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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 99

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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 the following named individual for gallantry in action:

KENNETH B. LANCE, 6296679, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 August 1944 in France. During an attack against stubbornly defended enemy positions on a hill, one company of the 3d Battalion was surrounded by hostile troops and suffered heavy casualties. Private Lance, a company aid man, worked in and around the command post under heavy enemy fire, skillfully dressing wounds and administering emergency treatment to the wounded. While he was treating a patient in the hayloft of the command post building, a mortar shell crashed through the roof, painfully wounding him. Before he was wounded, 44 casualties had been treated and evacuated without a single loss of life. Private Lance died of wounds received during a subsequent engagement. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ruby McCulluch (mother), Route #2, Ruby, Texas.

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:

HUGH W. ROBERTS, JR., 03888746, Major, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When his task force encountered enemy troops advancing in an attack, Major Roberts swiftly established a defense. From an exposed position he spotted two German self-propelled guns only 50 yards away. He skillfully reorganized his task force and led a bold counterattack, destroying one of the guns and forcing the other to withdraw. He then directed an encircling maneuver and, exposing himself to hostile fire, led his men in clearing the stubbornly resisting enemy from all the houses in the area. As a result of his daring and aggressive leadership, 45 hostile soldiers were killed and 150 were captured. Entered the Service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

JOSEPH BELLONTE, 01273787, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 November 1944 in France. During a night attack, Company G encountered an enemy road block protected by riflemen and was temporarily held up. Captain Bellonte ordered a tank dozer to remove the debris while he led his rifle elements in clearing the wooded area on both sides of the road. Upon observing an enemy armored vehicle, he made his way to his supporting tanks and ordered the

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tank commander to open fire on the vehicle. Then, moving back across the dangerous area, he directed his riflemen in engaging an enemy bazooka team. As a result of his bold and aggressive personal leadership, the enemy vehicle was destroyed, the bazooka team was forced to flee in disorder, and his company was able to continue forward to its objective. Entered the Service from Niagara Falls, New York.

ROBERT F. BAXTER, 11114378, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in France. When his platoon leader was wounded during an attack against a strongly fortified enemy town, Sergeant Baxter immediately assumed command and swiftly reorganized the men who had been scattered by heavy artillery and machine gun fire. For four hours he personally led his platoon in the bitter house-to-house fighting which culminated in the rout of the enemy and the seizure of the town. In order to direct the attacks of his various squads and the movement of the supporting tanks, he courageously exposed himself to the intense enemy fire. His personal valor and his aggressive leadership contributed materially to the capture of the important town. Entered the Service from Boston, Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN J. APLIN, 20805420, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 7 to 10 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Aplin was assigned the mission of leading a three-man patrol in infiltrating the hostile defenses to determine enemy strength and disposition and to contact British troops on the left. Under cover of darkness, he skillfully guided his men through the hostile positions and set up an observation post. He then led his men into a nearby enemy town and secured valuable information concerning the effectiveness of friendly artillery fire. While one of his men returned to the company with the information, he remained on duty at the observation post. On 9 December he contacted the British unit and, with his knowledge of the location and strength of the enemy, assisted a combat patrol in clearing and securing the town. Entered the Service from Canyon, Texas.

JOHN E. BUWA, 35259460, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 November 1944 in France. When Company G's advance was delayed by an enemy strong point, Private First Class Buwa, a member of the machine gun section, was assigned the mission of leading a group of riflemen to smash the hostile resistance. He was leading his men across rugged, densely wooded terrain when the enemy opened fire with small arms. Because heavy brush obscured his field of fire, Private First Class Buwa stood up in the face of the hostile fire and swept the enemy positions with fire from his light machine gun. At the same time, he shouted words of encouragement to his men as they assaulted the strong point. His bold and aggressive action resulted in the capture of five enemy soldiers and the rout of the hostile force. Entered the Service from South Bend, Indiana.

