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HEADQUARTERS 36th INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 34

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals of the *** Infantry Regiment.

J HENRY A GOSS, 0183091, Lt. Col.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Helen Mather Goss (Wife), 21 Union Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

JOHN L. CHAPIN, 0411451, Captain.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Velma G. Chapin (Wife), Box 44, Patton, California.

HARMANSON SELSER R. ~~HARMANSON~~, 0354116, Captain. *amended by 372, Oct 44*

Next of Kin: Mrs. Selser R. Harmanson, Sr., (Father), Wharton, Texas.

JAMES E. GLENN, 0398174, Captain.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Ruth V. Glenn (Wife), 610 E. Polk St., Harlingen, Texas.

SHARLA K. ALDRIDGE, 01266754, 1st Lt.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Luavine Aldridge (Mother), R-1, Box 54, Banner Elk, North Carolina.

CLARENCE (NMI) ARTYMOVICH, 01294411, 1st Lt.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Artymovich (Mother), 5023 Grandy St., Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN J. ZULBERTI, 01306355, 2nd Lt.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Teresa Zulberti (Wife), 420 Fay Road, Syracuse, N. Y.

ROQUE O. SEGURA, 20802350, S Sgt., Company "E".

Next of Kin: Mrs. Juanita Segura (Mother), 3100 Alameda St., El Paso, Texas.

JOHN H. GABEL, 32304012, Sgt., Company "K".

Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Gabel (Mother), 116 Prospect St., Newark, N. J.

ALEJANDRO R. SERNA, 38025727, Sgt., Company "C".

Next of Kin: Mrs. Luz Serna (Wife), Route 2, Harlingen, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 21 and 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. The *** Infantry was ordered to cross the *** river and attack the enemy. This attack was initiated under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire which continued throughout the operation. These men, evidencing complete disregard for their own safety, displayed outstanding courage. Advancing in the face of overwhelming enemy fire, they crossed the river and moved valiantly toward their objective. While so doing they met their death. Their magnificent courage and devotion to duty in the face of vastly superior odds served as an outstanding example and inspiration to all who witnessed this action. Their courage reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

OTTO F. LANGE, Brigadier General, 04907, U. S. Army, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of **, Italy. General Lange landed with the 1st Regimental Combat Team in the early hours of D-Day. Constantly exposed to intense enemy artillery and small arms fire and with utter disregard for his own safety, he directed the movement of landing troops and materiel, vitally needed by the advancing troops. When an enemy tank attack became apparent and there was dire need for rocket launcher and 57mm ammunition, he again exposed himself and risked for a new supply which was delivered to the troops who repelled the attack. During the critical periods he encouraged officers and men, inspiring them to greater efforts and the successful accomplishment of their mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the United States Military Academy from Minnesota.

J. TRIESTE BROWN, Lieutenant Colonel, 04666, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount **, Italy. Colonel Brown was commanding 1st Battalion, 88th Infantry, with a mission to seize and hold the mountainous terrain overlooking the vital village of **, Italy. The terrain was rocky, offered little cover, and every position was well known to the enemy. Under constant and accurate artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he moved into the forward areas in order to personally coordinate the attack. With utter disregard for his personal safety and thinking only of the efficiency and effectiveness of his command, he calmly but aggressively made recommendations, directed the attack, coordinated with our artillery, supervised supply, directed communications, provided for a reserve, planned protective fires and laid plans against counterattack. Colonel Brown guided the attack and the subsequent consolidation of new positions with such superior ability, that a later attack was successful in seizing the final objective. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Military Service from Pennsylvania.

LYLE A. MAXWELL, Sergeant, 20307079, Company D, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of **, Italy. Landing with the assault waves on the 88th beaches during the invasion of Italy, Sergeant Maxwell, while under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, exposed himself with utter disregard for his personal safety and organized an 81mm mortar crew. He then crept forward under enemy observation to direct the fire of the mortar against an enemy artillery piece which was firing on the troops landing on the beach. Displaying outstanding gallantry, Sergeant Maxwell successfully directed the mortar fire against the enemy gun, disabling it with three rounds. His calm courage while under direct enemy fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from San Antonio, Texas.

GEORGE E. SEGESTROM, Sergeant, 32116651, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 to 18 November 1943 on Mount **, Italy. Sergeant Segestrom installed, serviced, and repaired the battalion wire communication system, personally laying heavy wire to the battalion units and to two battalion observation posts. With utter disregard for his own safety, he traveled

over treacherous mountain terrain and through mined areas, under continuous and intense enemy artillery fire, to maintain most vital communications with the regimental command post. His efficiency and unselfish devotion to duty were an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact, and his ultimate aggressiveness materially aided in the ultimate success of the operation. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Boone, Michigan.

