

HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 956, U.S. Army

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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.

William M. Zinn, 33231043, Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Emily M. Zinn (mother), 561 East Marchant Street, Saint Louis, Pa.

WALTER M. BELL, 37400310, Sergeant, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Evaline M. Bell (mother), 429 1/2 East Burkett, Sheridan, Wyoming.

✓ **US. AR. R. HOLLAND**, 33779430, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry
Regt. **Next of kin:** Mrs. Margurite Holland (Mother), 3104 West 9th Street,
Chester, Pennsylvnia.

NAME: ARTHUR W. ANDERSON, 36649647, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry
 HOME: Mrs. Sylvia Doris Anderson (Mother), Route #2, Allentown,
 Pa.

Address: 33596328, Private First Class, Company H, 113d Infantry
 Next of kin: Mrs. Della M. Wang (mother), Marion Street, Antecell, Ind.

David F. MOLONGOSKI, 31347347, Private, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Molongoski (Mother), 66 South High Street, Montague City,
Michigan 48853.

WILLIAM L. SENSBAUGH, 3473082, Private, Company F, 243d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs. Bessie H. Sensbaugh (mother), Route #1, Church Hill, Tenn.

Next of kin: Mrs. Dennis H. Scholbach (Mother), 1002 South Washington
Apt. 1, Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Vella Furlo (Mother), 1002 South Washington
Apt. 1, Detroit, Michigan.

1. WILLIAM B. BROWN, 34657789, Private, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mr. Luther Stanley Brown (Father), Box 562, Conway, South Carolina.

See 44-417, Sub E, Ensign, United States Navy, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry
at 25, 1944.

1. J. A. SCHLUB, 35823075, Private, Company F, 114d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. David Mongeau (Mother), Ironsagin, Michigan.

...continuing in action on 21-22 January 1944 in Italy. The 143d Infantry Regiment was ordered to attack the enemy entrenched beyond a strategic river. The enemy had extensive mine fields, machine gun positions, mortar and small arms fire, and a series of pill boxes, booby traps, and barbed wire. Cover was negligible and the first seven hundred yards of the river approaches. Many boats were destroyed, some being launched, and others were destroyed in the river by short range fire. Some companies of the boats lost in the river were hit, and all were destroyed. In the face of all obstacles, the above named soldiers of the 143d Infantry Regiment, crossed the river and penetrated deep into the enemy's position. The enemy's position, however, succeeded in destroying the boats. The boats were destroyed over a two-day period, which

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cost the enemy enormous casualties in killed and wounded, the above named soldiers lost their lives. Their tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty against vastly superior enemy forces has created an enduring example of fighting courage.

1ST LT. JOHN A. HARRIS, 35744301, Private, Headquarters Company, 20 Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in Italy. Private Harris was ordered to carry hand grenades from the battalion supply dump to the front line units. Aware of the urgency of his mission, he crept away from the supply dump to reach his destination. Undaunted by the many machine gun emplacements in his hands and knees to avoid contact with the enemy and, when he was hit, he ignored the hostile fire and continued forward toward the front line units in delivering the vitally needed grenades and upon his return to the battalion camp. When he encountered a large enemy patrol, he immediately opened fire and inflicted casualties on the hostile force. Ignoring the enemy's position, he directed accurate fire into the midst of the enemy and was killed by a sniper. Next of kin: Mrs. Alexander Harris (Mother), 1000 1/2 Street, Norfolk, West Virginia.

SECTION II -- NAMES OF SILVER STAR

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

1ST LT. FRANK J. HARRIS, 35804433, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. When his platoon was hit during a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant Harris immediately assumed command of the platoon. He exposed himself fearlessly in the face of enemy machine gun and grenade fire to supply his men to meet the assault and to maintain a fierce resistance against the hostile forces. After detecting an enemy attempt to set up a machine gun position which threatened the safety of the platoon, he courageously moved forward through the heavy fire and slipped out the machine gun crew single-handedly. Entered the Service from Fremont, Texas.

1ST LT. HENRY J. HARRIS, 34574301, Private First Class, Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Harris was putting his light machine gun into position when the enemy launched a determined counterattack. He was the first man in his section to take up a position from which he could direct fire on the enemy, and he began firing, with a rapid burst of machine gun fire into the midst of the hostile attack. Although he became the target for heavy, direct enemy fire, he did not stop firing forward at every opportunity; the result, after the course of the counterattack, was to leave his gun or fall to change any target in his sector. His courage and calm determination contributed immeasurably to the repulse of the assault in his sector. Entered the Service from Atlanta, Georgia.