THOMAS CARLOSINO, 32989655, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. In order to reach its objective, the 1st Platoon had to cross an open field which had barbed wire strung across it. Although enemy observation was excellent and the field was covered by hostile artillery and machine gun fire, Private First Class Carlosino volunteered to go out alone and cut the wire. He crawled forward under heavy machine gun fire over approximately 45 yards of flat, exposed terrain

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and, in spite of the hazards involved, succeeded in cutting the barbed wire. By his calmness and courage, he enabled his platoon to continue its advance and reach its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JOSEPH KOZAK, 33685874, Private First Class, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Kozak, an assistant gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, was guarding his gun position when the enemy launched a determined counterattack. The position became the target for self-propelled gun fire, and both Private First Class Kozak and the gunner were wounded by a shell explosion. In spite of the pain of his wound, he helped his companion continue firing the gun. When the weapon could no longer be fired effectively, he moved to a new position and opened fire with his side-arm. By his aggressiveness and determination, he inflicted many casualties on the enemy and helped delay the attack. Entered the Service from Leetsdale, Pennsylvania.

ELLIS D. TUCKER, 38356049, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 in France. When his unit was counterattacking to retake an important hill, Private First Class Tucker located an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance. Acting on his own initiative, he opened fire with his rifle. Firing as he advanced, he moved across exposed terrain straight towards the hostile gun. When he was within close range of the weapon, he killed the gunner with a well-aimed shot. The remainder of the gun crew, startled by his aggressive action, fled in disorder. By his quick-thinking and daring, Private First Class Tucker killed one enemy soldier, eliminated a dangerous position and enabled his unit to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

REX HARRISON, JR., 38185102, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. During an enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Harrison, an aid man, was informed that a wounded soldier was lying in open terrain several hundred yards beyond the friendly defenses. Alternately running and crawling he reached the designated area but did not find the casualty until he had searched for almost an hour under mortar and sniper fire. While he was carrying his patient, with the aid of an infantryman, a sniper's bullet pierced his collar, but he continued to the safety of the friendly lines. His intrepid deed was responsible for saving the life of a wounded comrade and was a source of great inspiration to those about him. Entered the Service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

ALEXANDER G. PENDLETON, 31381094, Private, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in France. When battle conditions made it necessary for his squad to withdraw, Private Pendleton and his squad leader opened fire on enemy machine gun positions to enable their comrades to withdraw across the exposed area. When the squad leader was wounded, Private Pendleton remained in position and, although he received a painful leg wound, continued firing until all the men had withdrawn. Then, carrying his injured comrade with him, he braved the heavy enemy machine gun fire to reach his platoon's position. His display of courage and intrepidity was a fine example to all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Greenwich, Connecticut.

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ORLAND D. HUBBLE, 38025855, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 in France. While crossing a stretch of open terrain, two members of the assault platoon were wounded by hostile fire. Private Hubble, an aid man, voluntarily ran through heavy rifle and machine gun fire to administer first aid to the casualties. While treating the injured riflemen, he was wounded by small arms fire. In spite of the pain of his wound, he remained in the exposed position, comforting the injured soldiers. When the intensity of the enemy fire decreased, Private Hubble encouraged one of the men to leave the area and personally carried the more seriously wounded soldier across the dangerous terrain to a place of safety. His courageous action, performed at the risk of his own life, assured the injured soldiers of medical attention and prompt evacuation. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

III. CORRECTED COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. So much of General Orders 97, this Headquarters, dated 16 April 1944, as commends GEORGE E. VOSBURGH, 32745573, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

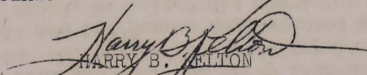
"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

"GEORGE E. VOSBURGH, 32283708, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 21 and 22 January 1944 in Italy. Private Vosburgh and his companions remained on duty for 24 hours under frequent enemy shells to control traffic from the express highway to the crossing sites of a strategic river. Their effective supervision and tactful but forceful action kept the large volume of vehicles moving freely and without congestion. Their courage, physical stamina and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon themselves and their organization. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York."

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