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GENERAL ORDERS

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I. 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:

CARL T. ENGEL, 35277274, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 June 1944 in Italy. While attacking a group of farm buildings under sniper fire, Sergeant Engel's squad was cut off from the remainder of the platoon by hostile troops. Sergeant Engel charged the building from which the snipers were firing and, by hurling a hand grenade into the position, killed one and captured five. He then exposed himself to hostile fire in order to direct his men in firing on the counterattacking enemy. In the ensuing fight, 27 hostile soldiers were killed and 43 were captured. After securing the buildings, the platoon attacked an enemy-held hill to the rear. Heavy tank fire drove them back and wounded the platoon leader, but Sergeant Engel assumed command and led the men in two more assaults. Throughout the engagement, his bold and aggressive leadership was a source of great inspiration to his men. Entered the Service from Orient, Ohio.

ALBERT V. MARTINEZ, 39289381, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944 in France. During an attack against an enemy-held town, Company E was assigned the mission of reducing a well-defended road block. Sergeant Martinez advanced in the assault with his platoon which had been reduced to a single light machine gun. Because all the platoon gunners had been killed or wounded, he himself manned the remaining weapon. As the rifle squads charged the road block, he furnished excellent overhead fire, supporting his comrades in destroying the enemy strong point. He then carried his machine gun into the town and assumed a firing position in a building which afforded observation over the hostile section of town. With small arms, artillery and bazooka fire directed at him, Sergeant Martinez watched an artillery piece, pulled by a truck, approach his position and stop near his window. As the enemy crew dismounted and prepared to move the gun into a firing position, he opened fire with his machine gun, delivering rapid, accurate bursts into the midst of the hostile force. He killed and wounded four of the enemy soldiers and destroyed the gun and its ammunition by setting them afire. Entered the Service from San Diego, California.

J. P. JOHNSTON, 20817963, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

EDWARD V. LUDWIG, 33301159, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Donora, Pennsylvania.

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for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. An infantry battalion to which these men were attached was preparing to attack a town known to be held by the enemy in great strength. They volunteered to check the road into town for concealed mines, despite the fact that it was under enemy observation. They advanced down the road, clearing two antitank mine road blocks, and were within 200 yards of the town when the enemy opened fire with small arms and mortars, wounding Private Ludwig and forcing them to withdraw. As a result of the courageous action of the above men the tanks were able to give the infantry direct fire support in their successful attack on the town.

HERMAN N. KING, 34275186, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Corinth, Mississippi.

RAYMOND W. MOELEY, 38415126, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

THOMAS E. HERNANDEZ, JR., 34544026, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Lakeland, Florida.

for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. Friendly infantry elements were withdrawing to better defensive positions, and these men were assigned the mission of destroying a bridge to prevent enemy armor from following. The bridge was under mortar fire which cut their demolition lines; and consequently, they had to wait until all friendly troops had crossed before wiring the charges. After the infantry had withdrawn, they worked calmly, under heavy shellfire and enemy observation, to complete their mission. Although hostile tanks were operating within 300 yards of the bridge and enemy infantry elements were only a short distance away, the above men successfully demolished the bridge, preventing enemy armor from following the friendly troops.

CHARLES W. HEAL, 39725795, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. An infantry attack had been halted by enemy machine gun fire; and, while crossing 150 yards of open terrain to destroy the gun, a soldier was wounded. Despite the machine gun fire and heavy concentrations of enemy tank and artillery fire falling in the area, Private First Class Heal crossed the open space to administer first aid and evacuate the man. On two more occasions he crossed the field to evacuate wounded. His outstanding courage resulted in the prompt evacuation of three seriously wounded soldiers and was probably responsible for saving their lives. Entered the Service from Altadena, California.

ORVILLE A. AMUNDSON, 39212143, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. During an attack against a well-defended town, Private First Class Amundson, a radio operator with Company E, was separated from the remainder of the headquarters group. He contacted the assault platoons and, setting up his radio in a house on the outskirts of town, relayed messages between the company command post and battalion headquarters. The building, also occupied by rifleman, was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar, antitank and bazooka fire and was finally surrounded by the enemy. Private First Class Amundson continued operating his radio, personally adjusting artillery fire on the hostile troops. Only after all other friendly troops in the town had become casualties and enemy soldiers had charged the house and destroyed his radio did Private First Class Amundson escape. His determination and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Bemidji, Minnesota.

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HOWARD G. BARMER, 34926997, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Thyatira, Mississippi.

ERNEST L. HARPER, 35848454, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Trout, West Virginia.

for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. Enemy troops attacked across an open field in an attempt to seize the houses on the street held by the 2d Platoon. These men, protecting the platoon's right front, immediately opened fire and drove back the attackers as they moved across the clearing. Although they became the target for heavy machine gun fire, they determinedly maintained their position and continued firing. When the hostile soldiers moved to the flank and secured a house in another platoon's sector, the above men were subjected to crossfire from two enemy machine guns. Undaunted, they held their ground and, killing ten of the enemy and wounding others, protected their platoon against the assault.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

HERBERT A. LOREE, 36173672, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. Friendly infantry elements were withdrawing to better defensive positions, and Corporal Loree and three comrades were assigned the mission of destroying a bridge to prevent enemy armor from following. The bridge was under mortar fire which cut their demolition lines; and, consequently they had to wait until all friendly troops had crossed before wiring the charges. After the infantry had withdrawn, they worked calmly, under heavy shellfire and enemy observation, to complete their mission. Although hostile tanks were operating within 300 yards of the bridge and enemy infantry elements were only a short distance away, Corporal Loree and his companions successfully demolished the bridge, preventing enemy armor from following friendly troops. Corporal Loree was wounded while performing this deed. He was killed in action on the following day. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah J. Loree (Mother), 10177 South State Street, Otisville, Michigan.

FRANK WILLIAMS, 33666870, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 in France. While advancing as lead scout in front of his squad, Private Williams was fired on by an enemy machine gun. Without hesitation, he charged the gun emplacement and, in silencing the weapon, killed one hostile soldier and captured another. Although wounded during the action, he refused to go to the aid station and continued leading the attack. Private Williams died of wounds received in a subsequent engagement. His valor and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Farmer (Mother), River Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

FRANK WILLIAMS, 33666870, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for

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gallantry in action on 7 October 1944 in France. The 1st Platoon of Company G was advancing toward its objective when it was stopped by fire from enemy snipers. Spotting one of the snipers, Private Williams courageously exposed himself in order to obtain a clear field of fire. In spite of enemy small arms fire, he moved to an advantageous position and opened fire on the hostile soldier. As he killed the sniper, he was seriously wounded by the second sniper and died later the same day. His outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to all the members of his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Farmer (Mother), River Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

JESSE J. DOERING, 37485118, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. Sergeant Doering was acting leader of the 3d Platoon during his company's attack on a town. After deploying his men, he moved forward across open terrain with the lead scout. One of the enemy, firing a machine pistol from the first house, held up the unit's advance. Taking careful aim, Sergeant Doering killed the hostile soldier with his rifle. So skillful was his leadership that, in the face of small arms and mortar fire, his platoon took its objective, destroyed an enemy antitank gun, killed and wounded approximately 15 of the enemy and captured 20. Entered the Service from Dallas, South Dakota.

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