELCHER, without hesitation, went directly into the face of enemy fire to administer aid to a group of his wounded comrades. Enemy action was severe, causing several men to be killed and many to be wounded. Thinking only of his duty to the men who needed his assistance, Private MELCHER went to the side of each man, comforting, encouraging and administering first aid. While treating one man, he himself was wounded. Despite this, MELCHER never faltered but continued his work. When he was finished, he lifted the most seriously injured man and began moving him to safety. Before he could reach a place of cover, he was struck by a burst from an enemy machine gun which seriously wounded him and killed the man he was carrying. Private MELCHER, after dressing his own wounds, wanted to go back for more of the injured, but when he tried to do this, he found that his wounds had made him unable to move. Private MELCHER'S prodigious courage and unselfish action exemplify the noblest traditions of the Medical Department and make him a credit to the United States Army. Entered military service from Joliet, Illinois.

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II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

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*LOUIS E. ATWELL, (36536455), Corporal, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Atwell, (mother), 5640 Harding Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Citation amended by Hq # 23 - Apr. 20, 1945
*WILLIAM J. GILLIES, (32890545), Private, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Huntington, Suffolk, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Gillies, (mother), 40 Marshall Field Estate, Huntington, Suffolk, New York.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

WILLIAM K. DOUGAN, (O-1286804), Captain, Infantry, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 10 June 1944, near Orbetello, Italy. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHN W. MOHRING, (O-489075), Captain, Chaplains Corps, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near Ponzalla, Italy. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

GLIFTON A. PETERS, (O-1286546), Captain, Infantry, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. Entered military service from Amarillo, Texas.

ROBERT A. ROBBINS, (O-1297947), Captain, Infantry, Company E, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 3 June 1944 to 31 July 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

JOHN E. ADAMS, (O-465080), First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 July 1944, near Ponsacco, Italy. Entered military service from Curtis, Nebraska.

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RALPH V. JOHNSON, (O-1317536), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Millington, Illinois.

HARRY A. KELLY, (O-1323711), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 91st Military Police Platoon, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 11 August 1944 to 17 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Shelton, Connecticut.

WILLIAM D. FISHER, (6955883), Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 7 July 1944 to 16 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Richmond, California.

JOHN E. SELLERS, (3744126), Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 4 October 1944 to 8 October 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Boone, Iowa.

ERNEST R. THRETT, (36616924), Staff Sergeant, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near P. no del Grillo, Italy. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Illinois.

THOMAS J. MORAE, (34367793), Technician Third Grade, Peninsular Base Section, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 25 September 1944 to 20 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from McRae, Georgia.

GORDON F. JOHNSON, (35919958), Sergeant, (then Private), Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Nicchi, Italy. Entered military service from Austintown, Ohio.

EVERETT G. PHARISS, (39686486), Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from Visalia, California.

JOHNIE E. WALRAVEN, (6292877), Sergeant, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 28 June 1944, near Belfort, Italy. Entered military service from Ross-ton, Arkansas.

JAMES R. FOSTER, (34378614), Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 7 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Bethel Springs, Tennessee.

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HUBERT C. McDOWELL, (34456233), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 June 1944, near Ponte d'Isia, Italy. Entered military service from Ashboro, North Carolina.

LEONARD J. BULLOCK, (32946696), Private, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Union, New York.

FRED GREEN, (34447098), Private First Class, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944, near Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Copperhill, Tennessee.

ROBERT T. HEMMETER, (39043773), Private First Class, (then Private), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

ROBERT D. NYE, (35554288), Private First Class, Cannon Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Carey, Ohio.

HARVEY F. WALKING EAGLE, (37462363), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near Villa di Mezza, Italy. Entered military service from St. Francis, South Dakota.

JOHN C. WEGHORST, (6499761), Private First Class, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 21-22 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

WILLIAM E. WILSON, (34435849), Private, Headquarters Battery, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 5 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from Brevard, North Carolina.

CHARLES W. DUNN, (37442725), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 23 July 1944, in Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Gilmore City, Iowa.

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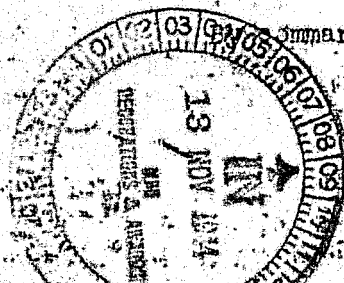
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- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star. I
- Award of Silver Star. II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal. III
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) IV
- Award of Bronze Star Medal. V

I - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-42, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

REED A. VAN SCOYK, (39322901), Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September, 1944 near San Clementi, Italy. During an artillery barrage a shell landed in the doorway of the Battalion aid station killing two men, wounding many others and setting the building on fire. Other shells set fire to nearby haystacks and hit an ammunition dump in the vicinity which resulted in further casualties. Staff Sergeant VAN SCOYK, on his own initiative, immediately took charge of the situation, supervising the removal of the wounded from the burning building. Moving about through the exploding mortar shells and small arms ammunition, he made numerous trips into the building to carry out litter cases and administer first-aid. While making a final check of the building, he found an elderly Italian woman, dazed and helpless, lying in a room. Staff Sergeant VAN SCOYK quickly treated her and, with the help of two other men, carried her to a place of safety. After all the casualties had been evacuated, he returned to the burning area to move four vehicles which were in danger of being destroyed by fire. Staff Sergeant VAN SCOYK'S courage, skill and leadership exemplify the finest traditions of the Medical Detachment and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Willamina, Oregon.

JAMES L. CHRISTOPHER, (35224417), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September, 1944 near Monticelli, Italy. As his company was advancing over the bare rocky slope of Monticelli under terrific artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTOPHER showed a complete disregard of his personal safety as he moved among the wounded administering aid. He supervised and aided in the evacuation of most of the casualties. Many times he made his way back and forth across the steep terrain and through

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mine fields to bring up medical supplies. He encouraged litter bearers to brave the heavy fire to evacuate the wounded. Despite small-arms fire that at one time creased his helmet, Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTOPHER continued to administer first-aid calmly and skillfully, improvising splints, administering blood plasma and, in some cases, taping the patients from the waist to the shoulder to stop sucking wounds. So close was the fire about him that four of the patients he was treating were wounded a second time, but he never faltered in his ministrations. His heroism in administering aid without regard to his personal safety undoubtedly resulted in the saving of many lives. In his gallantry, skill and unselfish devotion to duty, Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTOPHER exemplified the highest traditions of the Medical Detachment of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from East Cleveland, Ohio.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

JACK K. HONSTEDT, (O-465140), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 July, 1944 near Cavoli, Italy. As he was leading his mortar platoon up a draw, Lieutenant HONSTEDT heard an enemy machine-gun which had been by-passed by the leading elements, fire on friendly troops nearby. With two men he went back to investigate. Spotting the gun emplacement in a deep cave near the bottom of a steep slope, Lieutenant HONSTEDT ordered the men to cover him from the top of the hill while he worked his way slowly down until he was directly over the opening. He then threw two hand grenades inside and called to the occupants to surrender, but he received no response. Dropping down directly in front of the opening, he fired two shots into the cave and again ordered the enemy to come out. This time the entire enemy gun crew of seven men surrendered without firing a shot. Singlehandedly Lieutenant HONSTEDT had wiped out an enemy machine gun emplacement and permitted the platoon nearby to reorganize and continue the attack. In his daring courage and his will to destroy the enemy, Lieutenant HONSTEDT carried on the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

HERMAN F. BUIE, (35013949), Technical Sergeant, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944 near San Lucia, Italy. While his company was in battalion reserve during an attack on the Gothic Line, Technical Sergeant BUIE observed two enemy going into a machine-gun emplacement behind the leading company of the Battalion. With their rifles, he and a companion kept the enemy from firing their gun, but realizing that the

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emplacment must be eliminated, he sought permission to wipe out the enemy nest. Together with three men, he started forward, firing as he went to keep the enemy down. When he was close enough he threw hand grenades and charged the position. In the assault he suddenly realized that there were far more enemy than he had supposed. Technical Sergeant BUIE and his companions destroyed the emplacement and captured nine enemy, four of them wounded. As he was bringing the prisoners back, the enemy laid down an intense mortar barrage. Following the concentration, he calmly brought his nine prisoners into custody. Technical Sergeant BUIE'S cool daring and will to destroy the enemy bespeak the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio.

VIRGIL O. ECKROAT, (38067321), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September, 1944 near Scarperia, Italy. As Technical Sergeant ECKROAT'S Company attacked across the approaches to Monticelli, which were protected by barbed-wire entanglements, mines and booby-traps, they were swept with well observed artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire. So effective was the fire that the platoon leader and half the platoon were hit. The rest of the men were badly disorganized, and the platoon's advance was halted. In the face of continuing enemy fire, Technical Sergeant ECKROAT, without thought for his personal safety, moved from wounded man to wounded man, doing what he could for each one. On one occasion, he crossed at least a hundred yards of exposed terrain to pick up a wounded comrade and carry him to a defiladed spot from which he could be safely evacuated. Technical Sergeant ECKROAT then reorganized the remaining men and established a defensive line so skillfully that an enemy counterattack was repulsed. He immediately led his men in a renewed attack on the objective. In his fearlessness, leadership and humanity, Technical Sergeant ECKROAT exemplified the finest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Pampa, Texas.

CRAIG J. MURDOCH, (39376954), Staff Sergeant, Battery C, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944 near Livergnano, Italy. Although subjected to such intense enemy fire that the infantry in the vicinity was forced to withdraw, Staff Sergeant MURDOCH remained at an exposed position transmitting radio messages for an Artillery Forward Observer. Despite the extreme danger, he continued to send artillery commands accurately and skillfully for thirty-six hours. During one fire mission, approximately twenty-five enemy shells landed in the immediate vicinity of Staff Sergeant MURDOCH, one of which wounded him painfully. Disregarding his injury and his personal safety, he refused to be evacuated, but continued operating his radio until the mission had been completed and the enemy fire neutralized. Staff Sergeant MURDOCH'S skill, courage and devotion to duty are exemplary of the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from Renton, Washington.

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EARL PENDERGRASS, (6282814), Staff Sergeant, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 September, 1944 near Cassa Lazzari, Italy. When his platoon was held up short of its objective by machine-gun fire, Staff Sergeant PENDERGRASS immediately took command of the support squad and set out to flank the enemy gun position. Moving to the left and crawling over one hundred yards, Staff Sergeant PENDERGRASS succeeded in working his way to a position fifty yards from the emplacement, when he was discovered by the enemy. All their attention was directed towards him as they turned their machine-gun on him. Realizing that an unobserved approach was no longer possible, Staff Sergeant PENDERGRASS rose to his feet and charged the position. This daring action so unnerved the enemy gunner that he fired one more burst and fled. This burst, however, wounded Staff Sergeant PENDERGRASS and he fell with two bullet holes in his right leg. The remainder of the platoon, taking advantage of the diversion created by Staff Sergeant PENDERGRASS' intrepid action, moved quickly forward to seize their objective. His gallantry, daring and will to destroy the enemy exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Grapeland, Texas.

ORVAL R. VAN OSS, (36403628), Sergeant, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 near Scarperia, Italy. When the platoon in which Sergeant VAN OSS was a squad leader was held up by an enemy machine-gun emplaced on its left front up a hill, Sergeant VAN OSS, in utter disregard of the intense fire, led his squad up the hill two hundred yards to a position where he could obtain flanking fire on the enemy. After placing his men in position, Sergeant VAN OSS began moving from man to man, observing and directing their fire on the machine gun despite the fact that the entire squad was under direct enemy observation and the machine gun was now covering their area with heavy fire. While thus exposed, Sergeant VAN OSS received a severe wound in the abdomen. Despite the excruciating pain caused by this wound, Sergeant VAN OSS refused to be evacuated and, still in the face of enemy fire, continued to observe and direct the fire of his squad. His fire was so intense that the enemy machine gun crew had to direct their fire toward his squad in a frantic attempt to neutralize the small-arms fire which threatened to knock out their position. This enabled the rest of Sergeant VAN OSS' platoon to advance, knock out the machine gun and take their objective. Sergeant VAN OSS' action in directing the heavy fire of his squad at a time when he was seriously wounded upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Channing, Michigan.

WILLIAM H. TURNER, (34730906), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September, 1944 near Scarperia, Italy. While attacking a well-fortified position in the Gothic Line, the point platoon of a rifle company came under heavy machine gun and sniper fire. A rifleman who was some distance

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in advance of the rest of the platoon was seriously wounded by this fire and fell in a position so exposed to the enemy fire that seemingly it was an impossibility to reach him. Private TURNER, the only aid man available for two platoons, although ill himself and fully aware of the danger involved, made his way across three hundred yards of exposed ground to reach the wounded man. Coolly and skillfully he administered first aid to his comrade, and, ignoring the enemy bullets, stayed with the man until he could be evacuated. By this time, Private TURNER had become so weakened by his illness that he was ordered to submit to evacuation, even though it was very much against his wishes. In his courage, skill and extraordinary devotion to duty under difficult circumstances Private TURNER exemplified the highest traditions of the Medical Detachment and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Manson, Tennessee.

III- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JOSEPH PETTINATO, (32215534), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 July 1944 near Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

WALTER L. PURCELL, (35041361), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944 near Scerperia, Italy. Entered military service from Vine Grove, Kentucky. Next of kin: Paul Purcell, (father), 1124 Jackson Street, Owensboro, Kentucky.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

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~~PLATE~~ MC HANEY, (O-467210), Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters
547th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious
service in combat from 4 July 1944 to 16 October 1944 in the Italian
Campaign. Entered military service from White Oak, Missouri.

JOHN W. PITTMAN, (O-313596), Major, Infantry, First Battalion,
562d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat
from 22 September 1944 to 15 October 1944 in the Italian Campaign.
Entered Military service from McCamey, Texas.

JOHN A. BEAVERS, (O-1171045), Captain, Field Artillery, Battery C,
916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious
service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 27 July 1944 in the Italian Cam-
paign. Entered military service from Mena, Arkansas.

DARRELL E. CHANDLER, (O-565328), Captain, Infantry, Company C,
804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious
service in combat from 9 March 1944 to 23 October 1944 in the Italian
Campaign. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

JAMES A. PATCH, Jr., (O-387881), Captain, Infantry, 701st Tank
Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in
action on 21-22 September 1944 near Barberino, Italy. Entered military
service from Spartanburgh, South Carolina.

HAROLD E. SCHERER, (O-1166371), Captain, Field Artillery, Battery
A, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritori-
ous service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 17 August 1944 in the Ital-
ian Campaign. Entered military service from Bellefontaine, Ohio.

JOHN P. SHANAHAN, (O-1176190), Captain, Field Artillery, Battery
B, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For merit-
orious service in combat from 4 July 1944 to 15 October 1944 in the
Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

CHARLES N. ARMSTRONG, (O-1175925), First Lieutenant, Field Ar-
tillery, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States
Army. For meritorious service in combat from 4 July 1944 to 18 October
1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Shelby-
ville, Tennessee.

T.T. WILLIAM F. HEALD, (O-11848-2), First Lieutenant, (then Second
Lieutenant), Field Artillery, battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battal-
ion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 15
August 1944 to 15 September 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered
military service from Gretna, Louisiana.

RAYMOND T. KOZDZECKI, (O-1166306), First Lieutenant, Field Artill-
ery, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army.
For meritorious service in combat from 4 July 1944 to 18 October 1944
in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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THOMAS W. RATLIFF, (O-1191419), First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 4 July 1944 to 18 September 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Pritchett, Colorado.

ELDON M. SPICER, (O-2047835), First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Company C, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 19 September 1944 to 2 October 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Rock Springs, Wyoming.

BYREL A. MOORE, (O-1695633), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Company C, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 September 1944 near Barberino, Italy. Entered military service from Caprock, New Mexico.

CHESTER T. JACKSON, (6395981), First Sergeant, Company D, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 15 October 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

WALTER L. ARCHIBALD, (17070235), Staff Sergeant, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 June 1944 to 18 July 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Ottumwa, Iowa.

VIRGIL H. MOORE, (37068930), Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 September 1944 near Poggio, Italy. Entered military service from Beech Grove, Arkansas.

GORDON C. POKORNEY, (17001054), Staff Sergeant, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 June 1944 to 18 July 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Hewitt, Minnesota.

HARRY URBANI, (39005747), First Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Battery B, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat, from 7 July 1944 to 6 August 1944 and from 9 September 1944 to 20 October 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Elk, California.

NORMAN D. MANGUM, (39832357), Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944 near Quercianella, Italy. Entered military service from Midvale, Utah.

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WALTER H. LACK, (16025326), Corporal, Battery C, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 13 September 1944 to 16 September 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Downers Grove, Illinois.

JOHN F. PEAKER, (37605890), Corporal, (then Private First Class), Battery A, 918th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944 near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

GERARD C. COFRADO, (32873375), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private), Battery C, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 13 September 1944 to 16 September 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from New York, New York.

ROLAND J. STELZNER, (36261669), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 22 September 1944 near Panna, Italy. Entered military service from Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

TONY G. COSTA, (39113511), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944 near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Sunnyvale, California.

HUGH H. JONES, (34437095), Private First Class, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 June 1944 near Pontederra, Italy. Entered military service from Andrews, North Carolina.

JOSEPH F. PALMIERI, (32621294), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 October 1944 near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HUGH A. ROACH, (37395482), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Newburg, Missouri.

MYRALL A. YEIGH, (19096399), Private, Company M, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944 near San Martino, Italy. Entered military service from Yakima, Washington.

CLAUDE S. MURRAY, (39318666), Sergeant, Battery A, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944 near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from Altonah, Utah.

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FRANK J. ZAWILA, (36728491), Private First Class, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944 near Ponsacco, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

PAUL P. PARKER, (39686348), Private, Headquarters Battery, 548th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 7 July 1944 to 24 October 1944 in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

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I - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

WILLIAM H. TURNER, (34730906), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private), 2d Battalion, Medical Detachment, 365d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade TURNER, with a companion, made his way across an open area covered by sniper fire to administer to three men who had been severely wounded by enemy action. Although the snipers at no time ceased their fire, Technician Fifth Grade TURNER and his companion quickly evacuated two men through the exposed area. Immediately upon completing this mission, they set out to get the third wounded man. The sniper fire by this time was so intense that Technician Fifth Grade TURNER and his comrade were forced to take cover in a ditch. Several times they tried to leave the covered position, but each time were forced back by the snipers. Finally they decided that they would have to get to the wounded man despite the fire. As they left the ditch, Technician Fifth Grade TURNER'S companion was instantly killed by a sniper bullet. When Technician Fifth Grade TURNER saw that he could do nothing for his comrade, he made his way to the wounded man with complete disregard for the extreme danger. He reached the man quickly, checked him carefully to see that the aid which he had administered earlier was still effective and then carried him back to safety, again through enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade TURNER'S skill, devotion to duty and courage under fire were instrumental in saving three lives and alleviating much suffering. His action exemplifies the finest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Madison, Tennessee.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named personnel:

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JOHN L. SARLE, (O-1325598), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company D, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944, in the vicinity of the Sieve River near Highway 65. As the company of which Lieutenant SARLE was mortar observer launched an attack, it was pinned down by small arms fire coming from a farm house nearby. Lieutenant SARLE, with two volunteers, attacked the strong point, killed two Germans and put seven more to flight. The advance continued that night and when morning dawned, the company was pinned down by terrific machine gun and rifle cross fire from enemy in firmly entrenched positions. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant SARLE vaulted over a stone wall, that had sheltered him and moved into an open area that afforded excellent observation. From this vantage point Lieutenant SARLE shouted fire commands to a machine gun section and directed the fire so accurately that two enemy machine guns were knocked out and eight of the enemy killed. Although he was under a constant hail of enemy bullets, Lieutenant SARLE remained at his post, with complete disregard for his personal safety and directed accurate fire against the enemy. Finally he fell mortally wounded. His gallant actions enabled the company to advance and complete its mission. Lieutenant SARLE's bold leadership and aggressive spirit was an inspiration to his men and exemplified the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Midland, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Marietta F. Sarle, (wife), 212 W. Pine, Midland, Michigan.

FRED R. REYNOLDS, (38041365), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944, near Riparbella, Italy. When his company was subjected to a heavy artillery barrage while well-entrenched in a defensive position, Technician Fourth Grade REYNOLDS voluntarily and without hesitation left the shelter of his own slit-trench to administer aid to his wounded comrades. The men were well dispersed, being in most cases seventy-five to a hundred yards apart, which necessitated Technician Fourth Grade REYNOLDS to expose himself for long periods of time as he made his way from man to man. Despite the extreme danger to which he was subjecting himself, he never hesitated in his humane task, but continued to comfort and care for the wounded. As Technician Fourth Grade REYNOLDS finished with one man, he noticed that another man over 150 yards away had been injured by a shell. Although shells were bursting on all sides of him, he set out across the fire swept area to administer aid to his wounded comrade. Technician Fourth Grade REYNOLDS had covered over half the distance when a direct hit by a mortar shell killed him instantly. Technician Fourth Grade REYNOLDS' tenacious determination to complete an exceptionally hazardous task was responsible for the saving of many lives and the alleviating of much suffering. His gallantry under fire, devotion to duty and heroic self-sacrifice are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Jefferson, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida Mae Reynolds, (mother), Route #3, Jefferson, Texas.

GROVER E. BOWEN, (37394266), Staff Sergeant, (When Private First Class), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Staff Sergeant BOWEN ad-

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vancing with his platoon against an enemy held hill, was subjected to concentrated machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire coming from a deep trench manned by a force of fifty or sixty men. Assaulting the position with grenades and rifles, the platoon was able to occupy part of the trench. Pressing the attack the platoon leader was wounded and lay helpless in a portion of the trench held by the enemy. Staff Sergeant BOWEN, realizing the defenseless position of his Lieutenant, leaped to his side, killed one of the enemy with his rifle and forced the remainder back with grenades. He then picked up two live grenades that were dropped into the trench by the Germans and threw them back into their midst. With a hail of shell fire falling around him Staff Sergeant BOWEN then carried the officer to a draw 500 yards in the rear from which he could be evacuated. His courage and unselfish devotion brought honor to himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Seaton, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. Grover C. Bowen, (father), Seaton, Missouri.

