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GENERAL ORDERS

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SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded the following officer:

1. ADAMIRAL H. McDONALD, 0407216, Captain, *** Infantry, for gallantry in action on * * * *, 5 December 1943, while in command of his company. Captain McDonald was leading his company on a supply mission over the most difficult terrain: darkness, rain, and through areas which were known to be under heavy enemy shell-fire. Realizing the urgent necessity of transporting the ammunition and rations to the companies engaged in driving the enemy from the precipitous heights, Captain McDonald, with utter disregard for his own safety, relentlessly drove on. While carrying out this mission, Captain McDonald was killed. This gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Esther McDonald, mother, 610 Delaware Street, San Antonio, Texas.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

2. CLIFFORD S. VOUGHT, 32208926, Private First Class, Anti-tank Company, *** Infantry, for gallantry in action on the morning of 14 September 1943, in the vicinity of * * * *, Italy. His squad was operating a 57mm gun in the * * * * defensive position withstanding an attack of enemy armor, including tanks. Heavy mortar and artillery fire falling in the area caused the gun squad to suffer several casualties, among them the gun commander. Private First Class Vought, with utter disregard for his own safety, took command, and with the two remaining crew members, displayed amazing leadership ability and magnificent courage in keeping the gun in operation. When the position became untenable, he moved the gun to an alternate position and continued the fire, scoring a hit on one enemy tank. Shortly after this, a shell burst at the gun position, putting the gun crew out of action. During this action Private First Class Vought suffered serious wounds, losing his right hand. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from New York, New York.

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SECTION III - AWARD OF A SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named enlisted man:

ANDREW J. COOPER, 38020650, Private Company A, *** Tank Battalion (M) for heroism on 1 December 1943 in the vicinity of * * * *, Italy. When a blow torch ignited, throwing burning gasoline on a fellow soldier, Private Cooper, with complete disregard for his own safety, immediately threw himself across the man in an attempt to extinguish the flames. His own body was insufficient to smother the fire, so he secured a nearby blanket and put out the blaze, and then he skillfully applied first aid. The immediate and courageous action of Private Cooper saved the life of a fellow soldier and his heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered U. S. Service from McCurtain, Oklahoma.

By command of Major General WALKER:

CLAYTON P. KERR,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff

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John J. Deane
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