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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 individual:

WILFRED S. CLUNK, 35331830, Corporal, Battery B, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Under cover of darkness, during the invasion of Italy, Corporal Clunk, carrying vital radio equipment which was very awkward to handle, landed with a detail of men under heavy enemy fire of all types. They proceeded along a route which afforded some shelter and then turned inland to cross an area protected by barbed wire and under heavy enemy machine gun fire. The weight of his burden caused Corporal Clunk to fall behind the main body, but realizing the urgent need for this radio he dauntlessly kept at his task. In bravely attempting to cross the fire-swept area, he was killed. Next of kin: Mrs. Maxine Clunk (Wife), Pleasant Heights, Lisbon, Ohio.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individual, missing in action:

GREGORY (WILL) QUIROS, 38025741, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. As a member of a daylight combat patrol from the 1st Battalion, Private First Class Quiros was assigned the mission of crossing the *** river to determine enemy strength and positions. The final 700 yards of the river approaches were almost devoid of cover and under direct enemy observation and artillery and mortar fire. Due to wind conditions a pre-arranged smoke screen was ineffectual and he moved to the river bank under enemy observation. Despite the result of fire he succeeded in crossing the river and engaged in an intense fire fight, causing the enemy to dislodge many of their vital defensive positions. This courageous crossing in daylight under clear enemy observation and in the face of strong enemy defenses obtained valuable information of enemy gun positions and strength. Private First Class Quiros has subsequently been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Juana Quiros (Wife), Route #1, Brownsville, Texas.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

HENRY E. LEHMAN, 0323951, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in

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action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Captain Lehman was executive officer of the Second Battalion in the attack across the *** river. The attack was launched under terrific artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and machine gun fire and over approaches further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Captain Lehman personally brought a battalion headquarters company and heavy weapons company through this intense fire, bravely moving up and down the column reassuring the troops and keeping them well organized. Despite the even more intense fire on the river bank, he exposed himself constantly to supervise the crossing. Later in the day he was painfully wounded, but before he would submit to evacuation he dauntlessly assisted in the removal of many of his wounded comrades. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ WILLIAM J. DUBE, JR., 0417745, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. As commanding officer of Company H, Lieutenant Dube led his company across the swift-flowing *** river on a hazardous footbridge in an attack against the enemy. After penetrating the enemy's positions, the company was pinned down by machine gun fire. Disregarding the extreme hazard of the area and of a subsequent enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Dube constantly exposed himself to direct the emplacing of his company's guns and direct their fire power on the enemy. In a second counterattack all staff officers of the battalion were either killed or wounded and Lieutenant Dube assumed command of the battalion and moved among the men exhorting them to fight until the last round of ammunition was expended. When the ammunition was exhausted he successfully led many men back to the river's edge and directed their crossing although the area was continually being swept by enemy automatic weapons fire. Entered the Service from The Grove, Texas.

✓ CLARE W. LYKE, 024601, First Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 February 1944 on ***, Italy. During an artillery and mortar barrage on forward infantry positions, Lieutenant Lyke, artillery forward observer, was painfully injured by a stone which was thrown upon him by an artillery shell. A short time later he was wounded by a mortar shell fragment but steadfastly remained at his observation post and conducted devastating artillery fire on enemy targets. He was relieved the following morning and given first aid treatment. Spurning his need for rest, he flew as an aerial observer and completed artillery adjustment on an enemy battery he had located from his ground observation post. His courage and devotion to duty, despite wounds and terrific enemy fire, greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ REX T. McCORD, 01308216, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Lieutenant McCord commanded Company G in the attack across the *** river. The attack was launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire across a deep fast-flowing river and over ground further protected by mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Just before reaching the river, during a particularly heavy concentration of fire, Lieutenant McCord was seriously wounded. Although suffering severe pain he refused evacuation and led his company forward and across the hazardous river. Only complete physical collapse caused him to be later evacuated. His heroic and courageous actions, despite severe wounds, greatly inspired all members of his command. Entered the Service from Leavenworth, Kansas.

SINNEY E. LURIE, 01328083, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. In the bitter battle which followed the crossing of the *** river, all the battalion staff except

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Lieutenant Lurie, adjutant, were either killed or wounded. The intense artillery and mortar fire on the area had disrupted all communications. Lieutenant Lurie dauntlessly made his way over 700 yards of fire-swept terrain to inform the regimental commander of the situation. He then recrossed the dangerous area, taking with him litter bearers to evacuate the casualties. In so doing he was severely wounded and three of his litter men were killed but with great fortitude he completed the direction of the evacuation and the reinstallation of communications. Evidencing cool courage and outstanding leadership, he acted as battalion commander until relieved. Entered the Service from Springfield, Missouri.

✓ DENNIS F. BLALOCK, 01294966, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. As platoon leader of a heavy machine gun platoon of Company H, Lieutenant Blalock led his platoon across a hazardous pontoon bridge across the *** river in an attack against the enemy. When his platoon became intermingled with congested troops in a small area after the attack had been stopped by enemy automatic weapons, he dispersed his men in a field and supervised the digging in of gun emplacements. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack, Lieutenant Blalock directed fire which repelled them time and time again inflicting many casualties upon the enemy. When his ammunition was exhausted, he assisted in evacuating many men who were trapped on the west side of the river. His outstanding leadership and calm courage while under heavy enemy fire greatly inspired all members of his command. Entered the Service from Alexandria, Louisiana.

✓ 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 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

✓ FRANK J. SCHICKNER, 13073107, First Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Sergeant Schickner led a light machine gun section of Company E across the swift-flowing *** river on a hazardous footbridge in an attack against the enemy. Terrific enemy heavy machine gun fire pinned his section down. Constantly exposing himself, he dispersed his men and directed the emplacement of his guns on the right flank of the battalion. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack he left his fighting hole, although artillery and mortar shells were bursting all around him and directed the fire of his section so effectively that the attack was repelled, with heavy enemy losses in killed and wounded. In a vicious second counterattack, Sergeant Schickner moved among his men exhorting them to fight until the ammunition was exhausted. When the position became untenable he assisted many men in escaping back across the river. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ THOMAS A. BOGART, 32222502, Corporal, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. In the initial phases of the attack across the *** river, Corporal Bogart guided his com-

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pany through the treacherous mine fields and terrific enemy fires to effect the crossing. The company was pinned down by terrific machine gun fire in an area congested with troops. With great fortitude, Corporal Bogart made a reconnaissance through enemy mine fields under heavy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire to find a location where the company could set up its weapons to fight the enemy. He then led the company to the selected location and assisted in the emplacing of the weapons. He bravely fought until his ammunition was exhausted and then successfully returned to the east side of the river. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

MILAN (HMM) DUJKA, Sergeant, 20809669, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. When his platoon leader became a casualty in the bitter battle of the *** river crossing, Sergeant Dujka assumed command of the platoon and led them across the river under terrific artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and machine gun fire. When his group became disorganized in the series of ferocious enemy counterattacks he welded the remnants of the platoon into an effective combat team and laid such a pattern of fire that an enemy counterattack was repelled. Only when his ammunition supply was exhausted did he lead his platoon back across the river. Entered the Service from Ross, Texas.

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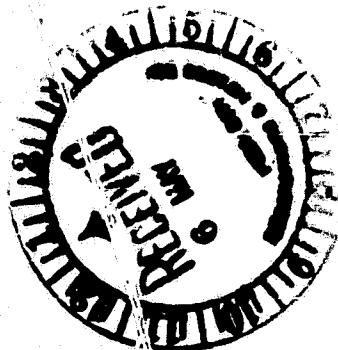
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