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*HENRY C. JOPKE, (36274898), Private First Class, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Private First Class JOPKE operated a Browning Automatic Rifle with a company as it made an assault on Monticelli against stiff enemy resistance, reinforced by pillboxes, barbed wire entanglements, booby-traps and mortar and artillery fire. Before the positions could be penetrated, heavy casualties were suffered. In spite of the overwhelming enemy strength, Private First Class JOPKE advanced alone up the hill, through barbed wire and mine fields to the pillbox that was holding up the advance of his company. When men of his company finally reached the top of the hill, they found Private First Class JOPKE dead beside his Browning Automatic Rifle, his ammunition expended, the pillbox knocked out and enemy dead lying all around him. In his dauntless fighting spirit and self-sacrifice for others, Private First Class JOPKE reflected the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Lillian Jopke, (mother), 2033 E. Johnson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

III - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

SAM B. AUBREY, (O-527770), First Lieutenant, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Firenzuela, Italy. Lieutenant AUBREY personally led an assault on a network of enemy fortifications protected by machine guns, mine fields and heavy barbed wire entanglements. Despite the intense machine gun and mortar fire, which killed four men and seriously wounded his Platoon Sergeant, Lieutenant AUBREY effected a breach in the wire and led his platoon to within one hundred yards of the enemy positions. He then directed his platoon to cover him so that he might crawl alone up a forty-degree bank to silence the enemy guns. In this courageous attempt, Lieutenant AUBREY was seriously wounded by fire from an enemy gun. Although helpless and unmercifully exposed to enemy fire, he continued directing the movement of his platoon so

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skillfully that the objective was taken and the enemy fire neutralized. When an attempt was later made to evacuate him, he refused all assistance until the other wounded men in his platoon could be treated and brought to safety. Lieutenant AORRY'S gallant action, courage and determination under fire and brilliant leadership under extremely adverse conditions were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

JOSEPH R. FERNANDES, (39031131), Staff Sergeant, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Valleppero, Italy. Staff Sergeant FERNANDES, occupying a position on the outer rim of his company defense line, was one of the first to notice a severe enemy counter-attack and to begin firing on the swiftly approaching Germans. So intense was the enemy fire that the man on his right was killed and the man on his left severely wounded. Despite this, Staff Sergeant FERNANDES calmly remained at his position delivering such accurate and relentless fire that many of the attackers were wounded and two were killed, one within five yards of Staff Sergeant FERNANDES' fox hole. Several times the position was almost overrun, but Staff Sergeant FERNANDES fearlessly kept the enemy from flanking his company. Several grenades were thrown by the Germans, some of which landed within a few feet of Staff Sergeant FERNANDES' position causing him severe nervous shock. Disregarding his injury, he refused to be evacuated but continued to hold off the enemy until the attack was definitely repulsed. Staff Sergeant FERNANDES' courage under fire, will to destroy the enemy and disregard of personal safety exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES T. BIYE, (39852329), Private First Class, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Montepoli, Italy. When his platoon was temporarily halted in its advance toward a hostile pillbox by four enemy riflemen delivering a heavy volume of fire, Private First Class BIYE crouched and crawled over rocky terrain, under direct enemy observation and fire to a spot from which he could place fire on the German riflemen with his automatic rifle. His fire was so accurate and intense that three of the enemy were quickly killed and the fourth was forced to withdraw. Private First Class BIYE then turned his attention to the pillbox which was only 15 yards to the right of him and slightly below him. Completely disregarding his own safety, he courageously exposed himself again and fired down into the enemy pillbox. The four occupants were so completely surprised that they immediately surrendered. Because of Private First Class BIYE'S courageous and fearless action, his platoon was now able to continue its advance. The skill, gallantry and will to destroy the enemy displayed by Private First Class BIYE have brought honor upon himself and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Manuelito, New Mexico.

CLAUDE J. SCOTT, (39212053), Private First Class, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 1 October 1944,

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near Monghidoro, Italy. Private First Class SCOTT, on his own initiative, reorganized his platoon after all the non-commissioned officers had become casualties attempting to hold a hill against fanatical German counter-attacks. Because of the excellent enemy observation, the hill became untenable and the platoon was forced to withdraw to better positions. At daybreak they attacked again. Private First Class SCOTT'S new platoon leader was wounded, and, without hesitation he again took command, leading the men forward against intense machine gun and rifle fire to the crest of the hill. There he successfully reorganized the platoon positions to withstand repeated enemy counter-attacks. As he was directing his men in their struggle to hold the hill, Private First Class SCOTT was wounded in the head and chest. But his ability in leading and directing his platoon had made it possible for them to seize and hold their objective. His courage, leadership, and dauntless fighting spirit in the face of overwhelming odds exemplify the highest traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

KLAUS W. BARGSTEN, (39686247), Private, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. As it attacked the prepared defenses of Monticelli, the company of which Private BARGSTEN was a member, met an enemy that used every method possible to hold its ground. Artillery, mortar, sniper, automatic and small arms fire on a scale never before encountered was directed at Private BARGSTEN and his comrades. Before the objective could be taken, heavy casualties were suffered. Medical supplies soon ran out, and because of the lack of morphine the wounded men's intense pain could not be eased. Private BARGSTEN, knowing that morphine could be obtained at the aid station in the rear, started back over an area covered by heavy artillery and mortar fire. Half way down the hill he was painfully wounded in the leg, but without any thought of his personal suffering, continued to the aid station, where he obtained a supply of morphine. Not mentioning his own injury, Private BARGSTEN turned to start back, when one of the aid men noticed his limp and stopped him. When the severity of his wound was discovered, Private BARGSTEN was evacuated. He acquiesced only after the Battalion Surgeon had assured him that morphine would be sent to his wounded comrades on the hill. In his gallantry and willingness to expose himself to danger for his fellow soldiers, Private BARGSTEN reflects the finest tradition of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Simi, California.

EDSOL J. COUSINO, (36226745), Private, Medical Detachment, Company A, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action, on 20 July 1944, near Pisa, Italy. After they had seized two heavily defended canals, the company to which Private COUSINO was attached as aid man moved toward a third canal. As it was advancing, the company commander fell wounded in an exposed position ahead of his troops. Private COUSINO, without hesitation, moved ahead to the wounded officer and administered first aid while enemy small arms and mortar fire blanketed the area around him. As Private COUSINO completed dressing the wound, the officer was struck again, this time by shell fragments in the face. Ignoring the savage enemy fire, Private COUSINO bandaged the second wound, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he removed his steel helmet and covered the Lieutenant's face

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to protect it from flying shell fragments. Later, when it became possible, he assisted in carrying the wounded man to a covered position where he could be evacuated to an aid station. In his utter devotion to duty and self-sacrifice for others, Private COUSINO reflects the finest traditions of the Medical Department and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

IV - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

EDWARD J. BROWN, (6755776), Private, Service Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 12 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. While on duty at an ammunition dump, Private BROWN heard an explosion and, immediately afterwards, the cries of someone injured. Upon investigation, he learned that two Italian civilians had ventured into a mine field and detonated an S-mine, which injured both of them, one critically. Private BROWN quickly borrowed a knife from a nearby soldier and, although unskilled in mine detection, he voluntarily and at great risk to himself, started through the mine field carefully probing for mines. Skillfully, he cleared a path twenty yards long to where the injured men lay. Private BROWN and another soldier then administered aid, all the time in danger of detonating yet undiscovered mines. Private BROWN, reassuring himself that the path to safety was clear, brought the two men out of the mine field. He then arranged for the evacuation of the more seriously wounded to a civilian hospital. Private BROWN'S heroic and humane act under extremely dangerous circumstances are exemplary of the finest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named personnel:

ARTHUR H. NERBAS, (O-1543424), First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Company C, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near Panigali, Italy. Entered military service from Roseburg, Oregon. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy C. Narbas, (wife), Roseburg, Oregon.

WILLIAM C. GARRELS, (38000042), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near Piamazzio, Italy. Entered military service from Payson, Arizona. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty Garrels, (wife), Gold Hill, Oregon.

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JOSEPH S. GLASSER, (33763953), Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Carrolltown, Pennsylvania. Next of kin, Mrs. Ann Glasser, (mother), Box #75, Carrolltown, Pennsylvania.

VI - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

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~~GEORGE D. DUNNELL, Jr. (O-135675), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 4 July 1944 to 16 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Blairstown, New Jersey.~~

JOHN J. DOUGHERTY, (O-1286616), Captain, Infantry, 2d Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 24 June 1944, near Montieri, Italy, and on 15-16 July 1944 near Soliana, Italy. Entered military service from Darby, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM A. HILL, (O-1310598), Captain, Infantry, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from Luling, Texas.

ROBERT E. LYON, (O-1286862), Captain, Infantry, 2d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 3 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from White Plains, New York.

ROY L. MASKOP, (O-467218), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 24 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Jr. (O-517123), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 8 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from New Market, Virginia.

HERBERT I. HJULSTAD, (O-1295215), First Lieutenant, Infantry, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 16 September 1944, near Ponzalla, Italy. Entered military service from Wright, Minnesota.

LEE H. HUTCHINS, (O-1320126), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 July 1944, near Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from York, Nebraska.

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WILFRED ROSE, (O-1322810), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6-8 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

RICHARD H. WILLIAMS, (O-1323992), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 28 June 1944, near Montingegnoli, Italy. Entered military service from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

WILLARD H. SMITH, (34447598), Technical Sergeant, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from McDonough, Georgia.

DERYL H. BAKER, (39265029), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from San Diego, California.

ALBERT D. BRANCH, (1085327), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6-8 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

TOMY DeMASCIO, (39544330), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Monterey Park, California.

ELMER J. KLOBE, (17160621), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Cassacco, Italy. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

MELVIN J. PARTYKA, (36536415), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

EFREN J. SALCEDO, (39113980), Staff Sergeant, Company R, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 1 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

CHARLES J. DREW, (37621180), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

VICTOR E. FOLKEDAHL, (36274500), Sergeant, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Ettrick, Wisconsin.

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VERNON A. LEWIS, (39218125), Sergeant, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Morociano, Italy. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

GLENN P. McQUEEN, (37228820), Sergeant, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15-16 September 1944, near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from Nevada, Missouri.

JACOB L. FUCKETT, (20656640), Sergeant, (then Corporal), Headquarters Battery, 346th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 12 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Racine, Wisconsin.

LYLE J. CULVER, (36402658), Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Hanover, Michigan.

CLYDE P. GLENDY, (36068675), Technician Fourth Grade, Battery C, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 7 July 1944 to 20 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

LEWY B. BURNS, (39542961), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 7 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Inglewood, California.

WALTER DZIEDZIC, (36616867), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 7 July 1944 to 14 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHNNY D. MORGAN, (38011611), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 17 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Portales, New Mexico.

HOWARD B. WALCH, (39542295), Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near San Clementi, Italy. Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

ALVIN J. WYPISZYNSKI, (36274756), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HARPY J. ZUERCHER, (39686761), Technician Fifth Grade, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

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CONNIE BAKER, (20870729), Private First Class, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Casa Bianca, Italy. Entered military service from Ferrall, Texas.

ROY J. BOHANNON, (38479566), Private First Class, Company K, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Tyler, Texas.

WILLIAM A. BORBA, (39122562), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Niles, California.

DAVID L. COVINGTON, (36835571), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Sorg de Baoocia, Italy. Entered military service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

EUGENE F. DICKENS, (35115706), Private First Class, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Maysville, Kentucky.

LELAND D. GRANT, (3961060), Private First Class, Company M, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 24 September 1944, near Traversa, Italy. Entered military service from Jordan, Montana.

BASIL G. HARBISON, (34398210), Private First Class, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Loan, Alabama.

GORDON RIDGEWAY, (34407113), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near San Clementi, Italy. Entered military service from Wilcox, Florida.

ARCHIE Q. TAYLOR, (36055794), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Muncie, Indiana.

ULYSSES B. FAMELOS, (39338166), Private First Class, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Bingen, Washington.

VERNON CHAMBERS, (34579461), Private, Medical Detachment, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944 near Casa Bianca, Italy. Entered military service from Meida, Tennessee.

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ROBERT V. HOLMAN, (36682977), Private, Company E, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

HARRY JOY, (32632584), Private First Class, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Hurley, New York.

JACOB D. MELCHIOR, (32253618), Private First Class, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

SHARRELL MILLER, (35871230), Private, Medical Detachment, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. Entered military service from Spurlockville, West Virginia.

LAVERN C. PARKER, (36780316), Private First Class, (then Private), Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 October 1944, near Campuzzano, Italy. Entered military service from Quincy, Illinois.

GEORGE H. PETERSON, (39264710), Private, Regimental Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

CURTIS SMITH, (33852198), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 October 1944, near Villa de Mezza, Italy. Entered military service from Bena, Virginia.

EDWARD S. STEVENS, (39321512), Private, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 9 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

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- Award of Silver Star I
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal. II
- Award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) III
- Award of Bronze Star Medal. IV

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 500-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

ROY R. ROBERTS, (36536349), Staff Sergeant, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Montecorelli, Italy. Staff Sergeant ROBERTS, moving with his company into the line observed two Germans going into a machine gun position about 400 yards to the front, and a short distance from the flank of another company which was advancing. Bringing intense fire on the emplacement made it impossible for the enemy to withdraw. Staff Sergeant ROBERTS, on his own initiative, volunteered to go forward with a companion to destroy the gun crew. Working his way forward by fire and movement, Staff Sergeant ROBERTS reached a position near the emplacement. He then threw a hand grenade, jumped to an upright position and ran headlong toward the enemy, blazing away with his sub-machine gun. Although there proved to be nine enemy in the emplacement instead of two, the speed and surprise of Staff Sergeant ROBERTS' assault broke down their resistance, and he captured all nine, four of whom had been wounded by his fire. In his courage, daring and will to destroy the enemy, Staff Sergeant ROBERTS exemplifies the heroic traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Dearborn, Michigan.

MARVIN D. ENGLAND, (37538019), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. As the platoon of which Sergeant ENGLAND was a member was advancing up a thinly wooded slope which had been the scene of bitter fighting for two days, the platoon leader became suspicious of a trap and halted the advance. When he called for a scout to go forward to reconnoiter, Sergeant ENGLAND immediately volunteered. Although the platoon leader had intended that he go only a short way, he crawled forward until he almost fell into an enemy machine gun emplacement. Realizing that he had not been discovered, Sergeant ENGLAND crawled back about 25 yards and lobbed a hand grenade which completely destroyed the

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emplacement. Upon returning to the platoon Sergeant ENGLAND led his squad forward up the slope until they encountered another machine gun. Leaving his squad in the cover of an escarpment across the line of advance, he again moved out alone to locate the enemy. Having located the position for the second time that day he destroyed an enemy machine gun emplacement with a single accurately-thrown hand grenade. His courage in going forward alone on his own initiative to find and destroy two enemy machine guns enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission and his company to advance. In his fearlessness, combat skill, and leadership, Sergeant ENGLAND typified the finest traditions of the American soldier. Entered military service from Green City, Missouri.

STOIAN V. PETROFF, (36432515), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company C, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 July 1944, near Castellina, Italy. As it was advancing through heavy machine gun, machine pistol, mortar, and artillery fire, the company to which Private First Class PETROFF was attached as company aid man suffered many casualties. Immediately Private First Class PETROFF moved out through the heavy fire to administer first aid. After checking the dead and caring for two wounded men, he found that two other seriously wounded men were lying in exposed positions where they were in danger of being hit by enemy fire falling in their immediate area. Realizing the impossibility of treating the wounded men where they were, he carried each of them in turn to a cave nearby, administered treatment and made them as comfortable as possible. By this time his actions had been observed by the enemy, and mortar and artillery fire was being directed at the cave where he was treating the wounded men. Having decided that the cave was no longer a safe place in which to leave the wounded men, Private First Class PETROFF resourcefully improvised a stretcher from a shelter-half and, calling on the aid of three other men, started moving the wounded men to the Battalion aid station two miles away over rough, rocky terrain. Although subjected to constant mortar and artillery fire the wounded men were successfully evacuated to the aid station. After seeing that his wounded comrades were receiving medical attention, Private First Class PETROFF returned to his company, which was still receiving heavy enemy fire. Private First Class PETROFF'S personal courage, resourceful skill and indomitable devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the Medical Department and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

II - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ELMER GRIMM, (36617190), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), 3d Battalion, Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For

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meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Lyons, Illinois.

EARL M. BOWMAN, (39901572), Private First Class, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

VII - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ERVIN T. JARMAN, (34456269), Technical Sergeant, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Comfort, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Bulah Jarman, (mother), Route #1, Comfort, North Carolina.

JOSEPH S. BARKER, (39322105), Private First Class, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon. Next of kin: Mrs. Joseph S. Barker, (wife), Route #9, Box 3585, Portland, Oregon.

FLOYD H. MOLES, (35641518), private First Class, Company K, 365d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Cassanova, Italy. Entered military service from Welch, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Lizzie Moles, (mother), Keystone, West Virginia.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

OBED A. HOPPER, (O-1176068), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 17 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Clinton, Oklahoma.

THEO G. WATSON, (O-1166416), Captain, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 2 June 1944 to 27 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Meridian, Mississippi.

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LOUIS N. GELE, Jr. (O-1286633), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

PAT K. ELLIO, (39688200), Technical Sergeant, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Exeter, California.

EVERETT B. WOLFE, (17054069), Technical Sergeant, 791st Ordnance Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 22 August 1944 to 13 September 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

WALTER HIRSCHI, (36275392), Staff Sergeant, Company M, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HARRY J. CLARK, (37394019), Sergeant, Company D, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Lucerne, Missouri.

HENRY V. KOLENDA, (6834167), Sergeant, Company C, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

MARVIN C. WADE, (39113321), Sergeant, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Sunnyvale, California.

JAMES M. WILLIAMS, (34407179), Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Avon Park, Florida.

EVERETT A. DUNTON, (31421845), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private), 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14-16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from City Mills, Massachusetts.

LLOYD FAIR, (34407518), Technician Fourth Grade, (then Technician Fifth Grade), 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14-16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Lakeland, Florida.

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FREDERICK V. WILMAN, (39030653), Technician Fifth Grade, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Casa Bianca, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

JESSE L. BREWER, (38037747), Private First Class, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Cushing, Texas.

COLIE B. BURFETTE, (34097835), Private First Class, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 July 1944, near Pontederra, Italy. Entered military service from Anderson, South Carolina.

SOL FINGERHUT, (32655934), Private, Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES L. GIFFORD, (37619629), Private First Class, Company C, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Flat River, Missouri.

EDWARD E. GREEN, (37572848), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Bemadji, Minnesota.

LEONARD F. KACZOROWSKI, (36589381), Private First Class, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddie, Italy. Entered military service from Bay City, Michigan.

JOSEPH E. MARSH, (39686985), Private First Class, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 July 1944, near Pontederra, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

HAROLD E. MARX, (39402001), Private First Class, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Etta, California.

JOSEPH MOISA, (39031230), Private First Class, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 September 1944, near Casanova, Italy. Entered military service from Thermal, California.

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HERMAN SHELINE, Jr. (35229929), Private First Class, Headquarters Company 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, near Traversa, Italy. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

JAMES STEWART, (37388200), Private First Class, Company N, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Benton, Missouri.

LONNIE R. TRAMMELL, (20848917), Private First Class, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Athens, Texas.

GILBERT VENOS, (39402049), Private First Class, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Ca di Balloni, Italy. Entered military service from Chico, California.

CLIFFORD W. FAUSER, (36881395), Private, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Chelsea, Michigan.

EARL W. GREEN, (35293105), Private, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Enon, Ohio.

PETER S. JABER, (39114886), Private, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17-19 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

JAMES KRIZ, (36890203), Private, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Cicero, Illinois.

KENNETH E. LA FOUNTAINE, (31440185), Private, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Suffield, Connecticut.

JACK A. LUNDELL, (33707079), Private, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Mt. Beni and Mt. Freddi, Italy. Entered military service from Steelburgh, Pennsylvania.

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ARTHUR J. MC ALEAVY, (32946000), Private, 3d Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 14 September 1944 to 28 September 1944, near Casa Bianca, Italy. Entered military service from Cohoes, New York.

JOHN J. NEWMAN, (37621564), Private First Class, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Casanova, Italy. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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GENERAL ORDER
NO. 46

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

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

YOBRAND SPRUK, (36405513), Staff Sergeant, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. While the company in which Staff Sergeant SPRUK was communications sergeant was attacking the crest of a ridge through interlacing bands of machine gun and sniper fire and heavy barrages of mortar fire, they suffered very heavy casualties. Within a few minutes after the start of the attack, all the officers, platoon sergeants, as well as four squad leaders and two aid men, had been either killed or wounded. The men were in need of a leader, and there was danger the attack would fail. Without thought for his own safety, Staff Sergeant SPRUK left his slit trench and began moving from man to man, checking, organizing, and encouraging the shaken men. Despite the continuous enemy fire, Staff Sergeant SPRUK also administered first aid to the wounded, and supervised their evacuation to covered positions. After the company had been reorganized and the wounded safely evacuated, he led a platoon forward in the attack until the objective had been taken. His initiative and courage under fire transformed the company into an effective fighting unit which attained its objective in the face of heavy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire. Staff Sergeant SPRUK's gallantry and inspired leadership exemplify the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

RALPH J. METHENY, (33256900), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. As Private First Class METHENY's company was advancing to assault a heavily fortified ridge on Monticelli, it came under heavy concentrations of mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire from the front, and small arms fire from its right front. Artillery fire neutralized the emplacements to the front, but the small arms fire from the right front continued to halt the company's advance. Realizing that support fire was needed, Private First Class METHENY immediately brought his mortar into action, although it lacked both the base plate and sight. Moving to an exposed position to obtain mass clearance, Private First Class METHENY held the tube of the mortar and fired all his remaining ammunition into the enemy position to the right front, neutralizing

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the enemy fire so effectively that the company was able to advance. With his ammunition gone, Private First Class METHENY then gathered his squad and led them into an assault as riflemen. When the company had reached its objective, he organized his squad in a defensive position on the left flank so skillfully that a very heavy enemy counterattack was repulsed. Private First Class METHENY'S skill, resourcefulness and leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

THOMAS V. WATSON, (O-1324711), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 October 1944 near Rantigola, Italy. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

HERMAN B. SCHUTTER, (37435756), Staff Sergeant, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944 near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Titonka, Iowa.

