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SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTHUR A. BALARDINI, Private First Class, 31214673, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~ ~~Italy~~. Private First Class Balardini, accompanied by two riflemen, was assigned the hazardous mission of destroying a well fortified enemy pill box from which intense machine gun fire was inflicting heavy casualties on our troops. Leading the men, he made his way through enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to a barbed wire entanglement in front of the enemy position. Realizing the area was heavily mined he carefully cleared a path so that his comrades could pass safely. Advancing closer so as to reach a more advantageous position he exposed himself as he prepared to hurl a hand grenade and by so doing drew a concentration of enemy fire upon himself and was fatally wounded. The enemy's attention diverted for the moment, enabled his comrades to successfully silence the machine gun. Private First Class Balardini's courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Balardini (Mother), 64½ Howland Avenue, Adams, Massachusetts.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION III - CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

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

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

By command of Major General WALKER:

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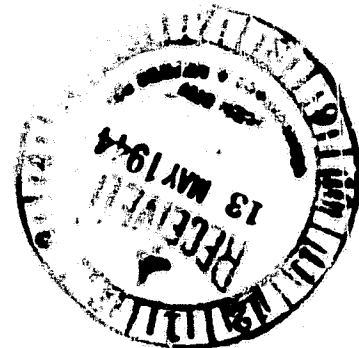
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