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GENERAL ORDERS

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- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
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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 each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

R. B. BRYANT, 20816424, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 in France. When Battery B was subjected to heavy counterbattery fire, personnel in the area were ordered to take cover. Hearing the cries of an injured soldier, Tec 5 Bryant unhesitatingly left his place of safety and ran across the shelled area to aid his comrade. Just as he reached the wounded man, he was mortally wounded by hurtling shell fragments. His outstanding act of heroism, motivated by compassion for an injured comrade, was a source of great inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Next of kin: Mrs. Jacel Marie Bryant (Wife), 2425 Dell Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

DAVID A. WILLIAMS, 37730313, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8-9 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Williams was assistant leader of a squad during his company's house-to-house attack on a town. Another squad, while advancing, was pinned down by machine gun and bazooka fire in an area strewn with antipersonnel mines. Private First Class Williams deployed his squad to cover the source of enemy fire, and advanced into the minefield to help the wounded. He set off one mine, but dauntlessly continued on, unwounded. While he was dragging one of the wounded men to safety, he set off another mine which killed him instantly. Next of Kin: Mrs. Addie Winfred Williams (Wife), 119 South Grant Street, Liberal, Kansas.

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:

ELDRED HUMISTON, 01303992, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 and 4 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Humiston, leader of the 1st Platoon of Company E, was assigned the mission of clearing resistance from a wooded hill covering the approaches to an enemy-held town. Skillfully maneuvering his men through machine gun and rifle fire, he led an assault against the hostile force. In overrunning the positions, he and his men killed seven of the enemy, captured ten and seized three machine guns. Continuing in pursuit of the retreating enemy, Lieutenant Humiston directed his men in driving away the crews of two 20mm guns which had opened fire on them and captured four mortars which the hostile troops had abandoned. On the following

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day, as a result of his aggressive leadership, his platoon killed approximately 16 more of the enemy and seized a large factory building occupying an important position at the edge of town. Entered the Service from Monterey, California.

JAMES W. BRIDGES, 0447120, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Bridges was leading his platoon in an attack against the left half of a town when the enemy opened fire with small arms, mortars and artillery, delaying the company on his flank. Advancing ahead of his platoon to reconnoiter the area, he spotted 15 enemy soldiers, armed with machine guns, moving across a hill to prepared positions on the left flank of the town. Lieutenant Bridges swiftly opened fire with his carbine, killing and wounding six of the enemy and pinning the remainder to the barren slope of the hill. In spite of hostile fire directed at him, he continued firing at the enemy troops until a friendly tank moved into position and eliminated the threat. His daring initiative and skillful leadership were a source of inspiration to all the men of his platoon. Entered the Service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

STEWART H. LA BARGE, 01290090, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in Italy. Company G advanced up a mountain-side to within 50 yards of a walled-in castle, well defended by hostile troops, on the summit. Heavy machine gun and mortar fire delayed the unit's advance. Lieutenant La Barge, the company executive officer, crawled across exposed terrain toward the hostile machine gun emplaced near the wall to his left flank. He hurled a hand grenade into the emplacement, killing the gunner and wounding the other crew member. Then, continuing forward, he climbed to the top of the stone wall and, from this exposed vantage point, spotted a second machine gun position. While working his way back to his company to secure additional hand grenades, he was seriously wounded by an enemy grenade. His daring action inspired the members of his organization to renewed aggressiveness against the hostile force. Entered the Service from Spence Falls, New York.

CHARLES L. PEGG, 35367239, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. When Company F was ordered to withdraw from an untenable position, Sergeant Pegg, a platoon sergeant, was without contact with the elements of his platoon dispersed in nearby houses. Leaving the comparative safety of his command post, he braved heavy enemy machine gun and 88mm gun fire to contact each of his squads and relay the order to withdraw. Upon returning to his command post, he administered emergency treatment to several wounded men and then assisted in evacuating the casualties across an open field under hostile fire. He killed an enemy rifleman who attempted to stop him and, at the risk of his own life, helped several injured comrades reach a place of safety. His example of intrepid leadership reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Redkey, Indiana.