THOMAS J. ALLISON, (39544509), Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Indio, California.

ERNEST J. DRUMM, (39108541), Sergeant, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 28 October 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

GEORGE M. HOLDEN, (37315803), Corporal, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 28 October 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Wester, South Dakota.

HENRY M. CARTER, (37091000), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Ruthton, Minnesota.

ALFRED AKERS, (37251616), Private First Class, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Joplin, Missouri.

ONNIE BAKER, (20810737), Private First Class, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Casa Bianca, Italy. Entered military service from Ferrell, Texas.

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HARVEY W. BOYNTON, (51323100), Private First Class, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Casa Bianca, Italy. Entered military service from Kingfield, Maine.

DORRAN G. COOKE, (34435487), Private First Class, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 28 October 1944, in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

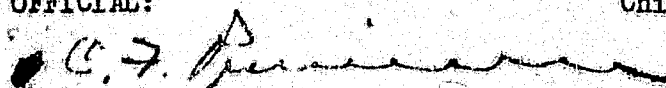
LEON GOLDBERG, (33827896), Private, Medical Detachment, Company A, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 17 September 1944, near Montecelli, Italy. Entered military service from Bethlehem City, Pennsylvania.

JOHN H. VAIL, (15303940), Private, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Casa Bianca, Italy. Entered military service from Michigan City, Indiana.

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- Award of Silver Star II
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

LARRY J. LAND, (6282131), Staff Sergeant, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. So his company might continue its advance after being temporarily halted by machine gun fire from an enemy pill-box, Staff Sergeant LAND personally led his platoon directly into the heavy fire to neutralize the enemy emplacement. Despite the exposed terrain which was under constant mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant LAND moved forward for 150 yards until he was directly under the enemy position, from here he threw two grenades through an embrasure into the pill-box. He then sprang up and entered the dugout where he singlehandedly captured a German officer and five enlisted men who were completely unnerved by Staff Sergeant LAND'S audacious assault. His gallant act in exposing himself to concentrated enemy fire to eliminate an enemy strong point enabled his company to quickly capture its objective. Staff Sergeant LAND immediately set about organizing his platoon in a defensive line. Although the enemy was doing its best to make the position untenable by heavy and accurate concentrations of fire, Staff Sergeant LAND refused to seek cover, but continued to move from man to man checking positions and giving such help and encouragement as were needed. It was while doing this that he was fatally wounded by an enemy sniper. Staff Sergeant LAND'S combat skill and initiative, his determination in the face of the enemy and his heroic self-sacrifice were responsible for the saving of many lives and make him a perpetual inspiration to his men and the United States Army. Entered military service from Abernathy, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Land, (mother), General Delivery, Abernathy, Texas.

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PAUL A. ACE, (33609126), Private, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. When his company was held up by heavy cross fire from machine guns and rifles protected by fields of barbed wire entanglements, Private ACE volunteered to go forward alone and with bangalore torpedoes, blast a lane through the barbed wire so that an assault could be made on the positions. Inching forward in the face of concentrated machine gun and sniper fire directed at him by the enemy Private ACE reached the entanglements and succeeded in blowing a narrow gap in the wire. When he returned, he realized that the lane might be booby trapped or mined, and volunteered to go forward again and search out the area before his company attacked. As he was crawling through the narrow gap, enemy machine gun fire wounded him severely in the hip, but before he would allow himself to be evacuated, he insisted on reporting to his platoon commander that the path was clear for the assault. Private ACE'S daring and successful completion of a dangerous mission enabled his company to advance and capture a strategically important objective. His heroic devotion to duty reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Marshall Creek, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Mabel Ace, (mother), Marshall Creek, Pennsylvania.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

JAMES H. SCUDDER, (O-370390), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14-15 September 1944, near Mt. Alto, Italy. On the night before an attack, Lieutenant SCUDDER led a detail of two men on a mission to clear a path through a mine field and effect a breach in a series of barbed wire entanglements. Although constant artillery and machine gun fire and thickly strewn mines made the area almost untenable, the path was quickly cleared and a carefully placed bangalore torpedo blew a large hole in the barbed wire. On the following morning, Lieutenant SCUDDER led the company in an attack through the path he had cleared in the mine field and wire entanglements. He personally, and at great risk led his men in an assault on two enemy machine gun nests, destroying both of them. During the rest of the attack, Lieutenant SCUDDER continued to direct and organize the fighting of his men, although constantly under heavy enemy fire. When the hill which they were attacking had been cleared, Lieutenant SCUDDER personally supervised the organization of his company into a defensive position. While doing this, one of the enemy who had infiltrated into the position threw a concussion grenade at him which exploded close enough to knock him down and shake him severely. Lieutenant SCUDDER quickly arose and without hesitation killed the German with his carbine. He then calmly and efficiently continued the reorganization of the position. Lieutenant SCUDDER'S gallantry resulted in the speedy capture of the objective and in the saving

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of many lives. His outstanding skill, determination in the face of the enemy and great personal courage are exemplary of the finest traditions of the Infantry of the United States. Entered military service from Durham, New Hampshire.

MARTIN L. GNEMI, (37393816), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 October 1944, near La Valle, Italy. Technical Sergeant GNEMI fearlessly led his platoon in a successful attack on their objective - a crest of a small rugged hill mask. Technical GNEMI moved from man to man coordinating the position and supervising the digging in, against a possible counterattack. While so engaged Technical Sergeant GNEMI noticed one of his men lying critically wounded fifty yards in front of their position. Regardless of the machine guns, small arms and sniper fire, Technical Sergeant GNEMI left his place of cover and worked his way down the forward slope to the wounded man, administered first aid and carried him to a place of safety, an act which undoubtedly saved the man's life. Later in the day, Technical Sergeant GNEMI led his platoon in an attack against heavily fortified enemy positions. Nearing their objective the platoon, which was the spear head of the attack, came under machine gun and heavy mortar fire, from three sides, making their situation extremely perilous. Technical Sergeant GNEMI ordered his platoon to shift to a pre-designated position while he remained out in front and laid down a covering fire. The enemy fire was so intense that his equipment and clothing were ripped by enemy bullets but he remained in his position delivering such intense fire that his platoon succeeded in their shift with but a single casualty. Technical Sergeant GNEMI then rejoined his platoon and led them in a successful flanking attack on the enemy positions. Technical Sergeant GNEMI'S actions were filled with bravery, selflessness, and an extraordinary sense of duty. His skillful leadership and gallantry upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

EARL R. CONN, (37236833), Sergeant, Company D, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Sergeant CONN and his machine gun platoon were covering the reorganization of another company on top of Monticelli when the enemy launched a fierce counterattack. Operating one of the guns, Sergeant CONN directed accurate fire against the advancing enemy and two pillboxes, inflicting heavy casualties. When a mortar shell exploded nearby, destroying the tripod Sergeant CONN calmly removed the gun from the tripod and continued to deliver effective fire by placing the water jacket on the edge of his fox hole. Another shell bursting nearby knocked the machine gun out of his hands smashing the barrel. Sergeant CONN called to one of his men for a rifle and ammunition and continued his one man assault on the advancing Germans. The accuracy and volume of Sergeant CONN'S fire was so great that the enemy wavered and fell back. The counterattack was stopped. Sergeant CONN'S courage, determined leadership, and profound devotion to duty inspired his men to supreme effort in stopping an overwhelming enemy attack. His heroic performance reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Beloit, Kansas.

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DONALD F. SPENCER, (36538143), Sergeant, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 September 1944, near Montepoli, Italy. When his platoon was temporarily halted in its advance across an exposed field by two entrenched enemy machine guns, Sergeant SPENCER acted quickly to overcome the obstacle. Despite intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which were covering the area, he immediately set out with his machine gun, crawling and dragging his weapon until he reached a forward position from which he could place effective fire on the enemy machine gun emplacements. Sergeant SPENCER had no sooner reached his position when the enemy spotted him and placed a heavy concentration of fire on him. Calmly, he stayed at his position and quickly destroyed the first of the enemy guns with several burst of well placed fire. Still disregarding the extreme peril of his position, Sergeant SPENCER quickly shifted fire to the other enemy gun and effectively neutralized it. Four enemy were killed and two severely wounded by Sergeant SPENCER'S gallant action. When he had completed his mission, he made his way back across the fire swept area to rejoin his company and resume the attack which was successful, due largely to Sergeant SPENCER'S intrepid deed. Sergeant SPENCER'S indomitable courage, coolness under fire and will to destroy the enemy are exemplary of the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Yale, Michigan.

DANIEL T. McCARTHY, (36619821), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. When two of his comrades were seriously wounded while attempting to neutralize an enemy strong point, Private First Class McCARTHY, a rifleman, voluntarily left his place of cover to administer aid to the helpless men. In order to reach their side, it was necessary for Private First Class McCARTHY to cross seventy-five yards of rocky and exposed terrain completely covered by enemy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire. Skillfully and carefully he began dressing the wounds of the two men. Private First Class McCARTHY had not yet completed his self-appointed task when several bursts from an enemy machine gun wounded him so severely in the legs that he was unable to move. Despite the intense pain of his own wounds, he refused aid until he had done all he could for his two comrades. Realizing fully the seriousness of his own wounds, he refused to leave the two men until they could be safely evacuated. Private First Class McCARTHY'S voluntary and selfless action, his calm demeanor under fire and his dauntless courage were instrumental in the saving of two lives and exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES A. GALYON, (42045508), Private, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 October 1944, near Lucca, Italy. When the company to which private GALYON was attached as aid man attacked the enemy held village of Lucca, it ran into extremely heavy fire from interlacing bands of machine guns and rifles causing heavy casualties. Upon observing the first man fall, Private GALYON unhesitatingly went out into the face of this fire to aid the wounded.

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While the enemy employed every weapon they had, artillery, mortars, machine guns and snipers, Private GALYON crawled across the entire platoon sector, untiringly and skillfully aiding each and every man that was wounded. For more than two hours he remained in front of the platoon, giving aid, directing evacuation and encouraging the men on with his heroic action until the enemy was driven back and the village taken. The courage and unflinching devotion to duty exhibited by Private GALYON exemplifies the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Forest Hills, New York.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man, who is missing in action:

EUGENE MACK, (36929075), Private, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16-17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha Mack, (wife), 11030 Redfern Avenue, Lompoc, California.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

HOWARD W. REYNOLDS, (O-299989), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 15-17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Hartford, Connecticut.

JAMES D. BERNHAGEN, (O-1301415), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 17 September 1944 to 21 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Excelsior, Minnesota.

EUGENE H. BLOOM, (O-1319168), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 17 September 1944 to 21 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Emporia, Virginia.

ELFREN G. COZ, (O-1319826), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 24 June 1944, near Montieri, Italy. Entered military service from Yuma, Arizona.

JOHN F. DWYER, (O-1298366), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 17 October 1944 to 21 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Faust, New York.

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WALTER J. HALEY, (O-1323126), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action from 20-23 October 1944, near La Fabbrica, Italy. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

EDWARD HOMPOT, (O-1297593), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17-18 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

FRANK STANIS, (O-1321344), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from Riverton, Illinois.

PERCY L. BURLISON, (6258962), First Sergeant, Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, near Lofano, Italy. Entered military service from Wink, Texas.

LOUIS E. MCGEE, (6956069), Staff Sergeant, Company D, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Chunky, Mississippi.

ROBERT W. CURRIE, (37394183), Staff Sergeant, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, near Ponte d'Istia, Italy. Entered military service from Pine Lawn, Missouri.

GRETHEL M. THOMAS, (344472/20), Staff Sergeant, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Calhoun, Georgia.

ENIAR P. HANFEN, (39265064), Sergeant, Company H, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 July 1944, at Soiana, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

GEORGE HARPER, (6288992), Sergeant, Company H, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from Waco, Texas.

ALBERT J. MAULE, (36274483), Sergeant, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from Independence, Wisconsin.

DUANE F. MILLARD, (16132892), Sergeant, (then Corporal), Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14-18 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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DOUGLAS E. BAILLY, (39466595), Private First Class, Company H, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Valluggera, Italy. Entered military service from Choney, Washington.

HENRY J. BRAY, (36403513), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company B, 365d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Vulcan, Michigan.

DOUGLAS V. BURKE, (16132792), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Spooner, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM J. ENCK, (33802476), Private, Medical Detachment, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Akron, Pennsylvania.

WALKER D. GREEN, (34378451), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, near Lofano, Italy. Entered military service from Centerville, Tennessee.

BURDETTE C. HANSON, (35912740), Private First Class, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Westlake, Ohio.

ANTHONY MENDOZA, (39262429), Private First Class, Company B, 365d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

PHILIP J. POLIZZI, (33797370), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Niachi, Italy. Entered military service from Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

HARRY G. WEEKS, (31374694), Corporal, (then Private First Class), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from East Wakefield, New Hampshire.

HENRY BRONET, (42036210), Private First Class, (then Private), Company D, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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VIRGIL R. DEBOCK, (37357567), Private, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Crawford, Nebraska.

PAUL W. MINER, (32746947), Private, Medical Detachment, Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, near Lofano, Italy. Entered military service from Hudson, New York.

JOSEPH W. PIROG, (42012532), Private, Medical Detachment, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Passaic, New Jersey.

V - COMMENDATIONS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended and have been awarded Division Citations:

HAROLD L. KAY, (O-487604), Captain, Medical Corps, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty during the period from 17 July 1944 to 18 July 1944, in the vicinity of Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Grass Valley, California.

JAMES M. JENKS, (O-1185070), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 20-21 July 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Great Neck, New York.

WILLIAM L. WILLIAMS, (39194964), First Sergeant, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 June 1944, in the vicinity of Orbetello, Italy. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

HERBERT A. HAIN, (39902350), Staff Sergeant, Medical Department, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 12 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Weiser, Idaho.

RICHARD T. GARRETSON, (32243123), Sergeant, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 7 July 1944, in the vicinity of Montalone, Italy. Entered military service from Ocean City, New Jersey.

JOHN BALL, Jr, (36405497), Sergeant, Headquarters 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 28 July 1944, near Ponsacco, Italy. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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KENT H. TAYLOR, (39919526), Private First Class, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 17 July 1944, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Entered military service from Provo, Utah.

OTIS L. DICKERSON, (39295612), Private First Class, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 9 June 1944, in the vicinity of Tarquinia, Italy. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

EARL C. MEYERS, (39666235), Private First Class, Company A, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 9 June 1944, in the vicinity of Tarquinia, Italy. Entered military service from Corcoran, California.

ROY W. FRANKENSTIEL, (37535655), Private First Class, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 June 1944, in the vicinity of Orbetello, Italy. Entered military service from Hays, Kansas.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted men:

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~~JOE S. PORTER, (38592515), Private, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 October 1944, near Canovetta, Italy. Private PORTER, with a comrade, was moving ahead of his platoon during its advance on the enemy held town of Canovetta. There had been no sign of the enemy when the stillness was suddenly shattered by a burst of machine gun bullets that ripped into the platoon, painfully wounding Private PORTER in the legs. His buddy seemed stunned by the burst and froze in his tracks. Mustering all of his strength, Private PORTER staggered forward and grabbed the man, pulling him down just as another burst of machine gun fire swept the area. The fire missed the other man, but caught Private PORTER in the chest, mortally wounding him. Private PORTER displayed the great courage and gallantry in giving his life to save a fellow soldier from certain death. His dauntless spirit reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Milfay, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida Porter, (mother), General Delivery, Milfay, Oklahoma.~~

JULIUS D. STEMBRIDGE, (34764070), Private, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Nicchi, Italy. A six man patrol, of which Private STEMBRIDGE was a member, was sent to contact the company on their flank. While proceeding on its mission, the patrol surprised and captured an enemy machine gun crew of five men. Realizing that the prisoners would be able to give valuable information, the patrol started to return to its company but after going only a short distance, it encountered heavy fire from enemy machine pistols. Knowing that if the patrol became engaged in a fire fight the prisoners might escape, Private STEMBRIDGE volunteered to remain behind and cover the patrol's withdrawal. Although the opposing forces greatly outnumbered him and heavy automatic weapons fire was directed at him, Private STEMBRIDGE boldly attacked the enemy alone. His rifle fire killed several and the ferocity of his attack caused the others to scatter. Meanwhile, under the cover of this diversion, the remainder of the patrol, with their prisoners, returned to their company. Private STEMBRIDGE, while attempting to rejoin the company,

was fatally wounded by a sniper. The indomitable courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private STEMBRIDGE was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and exemplifies the highest traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret K. Stembridge, (wife), Macon, Georgia.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

DAVID E. POPE, (O-446469), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Nicchi, Italy. During an attack on enemy hill positions, Lieutenant POPE observed a six man patrol, which had been sent out to contact the lead company, moving forward over open ground. When they were suddenly subjected to severe enemy machine gun and sniper fire, the patrol leader was severely wounded and lay helpless. The others were forced to seek cover because the intensity of the enemy fire precluded the possibility of a movement, although five attempts were made by men in the company to evacuate the wounded man and allow the others to withdraw, each was driven off by the severe hostile fire. Realizing that the situation demanded a coordinated effort, Lieutenant POPE formulated a plan to rescue the trapped men. Ordering his men to deploy and cover him with fire, he advanced alone into the fire-swept area. Disregarding bullets striking on all sides of him, he ran 75 yards to where the wounded man lay and carried him back to the cover of a draw. As Lieutenant POPE was going back, he called to the other men to follow him. Heartened by his display of gallantry in the face of overwhelming odds, they followed him and reached cover safely. His unselfish action resulted in the saving of many lives. Lieutenant POPE'S coolness under fire, outstanding initiative and lack of regard for personal danger were an inspiration to his men and make him a credit to the United States Army. Entered military service from Forrest City, Arkansas.

AARON R. HORNE, Jr. (O-1298870), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 October 1944, near Canovetta, Italy. Lieutenant HORNE was leading his platoon against the defenses of Canovetta, when the enemy launched a fierce counter-attack employing artillery, mortars and machine guns. Realizing that his platoon was greatly outnumbered, Lieutenant HORNE skillfully maneuvered his men to a position on top of a hill near the town without a single casualty, there he organized a defensive position. Later in the day another platoon attacked the town, only to be driven back. Lieutenant HORNE so effectively directed his fire against the enemy positions that the second platoon was able to withdraw with a minimum of casualties. Just before dark the Germans launched a vicious attack against the hill, but Lieutenant HORNE moving from man to man, directed the fire with accuracy that the enemy was repelled with heavy losses. After dark they began shelling the hill with heavy artillery. Leaving the protection of his fox-hole, Lieutenant HORNE crawled throughout the position encouraging them to carry on. During 4 days and 3 nights, the platoon held the hill against tremendous odds

due to the courageous leadership of Lieutenant HORNE. In his heroic determination and combat skill in the face of overwhelming enemy forces, Lieutenant HORNE reflects the finest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

RALPH M. WHITTENTON, (20742004), Technical Sergeant, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Montepoli, Italy. When his company was subjected to a heavy counter-attack by enemy forces, which temporarily threatened to over-run its positions, Technical Sergeant WHITTENTON, although under intense enemy small arms fire, refused to leave his position or give ground. Four times bullets from German automatic weapons landed in his fox-hole. An enemy grenade exploded ten yards away shaking him severely. Disregarding completely the danger to which he was subjecting himself, Technical Sergeant WHITTENTON remained standing in his fox-hole and, with his rifle, delivered a steady stream of fire on the attackers. The enemy were kept from infiltrating by his accurate fire. During the entire attack, Technical Sergeant WHITTENTON remained in this exposed position encouraging his men, calling out targets to them and otherwise directing their fire. His men were so inspired by this gallant show of courage that the attack was quickly and effectively repulsed. Technical Sergeant WHITTENTON'S combat skill, intrepid leadership and will to destroy the enemy resulted in the saving of many lives and make him a credit to the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Forrest City, Arkansas.

FERNANDO C. GARCIA, (39137898), Private First Class, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 October 1944, near Sadurano, Italy. During a heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Private First Class GARCIA and another man, both messengers, left the shelter of the building in which they were stationed to give aid to ten men who had been wounded nearby. Despite heavy machine gun and rifle fire, they made their way across 50 yards of exposed terrain to the sides of their injured comrades. Carrying the two most seriously wounded men, Private First Class GARCIA and the other man returned to the building where they placed them in a sheltered position. Without hesitation another trip was made across the fire swept area and by carrying some and leading others, Private First Class GARCIA with his comrade managed to get the remaining eight men to the building. Then they quickly and efficiently administered first aid. Two of the casualties were so seriously wounded as to need immediate further medical attention. Private First Class GARCIA and the other messenger quickly improvised a litter. Although the enemy fire had at no time abated in its fury, they again made two trips across the exposed terrain to an aid station 250 yards away, carrying their two comrades. Private First Class GARCIA'S gallantry, skill and unselfish action despite extreme peril, exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Salinas, California.

