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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 105

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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN R. SIMONS, 38039657, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944 in France. Corporal Simons and a companion were part of a detail assigned the mission of clearing mines between two towns so that the road could be used by an advancing task force. Although they were at times under enemy small arms and mortar fire, they pressed determinedly on. Entering the second town they swept for and removed mines, despite fire fights that were in progress in the streets. After 18 hours of uninterrupted work they had completed their mission, having removed 40 antitank mines and a considerable number of antipersonnel mines. Their courageous and persistent efforts opened the road to the traffic of the task force. Corporal Simons was reported killed in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Sophie Simons (mother), General Delivery, Scotland, Texas.

FREDERICK V. HIBBARD, 33299828, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944 in France. Private First Class Hibbard and a companion were part of a detail assigned the mission of clearing mines between two towns so that the road could be used by an advancing task force. Although they were at times under enemy small arms and mortar fire, they pressed determinedly on. Entering the second town they swept for and removed mines, despite fire fights that were in progress in the streets. After 18 hours of uninterrupted work they had completed their mission, having removed 40 antitank mines and a considerable number of antipersonnel mines. Their courageous and persistent efforts opened the road to the traffic of the task force. Private First Class Hibbard was reported killed in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Emmett G. Hibbard (Father), 184 Glenview Avenue, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

PAUL A. GUNN, 31353920, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. When three riflemen were cut off in a house during an attack on a town, Private First Class Gunn and two comrades volunteered to move up with a machine gun to assist them. Carrying the machine gun, Private First Class Gunn crossed a street under fire from two hostile machine guns. Then, despite artillery and mortar fire falling in the area and an enemy machine gun firing from the flank, he ran from house to

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house up the street. He had almost reached the last house when hit by fire from the enemy machine gun. He died shortly afterward. Private First Class Gunn's heroic sacrifice enabled his two comrades to reach the house and eventually hold off the enemy force. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Gunn (Mother), 48 Smith Street, Allston, Massachusetts.

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:

BUCHANAN HEISS, 01013909, First Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Heiss, assistant transportation officer, had 15 trucks under his command parked in the bivouac area of the Service Company. When an enemy barrage began falling in the area, one of the gasoline trucks was hit and burst into flames, setting fire to the camouflage net of an ammunition truck. Lieutenant Heiss immediately left his place of safety and extinguished the blaze. Inspired by his daring, several enlisted men came forward and he supervised them in removing all the vehicles to covered positions. Throughout this action 200 enemy shells landed in the immediate vicinity. Due to his courageous leadership, much valuable equipment was saved. Entered the Service from Gulfport, Mississippi.

EDWIN P. ARNOLT, 0526240, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Arnolt was in charge of the machine gun section of Company H in defense of a town, when the enemy made a strong night attack and drove back the rifle elements. However, he had placed his machine guns so skillfully that repeated enemy assaults could not dislodge them. When several of the enemy stormed his position, he met them with his carbine, killing one and driving off the remainder. His skillful direction of effective fire on the enemy created a state of confusion among the hostile troops, enabling the rifle elements to regain their positions by morning. Entered the Service from Metuchen, New Jersey.

THOMAS J. CORNETT, 35267637, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. When the enemy counterattacked Company I in an attempt to cut a vital supply route, Sergeant Cornett, a squad leader in the Antitank Company, led five of his men to the extreme right flank of Company I to fill a gap between two adjacent companies. The enemy suddenly opened fire with mortars and machine guns. Sergeant Cornett moved his men into position and directed them in firing on the hostile emplacements. He forced the enemy to withdraw and, by his skillful leadership throughout the night, drove back three hostile patrols. By his courage and aggressiveness, he aided materially in keeping the supply route open. Entered the Service from La Rue, Kentucky.

GEORGE T. MERRITT, 20809713, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Merritt's machine gun section was manning a strong point around a building when a large enemy force launched an attack. When the enemy directed a heavy mortar and artillery barrage into the area, he withdrew his men into the building and as the barrage lifted moved the machine guns to the upper windows. Here they commanded an excellent field of fire. Sergeant Merritt posted his remaining

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riflemen at positions where they would be most effective. He constantly checked his men, giving them words of encouragement. Exposing himself, he directed artillery and mortar fire, and pointed out enemy positions for his machine guns to fire upon. When ammunition was almost gone he skillfully directed the withdrawal of his men. Sergeant Merritt's skillful defense inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy allowing friendly troops to improve their positions and eventually repulse the strong hostile attack. Entered the Service from Gatesville, Texas.

