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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 the following named individual for gallantry in action:

RONALD L. SMITH, 37740696, Private, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in France. Private Smith, a rifleman in the 3d Platoon, was assigned alone to an outpost covering a trail leading back to the company command post. An enemy force of more than squad strength attacked, threatening not only his position but the company command post as well. Aware that a section of light machine guns was on its way to strengthen his outpost, Private Smith determined to hold his ground as long as possible in an effort to protect the command post. Undaunted by the numerically superior enemy, he pinned down the hostile soldiers with rifle fire until the machine gunners arrived ten minutes later. While covering the machine gun section in moving into position, he was killed by the hostile fire. By his aggressiveness and valor, he killed three Germans, wounded two and prevented the command post from being overrun. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose M. Smith (wife), Green Ridge, Missouri.

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:

ALLEN J. MALCHOW, 01301845, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 in Italy. During a battalion attack against a well-defended ridge line, forward elements were forced to withdraw because of heavy tank fire into their exposed positions. Lieutenant Malchow, leader of a mortar platoon, advanced up the ridge through the hostile fire to establish an observation post. He was soon detected by the enemy in his exposed position, and was subjected to heavy small arms, mortar and tank fire. Even when shrapnel tore his clothing, he calmly maintained his position and directed accurate mortar fire into the hostile positions. As a result of Lieutenant Malchow's gallant actions, the enemy force was dispersed with heavy casualties, and the battalion was materially aided in taking its objective. Entered the Service from Tonawanda, New York.

ANTHONY REALMUTO, 32963546, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. The platoon of which Sergeant Realmuto was guide had the mission of making contact with a friendly unit 1000 yards away. Soon after moving out, the platoon was halted

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by heavy small arms and rifle grenade fire, and Sergeant Realmuto was painfully wounded. Despite his wound he moved about placing men in the most advantageous firing positions and bringing them extra supplies of ammunition. Constantly exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire, he continued firing his own weapon. Largely through his own courageous efforts the enemy force was completely routed and the platoon was able to continue on its mission. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

PAUL M. GOECKE, 33138944, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 in France. While taking a prisoner to the battalion S-2, Tec 5 Goecke was wounded and then captured by a group of approximately 25 enemy soldiers. When ordered to enter a surrounded outpost and persuade its occupants to surrender, he ran into the house, slammed the door in the face of the enemy and, firing two shots through the door, killed one of them. After organizing the outpost members to defend the house, he went upstairs and, while firing his pistol at the hostile force, called for help. When a friendly half-track arrived in the area, he led his small group to safety. As a result of his dauntlessness and intrepidity, four enemy soldiers were killed, fifteen were captured and the hostile troops routed. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

III. COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

THOMAS M. O'REILLY, 42071195, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 March 1945 in Germany. The 3d Platoon had penetrated deep into the Siegfried Line defenses and was reorganizing in trenches when Sergeant O'Reilly observed a force of Germans advancing on the right flank. Taking four riflemen of his squad, he quickly built up a line of defense to protect the platoon from the oncoming enemy. He then exposed himself to the enemy rifle fire to encourage his men and direct their rifle and grenade fire. By his courageous and determined efforts, Sergeant O'Reilly inspired his men to withstand the hostile attack, thus enabling the platoon to complete its reorganization and continue its advance. Entered the Service from Queens, New York.

EARL M. FIGG, 39863441, Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pheonix, Arizona.

ROBERT A. LONG, 33836938, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

FRED A. BUDASSI, 32955160, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Trenton, New Jersey.

HAROLD J. REYNOLDS, 37327815, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Northfield, Minnesota.

LOUIS F. PRIESMEIER, 35084799, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

DONALD F. LUKEMIRE, 35883400, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

HOMER D. CRYTZER, 33685331, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 March 1945 in Germany. When

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Company I's attack against a strongly fortified hill in the Siegfried Line was halted by a strong German counterattack from the left flank, these men, members of a machine gun squad, were instructed to move forward and support the unit's exposed left flank. Despite intense enemy small arms fire, they moved to an advantageous position and swiftly set up their gun. They braved enemy bullets which were striking all around them to remain in position, and their accurate fire disrupted the counterattack. As a result of the courage and aggressiveness displayed by the above men, the rifle platoons were able to continue their advance and seize their objective.

THEODORE AGUILAR, 38051067, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

DONALD L. BARKLEY, 32745070, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waddington, New York.

ELLIS V. CARLSON, 39184910, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Olympia, Washington.

PLANET CHIU, 36831901, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LELAND F. JUDGE, 37422186, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from York, Nebraska.

MANUEL RIVAS, 38026044, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Alice, Texas.

VERNON GRIFFITH, 20804678, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 November 1944 in France. When the enemy launched a strong attack against the five houses held by the 1st Squad of the 3d Platoon, these men consolidated their defenses in two houses to fight off the numerically superior German force. During the intense fire fight, when one of the houses was set on fire by a bazooka shell, the squad swiftly established a new defense and stopped an enemy attempt to cut it off from the rear. Although faced with overwhelming odds, the above men launched a counterattack, fighting valiantly to drive the enemy from the buildings. As a result of their bravery and aggressiveness, they completely routed the hostile force and re-occupied their positions, thereby maintaining the company's defensive sector.

LOREN E. WELKER, 37641681, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 March 1945 in France. While moving forward in the attack with his company, Private First Class Walker was wounded by a shell fragment. Although in severe pain, he continued to press forward. He fought alongside his comrades throughout that night and the following day, and he refused to be evacuated until all of the other wounded soldiers had been cared for. Private First Class Walker's courageous devotion to duty was a source of inspiration to all the members of his platoon. Entered the Service from Marble Hall, Missouri.

ROBERT E. CHERRY, 37539918, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 March 1945 in Germany. The weapons platoon was following the forward elements during the company's advance through the wooded terrain and over steep hills; and Private First Class Cherry carried a 60mm mortar in the attack. Although burdened with the extra weight, he moved through barbed wire entanglements and other obstacles, always keeping his weapon immediately available for use. At times the heavy small arms

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and rocket fire forced him to crawl along the ground, dragging his weapon. At other times it was necessary for him to move in an upright position, while others were able to seek cover from the enemy fire. After the company's objective had been gained, the enemy launched a counterattack; and Private First Class Cherry assisted in delivering accurate mortar fire, materially aiding his company in repelling the attack. Entered the Service from Kirksville, Missouri.

VIRGIL L. WORRELL, 36776841, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 March 1945 in Germany. During his company's advance through a heavily wooded area, Private First Class Worrell carried 12 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition through barbed wire entanglements, over barricades and other obstacles. Although his heavy burden forced him at most times to move in an upright position, exposing him to intense machine gun and rifle fire, he courageously continued forward with his comrades. When the crest of a hill was reached, the company was halted by machine gun fire. A mortar was set up and, as a result of Private First Class Worrell's determined efforts, sufficient ammunition was available to destroy the enemy position. A short time later, he was on guard when a fellow guard was wounded by an enemy patrol. Private First Class Worrell quickly hurled several hand grenades, wounding a number of the enemy and forcing the others to withdraw. Entered the Service from Carthage, Illinois.

WILLIAM J. LIVOCK, JR., 35925819, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 March 1945 in France. While moving forward in the attack with his company, Private Livock was wounded by shell fragments. Although in severe pain, he remained with his comrades, diligently performing his duties as a rifleman. During the next 36 hours he stood guard and assisted in repelling a determined enemy counterattack. Only after the objective was taken on the following day, did he accept medical treatment for his wounds. Private Livock's courageous devotion to duty was a source of inspiration to the members of his squad. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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