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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

ROBERT CHAMBERS, 17087757, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in Italy. When his platoon sustained several casualties during a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Private First Class Chambers unhesitatingly braved the deadly fire to aid his comrades. While shells exploded around him, he made three trips into the center of the area of impact and carried the wounded to a place of comparative safety from which they were evacuated. By his heroism and selflessness he saved the lives of several of his comrades. Private First Class Chambers was killed in a subsequent engagement. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Robert Chambers (Wife), 410 9th Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

CLIFFORD J. CLYBURN, 0415773, Major, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 July 1944 in Italy. The 1st Battalion attacked an enemy force and advanced so rapidly through the surprised and disorganized troops that small groups were bypassed in the dense woods. Major Clyburn, regimental S-2, with two enlisted men, was following the battalion along a narrow trail in order to examine the enemy dead and the captured equipment. Suddenly he spotted a hostile soldier crouching in the underbrush, and he motioned for the man to come out. Six soldiers came forward and surrendered. Aware that more of the enemy might have been left in the area, he had the prisoners lie face down in the trail and proceeded on a systematic search of the area. Another enemy group was discovered and, after a brief fire fight, eight more prisoners were taken. Although he located another group on one side of the trail, he did not have enough men to guard the prisoners and so he reported the information to the 2d Battalion. He then ordered one of the enlisted men to march the prisoners to the rear while he and the other man continued on the mission. Entered the Service from Abilene, Texas.

PHILIP G. PADGETT, 0482455, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in Italy. On the afternoon of 1 June 1944 the 2d Battalion was subjected to a heavy barrage of artillery and mortar fire. Instead

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of waiting for the casualties to be brought to his aid station, Captain Padgett, the battalion medical officer, proceeded immediately to the Company G positions which were in the center of the impact area. While shells crashed around him, he directed the aid men of his section to places of safety while he exposed himself to render aid to the wounded. Working calmly under the terrific shell fire, he saved the lives of two soldiers by administering blood plasma and treated ten or twelve wounded men in the area. He not only saved the lives of the soldiers, but he also contributed materially to the high morale of the unit by assuring the men of prompt medical attention under the most hazardous conditions. Entered the Service from Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

DAVID O. GORGOL, 01295478, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in Italy. While the 142d Infantry Regiment was advancing in a motorized column toward an enemy stronghold, Lieutenant Gorgol, liaison officer between the regimental and division headquarters, was given an urgent message at Division to deliver to the regimental commander. The regimental commander was at the head of the column, however, and concentrated sniper fire had split the column in two. Lieutenant Gorgol was halted and warned of the snipers who flanked the highway. Aware of the urgency of his mission, he left his vehicle and proceeded alone toward the commanding officer's position. When he spotted a group of 25 enemy soldiers crossing a field toward the highway, he quickly moved to a wall near the enemy force and opened fire on them. He had killed three of the soldiers when his rifle jammed. He skillfully remedied the stoppage and began firing again, but the enemy spotted his position and directed heavy fire on him. He remained dauntlessly in position and continued firing until he was wounded and forced to be evacuated. Entered the Service from Binghamton, New York.

ROBERT J. GAKS, 01304370, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

HARRY C. PROBERT, JR, 31247769, Private First Class, Hq Co, 3d Bn, (then Company I), 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Newport, R. I.

ROBERT B. HGLER, 33672401, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment (then Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment). Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JOHN T. RABIC, 33701446, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment (then Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment). Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

HAROLD SATTLERHITE, 33518671, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hewlett, Virginia.