JAMES J. HARDING, (37537208), Private First Class, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 October 1944, near Sadurano, Italy. During a heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage, Private First Class HARDING and another man, both messengers, left the shelter of the building in which they were stationed to give aid to ten

men who had been wounded nearby. Despite heavy machine gun and rifle fire, they made their way across 50 yards of exposed terrain to the sides of their injured comrades. Carrying the two most seriously wounded men, Private First Class HARDING and the other man returned to the building where they placed them in a sheltered position. Without hesitation another trip was made across the fire-swept area and by carrying some and leading others, Private First Class HARDING with his comrades managed to get the remaining eight men to the building. Then they quickly and efficiently administered first aid. Two of the casualties were so seriously wounded as to need immediate further medical attention. Private First Class HARDING and the other messenger quickly improvised a litter. Although the enemy fire had at no time abated in its fury, they again made two trips across the exposed terrain to an aid station 250 yards away, carrying their two comrades. Private First Class HARDING'S gallantry, skill and unselfish action despite extreme peril, exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

WALTER L. McLANE, (39402540), Private First Class, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 October 1944, near Anconella, Italy. Private First Class McLANE volunteered to go forward alone and knock out an enemy strong point in a house that was holding up the advance of his company. Previously, 2 squads of men had failed in the same mission. Crawling forward and making use of all available cover, Private First Class McLANE reached a point about 150 yards from the building. With no further cover available, Private First Class McLANE ran unnoticed across the open and exposed terrain to the house, cautiously sneaking to the rear, he silently opened the door and completely surprised 3 Germans who had their rifles and machine gun in firing position. They turned to rush him, but he calmly stood his ground, shooting one and forcing the other two to surrender. Private First Class McLANE'S courageous and made the advance of his company possible; his bold and aggressive spirit reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

JOHN L. MAY, (39185239), Private First Class, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. During an enemy attack, Private First Class MAY'S platoon was located in an exposed defensive position and was forced to withdraw temporarily to a place which offered better cover. In order to make a successful withdrawal, it was necessary for someone to remain behind to deliver covering fire. With full knowledge of the danger involved, Private First Class MAY immediately volunteered for the task. He gathered as much ammunition as he could get, and while his platoon moved across exposed terrain, he kept up a steady stream of fire with his automatic rifle, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The Germans soon picked up his position and directed a volume of fire at Private First Class MAY in an attempt to dislodge him from his position. A mortar shell landed close to him injuring him painfully. Realizing the seriousness of his wounds, he nevertheless refused to leave his position until his platoon had safely completed its maneuver and all his ammunition had been expended. When the attack had been repelled and the advance resumed, Private First Class

MAY went ahead with his platoon despite his wound until ordered to the rear for medical attention. Private First Class MAY'S outstanding courage, his determination in the face of the enemy and his lack of self-regard are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Infantry and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Follock, Louisiana.

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*GEORGE A. MONTALVO, (59112349), Private First Class, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Montopoli, Italy. When his company was temporarily threatened with being dislodged from its defensive positions by a heavy enemy counterattack, Private First Class MONTALVO, although subjected to intense enemy small arms fire, refused to leave his position. Fire from enemy machine guns and machine pistols landed all about him. Two grenades landed and exploded only ten yards away. Disregarding completely the danger to which he was subjecting himself, Private First Class MONTALVO stood up in his fox-hole and with his rifle delivered a steady stream of fire on the attackers, killing two of them only a few yards away. He kept the enemy from infiltrating, by his accurate fire. Private First Class MONTALVO remained in this exposed position, encouraging the other men and helping to direct their fire during the whole attack. His gallant act materially aided in repulsing the attack and was instrumental in saving many lives. Private First Class MONTALVO'S combat skill, great initiative and will to destroy the enemy were an inspiration to his comrades and make him a credit to the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Watsonville, California.

ALBERT J. PERLES, (33494639), Private First Class, Company A, 755th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Four tanks of Company A, while advancing toward Loiano, Italy along Highway 65, crossed a ridge, which exposed them to anti-tank fire. Two leading tanks were knocked out and started to burn, the other two tanks withdrew to cover behind a hill top about one-fourth of a mile to the rear. Private First Class PERLES observed this action from the crest of a hill and despite words of caution from his company commander, jumped in a 1/4 ton truck and drove to their aid. There was a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire plus small arms fire covering the area, increasing the hazard of reaching the two tanks. Upon arriving at the scene of action, Private First Class PERLES left his 1/4 ton truck and went forward to aid two crew members coming along the road from the burning tanks. Returning to the rear, Private First Class PERLES learned that the platoon leader of the tanks had been wounded by small arms fire. Returning to aid the platoon leader, Private First Class PERLES was stopped by an Infantry Officer and warned that future trips up the road were suicide. Disregarding this warning, he continued up the road past the watching tanks into the open to the burning tanks blocking the road. Leaving the 1/4 ton, he went into a cornfield to aid the wounded man, and with the assistance of another man, removed him to his vehicle and drove to safety. The heroic action of Private First Class PERLES reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

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DAVID A. BROWN, (6955922), Private, Battery A, 347th Field Artillery .. Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Casacco, Italy. The Infantry company with which Private BROWN'S Forward Observer Party was working was subjected to heavy mortar and machine gun fire, forcing them to withdraw, leaving a number of casualties in un-protected positions. Although the intensity of enemy fire had not slackened, Private BROWN, on his own initiative, crawled forward twice in the face of this fire to carry men back to the aid station. Later in the day the area was again subjected to a terrific mortar barrage. When a shell fragment wounded a man nearby, Private BROWN with utter disregard for his own safety, climbed from his fox-hole, and crawling through a hail of fire, carried the man to an aid station. Private BROWN'S fearlessness and unflinching determination was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and brought honor upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Childress, Texas.

LEWIS B. CULLAR, (6953664), Private, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 October 1944, near Rantignola, Italy. Private CULLAR, with his platoon, had moved about 600 yards to the front of his company and was occupying a farm house. As the rest of the company started to advance toward the first platoon's position, Private CULLAR observed that it was necessary for them to cross a draw about 200 yards in length which, unknown to them, was covered from one end to the other by heavy concentrations of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Radio communication was out and seemingly there was no way to warn the company of the trap which they were about to enter. Realizing that immediate action had to be taken, Private CULLAR left his covered position to warn the troops. He ran 400 yards across a muddy and plowed field, shouting to his comrades to get back. Machine gun and sniper fire encircled him as he ran, but Private CULLAR without hesitation reached his company and prevented them from entering the enemy trap. His gallant act saved the lives of many of his comrades. Private CULLAR'S unselfish action, coolness under fire and outstanding spirit of comradeship are exemplary of the highest traditions of the American Combat Infantryman. Entered military service from Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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*ROBERT R. HOUSTON, (34739639), Private, Medical Detachment, Company K, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Montepoli, Italy. The company to which Private HOUSTON was attached as aid man was subjected to an attack by overwhelming enemy forces causing them to withdraw, leaving a number of casualties exposed to fire from both sides. Observing one of the wounded men, Private HOUSTON, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his covered position and crawled, under a constant hail of fire, 25 yards to the man, administered aid, and helped him to a covered position. Refusing to leave the shell riddled area, he again crawled into the enemy fire to aid another man, rendering treatment and assisting him to the rear. His heroic and unselfish action was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and brought honor upon himself and the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Loudon, Tennessee.

EUGENE B. SPECHT, (42029074), Private, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 October 1944, near Scascali, Italy. Private SPECHT with his platoon had moved almost to the foot of a precarious cliff during an attack on enemy hill positions. Suddenly, they were subjected to the cross fire of three German machine guns. Private SPECHT was wounded painfully in the side by the first burst. Though bleeding profusely and in great pain, he quickly diagnosed the situation. Realizing that the machine gun on the right was the only one which had complete coverage of the area, he decided to take active steps to overcome the fire. Although it took tremendous effort, because of the seriousness of his wounds, private SPECHT pulled himself over the ground for fifty yards. With enemy fire constantly directed at him, he managed to crawl close enough to the heavily reinforced machine gun position to throw in two grenades which destroyed the gun and crew. Because of his gallant act, the rest of his platoon was able to surge forward, neutralize the two remaining machine guns, scale the cliff and capture 16 Germans with many important papers. Private SPECHT'S indomitable fighting spirit, intense devotion to duty and will to destroy the enemy were an inspiration to his comrades and bespeak the finest traditions of the American Combat Infantryman. Entered military service from Webster, New York.

III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

TONY DE MASCIO, (3954433C), Technical Sergeant, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Monterey Park, California.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

HENRY K. CHASE-DUIN, (O-1166245), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 4 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

CARL G. BOITANO, (19140122), Master Sergeant, Headquarters, 91st Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Jackson, California.

RAYMOND E. HANSON, (36274472), Staff Sergeant, (then Private), Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 September 1944, on Mt. Boni, Italy. Entered military service from Blair, Wisconsin.

HAROLD E. KABRIEL, (37236931), Staff Sergeant, Company M, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944, near Saderano, Italy. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

ROBERT G. EDWARDS, (35892018), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

ROBERT E. HUNT, (19185872), Sergeant, Company H, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Merced, California.

HENDRIX L. TRIONS, (37323618), Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Caruthersville, Missouri.

ROY LAMBERT, (39687926), Staff Sergeant, (then Private), Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 September 1944, on Mt. Beni, Italy. Entered military service from Porterville, California.

HARVEY E. SHAFER, (15316010), Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Walton, West Virginia.

RALPH H. GOE, (39195175), Staff Sergeant, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Detachment, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, on Mount Vasso, Italy. Entered military service from Port Orchard, Washington.

RALPH D. HALL, (37313344), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 July 1944, on Mount Vasso, Italy. Entered military service from Linton, North Dakota.

ALBERT D. DEMAESTRI, (36535993), Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 28 October 1944, near Barbaolo, Italy. Entered military service from Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

JOHN R. GLANVILLE, (37342295), Private First Class, Company M, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944, near Saderano, Italy. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

JACK B. LEWIS, (36456016), Private First Class, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Nicchi, Italy. Entered military service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

FRANKLIN W. WALLACE, (33703048), Private, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near Livergano, Italy. Entered military service from Ardara, Pennsylvania.

MILLARD D. HENDERSON, (38591098), Private, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 September 1944, on Mt. Beni, Italy. Entered military service from Avant, Oklahoma.

CHARLES L. HOLLIFIELD, (34894036), Private, Company G, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, near Vignale, Italy. Entered military service from Bostic, North Carolina.

TEDDIE B. REXALL, (6277527), Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 October 1944, near Vignale, Italy. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

WALTER F. WALKER, (18103854), Private First Class, Company M, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944, near Saderano, Italy. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

V. - COMMENDATIONS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended and have been awarded Division Citations:

HECTOR A. GAWLEY, (O-1305757), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 12 July 1944, near Casaglia, Italy. Entered military service from Bollingham, Washington.

LOUIS N. GELE, Jr., (O-1286633), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 12 July 1944 to 9 August 1944, from Chianni to San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

RALPH V. LITTLE, (O-1300666), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 22-23 July 1944, near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Bellows Falls, Vermont.

EDWIN P. RIEDE, (O-496320), First Lieutenant, Cavalry, 91st Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Boise, Idaho.

BILLY M. BROOKS, (O-1523527), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company E, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 2 July 1944, near Mazzola, Italy. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

DONALD T. KELIHER, (O-1308964), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company H, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 22 July 1944 to 25 July 1944, near Pontedera, Italy. Entered military service from Oswego, New York.

EDGAR C. MEIER, (O-2047744), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Medical Administrative Corps, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 2 June 1944 to 26 August 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Newark, Ohio.

CRAFTON A. PALMER, (O-1540630), Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 3 July 1944, near Casoli di Elsa, Italy. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

LLOYD B. COLLINS, (O-1540686), Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 12 July 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Webber Falls, Oklahoma.

J. C. SEARCY, (20816574), First Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 6 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Elkhart, Texas.

JESSIE E. FARMER, (6379782), Technical Sergeant, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 12 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Asheville, North Carolina.

EPHREN J. SALCEDO, (39113980), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 12 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

MARVIN L. GOSWELL, (39543290), Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the vicinity of Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Altus, Oklahoma.

HERMAN R. MYERS, (39851999), Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Wilcox, Arizona.

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EGON F. BROWN, (37313874), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the vicinity of Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

ROSARIO V. LERMA, (39545430), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 11 July 1944, near Ponsacco, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

EDWIN F. MALIA, (33343632), Private First Class, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 4 June 1944, near Velletri, Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DON J. PASKETT, (39915685), Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Ogden, Utah.

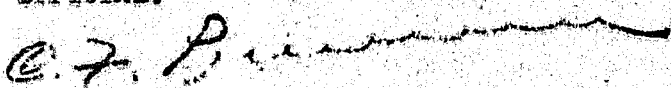
OWEN L. STEINER, (39615751), Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 91st Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Terry, Montana.

ROBERT L. FERRIS, Jr, (42017123), Private, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

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- Award of Silver Star (Posthumous) I
- Award of Silver Star II
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer:

ERNEST L. FIEBERLING, (O-1311553), First Lieutenant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Lieutenant FIEBERLING, Executive Officer of his company, observed the light machine guns going into position to give supporting fire. As the gunner of the second machine gun squad went forward with his gun, he was seriously wounded by a sniper bullet. Lieutenant FIEBERLING, realizing the importance of getting the weapon into action as quickly as possible, rushed forward into the enemy small arms fire which had at no time diminished in intensity. Although enemy machine gunners and snipers had quickly picked him up and were firing at him in an attempt to stop his advance, he secured the abandoned weapon and continued forward to a firing position. As Lieutenant FIEBERLING was in the act of putting the machine gun back into action, he was killed by a sniper bullet. Lieutenant FIEBERLING'S coolness and determination in the face of the enemy; his indomitable courage and his gallant self-sacrifice will remain as an inspiration to his men and to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oakland, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Ann S. Fieberling, (wife), 877 Alma Avenue, Oakland, California.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

GEORGE L. PETER, (36616689), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. A squad led by Technical Sergeant PETER, while advancing over a bare exposed area, was suddenly sub-

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jected to intense machine gun, sniper and mortar fire from commanding enemy positions on the hill to their front. Technical Sergeant PETER was wounded by a fragment from a mortar shell and his squad was forced to seek cover. Disregarding his own safety and the intense pain from his wound, he ordered his men to take cover in a small draw to the left while he remained behind to cover the withdrawal. As the men withdrew, Technical Sergeant PETER kept up a continuous fire on the enemy positions causing some to cease fire and diverting their attention sufficiently to allow his men to run for the draw. Four men were wounded while making this withdrawal. Courageously refusing to seek cover, he remained at his exposed position drawing fire on himself until the wounded could be evacuated. When Technical Sergeant PETER was finally able to return to his men, he refused medical aid and remained with his men skillfully directing their fire and helping to repel four counterattacks. His gallant act was responsible for saving many lives and materially aided in the eventual successful attack on key positions. Technical Sergeant PETER'S gallantry, coolness under fire and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOE L. DAVIS, (34407710), Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. A squad led by Sergeant DAVIS was given the mission to secure the company's left flank. After moving out, the squad was met by heavy fire from enemy machine guns and snipers. Advancing alone to determine the source of the enemy fire, Sergeant DAVIS was fired on by a sniper. He immediately killed the sniper and continued on his reconnaissance. Upon observing an enemy machine gun position, Sergeant DAVIS moved his men forward and deployed them to give him protecting fire as he advanced alone against the enemy position. Crawling through intense automatic fire, he reached a point thirty yards from the enemy machine gun when he was severely wounded by an enemy grenade. Realizing fully the extent of his wounds and with enemy fire striking all about him, Sergeant DAVIS continued forward until he was only fifteen yards from the enemy machine gun and threw in two grenades, killing the gunner and wounding the two other members of the crew. He then led his men forward and directed them in securing the flank. His gallant act was instrumental in the continued advance of his squad and the consequent accomplishment of its mission. Sergeant DAVIS' combat skill, devotion to duty, despite serious wounds and outstanding leadership exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Crestview, Florida.

JUVIN J. MUNGLE, (38400414), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, near Nicchi, Italy. When his company was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire causing a large number of casualties within a few minutes, Technician Fifth Grade MUNGLE, the only aid man available at the moment, left his covered position to administer aid to his comrades. Although shells were bursting on all sides of him,

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he gave expert attention to each of the wounded and supervised the construction of litters for the evacuation of the wounded. Technician Fifth Grade MUNGLE never once stopped his work until each of the injured men had been treated. Later that same day, the company again came under intense enemy artillery fire which caused more casualties and set fire to an ammunition dump containing a large supply of small arms ammunition, mortar shells and grenades. Seeing a man unable to move because of wounds, lying within a few feet of the burning ammunition, Technician Fifth Grade MUNGLE again exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire and rushed to aid his helpless comrade. Realizing fully that the ammunition might explode any minute, he scattered the boxes, stamped out the fire and smothered the flames. Then Technician Fifth Grade MUNGLE proceeded to go from man to man, administering aid and seeing to the evacuation of each. Finally, because of exhaustion and shock, it became necessary to order him, much against his will, to go to the rear for medical attention. Technician Fifth Grade MUNGLE'S exceptional devotion to duty, medical skill and great courage exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Atoka, Oklahoma.

VICTOR A. NETHIG, (36237005), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Nicchi, Italy. Following a successful attack on enemy hill positions, Private First Class NETHIG'S company was deployed in defensive positions. Suddenly a machine gun located to the left rear of the company commenced firing on a friendly unit advancing on the left flank. Private First Class NETHIG and five men were sent out to locate the gun and destroy it. The patrol located the gun, crawled around to the rear and captured the gun crew of five. It was learned from one of the prisoners that a strong enemy force was on the company's left flank. To meet this threat, Private First Class NETHIG'S platoon was ordered to take new positions on ground commanding that flank. As the men moved to these positions, they were subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire. Without thought for his personal safety, Private First Class NETHIG crawled through this intense fire until he reached a position on the right flank from which he could bring effective fire to bear on the enemy gun. Firing into the enemy position, he wounded two of the enemy, and caused two more to withdraw. His bold and aggressive action made it possible for his company to resume its advance and take its objective. Private First Class NETHIG'S decisive action under fire, his determination in the face of the enemy and his indomitable courage bespeak the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Barron, Wisconsin.

JOHN PAZ, (39265255), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Montepoli, Italy. When his company was subjected to a heavy enemy attack which caused temporary disorganization and threatened to overrun their positions, Private First Class PAZ was one of the first to resist the attack. Standing in his fox hole, ignoring the severe fire from enemy machine guns and machine pistols which struck all about him, he coolly maintained a steady stream of fire on the attackers. Twice enemy grenades exploded nearby, shaking him severely, but Private First Class PAZ refused to leave his

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dangerous position. He kept firing constantly, at the same time shouting encouragement to his comrades, pointing out targets to them and otherwise directing their fire. Private First Class PAZ did not stop until he was seriously wounded by an enemy grenade. His great personal courage and fine example were an inspiration to the other men and were largely responsible for successfully meeting and driving back the attackers. Private First Class PAZ'S coolness under fire, determination in the face of the enemy and inspiring leadership have brought credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JOY B. HUSEBY, (39322174), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

MARCUS L. YOUNGS, Jr., (0-512159), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 August 1944, near San Miniato, Italy. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

BENJAMIN C. WILLIAMS, (39191282), Master Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 12 July 1944 to 15 November 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

ELMER P. MORPIS (18002659), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15-16 September 1944, near Vallappero, Italy. Entered military service from Woodward, Oklahoma.

EDMOND C. BESNER, (39544061), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, near Querceta, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

AUGUST VIERRA, (39005597), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations from 10-12 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from San Jose, California.

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HAROLD W. JACOBSEN, (37463379), Sergeant, Infantry,
United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat
operations from 12 July 1944 to 14 November 1944, in the Italian campaign.
Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska.

GEORGE C. BYNUM, (31770087), Technician Fifth Grade,
Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic a-
chievement in action 14-16 September 1944, at Mt. Calvi, Italy. Entered mil-
itary service from Lenoir, North Carolina.

V - COMMENDATIONS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named
individuals are commended and have been awarded Division Citations:

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LAVERNE C. BENN, (O-1166229), Captain, Field Artillery,
United States Army. For outstand-
ing performance of duty from 4 July 1944 to 16 October 1944, in the Italian
campaign. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

BRUCE M. ELLIS, (O-1286622), Captain, Infantry,
United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 17
September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from St. Peters-
burg, Florida.

NICHOLAS MARSELLA, (O-1181359), First Lieutenant, Field Artillery,
United States Army. For
outstanding performance of duty from 4 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the
Italian campaign. Entered military service from Ithaca, New York.

ROSS F. SWALL, (O-1533688), First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative
Corps, United States Army. For outstand-
ing performance of duty from 2 June 1944 to 26 August 1944, in the Italian
campaign. Entered military service from Medford, Oregon.

WILLIAM B. GARDNER, (W-2107890), Chief Warrant Officer,
Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding
performance of duty from 4 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the Italian
campaign. Entered military service from Cheyenne, Wyoming.

ARTHUR W. BROWN, (39686742), Staff Sergeant, Infantry,
United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 23 July 1944, in
Pisa, Italy. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

HOWARD D. COLLINS, (39108449), Sergeant, Field Artil-
lery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty
from 12 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered mil-
itary service from San Francisco, California.

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CHARLES V. FRENCH, (37228962), Sergeant, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Goodrich, Kansas.

LUCY I. HARMON, (36432387), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 3 July 1944 to 9 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Walsh, Illinois.

ESTILL W. LATHAM, (34378205), Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 12 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Nashville, Tennessee.

ROBERT W. HULSIPHER, (37341967), Technician Fourth Grade, Ordnance Company, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

ORA M. WILLIAMS, (20451056), Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 7 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIAM F. CARPENTER, (37328758), Corporal, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Sedalia, Missouri.

GEORGE W. SOUTH, (35519813), Corporal, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 12 July 1944 to 15 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Ravenna, Ohio.

LEON J. STRASSER, (36265329), Corporal, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 12 July 1944 to 15 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Monroe, Wisconsin.

GLENN W. DICKINSON, (37323214), Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 12 July 1944 to 16 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Huron, South Dakota.