1ST LT. JAMES H. HARRIS, 34574301, Private First Class, Company F, 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in Italy. After being through a very heavy, mortar and machine gun fire during the bitterly contested attack on the Rapido River, Private First Class Harris, an automatic rifleman, courageously fought through treacherous waters and pressed the assault against well prepared enemy defenses. He was constantly exposed to the enemy's machine gun fire and his automatic weapon effectively as he moved forward. Although he was hit several times, he never took a moment's rest. In the face of this hazardous task, he again attacked the enemy's position, but was not seriously wounded by enemy fire. Entered the Service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

... until he was evacuated because of his wounds. Entered the Service from Mill, Pennsylvania.

... 35773092, Private, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in Italy. Private Ferguson was instructed to post himself at flank of his squad outpost against enemy action. When a hostile force of approximately 100 men launched a furious counterattack, they struck at his position without encountering any other. In spite of the overwhelming size of the enemy troops, he retained his calm judgment and maintained his position in the face of the advancing enemy soldiers. He killed four of the enemy with his accurate rifle fire, and he accounted for two more with hand grenades. When the action shifted to another sector, he crawled under the sweeping hostile fire to a new position from which he again directed fire against the enemy. Entered the Service from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

... 20803773, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. Private Murrell, first gunner of a 37mm antitank crew, became separated from his unit in the confusion of the landing on a strategic beachhead. When he spotted six enemy tanks directing intense machine gun fire at Company F, he moved forward in the face of the heavy tank fire and started to put his gun into action. Although the approaching tank added to the difficulty of his task, he succeeded in directing fire on the enemy tanks and, with the assistance of an officer, fired 11 rounds into the two leading tanks. He knocked out the first tank which served as an effective road block and forced the rest to withdraw. In addition, Private Murrell killed the tank commander and the driver of the leading tank and assisted in the capture of two prisoners. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

DAUGHERTY *Name amended by G-399- Oct. 16, 1944*
 * ... 37610042, Private, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in Italy. Private Dougherty was automatic rifleman with 1st Platoon, Company L, as it moved by motor convoy toward a strategic point. An enemy force attacked and engaged the platoon in a fire fight. In a critical position, Private Dougherty saw an enemy machine gun crew going into action. Realizing the gravity of this threat and the casualties it would cause, he left his place of safety and advanced headlong into the machine gun fire, engaging with deadly blasts from his automatic rifle. By his courageous action he destroyed the gun crew and materially aided his platoon to defeat the enemy, killing twelve, wounding thirteen and capturing fifteen. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

SEC. 10. 111 -- A. A. C. of Oak Leaf Cluster

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-49, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

... 3449477, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d ... 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 and 28 May 1944 in Italy. ... an attack against stubbornly defended enemy positions, Tec 5 ... attempting to lay a wire line from rear elements to the forward observation post. Although a heavy enemy artillery barrage forced personnel in the area to take cover, Tec 5 ... continued dauntlessly forward, running between snipers to complete the line to the observation post. Then he reached his destination and discovered that there was no phone at the post. Unhesitatingly, he ... back to the wire trailer to secure a phone. The conclusion from a

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... explosion threw him to the ground, and a shell fragment slashed his left arm. Although bleeding profusely, he quickly bandaged the wound and continued to perform his mission. After recrossing the shelled area, he installed the machine gun in the observation post. He had his wound properly dressed at the aid station and returned to his duties, and continued performing his hazardous duties. Entered the Service from Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

... James F. Hadden, 30732001, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 May 1944, in Italy. ... observed that three machine guns and several anti-machine guns had ... their supply of ammunition. He immediately left his place of cover and ... the urgently needed ammunition and grenades to the gun positions. ... straits of open terrain under constant artillery, mortar and ... fire. Although he was wounded several times and was almost blinded ... evacuation and continued furnishing his comrades with ... ammunition. Mastering the pain of his wounds, he urged the guns to ... and he contributed materially to the final success of the ... Entered the Service from Aberdeen, Ohio.

SECRET IV - COMBINED AWARD OF ONE LEAF CREST

... of General Orders Number 124, or, this award ... as shown in ... in lieu of a second Silver Star to Major ... 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted there-

... provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following, based on the following gallantry ...

... Major ... 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 June 1944, in Italy. Major ... commander of the 1st Battalion, ... at the head of his unit when he was killed while leading his force ... the front. He immediately ordered the attack and ... the combat platoon in assaulting the enemy positions. ... a heavy ... threatened to disorganize the leading company, Major ... dis- ... and aggressiveness, moved along the column, leading ... organizing them in the face of intense enemy fire. ... the ... in bringing ... on the enemy and ... elements ... the entire ... force was completely routed. This ... resulted in the capture of ... while ... of the enemy soldiers ... Entered the Service from ...

By command of Major General ...

OF WAR ...
Colonel, ... Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

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