BERNARD W. MC ALISTER, 33127300, Sergeant, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in France. Sergeant McAlister was assigned the mission of supporting the attack of an infantry company with his tank destroyer. Before the friendly troops reached their objective, they were subjected to heavy mortar, machine gun and 20mm gun fire and were forced to withdraw. Although his tank destroyer was the target for artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant McAlister remained in position to cover the withdrawal. By his accurate fire he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and destroyed a 20mm gun. When the infantry elements had effected a successful withdrawal, he observed a wounded man approximately 75 yards from his position. Despite the hostile fire he leaped from his vehicle and ran to the injured soldier. After administering emergency treatment, he carried the casualty back to his tank destroyer and evacuated him to a place of safety. Entered the Service from Shenandoah, Virginia.

DANIEL CAVALIERI, 32823179, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. While on a night patrol across snow-covered ground toward an enemy-held town, a platoon of Company I was halted by machine gun and rifle fire. Although the slightest movement in the area drew a large volume of hostile fire, Private First Class Cavalieri, the platoon runner, worked his way to the platoon leader and was given the order to withdraw. Then, despite heavy crossfire from the enemy machine guns, he crawled to each of the squad leaders and relayed the order. Largely as a result of his courage and resourcefulness under fire, the platoon was able to effect a successful withdrawal. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN J. EBERT, 6853275, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 and 2 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Ebert, a litter bearer, was attached to Company C during a house-to-house attack on a town. During the fighting, which lasted for two days, he administered first aid to ten wounded men and helped evacuate them by litter. In order to give them immediate attention, he frequently exposed himself to small arms fire and the sporadic enemy mortar, artillery and tank fire which was falling in the area. Private First Class Ebert's courageous action secured prompt medical attention for the wounded men and probably saved their lives. Entered the Service from Souderton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. QUINN, 20112222, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. The enemy launched a surprise attack in great strength on the town which housed the battalion and regimental command posts. Without waiting for

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orders, Private First Class Quinn ran across a street already under small arms fire and from the top of a tower opened fire with his M-1 rifle. Observing the size of the enemy force, he recrossed the street and secured a machine gun. Putting the gun in action from the tower, he covered the approaches to town and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. In one ditch in front of his position 16 dead and 14 wounded were found. Private First Class Quinn's prompt and courageous action in engaging the enemy force was of material aid in organizing the successful defense of the town. Entered the Service from Marlboro, Mass.

WILLIAM M. BAILEY, 32070054, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945 in France. As French troops advanced to relieve elements of the Antitank Company, the enemy opened fire with machine pistols, machine guns, mortars and artillery. Realizing that the relief of his unit could not be effected until the hostile guns were silenced, Private Bailey dashed across open terrain under heavy enemy fire to assault a railroad station occupied by hostile troops. After hurling two white phosphorous grenades into the building, he ran through the station to attack an enemy pill box across the railroad tracks. Moving through machine gun fire to the rear of the position, he threw a grenade into the strong point and then charged it, wounding six of the enemy soldiers and capturing two. Largely as a result of the quick-thinking and daring of Private Bailey, the French troops were able to relieve the company without loss of life. Entered the Service from Camden, New Jersey.

III. CORRECTED COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. So much of Section II, General Orders 468, this Headquarters, dated 13 December 1944, as commends GEORGE I. MAC ARTHUR, 11048601, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters, Operations Section, 443d AAA AW Battalion (SP), is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"GEORGE I. MAC ARTHUR, 11048601, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters, Operations Section, 443d AAA AW Battalion (SP), for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 August 1944 in France. Because of an unexpected withdrawal, an antiaircraft half-track, which could not be driven out, had to be disabled and abandoned. On the following day, when the situation became more stabilized, Sergeant MacArthur volunteered to take a maintenance crew forward and search for the valuable half-track. He arrived at a friendly road block and, although he could obtain no information as to what lay ahead, continued on through hostile territory. Working under the constant threat of enemy fire, he located the disabled half-track, assisted in repairing it and brought it back to the friendly lines. Entered the Service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

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