ARTHUR J. JONES, (32748344), Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 21 September 1944 to 24 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Ossick Falls, New York.

WILLIAM E. OST, (39541693), Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 21 September 1944 to 24 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Compton, California.

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PETER J. FARISI, (3761734), Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 12 July 1944 to 18 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

GRADY PEPPER, (31407918), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 3 July 1944 to 9 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Winter Garden, Florida.

RONALD R. CHEVRETT, (31381871), Private First Class, Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 21 September 1944 to 24 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

MANUEL C. HERNANDEZ, (39264927), Private First Class, Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 3 July 1944 to 9 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Pomona, California.

FRANK KOVICH, (42000084), Private First Class, Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 5 July 1944 to 9 July 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Dover, New Jersey.

SAM RYDER, Jr., (34447581), Private First Class, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Buford, Georgia.

PETER TARRY, (42028326), Private First Class, (then Private), Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 29 June 1944, near Casa del Basco, Italy. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

JOHN W. FRICKER, (33796375), Private, Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 24 June 1944, near Casa del Basco, Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WALTER E. McDOWELL, (34398224), Private, Medical Corps, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Vinemont, Alabama.

JOHN M. FORE, (33615424), Private First Class, (then Private), Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 3 July 1944 to 9 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Hillsboro, North Carolina.

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WALTER P. SCHLIE, (37605906), Private, Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 18 October 1944, near Livorgano, Italy. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

E. G. SPARKS, (38506757), Private First Class, (then Private), Medical Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 5 July 1944 to 9 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Murray, Arkansas.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

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- Award of Silver Star I
- Award of Soldier's Medal II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal III
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

FRANK A. DRAZKOWSKI, Jr., (O-1540705), Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15-17 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. During an attack on enemy hill positions, Lieutenant DRAZKOWSKI crawled 100 yards up a hill which was defended by a number of well emplaced enemy machine guns, supported by mortars, to locate a camouflaged bunker containing a machine gun which was holding up the company advance. Reaching a position from which he could observe, he directed artillery fire to destroy the enemy emplacement. When the company was temporarily forced to withdraw because of enemy counterattacks, Lieutenant DRAZKOWSKI stayed behind with a small group to cover the withdrawal. Then, as the enemy came within grenade range, he remained alone, holding off the enemy with grenades and fire from his sub-machine gun, so that five other men might evacuate a casualty. When Lieutenant DRAZKOWSKI finally rejoined his company, he learned that all the officers had become casualties. Under intense sniper fire, he made his way to the radio to notify his battalion commander of the situation. He was directed to hold the position. Although the company was under constant fire and observation of the enemy, Lieutenant DRAZKOWSKI openly moved from man to man organizing the position and giving encouragement and help to each man. The defense was so skillfully organized that, despite the few remaining men in the company, they were able to withstand another counterattack from numerically superior forces. Lieutenant DRAZKOWSKI'S combat skill, outstanding leadership and indomitable courage exemplify the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Bessemer, Michigan.

NEWELL COLQUITT, (38543221), Sergeant, Company I, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Lill-

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iano, Italy. Sergeant COLQUITT, who had already come safely through a perilous minefield, voluntarily went back into the area to lead out a group of men, some wounded, who had lost contact with the rest of the company. Making his way carefully across a cleared path, now almost invisible because of darkness, he led out a part of the men including all the wounded. Sergeant COLQUITT then made a second trip to get the rest of his comrades. As he was picking his way carefully, mortar shells began landing on all sides of him forcing him to the ground. In going down, Sergeant COLQUITT'S foot left the cleared path and came in contact with a mine. The consequent explosion blew off his right foot and severely wounded his left leg. Despite his serious injury and the intense pain he was suffering, Sergeant COLQUITT dragged himself through the mine strewn area to reach his platoon leader and give him accurate information concerning the route through the minefield, the most expeditious manner for removing the rest of the men, and the positions to be occupied by the company. His voluntary action enabled his company to move forward without further casualties. Sergeant COLQUITT'S gallantry, spirit of comradeship and indomitable courage are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

LEONARD C. BROCKMILLER, (35539770), Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Technician Fourth Grade BROCKMILLER, with a group of litter bearers, was moving toward the front to evacuate wounded. As he approached a draw which had been covered by enemy fire throughout the day, five men and a German prisoner, who were heading towards the rear, inadvertently entered a minefield. The resultant explosions wounded all six men and attracted heavy enemy artillery fire. Technician Fourth Grade BROCKMILLER, seeing their helpless plight, immediately secured a bayonet and, on his own initiative began probing his way through the minefield to aid the wounded men. Although artillery shells fell on all sides of him, he calmly continued with his work. After an hour and a half of painstaking and dangerous crawling through the minefield, which covered an area almost 100 yards in width, Technician Fourth Grade BROCKMILLER had reached each man, administered first aid and singlehandedly carried him out of the minefield to be evacuated. His gallant act saved the lives of all six men. Technician Fourth Grade BROCKMILLER'S outstanding heroism, initiative and disregard for personal danger are exemplary of the self-sacrificing spirit of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Milton Center, Ohio.

II. - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

JOSEPH O. KVITTEM, (37314543), Sergeant, Company H, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism, on 26 October 1944, near Sasseleone, Italy.

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antry, United States Army. For heroism on 26 October 1944, near Sassaleone, Italy. Private First Class KENDRICK, and three other men, were attempting to move a truck from a stream which had suddenly become greatly swollen because of heavy rains. Suddenly one of the men lost his footing and fell into the swiftly moving water. He grasped a rope which was hanging from the truck and, although he hung on desperately, the force of the water gradually pulled him toward the end of the rope. At this point one of the other men jumped into the water to rescue the drowning man, but both were quickly drawn under by the rapid current. Private First Class KENDRICK and a companion, neither of whom could swim, immediately went into the icy water to rescue their two comrades. For a long time they battled against the treacherous stream and it was only after great struggle that a rescue was effected, and all four found safety on the truck. Private First Class KENDRICK'S heroic act saved the lives of his two fellow soldiers and exemplifies the finest traditions of comradeship and fidelity. Entered military service from Pleasanton, Texas.

III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

WAYNE L. PETERS, (37314035), Corporal, Battery A, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 31 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from New Ulm, Minnesota.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

JOHN L. MILLS, (0-1322576), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company M, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944, near Sadurano, Italy. Entered military service from Johnstown, Colorado.

JESSE B. LYDICK, (7-2131318), Warrant Officer Junior Grade, Service Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 4 July 1944 to 24 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Las Cruces, New Mexico.

PAUL H. SNUFFER, (35771356), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Beckley, West Virginia.

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Sergeant KVITTEM, and three other men, were attempting to move a truck from a stream which had suddenly become greatly swollen because of heavy rains. Suddenly one of the men lost his footing and fell into the swiftly moving water. He grasped a rope which was hanging from the truck and, although he hung on desperately, the force of the water gradually pulled him toward the end of the rope. At this point one of the other men jumped into the water to rescue the drowning man, but both were quickly drawn under by the rapid current. Sergeant KVITTEM and another man, neither of whom could swim, immediately went into the icy water to rescue their two comrades. For a long time they battled against the treacherous stream and it was only after great struggle that a rescue was effected and all four found safety on the truck. Sergeant KVITTEM'S heroic act saved the lives of his two comrades and exemplifies the finest traditions of comradeship and fidelity. Entered military service from Kenyon, Minnesota.

JOSEPH R. DOLIGALSKI, (36280651), Corporal, Battery C, 348th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroism on 17 October 1944, near Trebbio, Italy. When a building, weakened by shell fire and the concussion of nearby artillery began collapsing, trapping several men inside, Corporal DOLIGALSKI, on his own initiative, took quick and decisive action. Despite the darkness which made it impossible to tell when the building was going to collapse completely, he broke down the door with an ax. Twice, while doing this, Corporal DOLIGALSKI had to jump back to avoid falling debris. He then went into the building and extricated one man pinned down by a rock. The other men were able to free themselves and leave through the opening he had made. Corporal DOLIGALSKI'S heroic action, disregard for personal safety and outstanding initiative resulted in the saving of the lives of his fellow soldiers and exemplified the highest spirit of comradeship. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROMA E. EDWARDS, (37236982), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism on 26 October 1944, near Sasseleone, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade EDWARDS, and three other men, were attempting to move a truck from a stream which had suddenly become greatly swollen because of heavy rains. Suddenly one of the men lost his footing and fell into the swiftly moving water. He grasped a rope which was hanging from the truck and, although he hung on desperately, the force of the water gradually pulled him toward the end of the rope. Technician Fifth Grade EDWARDS, who could not swim, immediately jumped into the icy water to rescue his imperiled comrade. However, the current was too strong and both men went under. Technician Fifth Grade EDWARDS continued to hold on to his friend so he wouldn't be swept away, until a rescue was effected by two other men. Technician Fifth Grade EDWARDS' heroic act saved the life of his fellow soldier and exemplifies the finest traditions of comradeship and fidelity. Entered military service from Baxter Springs, Kansas.

ROY A. KENDRICK, (38461314), Private First Class, Company H, 362d Inf-

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V - COMMENDATIONS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended and have been awarded Division Citations:

HERBERT G. LIERMAN, (O-1297555), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

MILAN CHURCHICH, (O-1304178), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

YEE W. FON, (39112236), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 91st Infantry Division, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 12 July 1944 to 31 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Sonoma, California.

ROCHELLE R. PENNY, (20740435), Staff Sergeant, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Paragould, Arkansas.

LEO J. ZERBEE, (33183187), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters, 91st Infantry Division, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 10 October 1944 to 20 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Gallitzin, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD V. RANDALL, (37313391), Private First Class, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Williston, North Dakota.

JAMES B. SCHUMAKER, (35698931), Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Headquarters Battery, 91st Division Artillery, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR: (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

✓ JOSEPH C. SLADESKI, (O-1286560), Captain, Infantry, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Captain SLADESKI'S heavy weapons company was given the mission of supporting an attack on heavily fortified and strongly defended enemy positions. In order to insure the advancing troops a maximum amount of supporting fire, he established his observation post in a building well forward which was under enemy observation and fire. After the house had been hit several times by direct fire from enemy tanks and self-propelled guns, Captain SLADESKI ordered his men to take cover in the basement. Without thought for his personal safety, he remained alone at the observation post under the intense enemy fire, coolly directing and adjusting the fire of his machine guns and mortars. Refusing to take cover even after the house had been hit seven more times and had begun to crumble, he courageously remained at his post until killed by an enemy shell. Captain SLADESKI'S outstanding gallantry, consideration for his men above himself, and heroic self-sacrifice will remain an inspiration to his men and are exemplary of the finest traditions of leadership of the United States Army. Entered military service from Newburgh, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Sladeski, (mother), New Windsor, Newburgh, New York.

✓ CARL R. GIDDINGS, (O-514912), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 October 1944, near Quereto, Italy. Lieutenant GIDDINGS led two platoons against a strongly defended hill, and fighting forward under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire succeeded in driving the Germans from it. Realizing that by pushing the attack a second hill, beyond their objective, might be taken, Lieutenant GIDDINGS quickly reorganized his platoons for the new drive. This defensive position was heavily protected by mortars and ma-

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chine guns, but by skillfully maneuvering his men, Lieutenant GIDDINGS was able to move them to a position enabling them to assault the defenses. Catching the Germans completely by surprise they overran 3 mortar emplacements and captured 45 prisoners. As Lieutenant GIDDINGS was organizing his men against a possible counterattack he was hit and killed by an 88mm shell. The dauntless courage, fearless leadership and combat skill of Lieutenant GIDDINGS inspired his men to reduce 2 enemy strongpoints that had been holding up the advance of his company. His heroic devotion to duty reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Jerome, Michigan. Next of kin: Mr. Jesse R. Giddings, (father), RFD #1, Jerome, Michigan.

✓ THOMAS K. MOORE, (34851499), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 October 1944, near Querceto, Italy. Private First Class MOORE, acting as squad leader, moved his men to a house overlooking a strong enemy position. When the company on his right began to assault the defenses, Private First Class MOORE directed the fire of his squad with such devastating effect that the enemy began a disorderly retreat. Armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle, Private First Class MOORE then led his men forward where they killed nine Germans and captured five. By this time the enemy defenders were in such utter confusion because of the attack on their flank, that the company making the assault took its objective against only slight resistance. The enemy then laid down a heavy mortar barrage on the hill and Private First Class MOORE moved his men back into the house. But one concentration scored a direct hit, demolishing the building, killing him and injured several members of his squad. The courage, initiative and aggressive leadership displayed by Private First Class MOORE was an inspiration to his men and exemplified the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States. Entered military service from Marshville, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Nettie N. Moore, (mother), Route 2, Marshville, North Carolina.

✓ MILLER J. BRYANT, (35741167), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. After reducing a number of enemy pillboxes and fighting through strongly defended mine fields and barbed wire entanglements, the company of which Private First Class BRYANT was a member, reached the top of Monticelli ridge and were digging in against possible counter-attack. Under cover of a heavy mortar barrage the enemy attacked the newly won positions, but Private First Class BRYANT directed the fire of his machine gun into the advancing enemy ranks with such accuracy that they were thrown back in confusion. Two more counterattacks were repelled with heavy losses because of his fire. Then the enemy laid down heavy concentrations of observed mortar fire which forced the company to shift its position. Private First Class BRYANT, on his own initiative, volunteered to remain behind and cover the movement. The enemy attacked again and Private First Class BRYANT, defending the hill alone, remained at his gun in spite of the overwhelming enemy strength. He continued to hold them off until a grenade ex-

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ploded nearby mortally wounding him. Private First Class BRYANT'S stubborn defense of his position and determination in the face of tremendous odds made it possible for his company to secure its new position against enemy attack. In his dauntless courage and indomitable devotion to duty, Private First Class BRYANT reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Blue Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Nellie Bryant, (mother), General Deliver, Blue Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

THEODORE F. EDWARDS, (O-469361), Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. When a concentration of heavy enemy artillery struck a house in which a battalion Command Post was located, the building collapsed, trapping 14 men under the wreckage. Captain EDWARDS, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran across 400 yards of open terrain to the aid of the trapped men. Digging into the debris, he uncovered one man, treated his injuries, and returned to free the rest. When he found some that were suffocating, he carried them into the open and, ignoring enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire that was sweeping the area, administered artificial respiration until they were revived. For more than 2 hours, in full view of the enemy, and exposed to artillery and mortar fire, Captain EDWARDS worked to save the men. Of the 14 trapped, he succeeded in rescuing 12. His gallantry and coolness under fire was an inspiration to his men and his courageous performance reflects the finest traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

RAY L. YOQUELET, (O-1323644), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. During an attack on enemy hill positions, a platoon led by Lieutenant YOQUELET had advanced to an exposed ridge when they were suddenly subjected to severe enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Taking three men with him, Lieutenant YOQUELET moved forward and placed them in position to cover the maneuver of the platoon to better positions. During this reorganization, he moved about under the observation and fire of the enemy, directing the movement. While doing this, he was severely wounded by a sniper. Disregarding the pain of his wound, Lieutenant YOQUELET went forward again to cover the withdrawal of the three remaining men. He remained in this exposed position, drawing fire on himself, until all men had safely reached cover. When the attack was resumed, Lieutenant YOQUELET continued to lead his men until he was ordered to the rear by the company commander. Lieutenant YOQUELET'S fearlessness, combat skill and initiative are exemplary of the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

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✓ JAMES T. RANDALL, (O-1540781), Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 October 1944, near Cavenelle, Italy. In the absence of his platoon leader, Lieutenant RANDALL immediately took command and personally led his men against the enemy three times in one day with outstanding success. The first attack was on a strongly fortified and heavily defended house. After an intense fire fight, the house was taken, two Germans were killed and four captured. Later that same day, Lieutenant RANDALL led an attack on a hill vital to enemy defenses. Because of his carefully planned and executed strategy, the position was overrun and sixteen prisoners were taken. Then in an attack on a three house stronghold, Lieutenant RANDALL and the men he was leading neutralized the position wounding two and capturing fourteen Germans. So complete and carefully executed were his moves during these three encounters that, despite the heavy enemy opposition, not one man in his platoon became a casualty. Lieutenant RANDALL'S outstanding leadership, combat skill and indomitable courage were an inspiration to his comrades and exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

✓ ARTHUR L. GODFREY, (36536293), Staff Sergeant, 2d Battalion Medical Detachment, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 10 October 1944, near Formacetta, Italy. When the rifle company to which Staff Sergeant GODFREY was attached as aid man moved against the defenses of Formacetta it ran into interlacing bands of machine gun and rifle fire that slowed its advance. Staff Sergeant GODFREY observed one of the men fall wounded in an exposed position where he was in danger of being hit again. Ignoring the intense fire, Staff Sergeant GODFREY crawled forward more than 50 yards ahead of his own troops before reaching the injured man. Sliding him into a shell crater, he administered aid. Then, realizing the machine gun and sniper fire was too heavy to bring litter bearers forward, Staff Sergeant GODFREY started to carry the man back to the aid station. Although he drew fire all the way, he slowly worked across the open and exposed terrain to a covered position from which the wounded man was evacuated. In his daring courage and selfless devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant GODFREY was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and brought honor upon the Medical Department and the United States Army. Entered military service from Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

✓ HOPE SNYDER, (6294778), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. When his platoon leader was wounded after three days of bitter fighting, Technical Sergeant SNYDER immediately took command of the platoon and with outstanding skill continued the advance. As the attack progressed, the platoon was subjected to heavy fire from an enemy machine gun emplacement, protected by barbed wire and a mine field. Realizing that this position would have to be neutralized immediately, Technical Sergeant SNYDER, taking three men with him, crawled through the barbed wire and mine field, disregarding the intense automatic fire which swept the area. As he neared the enemy machine gun, the fire increased in intensity.

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Directing his men to cover him, Technical Sergeant SNYDER fearlessly charged the enemy position, throwing grenades as he advanced. Two of his grenades fell into the emplacement, destroying the enemy machine gun. Disorganized and unnerved by this bold frontal assault, the six enemy manning the position surrendered. Technical Sergeant SNYDER'S outstanding leadership, determination in the face of the enemy and exceptional gallantry were an inspiration to his comrades and bespeaks the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Portersville, Alabama.

V. NORMAN P. KATZ, (31429446), Private First Class, (then Private), Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 October 1944, near C. Torre, Italy. The platoon of which Private First Class KATZ was a member succeeded in driving the enemy off a heavily defended hill and were digging in to hold it. But the enemy opposition, including tanks, mortars and machine guns, could not be observed except from the top floor of a house that was exposed to the enemy fire. Private First Class KATZ volunteered to sit in the observation post in spite of the constant danger of artillery fire. He spotted a German machine gun nest and with deadly rifle fire killed two men and forced the remainder of the crew to withdraw. German artillery knocked the roof off the house, wounding a man with Private First Class KATZ, but he courageously remained at his post. When another shell struck the house, he was ordered down, but after a few minutes insisted on going up again. Realizing the importance of the observation post, the enemy directed all of their artillery on it until one concentration practically destroyed the building and slightly wounded Private First Class KATZ. His heroic devotion to duty enabled his platoon leader to be informed of enemy movements. Private First Class KATZ'S courageous determination in the face of enemy fire reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chelsea, Massachusetts.

SIMON FLORES, (38555839), Private, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 October 1944, near Livorno, Italy. Private FLORES, on his own initiative took over a machine gun when its crew was knocked out by intense mortar and machine gun fire. When the advance of the entire platoon was held up by three enemy machine guns, Private FLORES moved to an exposed position to engage them. Facing overwhelming fire superiority, he put his gun into action and delivered accurate fire, destroying all three of the German positions. Although he was running low on ammunition, Private FLORES stuck to his gun the rest of the day, protecting his platoon. When night came and the platoon moved to a new position, Private FLORES remained on the hill to cover their movement and was the last man to leave. His aggressiveness in the face of superior enemy forces and coolness under fire reflects high credit upon the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Laredo, Texas.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously,

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to the following named enlisted men:

✓ GEORGE L. SMITH, (37441517), Corporal, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livernano, Italy. Entered military service from Dubuque, Iowa. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary L. Schetgen, (mother), 2843 Argyle Street, Dubuque, Iowa.

✓ GEORGE A. SPARKS, (39612865), Private First Class, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livernano, Italy. Entered military service from Pelva, Montana. Next of kin: Mrs. Brenetta Sparks, (mother), Pelva, Montana.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

✓ DUNCAN U. FIELDS, (O-1310590), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

✓ JAMES M. WARE, (O-1293500), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

✓ BERNARD K. WELLER, (O-514180), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company M, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 October 1944, near Livernano, Italy. Entered military service from Aurora, Illinois.

✓ LOUIS C. LEISTIKOW, (16132862), Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 June 1944, near Chuisdino, Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ BERT L. BRYANT, (38472982), Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 June 1944, near Chuisdino, Italy. Entered military service from Disney, Oklahoma.

✓ ROY E. HOFFMAN, (37462711), Staff Sergeant, Company H, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 October 1944, near Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Hardwick, Minnesota.

✓ JAMES D. MALONE, (37236805), Staff Sergeant, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Lamina, Italy. Entered military service from Westmoreland, Kansas.

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✓ KENNETH E. GILBERT, (17155812), Sergeant, Company D, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Superior, Wisconsin.

✓ ROBERT L. GOTTSCHALK, (37228867), Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 October 1944, near Pianoro, Italy. Entered military service from Brunswick, Missouri.

✓ JOHN M. CAUDLE, (34456119), Private First Class, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 June 1944, near Chuisdino, Italy. Entered military service from Kannapolis, North Carolina.

✓ WILLIAM P. EDMONDSON, (34817383), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near C. Torre, Italy. Entered military service from Mobile, Alabama.

✓ FREDDY A. GROSSETETE, (38352583), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Lamina, Italy. Entered military service from Las Vegas, New Mexico.

✓ GLENWOOD F. HAVKINS, (39902653), Private First Class, Company M, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Bucna, Washington.