REGINALD T. FOX, 38065900, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. Tec 4 Fox was attached to an aid station accompanying an Infantry battalion on attack through a heavily wooded area. When heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire forced the aid station to remain behind with the wounded, he advanced with the battalion on his own initiative and made several trips back with casualties, although it was

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necessary to wade a stream both ways and the area was under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. By his courageous devotion to duty Tec 4 Fox was responsible for the early evacuation of many seriously wounded men. Entered the Service from Happy, Texas.

LOUIE W. KRAMER, 39145332, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 in France. Private Kramer was a member of a three-man contact patrol assigned the mission of crossing a mile of enemy territory to relay information to the 1st Battalion. While advancing toward their objective, Private Kramer and his companions suddenly encountered a hostile force of company strength. Although hopelessly outnumbered, they refused to surrender. They directed a large volume of small arms fire into the midst of the enemy troops, inflicting several casualties. Their accurate fire confused the hostile group, and Private Kramer and his comrades seized the opportunity to escape from the hazardous area. During the withdrawal, Private Kramer suffered a painful head wound. Still undaunted, he scorned surrender and, with the assistance of his companions, succeeded in returning to the friendly lines with a valuable report on the enemy dispositions. Entered the Service from Healdsburg, California.

RHEUAL D. BAILEY, 37104677, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 in France. Two seriously wounded men from Company C were lying in an exposed position on an open field. Although he was attached to another company, Private Bailey, acting on his own initiative, left his covered position and went to their aid. Running through heavy machine gun and tank fire, he had almost reached the wounded men when a second machine gun opened fire on him. Swiftly administering emergency treatment to both casualties, he ran back to the Company C positions and ordered two men to assist him in evacuating them. Braving the hostile fire, he led the soldiers, who were carrying his patients on improvised litters, safely out of the hazardous area. Private Bailey's quick-thinking and personal courage were responsible for saving the lives of the two wounded men. Entered the Service from Van Buren, Arkansas.

LAWRENCE A. BUTLER, 39583979, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company C was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and taking an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. By employing a three-man rubber boat in establishing a shuttle system, Private Butler, an automatic rifleman in the 2d Squad, and his companions crossed the canal under harassing artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was swiftly reorganized, and missions were assigned to each squad. The 2d and 3d Squads were ordered to secure and hold a powerhouse on the left side of the island and to reduce all enemy strong points along their route of advance. Pressing dauntlessly forward, Private Butler furnished effective support for his squad, operating his weapon against the hostile emplacements and forcing the enemy to withdraw. Upon reaching the last building to be cleared before the squad's final objective, he crawled to an exposed position under heavy rifle and grenade fire and delivered accurate bursts of automatic rifle fire into the midst of the hostile emplacement, driving back the enemy troops. He then moved to the edge of an open field and covered his comrades as they assaulted the powerhouse and captured 40 prisoners. By his skill and courage, he proved of invaluable assistance to his squad in attaining its objective. Entered the

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Service from Mesa, Arizona.

III. CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR. So much of Section I, General Orders 489, this Headquarters, dated 30 December 1944, as awards a Silver Star to JOHN L. MANNEY, 34844909, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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

"JOHN L. MAUNEY, 34874909, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 September 1944 in France. Company A's advance was delayed by heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the opposite side of a bridge which spanned a small stream. The 1st Platoon was assigned the mission of smashing the hostile strong point. Private Mauney, a scout in one of the assault squads, crossed the stream from a point above the bridge and cautiously advanced through thick underbrush. Spotting an enemy rifleman, he opened fire and wounded him. He then made his way up a ditch beside the road to a position above and behind the machine gun nest. Fearlessly exposing himself to the hostile fire, he hurled hand grenades into the enemy emplacement, silencing the machine gun and its crew. By his quick-thinking and aggressiveness, Private Mauney destroyed an enemy strong point and enabled his organization to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Ripley, Mississippi.

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