For gallantry in action on 23 June 1944 in Italy. The above named individuals were members of a five man reconnaissance patrol. The patrol encountered enemy soldiers with an artillery piece. Although outnumbered, they engaged the hostile force with fire and forced it to abandon the weapon and run away. The patrol hastened to the next hill and saw an enemy truck speeding down the highway 500 yards away. They opened fire and put the truck out of action. Now under fire, they went to the road and captured three enemy soldiers. At this point they were attacked by six of the enemy, but they quickly killed one, wounded another, and routed the rest. While the enemy fired on them with machine guns and rifles, the patrol gathered their prisoners. They were attacked from three sides by a large force. Fighting fiercely, the above named individuals drove off this force after inflicting four or five casualties. Still under a terrific hail of fire and with their ammunition almost exhausted, they skillfully made their way back through fields and woods to rejoin their company with

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all members and prisoners intact. During this action they knocked out an artillery piece, destroyed a truck, killed or wounded twelve enemy, captured three more, and demoralized a large hostile force and made them beat a hasty retreat.

Awarded Award by Act 411 - Oct 22, 1944 (to read: One Award of the 1st O.L.C. to Silver Star)
* **ROBERT L. COLLIER**, 36734183, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May and 1 June 1944 in Italy. When a strong enemy force launched a determined attack against his platoon's position, Sergeant Collier, in the absence of his platoon leader and platoon sergeant, quickly adjusted the unit's defenses and opened fire on the attacking force. During the course of the assault, he continually exposed himself to heavy mortar and automatic weapons fire in order to move from squad to squad, maintaining organization within the platoon and encouraging the men to hold their position against the savage thrusts. After two hours of bitter fighting, the order was given to withdraw from the untenable position. Sergeant Collier skillfully maneuvered the platoon, one squad at a time, to a place of safety. He himself covered the withdrawal of the last squad with effective fire from his sub-machine gun, waiting until the last man had retired before seeking cover for himself. Entered the Service from Libertyville, Illinois.

JOHN J. BARRY, 32236771, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1943 in Italy. The Cannon Company was occupying a position exposed to enemy observation and incessant, direct artillery fire. When an ammunition truck driver was seriously injured by a shell explosion, the continued shelling and enemy observation prevented other drivers from going to his assistance. Tec 5 Barry valiantly determined to brave the heavy fire to aid his wounded comrade, and he drove his jeep across 400 yards of open terrain to reach him. While artillery shells exploded around him, he administered calm and effective first aid, then carried the man to his vehicle and drove him back through the deadly enemy fire to safety. Entered the Service from Orange, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

J. C. WILLIAMSON, 01703055, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Williamson, leader of the 3d Platoon, Company G, was ordered to attack a castle which was occupied and strongly fortified by a force of 70 enemy soldiers. He led his platoon cautiously to the northwest side of the building and prepared his men for an assault over the wall, six feet high, which surrounded the castle. At an appointed time grenades were hurled into the fortification and Lieutenant Williamson preceded his men over the wall, courageously exposing himself to hostile fire through fissures of the wall. He and his platoon members rushed the enemy, screaming, throwing hand grenades into the emplacements and firing point blank into the midst of the hostile soldiers. The terrified enemy began emerging from the building shouting "Kamerad", and all fire ceased. Lieutenant Williamson directed his men in searching the castle for additional enemy soldiers, then organized a defensive position. As a result of his superior leadership 27 prisoners were captured and two officers and ten men were killed. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

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SECTION IV - CORRECTED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of General Orders Number 310, cs, this Headquarters, as posthumously awards a Silver Star to BERNARD F. REED, 01178301, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

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

"BERNARD F. REED, 01178301, Second Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Reed was leading his forward observer detail in an advance toward enemy positions when he and his party were suddenly subjected to grazing machine gun fire and heavy artillery shelling. One of the men was wounded in the leg; and, although all the personnel in the area was pinned to the ground, Lieutenant Reed selflessly exposed himself to the hostile fire in an attempt to aid the injured man. Moving calmly and rapidly, he advanced to the position where the soldier lay and started carrying him toward a place of safety. While so engaged he was mortally wounded by the enemy fire. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas F. Reed (Brother), 116-23 219th Street, Albany, New York."

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