✓ THOMAS P. HYLTON, Jr., (34543863), Private First Class, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 October 1944, near Randiglio, Italy. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Florida.

✓ RUSSELL E. KLINGER, Jr., (35229132), Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Defiance, Ohio.

✓ HERMAN E. McCLELLAND, (36369392), Private First Class, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 27 June 1944, near Chuisdino, Italy. Entered military service from Sandoval, Illinois.

✓ DECIDERIO R. MORENO, (39686493), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Lamina, Italy. Entered military service from Salinas, California.

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✓ NICK SCHENOVITCH, (35069899), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Lamina, Italy. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

✓ BETHUEL J. SCHRECK, (37537121), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Lamina, Italy. Entered military service from Spearville, Kansas.

✓ PAUL VLATOR, (38487620), Private First Class, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Lamina, Italy. Entered military service from New Iberia, Louisiana.

✓ RAYMOND R. BIRD, (36117254), Private First Class, (then Private), Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Britton, Michigan.

✓ ALFRED B. PILSNER, (36830314), Private, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944, near Quorceto, Italy. Entered military service from Mayville, Wisconsin.

✓ THOMAS E. SHERIDAN, (42043396), Private, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

✓ CLARENCE E. SNARE, (13124802), Private First Class, (then Private), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Lamina, Italy. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ ALBERT J. WILSON, (31383218), Private, Company I, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

V - COMMENDATIONS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended and hereby awarded Division Citation:

✓ FRANK J. CASTRO, (39108575), Technical Sergeant, Service Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 21 October 1944, near Sabbioni, Italy. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

✓ WILLIAM M. McDUGALL, (36878563), Private First Class, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 15-17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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✓ JACK A. VITALE, (39030763), Private First Class, Company C, 1st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 15-17 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Campbell, California.

✓ JOHN D. HUNTER, Jr., (34779661), Private, Medical Detachment, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 13 October 1944, near Querceto, Italy. Entered military service from Lancaster, South Carolina.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

ALOYSIUS A. NANNEMAN, (37229524), Staff Sergeant, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. When two platoons were confronted by extremely heavy fire from a machine gun nest, protected by riflemen and snipers, Staff Sergeant NANNEMAN, with three other men, volunteered to go forward and destroy it. Advancing in the direction of the enemy they came within ten feet of the well camouflaged position without noticing it. The enemy then fired several bursts from their machine gun wounding one of the men. Staff Sergeant NANNEMAN left the shelter of a ditch to crawl to his aid, but the man was mortally wounded by a hand grenade before he could reach him. By this time the Germans were raking the entire area with machine gun and rifle fire. In spite of this intense fire, Staff Sergeant NANNEMAN slowly worked his way towards the emplacement when a sniper shot him in the back. Although he was severely wounded, Staff Sergeant NANNEMAN turned and rushed the sniper preventing him from firing on the other men. With three quick shots he killed him and then fell mortally wounded. Staff Sergeant NANNEMAN'S fearless courage and fighting determination typifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Bynumville, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. Fred Nanneman, (father), Route #1, Bynumville, Missouri.

ROGER W. BLUNT, (36274142), Sergeant, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Scarpello, Italy. During a bitterly contested fire fight, Sergeant BLUNT'S company was held up by heavy fire from an enemy strong point. Sergeant BLUNT moved his machine gun to an exposed position on the flank, and, ignoring heavy machine gun and sniper fire, so effectively directed his fire that the enemy was forced to retreat. Almost immediately a pillbox opened up on his troops prevent-

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ing their advance. Moving to another position, Sergeant BLUNT accurately fired on the pillbox, causing it to "button up", and for forty minutes kept up the fire, allowing his comrades to get close enough to reduce the fortification without casualties. After taking their objective, the men dug in and Sergeant BLUNT placed his gun with a good field of fire on the most likely avenue of approach. As he had anticipated the counterattack developed along the line he had set up to protect. He inflicted such heavy casualties that two attacks were repulsed. Attacking the third time in greater strength the enemy broke into Sergeant BLUNT'S emplacement, but he refused to give ground and drawing his pistol killed two and wounded several others. Later, when his company moved to another position, he remained and covered its movement. As he was about to shift his gun, section the enemy attacked, killing one and wounding another of his crew, but Sergeant BLUNT forced them back and was able to join his company. Sergeant BLUNT'S bold leadership, aggressive spirit, indomitable devotion to duty was an inspiration to his men and reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Blunt, (mother), Box 32F, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT W. PRALL, (39852277), Corporal, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. When two platoons were confronted by extremely heavy fire from a machine gun nest protected by riflemen and snipers, Corporal PRALL, with three other men, volunteered to go forward and destroy it. Advancing in the direction of the enemy, they came within ten feet of the well camouflaged position without noticing it. The enemy then fired several bursts from their machine gun, seriously wounding Corporal PRALL in the leg. As he lay in an exposed position, he saw the Germans throw a hand grenade down the hill, aimed at his comrades. Mustering all of his strength, he lunged forward, falling on it, then vainly attempted to throw it back. Although he got it far enough away from the other men before it exploded, some of the fragments hit and mortally wounded him. Corporal PRALL'S supreme sense of duty, instant decision and heroic self-sacrifice reflect honor upon the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred Prall, (mother), 1627 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

THEODORE F. HUTER, (39195140), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 3 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade HUTER was advancing with his platoon when they were suddenly subjected to a heavy mortar barrage. Several casualties resulted but despite the severity of the shell fire, Technician Fifth Grade HUTER refused to take cover. Instead he went quickly to each wounded man giving first aid and directing their evacuation. A short while later, the mortar fire shifted to another platoon nearby. Without hesitation, Technician Fifth Grade HUTER went to give aid. Although the fire at no time abated in its fury, Technician Fifth Grade HUTER went from man to man giving aid and comfort and assisting in their evacuation. While he was giving medical attention to a helpless comrade, a shell burst almost overhead, killing Technician Fifth Grade HUTER and the man he was treating. Technician Fifth Grade HUTER'S medical skill, intense devotion to duty and heroic self-sacrifice will remain an everlasting inspiration to his fel-

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low soldiers and exemplify the unselfish spirit of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Raymond, Washington. Next of kin: Mr. Martin Huter, (father), Raymond, Washington.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

GEORGE D. BUNNELL, Jr., (O-1165375), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. Captain BUNNELL was attached as Liaison Officer to an infantry battalion which had been attacking Monticelli, the key terrain feature in the sector. The enemy had excellent observation from their commanding terrain on the hill and had every approach to the hill covered by prepared machine gun and small arms fire. In addition they had mined all possible approaches, and their machine gun emplacements were well protected by snipers and barbed wire entanglements. The Battalion Command Post in which Captain BUNNELL was directing artillery fire on enemy strong points and fortifications was undergoing an intense artillery and mortar barrage. Despite this fire, Captain BUNNELL remained in his position and continued his work without interruption. When the battalion attacked and had reached the top of the ridge, the battalion commander signalled Captain BUNNELL to move the observation post group up the steep sides of Monticelli. In the face of this intense enemy fire, Captain BUNNELL immediately rounded up at least 15 men which were in his area and led them up the hill through machine gun and small arms fire from the rear and the flanks. At one point when their advance was halted momentarily, Captain BUNNELL picked up a rifle from a wounded soldier and killed 2 snipers, which were delivering effective fire against his men. After reaching the top of the hill and placing his men in position to defend the hill against an enemy counterattack, which had developed, Captain BUNNELL then fought his way back to pick up his radio and radio operator. Again facing this murderous fire, he returned to the top of the hill to a point from which he could direct artillery fire on enemy strong points and troops which were reforming for another counterattack. Captain BUNNELL'S unhesitating acceptance of great responsibility in leading troops under fire, his outstanding leadership, and his superior knowledge of artillery reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Blairstown, New Jersey.

JOE M. EVANS, Jr., (O-1031550), Captain, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 October 1944, near Livernano, Italy. Captain EVANS was leading his company against its objective when it was momentarily pinned down by a heavy concentration of machine gun and small arms fire coming from a nearby house. With the fire of his men covering him, Captain EVANS slowly crawled to the side of the building and threw a grenade in the window, but it was immediately thrown back exploding nearby. Although badly shaken by the concussion, he remained near the building and threw two more grenades through

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the window, timing them so that they would explode inside. Then cautiously moving to the door, he kicked the door open and dashed inside. The boldness of his attack so surprised the Germans that 26 of them surrendered. There were also 5 dead and two wounded, by his grenades. Due to his heroic attack, his company was able to move ahead and take its objective. CAPTAIN EVANS then skillfully organized his men in a defensive position where they successfully repelled a heavy enemy counter-attack. Captain EVANS' determined courage and aggressive action was an inspiration to his men and reflects the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

STEPHEN P. EYHERABIDE, (O-1297862), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, on Monticelli, Italy. Lieutenant EYHERABIDE was directed to lead his company in an attack on heavily defended enemy hill positions. Despite intense artillery and mortar concentrations, the company had advanced nearly one third of the way up the hill before they encountered a maze of barbed wire defenses. Lieutenant EYHERABIDE immediately left his company and went forward alone to make a path through the wire. Forcing his way through the entanglement, he struck a mine which blew off his foot. The explosion also made a large hole in the wire defenses. Although aid men immediately rushed forward to remove him from the area, Lieutenant EYHERABIDE refused to be evacuated. From his stretcher, he directed the company's advance through the wire and mine field. Realizing that a temporary withdrawal was necessary because of the growing intensity of enemy fire, Lieutenant EYHERABIDE directed the movement and then, still from his stretcher, set up defensive positions for his company to guard against possible counterattack. It was only when twelve other wounded men had been carried to safety that he allowed himself to be evacuated. Lieutenant EYHERABIDE'S devotion to duty, outstanding leadership and indomitable courage were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Bakersfield, California.

KENNETH M. LEWIS, (O-1540633), Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. When two platoons were confronted by extremely heavy fire from a machine gun nest protected by riflemen and snipers, Lieutenant LEWIS, with three other men, volunteered to go forward and destroy it. Advancing in the direction of the enemy, they came within ten feet of the well camouflaged position without noticing it. The enemy then fired several bursts from their machine gun, wounding one of the men. Lieutenant LEWIS left the shelter of a ditch to crawl to his aid, but the man was mortally wounded by a hand grenade before he could reach him. By this time the Germans were raking the entire area with machine gun and rifle fire. Another member of the patrol was killed by a sniper and the third was pinned down by the machine gun. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant LEWIS started back over 1200 yards of open terrain, exposing himself to machine gun fire all the way. Having the enemy position well in mind, Lieutenant LEWIS led another group forward and successfully

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maneuvered them into a position from which they destroyed the machine gun nest, killing two and wounding five of the enemy, and opened the way for the advance of their platoons. Lieutenant LEWIS' skillful leadership, courageous determination and initiative reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from St. Francisville, Illinois.

SAMUEL A. WAITE, (6540535), Staff Sergeant, Company I, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. When two platoons were confronted by extremely heavy fire from a machine gun nest, protected by riflemen and snipers, Staff Sergeant WAITE, with three other men, volunteered to go forward and destroy it. Advancing in the direction of the enemy, they came within ten feet of the well camouflaged position without noticing it. The enemy then fired several bursts from their machine gun, wounding one of the men. Staff Sergeant WAITE left the shelter of a ditch to crawl to his aid, but the man was mortally wounded by a hand grenade before he could reach him. By this time the Germans were raking the entire area with machine gun and rifle fire. As the three remaining men slowly worked their way towards the position, one was killed by a sniper and the other trapped by two riflemen. Seeing the critical situation of his comrade, Staff Sergeant WAITE skillfully maneuvered behind the Germans and threw a hand grenade wounding the two riflemen. While the other man withdrew for reinforcements, Staff Sergeant WAITE remained behind alone to draw the attention of the enemy with his rifle fire until more men were brought up and the position overrun. In his calm demeanor under fire and heroic devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant WAITE exemplified the highest traditions of the Infantry. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

JAMES O. BROOKS, (39687975), Private First Class, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Although his company had been temporarily halted by barbed wire entanglements and interlocking bands of fire from well concealed enemy positions, Private First Class BROOKS continued to move forward into the intense fire. When he had reached an open plateau fully visible to the enemy and covered by machine gun fire, he made his way across to the foot of the peak. Then reaching a draw which was little more than a narrow wash in the side of the peak, he slowly crawled to the top. It was necessary for Private First Class BROOKS to make full use of scant cover in order to avoid the heavy fire with which the enemy was covering the draw. Having safely reached the top, he took a position in an abandoned German dugout. From here he directed a continuous stream of fire on a group of the enemy forming for a counterattack. The Germans were so unnerved by this bold action that they were unable to put their plan into effect and could not take the vital position. Private First Class BROOKS' coolness under combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy are exemplary of the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

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FRANK KARL, Jr., (35522195), Private First Class, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 October 1944, near Trebbo, Italy. Private First Class KARL observed a concealed enemy machine gun nest that was slowing up the advance of his company when it was attacking the strongly defended town of Trebbo. Armed with a Browning Automatic Rifle, Private First Class KARL quietly worked his way near the position, then boldly assaulted it alone. The Germans, surprised by the sudden attack became disorganized and started to retreat. Following after them, he waited until they had their gun set up again and then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, leaped into the position and firing rapidly killed one of the enemy and forced the other to surrender. By Private First Class KARL'S daring and determination the enemy position was destroyed, and his company was able to advance and take their objective. His courageous action exemplifies the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

EARL T. NELSON, (31317486), Private First Class, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Although his company had been temporarily halted by barbed wire entanglements and interlocking bands of fire from well concealed enemy positions, Private First Class NELSON continued to move forward into the intense fire. When he had reached an open plateau fully visible to the enemy and covered by machine gun fire, he made his way across to the foot of the peak. Then, reaching a draw which was little more than a narrow wash in the side of the peak, he slowly crawled to the top. It was necessary for Private First Class NELSON to make full use of scant cover in order to avoid the heavy fire with which the enemy was covering the draw. Having safely reached the top, he took a position in an abandoned German dugout. From here he directed a continuous stream of fire on a group of the enemy forming for a counterattack. The Germans were so unnerved by this bold action that they were unable to put their plan into effect and could not retake the vital position. Private First Class NELSON'S coolness under fire, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy are exemplary of the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Anson, Maine.

WADE H. MARCUM, (35769095), Private, Medical Detachment, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 4 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. During an attack on a group of enemy held buildings, Private MARCUM'S company was met by intense enemy machine gun fire. As the assault platoon advanced across a piece of open ground, one man was killed and four seriously wounded. As soon as he saw the wounded men fall, Private MARCUM left his covered position and ran across the open area to aid his comrades. After having dressed their wounds, he made four trips across the fire-swept area and carried each of the men 100 yards to safety. Enemy machine gunners and snipers made him their target during the entire time. Having seen to the safety and comfort of the injured men, Private MARCUM again returned to the open field, which was now being shelled by mortars, to carry an Italian child who had been wounded during the fire fight.

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to safety. When he had treated the child's wounds, Private MARCUM made him as comfortable as possible and then aided in the evacuation of the wounded men and the child to the Battalion aid station. His gallant action prevented the injured from being hit a second time and made possible quick and effective medical aid. Private MARCUM'S heroism, courage and outstanding devotion to duty are exemplary of the finest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Dunlour, West Virginia.

ALFRED G. MARTINEZ, (38422919), Private, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 September 1944, on Mt. Galvi, Italy. Private MARTINEZ with his platoon was advancing over the crest of a small hill when they were suddenly met by a hail of enemy machine gun bullets from excellently dug in positions. Because of the fire, the platoon was ordered to make a temporary withdrawal. One man, however, had been seriously wounded. Private MARTINEZ unhesitatingly pushed on through the fire, reached his comrade and carried him back to a shell hole for comparative safety. By this time the enemy had come within grenade range. One grenade exploded so close to Private MARTINEZ wounding him to such an extent that he was unable to complete the rescue of his fellow soldier. Two Germans, who tried to capture the two men while they were lying in the shell hole were killed by Private MARTINEZ. When darkness came, Private MARTINEZ crawled laboriously to his platoon and gave directions for the evacuation of his friend. Private MARTINEZ' courage, determination and comradeship are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

ROBERT R. WILKINSON, (37484049), Private, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 October 1944, near Liverghano, Italy. Private WILKINSON was on outpost duty with his company on the side of a hill where he could see the advance of another company below him. At daylight, the company just short of its objective, ran into heavy enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire which caused several casualties. Private WILKINSON saw the wounded men lying exposed and helpless. Twice he observed aid men trying to reach the wounded, but each time they were driven back by machine gun fire. Private WILKINSON then left his comparatively safe position and boldly moved down the slope to one of the wounded men. Picking him up, Private WILKINSON started back up the hill with him. Although enemy machine guns rained fire on him, he never hesitated until he had brought his comrade to safety. Then, without hesitation, he made two more trips into the fire-swept area to evacuate two other wounded men. Private WILKINSON'S gallantry resulted in the saving of three lives. His coolness under fire, comradeship and outstanding courage reflect the high ideals of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Macy, Nebraska.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

THOMAS E. TRAWICK, (O-532120), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K,

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362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944, near Villanova, Italy. Entered military service from Quitman, Arkansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Olga Trawlok, (mother), Quitman, Arkansas.

LUCIUS L. TURNER, (39689676), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Borgo, Italy. Entered military service from Downieville, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Francis Turner, (wife), Box #2, Downieville, California.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

EUGENE M. MELEWSKI, (O-1323597), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

GUIDO A. MARINO, (32010066), Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1944, near Ca Nuova, Italy. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

LEWIS E. SHAIN, (O-1540770), Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Fresno, California.

RALPH R. THORP, (37071509), Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20-25 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Sioux City, Iowa.

ELDON BOWERS, (39542952), Staff Sergeant, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

DONALD F. GAIN, (36757580), Staff Sergeant, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 October 1944, near Canovetta, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

FRANK J. GOLD, (7031236), Staff Sergeant, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

PHIL HABERMAN, (43033746), Sergeant, (then Private), Company B, 361st

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Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

MIVIE C. McADAMS, (AR30696), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Durant, Oklahoma.

CLIFFORD L. MARKS, (32225382), Sergeant, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOSEPH HUTZ, (56516712), Sergeant, Cannon Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1944, near Ca Nuova, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

EARL J. KOEHLER, (37314012), Technician Fifth Grade, 91st Cavalry, Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 September 1944, near S. Giovanni, Italy. Entered military service from New Ulm, Minnesota.

JULIUS C. BARKW, (37395622), Private First Class, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, near Mount Beni, Italy. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

MURRAY BERNSTEIN, (32990896), Private First Class, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, near Cevoli, Italy. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

JAMES W. HAMM, (34456556), Private First Class, Company K, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 July 1944, near Pampadoli, Italy. Entered military service from Selma, North Carolina.

WILLIAM J. KLISS, (56272023), Private First Class, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Rhineland, Wisconsin.

WALTER J. OBLAZNY, (36682240), Private First Class, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WALTER YUKNE, (36322192), Private First Class, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, near Mount Beni, Italy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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SETH A. WEBB, (39687171), Private, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Marcolana, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

V - COMMENDATIONS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended and hereby awarded Division Citations:

JOHN L. BRAUCHER, Jr., (O-13 0275), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

FRANK R. FISHER, (O-1323304), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Nevada, Missouri.

ALLEN J. JOHNSON, (32062111), First Sergeant, Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.

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FRANCIS A. LAPLANTE, (37321545), Sergeant, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 1 November 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

WILLIAM D. WANLESS, Jr., (35025880), Technical Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

T. J. GEIGER, (38067878), Corporal, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 14 to 18 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Colorado City, Texas.

JOSEPH J. SERINO, (31229317), Technician Fourth Grade, (then Corporal), Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

LLOYD C. BEATY, (39688917), Private First Class, Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Porterville, California.

WILLARD R. RATHBUN, (39338228), Private First Class, Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 1 November 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service

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from West Salem, Oregon.

DICK VAN REGENMORTER, (37434291), Corporal, (then Private First Class), Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Sioux Center, Iowa.

SHOLOM HENDIN, (37394051), Private First Class, Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

FREDDIE M. CHISAMORE, (39402497), Private First Class, (then Private), Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from Fairfield, California.

RAYMOND E. OSGOOD, (31267037), Private First Class, (then Private), Company A, 316th Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 1 November 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Claremont, New Hampshire.

INES G. PRIETO, (18011995), Private, Cannon Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty on 10 November 1944, near La Guarda, Italy. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

VI - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 44, G.S.