CLYDE S. LINDSAY, Corporal, 34191412, Headquarters Battery, 48 Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 21 November 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Corporal Lindsay was ordered to repair a wire line broken by enemy anti-aircraft fire between the battalion switchboard and the supporting Infantry Command Post. While he was repairing the break, the area was subjected to enemy artillery fire, and he was hit by small fragments in both hands. Not caring for his own safety, he continued repairing the break and called into the switchboard for a line test. Upon learning that Corporal Lindsay was wounded the battery commander ordered him to return for first aid, but Corporal Lindsay asked permission to remain on the line until all breaks were repaired, thus preventing other members of the wire crew from exposing themselves to danger. After all breaks were repaired and communications were restored, Corporal Lindsay returned to the aid station from which he was evacuated to a General Hospital. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

DICK G. KHAL, Technician Fifth Grade, 33474172, Cannon Company, 22 Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 November 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. The enemy laid down a heavy artillery barrage on the Cannon Company position, registering a direct hit on a self-propelled gun mount, which caught fire and exploded. With utter disregard for his own life, and on his own initiative, Technician Fifth Grade Khal jumped out of his fighting hole, disregarding the enemy artillery fire and the exploding ammunition in the gun mount. He drove one burning self-propelled gun mount loaded with ammunition, to a defiladed position and extinguished the fire. He then ran through the barrage to another position also loaded with ammunition and drove it to another defiladed position and returned to drive still another gun mount to safety. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the Cannon Company in action and supplied with ammunition, and inspired the unit to witness the deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

FRANK M. BRIGHT, Technician Fifth Grade, 32367731, Medical Detachment, 22 Infantry, for gallantry in action from 8 to 21 December 1943, in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Technician Fifth Grade Bright was an aid man attached to Company H in the initial attack on the well fortified and defended town of Cassino. From 8 to 15 December 1943, heavy casualties were suffered by the Infantrymen and medical aid men. Bright, Technician Fifth Grade, being one of the few aid men left. With no concern for his own safety he moved about the battle area under enemy fire, rendering aid to the wounded. With little rest and sleep he continued on until 18 December 1943, when the enemy laid a heavy barrage on his company's position, and a shell exploded nearby on a rock wall, burying him in the rubble. With some assistance from Infantrymen, he worked himself free, and then without thought of himself, under a devastating artillery barrage, he went from fighting hole to fighting hole checking the men for wounded, and rendering aid when needed. With

... when he became so exhausted that he was forced to accept medical attention. His gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Potsdam, New York.

ROBERT L. GAZ, Private First Class, 38038477, Medical Detachment, 4th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. In the course of the furious fighting in the valley near the town, our forces suffered a large number of casualties. Ordinarily these casualties would have to be carried away by litter bearers across hazardous and rugged terrain to the aid station. Private First Class Gaz, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, drove his 4-ton truck two miles into the valley down the dangerously crooked and shell-swept highway which had not yet been cleared of mines. He made fifteen such trips during the day, each time coming well forward and quickly loading the truck with casualties, while shells were bursting dangerously close. His magnificent courage and devotion to duty made possible the rapid evacuation of our wounded casualties which otherwise would not have been possible. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Breckenridge, Texas.

STEWART R. KESSLER, Private First Class, 38039268, Company B, 4th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Private First Class Kessler was acting as corporal in his company, which was attacking the enemy defensive positions east of Cassino. When the Company came under intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, which caused many casualties, the main body was stopped. The forward elements had entered a mine field and two soldiers had feet blown off. The seriously wounded soldiers were lying about fifty yards forward of the company positions exposed to enemy fire. Private First Class Kessler and another soldier, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled through the mine field exposed to enemy fire and dragged the wounded men back to a point where they could be placed on litters and evacuated. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Tenafly, New Jersey.

FRANK (RUBEN) ZERNIECK, Private, 38051574, Company G, 4th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Private Zernieck was acting as corporal in his company, which was attacking the enemy defensive positions east of Cassino. When the Company came under intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, which caused many casualties, the main body was stopped. The forward elements had entered a mine field and two soldiers had feet blown off. The seriously wounded soldiers were lying about fifty yards forward of the company positions exposed to enemy fire. Private Zernieck and another soldier, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, crawled through the mine field exposed to enemy fire and dragged the wounded men back to a point where they could be placed on litters and evacuated. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from El Paso City, Texas.

ALBERT A. SPANGLER, Private, 38139734, Company G, 4th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Landing with the first waves on the beach during the invasion of Italy, Private Spangler, with the forward elements of his company to a distance of approximately three hundred yards inland, was engaged in a fierce battle. He began firing on the

advancing troops. With utter disregard for his own safety, May to Spangler pressed forward to successfully dislodge the scout car with hand grenades and engaged the routed enemy personnel with his rifle. His coolness and courage under enemy fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Foteau, Oklahoma.

SECTION III - AWARD OF ONE LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of the second Silver Star, is awarded the following named officer:

WALTER F. PRICE, Lieutenant Colonel, 0218372, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of Metz, in France. During the bitterly contested crossing of the Moselle river, Colonel Price, Regimental Executive Officer, went forward to inspect the dispositions and arrangements of the 2nd and 3rd battalions which were reorganizing under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he advanced through areas under intense enemy artillery, and mortar fire. Although constantly exposed to heavy enemy artillery fire, he remained at the battalion command posts over a hour transmitting the orders of the regimental command for fortification and continuation of the attack and checking the dispositions and arrangements of the battalions. By his calm assurance and with utter disregard for his own safety Colonel Price inspired the Battalion Commanders and their staffs to increase their efforts to complete plans in order to continue the attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Fort Worth, Texas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

STEWART T. VAUGHN
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

JOHN J. DEANE.
Lt Col, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

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