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So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 44, this Headquarters, G.S., that pertains to award of Bronze Star Medal to CAPTAIN GEORGE D. BUNNELL, Jr., O-1165375, Field Artillery, is rescinded.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

OFFICIAL:

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Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

JOSEPH P. DONNOVIN,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named personnel:

BRUNO R. ROSELLINI, (O-1297951), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, near Scarpria, Italy. When his company commander became a casualty at a critical period in the attack on the Gothic Line, Lieutenant ROSELLINI immediately took command of the company. As the fierce battle continued throughout the day, he ably led his men in repulsing several fierce enemy counterattacks and expertly directed artillery and mortar fire on well camouflaged enemy positions. He was continually moving about from man to man giving each encouragement and directing his fire. Despite intense enemy fire, Lieutenant ROSELLINI frequently made his way to highly exposed positions to obtain better fire. All during the following night he refused to rest and was continually reorganizing his company position to better meet fierce enemy onslaughts. At dawn the enemy was so unnerved by the resistance which they had met and by Lieutenant ROSELLINI'S accurately directed fire, that they raised a flag of truce and a large body of them surrendered, including the commanding officer. Lieutenant ROSELLINI accepted their surrender and then immediately began pouring more relentless fire into the remaining hostile emplacements. Later that same day it became necessary to contact the commanding officer of an adjacent unit. Radio or wire communication was impossible, so Lieutenant ROSELLINI, rather than send anyone else on the dangerous mission, went alone to establish contact. He crossed over a large expanse of fire swept terrain and with complete disregard for personal safety accomplished his important task. As he was making his way back to his own command post, Lieutenant ROSELLINI was instantly killed by enemy machine gun fire. Lieutenant ROSELLINI'S outstanding leadership, combat skill and gallant self-sacrifice were responsible for holding a vital position and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from San Francisco, California. Next of kin: Mrs. R. H. Mahood, (mother), 86 Gilmon Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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~~X~~ FERRIS G. ROY, (38338609), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company K, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 September 1944, near San Giovanni, Italy. The company to which Private First Class ROY was attached as aid man was moving forward at night when one of the platoons ran into a mine field. Several of the men were seriously wounded and unable to move. Although it was too dark for him to see his way, and the entire area was mined, Private First Class ROY unhesitatingly went to the aid of his comrades. Three times he courageously made his way into the field, dressed the wounds of the men and carried them to safety. On his fourth trip, Private First Class ROY stepped on a mine which seriously injured him. Although painfully wounded, he attempted to crawl to the road to give instructions, so that the remaining men could be evacuated. In doing this, he hit another mine and was killed instantly. Private First Class ROY'S heroic courage and selfless devotion to duty in saving the lives of his comrades exemplifies the finest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hedley, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Marjorie A. Roy, (wife), c/o P. C. Judd, Route #1, Wellington, Texas.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

BRUCE H. FRASER, (O-1303872), Captain, (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 3 October 1944, near Valanda, Italy. Captain FRASER had just led his company in the taking of its objective when he was ordered to the Battalion observation post for another mission. As he moved his men through a narrow draw, they were suddenly subjected to heavy mortar and sniper fire. Ordering them to the protection of a farm house he proceeded forward alone. To reach his destination, Captain FRASER crawled 200 yards under sniper and 50mm mortar fire with bullets and shell fragments falling all around him. His rapid, accurate fire forced several snipers to withdraw and by outsmarting and outflanking one, he killed him with a single pistol shot. Arriving at the Battalion observation post, the Captain received his orders and returned to his company through the same murderous fire. He then successfully led the men against their next objective and organized a well planned defensive position. Captain FRASER'S gallant leadership, courageous determination and devotion to duty are exemplary of the finest traditions of the Infantry. Entered military service from Aberdeen, Mississippi.

ROBERT L. JONES, (O-1325295), First Lieutenant, Infantry, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Sent forward to ascertain the situation of a front line company, Lieutenant JONES, Battalion S-2, found that the company had repulsed one counterattack and had been forced to make a temporary withdrawal by another. So severe were the casualties that only one officer remained with the Company. Asking and receiving permission from the Battalion Commanding Officer to continue the attack, Lieutenant JONES quickly reorganized two platoons into a single unit and personally led an assault on strongly defended enemy positions. Boldly advancing in the face of

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intense fire from enemy automatic weapons and mortars, he observed an enemy machine gun firing from the flank. Maneuvering close to the enemy position, he threw a grenade, which fell short. Immediately the enemy concentrated fire on him. Standing up under this concentrated fire, he threw another grenade making a direct hit and so stunning the four man crew that they were quickly taken prisoner. Continuing the attack, Lieutenant JONES was fired upon by a sniper, whom he killed with his pistol. When he reached the crest of the hill, he pressed the attack, moving about under intense automatic fire, directing the actions of his men and pointing out targets to them. Disorganized by the swiftness of Lieutenant JONES' bold attack, the enemy was unable to offer effective resistance. Fourteen were captured and the remainder retreated from the hill. Lieutenant JONES' aggressive action, exceptional combat skill and outstanding leadership were directly responsible for the success of the attack and exemplify the fine traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Dickens, Iowa.

JEPHTHA C. TANKSLEY, (O-26095), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 October 1944, near Ca Delle Fatti, Italy. Lieutenant TANKSLEY'S platoon was occupying positions near the crest of a hill when he heard the enemy digging in on the opposite slope. Setting up two platoons near the top of the hill to afford protecting fire, he organized a small patrol to attack the enemy from the flank. Moving cautiously and silently for several hundred yards around the crown of the hill, Lieutenant TANKSLEY and his men came within grenade throwing distance of the hostile position without being detected. Having reached this point, they threw several grenades. The enemy, thinking the hostile action was coming from the opposite slope of the hill, rather than from their flank, immediately started a fire fight with the supposed attackers. Lieutenant TANKSLEY, having realized this would happen, had instructed his unit to continue the fire fight for five minutes, so he and his patrol could maneuver into position for an assault. As soon as the friendly fire ceased, Lieutenant TANKSLEY and his patrol closed in on the position, captured three prisoners, wounded one and killed three. All during this time, the enemy were throwing hand grenades, wounding two of his patrol, but Lieutenant TANKSLEY kept moving in until all the enemy were either killed, captured or wounded. The next morning, prior to advancing his platoon to the forward slope of the hill which they were occupying, Lieutenant TANKSLEY made a personal reconnaissance of the area to their front. Despite lack of concealment and mortar shells falling nearby, he covered the entire area for fields of fire and routes of approach. As he was making his way back to his platoon, Lieutenant TANKSLEY was seriously wounded by a mortar shell. Although suffering intense pain, he crawled back to his men and directed their maneuver to the new position before he allowed himself to be evacuated. Lieutenant TANKSLEY'S outstanding combat skill, leadership and initiative exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Mt. Airy, Georgia.

EDGAR S. WILLIAMSON, (O-492762), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 1-2 July 1944, near Cecina, Italy. Lieutenant WILLIAMSON was commanding a platoon of Tank Destroyers which was supporting the advance of an infantry

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battalion, when an enemy strong point was encountered. The enemy forces began shelling the advancing troops with artillery, mortars, and fire from at least three tanks, forcing them to take cover. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant WILLIAMSON made a personal foot reconnaissance during the heavy barrage, then led his guns into position and directed their fire so effectively that they disabled two of the enemy tanks and forced the third to withdraw. Forced to cease firing due to darkness, Lieutenant WILLIAMSON waited until the following morning and then made another personal reconnaissance for positions against the remaining strong points. After engaging in a small arms fight with enemy security elements and locating a section of mortars, he returned to bring his destroyers forward. In bringing his guns forward he remained dismounted at all times and placed them about 300 yards in advance of the infantry. He then personally directed fire with such skill as to destroy the mortar section and a majority of the machine gun nests, making it possible for the infantry to advance and take the positions without further resistance. Lieutenant WILLIAMSON'S aggressive leadership, courage and determination, reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

ROBERT K. WIECHEL, (O-1322111), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. A platoon led by Lieutenant WIECHEL had been directed to take a strongly fortified enemy position protected by barbed wire entanglements and a minefield. Crawling forward, with two men, under severe machine gun and mortar fire, Lieutenant WIECHEL breached the wire with bangalore torpedoes and led his platoon through the hole. The hostile machine gun fire increased in intensity as the platoon advanced. Disregarding the severe fire striking all about him, Lieutenant WIECHEL gallantly crawled forward alone, probed a path through the minefield and led his men through. Deploying two squads to furnish covering fire, he personally led his other squad in an assault on the enemy position. Throwing grenades and firing continuously, he charged into the face of the severe automatic fire. Disorganized by this bold attack, the enemy abandoned their position and fled. Lieutenant WIECHEL'S keen battle judgment, outstanding leadership and exceptional personal courage were directly responsible for the reduction of the enemy strong point and exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Port Clinton, Ohio.

HORACE B. JENKINS, (34436417), Staff Sergeant, Company D, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 September 1944, near Scarpia, Italy. Staff Sergeant JENKINS' squad had the mission of delivering neutralizing fire on a strongly defended enemy pillbox which was threatening to hold up an attack. It was necessary to move the machine gun to a position which was highly exposed in order to obtain a suitable field of fire. After his squad had helped him move the weapon into place, Staff Sergeant JENKINS ordered his men to leave the dangerous area and then single-handedly put the gun into action. When the attack jumped off, Staff Sergeant JENKINS stayed at his position, delivering such an intense volume of fire that the enemy pillbox was made ineffective and the attack was able to continue. Suddenly a pillbox on Staff Sergeant JENKINS' left flank opened fire, wounding several men in an advancing platoon and making it necessary for the rest to make a temporary withdrawal. A safe withdrawal was impossible unless this pillbox

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was neutralized, so Staff Sergeant JENKINS dragged the machine gun to the foot of the knoll he was occupying, set it up single-handedly and delivered such well placed neutralizing and covering fire that the platoon safely maneuvered to better positions. Although wounded by enemy fire, he remained at his post until ordered back. Staff Sergeant JENKINS' outstanding devotion to duty, exemplary conduct under fire and inspiring leadership were an inspiration to his comrades and exemplify the finest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Midland, North Carolina.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

* CARLESS L. JOHNSTON, (35933504), Private, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 November 1944, near Guarduzza, Italy. Entered military service from Asco, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Pruner, (mother), Asco, West Virginia.

* SANTOS LIVAS, (38074556), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 8 October 1944, near Trebbo, Italy. Entered military service from Alamo, Texas. Next of kin: Mr. Eugenia Livas, (father), General Delivery, Alamo, Texas.

* JIM TUCKER, (34635656), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Ashland, Mississippi. Next of kin: Mrs. Liley L. Tucker, (mother), Ashland, Mississippi.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men, who are missing in action:

* HERBERT L. GARDNER, (37321170), Sergeant, Company H, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 October 1944, near Sassi, Italy. Entered military service from Chisholm, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Gardner, (wife), 250 Shenando Street, Chisholm, Minnesota.

* JAMES H. BREEDEN, (34922401), Private, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Alcoa, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Bonnie Breeden, (wife), 627 Kittering Road, Alcoa, Tennessee.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

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RICHARD J. COWDY, (0-1206200), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, 1st Battalion Headquarters Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action, on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Columbus, Georgia.

DIEGO FLORES, (38010035), Staff Sergeant, Company B, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 November 1944, near San Clemente, Italy. Entered military service from Gallup, New Mexico.

MERLE K. HAMPTON, (36050802), Staff Sergeant, Company K-363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17-20 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Carlinville, Illinois.

LINDSAY R. HICKS, (34378704), Staff Sergeant, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, near Lamma, Italy. Entered military service from Fountain City, Tennessee.

GEORGE S. LAHAM, (36405478), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17-20 September 1944, near Monticelli, Italy. Entered military service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

WILLIAM V. MASKEN, (18014188), Staff Sergeant, Company E, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, near Sadurano, Italy. Entered military service from Loco Hills, New Mexico.

JAY L. KURTLEY, (38444445), Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livorgnano, Italy. Entered military service from Manila, Arkansas.

ALVA V. LEWIS, (35779424), Sergeant, (then Private), Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, near Livorgnano, Italy. Entered military service from Huntington, West Virginia.

EARLEY E. SHELTON, (37229534), Sergeant, Company A, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, near Livorgnano, Italy. Entered military service from Yates Center, Kansas.

ALVIN D. FERGUSON, (6250786), Corporal, Battery C, 347th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Mt. Altuzo, Italy. Entered military service from Grant, Oklahoma.

ELBERT N. MCLARD, (37393904), Corporal, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

CHARLES G. RATTI, (36536477), Technician Fifth Grade, Regimental Headquarters Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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JULIAN H. WARREN, (39901983), Technician Fifth Grade, Regimental Headquarters Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Nephi, Utah.

DAMIAN E. CAFFREY, (36445955), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 4 October 1944, near Monghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from Granite City, Illinois.

HUBERT P. FLERCHINGER, (6555110), Private First Class, Cannon Company, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 November 1944, near Farne, Italy. Entered military service from Lewiston, Idaho.

JAMES J. FOLEY, (36871549), Private First Class, Anti-Tank Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Montepoli, Italy. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES F. HICKMAN, (35768982), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, near Coppo, Italy. Entered military service from Belpre, Ohio.

ZEB MULIIS, (34456117), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 7 July 1944, near Riparabella, Italy. Entered military service from Wadesboro, North Carolina.

ALFRED J. TRAVERSI, (31422124), Private First Class, Company K, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Newton, Massachusetts.

GAN BAIRD, (15057801), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 September 1944, near Poggio, Italy. Entered military service from Creekmore, Kentucky.

SYLVESTER M. CLARK, (39619917), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 November 1944, near Farne, Italy. Entered military service from Butte, Montana.

WOODROW W. KELLER, (34896329), Private, Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Greenville, South Carolina.

JOHN P. LAUCK, (31372286), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Jamio Plain, Massachusetts.

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CHESTER J. HUND, (36403040), Private, Company B, 316th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 October 1944, near Menghidoro, Italy. Entered military service from Iron River, Michigan.

RAYFORD L. McDONALD, (34891833), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

RUTLLIO B. NEGRETE, (39688113), Private First Class, Company F, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 1 November 1944, near Siola, Italy. Entered military service from San Fernando, California.

JAMES A. WOOD, Jr., (34082161), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

VI - COMMENDATION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named officer is commended and has been awarded a Division Citation:

WILLIAM H. ATKINSON, (O-380582), Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For outstanding performance of duty from 12 July 1944 to 15 October 1944, in the Italian campaign. Entered military service from Omaha, Texas.

VIII - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 38, G.S.

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 38, this Headquarters, G.S., that pertains to award of Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant EDGAR S. WILLIAMSON, O-492762, Infantry, Company C, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, is revoked.

By command of Major General LIVESAY:

JOSEPH P. DONNOVIN,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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- Award of Silver Star. II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal. III
- Award of Bronze Star Medal. IV

1 - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

DELBERT L. EDWARDS, (35891928), Staff Sergeant, Company F, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 October 1944, near Sassi, Italy. Staff Sergeant EDWARDS was in command of a six-man patrol which had as its mission to free a platoon encircled by enemy forces. Making their way carefully through hostile territory, they were suddenly subjected to severe fire from two enemy machine guns. After carefully analyzing the situation, Staff Sergeant EDWARDS skillfully maneuvered his small group to attack the enemy positions. Advancing boldly in the face of the intense fire, he led his men in a frontal assault, capturing eight of the enemy. Determined to free the encircled men, Staff Sergeant EDWARDS obtained reinforcements and continued the attack. Subjected to severe enemy automatic fire and grenades thrown at him, he coolly led his men against the enemy positions. Exposing himself without thought for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant EDWARDS moved from man to man directing and controlling their fire. During this fire fight, several enemy were killed and eight more captured. Aided by this diversion, the encircled men were able to maneuver to safety. Staff Sergeant EDWARDS' aggressive leadership, outstanding devotion to duty and determination in the face of overwhelming odds exemplify the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Richmond, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Donnell Edwards, (mother), Chester Pike, Richmond, Indiana.

CHARLES R. STEELE, (18005400), Private, Anti-Tank Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Private STEELE was a member of a patrol assigned the mission of capturing a heavily fortified, enemy occupied house. Advancing cautiously and taking advantage of all available cover and concealment, they advanced to within 150 yards of the building before they were discovered. The enemy immediately began directing a heavy volume of fire at them, forcing them to take cover. Private STEELE, realizing that something had to be done quickly so the patrol might complete its mission, immediately volunteered to take action to direct the enemy's attention. He jumped to his feet and ran, fully exposed, over 100 yards toward the house, firing as he went. The enemy surprised by this bold act, turned the entire volume of their fire on him. The

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other members of the patrol, taking quick advantage of Private STEELE'S gallant act, captured the house with only a short fire fight. However, during this fight, Private STEELE was fatally wounded. Private STEELE'S outstanding heroism, combat skill and gallant self-sacrifice will remain an everlasting inspiration to his comrades and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Texarkana, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. June Steele, (mother), 824 West 10th Street, Texarkana, Texas.

II AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named personnel:

JAY D. BOONE, (O-406739), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 October 1944, near Cassini, Italy. Lieutenant BOONE personally led his platoon in a bold frontal assault on strongly defended enemy hill positions. Advancing fearlessly in the face of intense machine and mortar fire, he skillfully directed the movement of his men and controlled their fire. The attack was so well executed that the enemy positions were quickly overrun and captured. Seven enemy, including an officer, were taken prisoner, and two machine guns were captured. Seeing that his position was untenable unless another hill to his flank were also secured, Lieutenant BOONE took a squad of men and attempted to take the ground. They were immediately subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage and were forced to make a temporary withdrawal. Determined to take this important ground, Lieutenant BOONE reorganized his platoon and again led them in assaulting the enemy position. Moving about coolly under severe enemy machine gun and mortar fire, with complete disregard for his own safety, he went from man to man encouraging each one and directing his fire. After a fierce three hour battle, during which four enemy were killed and two enemy machine guns destroyed, the platoon, inspired by Lieutenant BOONE'S gallant example drove the enemy from the hill and secured it. Lieutenant BOONE'S outstanding leadership, unwavering devotion to duty and exceptional personal courage exemplify the highest traditions of the leadership of the United States Army. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

KENNETH RICHARD MAXSON, (O-1181365), First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Battery C, 916th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 July 1944, near Cevoli, Italy. Lieutenant MAXSON, Artillery Forward Observer, made his way forward, through intense enemy fire, to a building, in full view of the enemy, so he could more effectively direct artillery fire against a heavy enemy counterattack. As he reached the second floor of the house, he noticed enemy tanks less than 100 yards away and immediately began adjusting fire on them. The tanks directed fire at the house in an attempt at leveling it, but Lieutenant MAXSON, who had been wounded by one of the first shells, remained at his post transmitting fire directions to the artillery. The attack advanced so close to his position that he adjusted fire on the house in which he was located and remained there until his radio was ruined by a shell fragment and the building was almost level. Lieutenant MAXSON then made his way to another position where

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he obtained a radio and directed fire until the attack was repulsed. Still refusing to be evacuated, he led a detail of aid men and ammunition bearers to the front lines, where they gave first aid to the wounded and supplied the infantry with much needed ammunition. Lieutenant MAXSON'S unselfish devotion to duty, combat skill and indomitable courage exemplify the high traditions of the Artillery of the United States Army. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

JACK L. TAYLOR, (O-519428), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 24 October 1944, near Casole, Italy. When a platoon, attempting to outflank an enemy held town, was subjected to intense fire from two enemy machine guns, Lieutenant TAYLOR, realizing that the attack could not progress until these enemy positions were neutralized, took prompt and decisive action. Fully aware of the extreme danger, he moved to an exposed position and commenced fire on the enemy guns, thereby drawing fire on himself. Under cover of this skillfully planned diversion, the platoon was able to surround and capture both guns. The company then took quick advantage of this breach in the enemy's defenses and surrounded the town. Lieutenant TAYLOR immediately called to the enemy commander to surrender. Realizing the futility of further resistance, the enemy officer and 51 men capitulated and were taken prisoners. Lieutenant TAYLOR'S outstanding leadership, combat skill and indomitable courage resulted in the speedy reduction of an enemy strong point and exemplify the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Waelder, Texas.

DANIEL G. MITRANO, (O-1314176), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company M, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 October 1944, near Anconella, Italy. Lieutenant MITRANO was advancing through a heavy fog slightly in advance of his patrol while reconnoitering for machine gun positions, when he observed a group of men standing near a building. Believing them Americans, he spoke, but was answered in German. Although armed with only a pistol and greatly outnumbered, he quickly lunged at the nearest man, seized his rifle and covered the entire group. Calling to a member of his patrol, he had the men searched and took possession of their weapons, including two 80mm mortars. By his quick thinking and aggressive action, Lieutenant MITRANO captured 11 Germans and eliminated a great hazard to his patrol. His display of courage and resourcefulness exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from North Easton, Massachusetts.

JAMES H. WILLIS, (O-1030949), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 October 1944, near Canovetta, Italy. In the absence of his company commander, Lieutenant WILLIS took command of the company and led his men in a thoroughly skillful manner during attacks on heavily fortified enemy positions. As Lieutenant WILLIS was leading his company forward, a mortar shell exploded near him seriously injuring him and three men nearby. Although suffering intense pain, he immediately went to the aid of all three the men, gave

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medical attention to each and led them to a place from which they could be safely evacuated. During all this time, Lieutenant WILLIS was fully exposed and shells continued to land within a few yards of him. When he had cared for the third wounded man, he refused to be evacuated and returned to his radio to inform his battalion commander of the situation. He then continued to carry out his duties as company commander through the rest of the attack. Lieutenant WILLIS' outstanding leadership, courageous devotion to duty and unselfish humanity were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hammond, Indiana.

JOHN W. OWENS, (18002325), Technical Sergeant, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. When his company was temporarily halted by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire from well dug-in emplacements in the Gothic Line, Technical Sergeant OWENS and five other men volunteered to go forward and neutralize the fire so the company could continue its advance. Moving forward cautiously up the barren and fully exposed slope, he encountered a minefield. By probing with his bayonet and crawling slowly forward he crossed the dangerous area. He next encountered a maze of barbed wire entanglements which he went through safely even though the enemy concentrated heavy machine gun fire on him as he painstakingly crawled under the wire. Then, Technical Sergeant OWENS and the other men formulated a plan for surprise and maneuver. After skillfully engaging the enemy in a fierce fire fight, they gradually closed in, finally rushing the positions and completely overcoming the surprised Germans. Three enemy were killed and eight captured. Three heavy machine guns were destroyed and five machine pistols rendered ineffective. Through Technical Sergeant OWENS' gallant action, the company was able to advance and capture its objectives with far less casualties than would have been possible otherwise. Technical Sergeant OWENS' indomitable courage, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States. Entered military service from Woodward, Oklahoma.

RITCHIE H. DEAN, (39902832), Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 October 1944, near Antonella, Italy. When his company shifted to another position for an attack, Staff Sergeant DEAN and his weapons platoon became separated from the company. Because of an intense fog which made visibility very poor, the platoon developed an exposed flank. Staff Sergeant DEAN, observing this, immediately took it upon himself to guard against a possible enemy flanking movement. Shortly thereafter he saw a German patrol attempting an infiltration. Advising his platoon of the situation, Staff Sergeant DEAN advanced toward the enemy firing his carbine and directing his platoon's fire. The enemy fired at him and threw grenades in an attempt to stop him, but he continued to move forward until the enemy began to waver. Inspired by Staff Sergeant DEAN'S gallant example, the rest of the platoon followed him and caused the enemy to take flight. After having personally killed two Germans and wounding three others, Staff Sergeant DEAN led his platoon back to rejoin the company. Staff Sergeant DEAN'S outstanding leadership, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy saved many of his comrades from becoming killed or injured and exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army. Entered military service from Grand Junction, Colorado.

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ALBERT E. FELLOWS, Jr., (3836212), Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Staff Sergeant FELLOWS was advancing with his platoon against an enemy held village when the Germans suddenly opened up on them with intense machine gun and rifle fire from dug in positions on a hill. The platoon immediately shifted its position to advance over a more covered route, but in the meantime the lead scout was seriously wounded by the heavy fire. Staff Sergeant FELLOWS, realizing the imminent danger to the helpless man started forward to aid him. Making use of all available cover he worked his way 75 yards under constant sniper and machine gun fire. Twice he shot and killed snipers that tried to stop him. Finally, reaching the injured man, he picked him up and carried him back 100 yards under the same murderous fire to the cover of a ditch from which he was evacuated. Staff Sergeant FELLOWS' selfless action and heroic courage under fire was an inspiration to his men and reflects the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

PRESTON C. HAYES, (38441915), Staff Sergeant, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. During an attack on enemy hill positions, a squad led by Staff Sergeant HAYES was subjected to severe fire from an enemy machine gun located on the right flank. Maneuvering his squad to the left in order to avoid this fire, Staff Sergeant HAYES continued to the top of the hill where they were met by fire from four enemy riflemen. After a short fire fight, the squad captured all four of the enemy. Staff Sergeant HAYES then attacked the enemy machine gun on the right flank. Crawling forward alone under the intense fire from the enemy weapon, he reached a point twenty yards from the hostile position. He threw several grenades near the emplacement, but the fire continued. Directing his squad to cover him with their fire, he leaped to his feet and, without thought for his personal safety, rushed the enemy machine gun. Staff Sergeant HAYES jumped into the emplacement and the enemy, completely unnerved and confused by his bold action, surrendered without giving any effective resistance. Staff Sergeant HAYES' aggressive leadership, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy were materially responsible for the success of the attack and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Hobbs, New Mexico.

HEBER RESPASS, (34456297), Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 16 July 1944, near Campinoli, Italy. When his platoon engaged the enemy in a bitter fire fight, Staff Sergeant RESPASS on his own initiative moved to a nearby building, climbed to the second floor and placed himself in a window that afforded excellent observation on the enemy positions. Enemy tanks moved to within a few hundred yards of him and threatened his entire platoon with direct cannon fire. However, Staff Sergeant RESPASS laid down such rapid, accurate rifle fire on the tanks that they were forced to "button up", thus hampering their observation. Although the enemy tried to dislodge him with heavy rifle and machine gun fire, he remained in his exposed position, harassing the tanks until barbed wire men were able to creep within range and open up on them. This combined fire forced them to withdraw and allow his platoon

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to take their objective. Staff Sergeant RESPASS' combat skill and coolness under fire enabled his platoon to complete its mission with a minimum of casualties. His heroic action reflects the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Plymouth, North Carolina.

FORREST E. KELLER, (35407031), Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 7 October 1944, near Trebbo, Italy. When his company was given the mission of securing a heavily fortified town, Sergeant KELLER, an acting squad leader, personally led his squad with veteran skill in attacking the enemy position. Advancing 100 yards ahead of his men, he located a sniper and killed him with accurate rifle fire. He then moved into the town and captured two more enemy snipers before they could fire a shot. When fire from an enemy machine gun threatened to halt the advance, Sergeant KELLER, without thought for his personal safety, made his way alone through the severe automatic fire to a position from which he could place effective fire on the hostile emplacement. Enemy bullets struck all about him as he advanced. With accurate fire from his rifle, he killed the two German soldiers operating the gun. Sergeant KELLER'S outstanding leadership, indomitable courage and combat skill were an inspiration to his men and exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Crestline, Ohio.

MAX R. SOLOMON, (36876431), Sergeant (then Private), Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 23 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. When his squad was momentarily held up by fire from an enemy pillbox, Sergeant SOLOMON volunteered to crawl ahead and blast them out with grenades. After he had moved forward several yards, a white flag appeared from the dugout and five Germans came out to surrender. Just as the prisoners reached the squad other enemy still in the emplacement opened fire again. Once more Sergeant SOLOMON started forward. Several grenades were thrown at him, and machine gun fire swept the ground around him, but he unhesitatingly crawled on, until another white flag appeared from the dugout and 2 more Germans surrendered. They told the Sergeant that some men were still in the pillbox, so he wormed his way up to it, threw a hand grenade inside and then rushed it. Three more Germans surrendered in the face of his bold assault and the pillbox was taken. In his courageous determination, heroic action and combat skill, Sergeant SOLOMON exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Hudson, Michigan.

CHARLES E. WIREMAN, (35871216), Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 22 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. Sergeant WIREMAN, as acting squad leader, was leading his squad against two enemy fortified dugouts when it was suddenly subjected to vicious small arms fire. Deploying his men to cover his movement, Sergeant WIREMAN attacked the strongpoints alone. He crawled across 100 yards of open terrain with a hail of rifle fire splattering the ground around him. Then, throwing a grenade into the first dugout, he sprang to his feet and with his sub-machine gun blazing, rushed it. His rapid fire killed one and four more of the enemy were so overwhelmed by his

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daring attack that they surrendered. Without pausing, Sergeant WIREMAN moved against the second position in the same manner. When close enough, he accurately threw a grenade into the midst of the defenders and then assaulted it with his sub-machine gun. Two more Germans surrendered and one was killed. Single-handedly, he wiped out two enemy fortifications, killing two Germans and capturing six. Sergeant WIREMAN'S fearless courage and combat skill reflect the finest fighting traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Levee, Kentucky.

RAYMOND W. FOX, (39322111), Corporal (then Private), Medical Detachment, 364th Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 July 1944, near Casole D'Elsa, Italy. Corporal FOX'S company maneuvered to new positions due to severe enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. In so doing, eight seriously wounded men were left behind because the intense fire temporarily made evacuation impossible. Learning of the plight of the wounded men, Corporal FOX immediately left his place of cover to aid them. Crawling and running forward 350 yards over exposed ground, under heavy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, he courageously made his way to his helpless comrades. After treating several men, he exhausted his medical supplies. Unhesitatingly, Corporal FOX went back over the same dangerous route, procured the necessary supplies and went back to the wounded men. After administering first aid and making each man as comfortable as possible, Corporal FOX made still another trip back, through the enemy fire, and organized litter squads. After darkness, he led these squads to the wounded men and supervised their evacuation. Corporal FOX'S gallantry, devotion to duty and unselfish humanity enabled the wounded men to receive prompt medical attention and exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

EDWARD C. BEALL, (39113869), Private First Class, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. When his company was temporarily halted by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire from well dug-in emplacements in the Gothic Line, Private First Class BEALL and five other men volunteered to go forward and neutralize the fire so the company could continue its advance. Moving forward cautiously up the barren and fully exposed slope, he encountered a minefield. By probing with his bayonet and crawling slowly forward he crossed the dangerous area. He next encountered a maze of barbed wire entanglements which he went through safely even though the enemy concentrated heavy machine gun fire on him as he painstakingly crawled under the wire. Then, Private First Class BEALL and the other men formulated a plan for surprise and maneuver. After skillfully engaging the enemy in a fierce fire fight, they gradually closed in, finally rushing the positions and completely overwhelming the surprised Germans. Three enemy were killed and eight captured. Three heavy machine guns were destroyed and five machine pistols rendered ineffective. Through Private First Class BEALL'S gallant action, the company was able to advance and capture its objectives with far less casualties than would have been possible otherwise. Private First Class BEALL'S indomitable courage, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Elk, California.

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JAMES J. MORRISON, (34721304), Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 29 October 1944, near Guarduzza, Italy. A platoon to which Technician Fifth Grade MORRISON was attached as aid man was subjected to severe enemy machine gun fire, which wounded several men, before they could reach the cover of a nearby culvert. Knowing that these men would suffer further injuries unless quickly removed from their dangerous position, Technician Fifth Grade MORRISON voluntarily left his covered position three times to assist the injured men to the culvert, being subjected each time to heavy fire from the machine guns. The enemy then placed direct fire from a tank on the men in the culvert, wounding several more. Under cover of a fog, the remaining men were able to withdraw to safety. But Technician Fifth Grade MORRISON courageously refused to leave the wounded, remaining behind to give first aid until nightfall. Under the cover of darkness, he returned to his company, organized squads of litter bearers and directed the evacuation of his wounded comrades. Technician Fifth Grade MORRISON'S heroic devotion to duty, his courage and determination under fire exemplifies the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Chuckey, Tennessee.

ROBERT B. HINES, (33751325), Private, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. When his company was temporarily halted by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire from well dug-in emplacements in the Gothic Line, Private HINES and five other men volunteered to go forward and neutralize the fire so the company could continue its advance. Moving forward cautiously up the barren and fully exposed slope, he encountered a minefield. By probing with his bayonet and crawling slowly forward he crossed the dangerous area. He next encountered a maze of barbed wire entanglements which he went through safely even though the enemy concentrated heavy machine gun fire on him as he painstakingly crawled under the wire. Then Private HINES and the other men formulated a plan for surprise and maneuver. After skillfully engaging the enemy in a fierce fire fight, they gradually closed in, finally rushing the positions and completely overcoming the surprised Germans. Three enemy were killed and eight captured. Three heavy machine guns were destroyed and five machine pistols rendered ineffective. Through Private HINES' gallant action, the company was able to advance and capture its objectives with far less casualties than would have been possible otherwise. Private HINES' indomitable courage, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Timonium, Maryland.

WILLIAM H. LOCKLEAR, (36750430), Private First Class, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. When his company was temporarily halted by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire from well dug-in emplacements in the Gothic Line, Private First Class LOCKLEAR and five other men volunteered to go

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forward and neutralize the fire so the company could continue its advance. Moving forward cautiously up the barren and fully exposed slope, he encountered a minefield. By probing with his bayonet and crawling slowly forward he crossed the dangerous area. He next encountered a maze of barbed wire entanglements which he went through safely even though the enemy concentrated heavy machine gun fire on him as he painstakingly crawled under the wire. Then Private First Class LOCKLEAR and the other men formulated a plan for surprise and maneuver. After skillfully engaging the enemy in a fierce fire fight, they gradually closed in, finally rushing the positions and completely overcoming the surprised Germans. Three enemy were killed and eight captured. Three heavy machine guns were destroyed and five machine pistols rendered ineffective. Through Private First Class LOCKLEAR'S gallant action, the company was able to advance and capture its objectives with far less casualties than would have been possible otherwise. Private First Class LOCKLEAR'S indomitable courage, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Illinois.

DALFERES J. SIMON, (38487773), Private, Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. When his company was temporarily halted by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire from well dug-in emplacements in the Gothic Line, Private SIMON and five other men volunteered to go forward and neutralize the fire so the company could continue its advance. Moving forward cautiously up the barren and fully exposed slope, he encountered a minefield. By probing with his bayonet and crawling slowly forward he crossed the dangerous area. He next encountered a maze of barbed wire entanglements which he went through safely even though the enemy concentrated heavy machine gun fire on him as he painstakingly crawled under the wire. Then Private SIMON and the other men formulated a plan for surprise and maneuver. After skillfully engaging the enemy in a fierce fire fight, they gradually closed in, finally rushing the positions and completely overcoming the surprised Germans. Three enemy were killed and eight captured. Three heavy machine guns were destroyed and five machine pistols rendered ineffective. Through Private SIMON'S gallant action, the company was able to advance and capture its objectives with far less casualties than would have been possible otherwise. Private SIMON'S indomitable courage, combat skill and determination in the face of the enemy exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Lafayette, Louisiana.

ROBERT M. LUDWIG, (13195000), Private, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944, near San Lucia, Italy. While advancing against enemy defenses near San Lucia, the platoon of which Private LUDWIG was a member, became engaged in an intense fire fight. Private LUDWIG, from his exposed position observed 12 Germans attempting to flank the platoon and surround it. On his own initiative he moved out about 50 yards and opened fire on the advancing force. The enemy vainly attempted to complete their move, but were driven back by Private LUDWIG'S accurate rifle fire. After reorganizing, they made a second attempt to dis-

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lodge him, assaulting his position with grenades and rifles. But Private LUDWIG courageously held his ground, delivering such a volume of fire into the enemy ranks that they were driven back again. Five of the attacking force were killed. By his indomitable fighting spirit and combat skill, Private LUDWIG saved his platoon from being overrun. His heroic action reflects the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

JOHN P. VANCA, (35233522), Private First Class, Company M, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

IV - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named personnel:

CLARE W. BAIRD, (O-1321138), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 8 October 1944, near Anconella, Italy. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

OMER D. CARROUM, (O-1284825), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Loiano, Italy. Entered military service from Sackover, Arkansas.

WILLIAM C. KLOEB, (O-1306952), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13-14 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOHN G. KEARTON, (O-496742), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

MILTON R. CRABTREE, (20601591), Technician Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company A, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Morociano, Italy. Entered military service from Dixon, Illinois.

JAMES W. PERRY, (37388289), Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 June 1944, near Orbetello, Italy. Entered military service from Brosely, Missouri.

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HENRY G. GONZALES, (39265105), Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company E, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

DONALD D. JACOBSON, (37441506), Staff Sergeant, Company M, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 June 1944, near Scavalia, Italy. Entered military service from Mapleton, Iowa.

HAROLD W. OWEN, (34435840), Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Mt. Calvi, Italy. Entered military service from Lake Texaway, North Carolina.

HAROLD W. PETERS, (39088095), Staff Sergeant, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Healdsburg, California.

WILLIAM K. MYERS, (35668425), Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near Sadurano, Italy. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM E. SHORT, (39338614), Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Ca Di Boschi, Italy. Entered military service from Lake Creek, Oregon.

HAROLD T. HOMMAN, (15075963), Technician Fourth Grade, Anti-Tank Company, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 30 October 1944, near Guardusza, Italy. Entered military service from Canton, Ohio.

JOHN H. TOWE, (37393663), Corporal (then Private), Company H, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 9 November 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Lynchburg, Missouri.

FRANKLIN O. BLANK, (20632412), Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Port Huron, Michigan.

EDWARD O. LOFQUIST, (39193390), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

DAYTON ORICE, (34395568), Corporal (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company M, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Red Bay, Alabama.

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JACK SMITH, (34456281), Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Liberty, North Carolina.

FLOYD E. DAVIS, (32473013), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 July 1944, near Chianni, Italy. Entered military service from Walworth, New York.

ELMER L. BROWN, (38563816), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action 15-16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Somnole, Oklahoma.

WAYNE S. DOBBS, (39412893), Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company L, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Venicia, California.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSTON, (32623513), Private First Class, Company E, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 6 July 1944, near Castalano, Italy. Entered military service from East Islip, New York.

NORMAN J. LAPALME, (36403139), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Scanelli, Italy. Entered military service from Bark River, Michigan.

IVAN L. McCURDY, (39402165), Private First Class, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

ELVOY M. MARR, (37435617), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15-16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Alta Vista, Iowa.

MARVIN F. MARTIN, (37388243), Private First Class, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Knob Noster, Missouri.

JACK B. PAYNE, (38182371), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15-16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Altus, Oklahoma.

ROLLEY L. SMITH, (36087566), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, near Scanelli, Italy. Entered military service from Pullman, Michigan.

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ERVIN H. SOWELL, (34376675), Private First Class, Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, near Gagliano, Italy. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

EARL TINCHER, (35678156), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15-16 September 1944, near Casal, Italy. Entered military service from Maysville, Kentucky.

MICHAEL J. BARONE, (32946250), Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Utica, New York.

REX D. EGGLESTON, (36865695), Private, Headquarters Company, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 31 October 1944, near Fornace, Italy. Entered military service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

JOSEPH M. LOUCKS, (36695780), Private, Company L, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Futa Pass, Italy. Entered military service from Pinckneyville, Illinois.

PAUL POWELL, (34818784), Private First Class (then Private), Company F, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 October 1944, near Mount Adone, Italy. Entered military service from Clanton, Alabama.

HENRY A. TRUJILLO, (39687210), Private, Company G, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, near Cit-tarle, Italy. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

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I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officers:

WALTER T. MEADOWS, (O-1297571), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 July 1944, near Casole D'Elsa, Italy. A platoon led by Lieutenant MEADOWS was engaged in a fierce fire fight for possession of strategically vital high ground. For two hours he exposed himself constantly to severe enemy machine gun and artillery fire, moving from man to man, encouraging each and skillfully directing his fire. Maintaining steady fire on the enemy, Lieutenant MEADOWS personally killed three enemy riflemen, wounded several others and routed an enemy mortar crew. While making a flanking movement, Lieutenant MEADOWS was suddenly confronted by an enemy armored car. He fearlessly attacked it alone, killed the driver and wounded the assistant driver, who attempted to place a machine gun in action. Later in the day, under increasing enemy pressure and intense artillery and automatic fire, the platoon found it necessary to maneuver to better positions. Lieutenant MEADOWS directed this movement with great skill. He carried two wounded men, who could not be evacuated because of the severe enemy fire, to a temporary shelter. Under cover of darkness, he returned with litter bearers and supervised their evacuation. Lieutenant MEADOWS' outstanding leadership, combat skill and unselfish devotion to duty won for him the increased admiration and respect of his men and exemplify the highest traditions of leadership of the United States Army. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. W. M. Meadows, (mother), 727 Southeast 18th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

JOHN V. COCHRAN, (37442414), Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 15-16 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Technical Sergeant COCHRAN was ordered to take his platoon, reinforced by a light machine gun section, to protect the left flank of his battalion sector. The platoon had just dug in

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When the enemy launched a fierce counterattack under concentrated mortar and artillery fire, moving among his men, Technical Sergeant COCHRAN encouraged them and directed their fire until the counterattack was repulsed. That night two additional counterattacks were driven back with heavy losses to the enemy. At dawn the Germans launched their fourth and fifth counterattacks. By this time Technical Sergeant COCHRAN had only 17 men left and the last light machine gun was knocked out by grenades, but he refused to yield ground. When three Germans leaped into his position, he killed them with his rifle and then continued to encourage his tired men until the enemy fell back in the face of their determined resistance. Technical Sergeant COCHRAN'S dauntless courage, indomitable devotion to duty and calm demeanor under fire were a constant source of inspiration to his platoon and his heroic performance exemplifies the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Sterling, Iowa.

THOMAS L. WAESCHE, (33724997), Private, Company B, 362d Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 8 October 1944, near Anconella, Italy. During an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions, Private WAESCHE was given the mission of providing rifle protection for a bazooka man on the company's left flank. Suddenly he noticed a group of Germans launching a counterattack. Allowing them to approach within fifteen yards of him, Private WAESCHE opened fire, killing two and wounding three. In an attempt to dislodge him from his position, one of the enemy threw a grenade at Private WAESCHE which glanced off his helmet, exploded nearby and wounded him seriously. Despite the intense pain of his injuries, Private WAESCHE quickly made his way to his company commander to give him a thorough and accurate account of the enemy's location, strength and disposition which he had gathered during his encounter. Then, refusing to be evacuated, he volunteered to go to mortar positions to adjust fire on the enemy positions. So ably did Private WAESCHE carry out his self appointed task that the enemy were quickly disorganized and the counterattack repulsed. Private WAESCHE'S combat skill, extreme courage and outstanding devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the Infantry of the United States Army. Entered military service from Pikesville, Maryland.

WALTER L. ZUZGA, (36852245), Private, Medical Detachment, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 June 1944, near Paganico, Italy. During an attack on enemy positions, Private ZUZGA'S company was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. As the fire became heavier, Private ZUZGA and five other men were seriously wounded. Although suffering intense pain from his wounds, Private ZUZGA, refusing medical aid, immediately went to the assistance of his comrades. Moving boldly about the impact area, under direct observation of the enemy, and with no thought for personal safety, he gave expert medical aid to each man. Many times shells landed within a few feet of him but Private ZUZGA continued moving from man to man, encouraging them, making them comfortable and adjusting their bandages. Although weak from the loss of blood, he refused evacuation and treatment until every one of the other men had been brought to a place of safety. Private ZUZGA'S outstanding gallantry under fire, medical skill and unselfish humanity exemplify the highest traditions of the Medical Department of the United States Army. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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III - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted man:

RUDOLF C. KALMBACH, (39318766), First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroism on 30 May 1944 in North Africa. While participating in amphibious operations training the landing craft in which First Sergeant KALMBACH was riding smashed against a high cliff. The motor became disabled and the boat drifted out from shore striking a reef that splintered the bottom. As it slowly filled with water, First Sergeant KALMBACH fired fourteen flares warning other landing craft of the danger. He then fastened a rope to a gunwale cleat and with the other end in his hand, jumped into the heavy surf. Fighting his way through mountainous waves and against a strong under tow, he reached shore. After tying the end of the rope to a stone, he signalled the 33 men in the boat to use it as a life line. The quick thinking and heroic action of First Sergeant KALMBACH enabled all the men to reach shore safely. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

IV - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-46, as amended, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

EARL L. SALZMAN, (37321483), Technician Fifth Grade, 91st Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, near Pietramala, Italy. Entered military service from Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

PHIL HABERMAN, (42033746), Sergeant, Company B, 361st Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 November 1944, near Livergnano, Italy. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-46, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

VINCENT P. CHRISTIANO, (32029274), Staff Sergeant, Company C, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 September 1944, near Scarperia, Italy. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Angela Christiano, (mother), 15 Winchester Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

FREDERICK M. RICHTER, Jr., (32946172), Private, Medical Detachment, 363d Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 October 1944, near Sassi, Italy. Entered military service from Albany, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Eleanor M. Richter, (wife), 57 Central Avenue, Albany, New York.

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