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**HEADQUARTERS 36th INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #36, U. S. Army**

17 December 1943

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 and enlisted men:

WILLIAM G. BUSTER, First Lieutenant, O-400554, Company F, * * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 16 November 1943 in the vicinity of * * * *, Italy. Lieutenant Buster's Company occupied a position on * * * * after a hazardous drive over precipitous mountain terrain in cold, rainy weather the previous night. Heavy concentrations of enemy artillery were falling continuously on his position but he worked constantly without thought for his own life, boldly exposing himself to the enemy fire while exercising direct control and devoting personal attention to the members of his command. By his energetic and gallant leadership he inspired the confidence and courage of his officers and men. Learning that artillery fire had interrupted communications with the company observation post and realizing the danger of a counter-attack, he went directly forward to the observation post, without waiting for the enemy fire to lift, in order to have personal knowledge of the situation at this critical time. Shortly after his arrival at the observation post an artillery shell struck nearby, fatally wounding him. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Frances M. Buster, (Wife) 3300 Velasco, Dallas, Texas. ✓

RAYMOND H. EHRLICH, 20803230, Staff Sergeant, Company K, * * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of * * * *, Italy. During amphibious operations of the * * * Regimental Combat Team, Sergeant Ehrlich displayed keen judgment and exceptional leadership in advancing his platoon inland approximately fifty yards beyond the beach, where the platoon encountered heavy enemy machine gun fire. Through his skillful direction of his platoon's rifle fire, an enemy machine gun squad was forced to withdraw. Then, in conjunction with another non-commissioned officer and with utter disregard for his own safety, he led a successful flanking attack against an enemy machine gun which was delaying the right flank. Pushing onward, Sergeant Ehrlich established his platoon in a line along a canal and continued to direct its fire, and during this action he was killed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Otto Ehrlich (Father) Route #2, Box 34, Gonzales, Texas. ✓

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ARTHUR J. HUNTER, 20803335, Corporal, Company K, * * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. Corporal Hunter, when his company was held down in a canal by heavy enemy machine gun fire, on his own initiative undertook a flanking attack to knock out the machine gun nest. With utter disregard for his own safety, he moved forward on his mission, but was killed by the fire of another machine gun on his left flank. Corporal Hunter's display of courage under fire and his willingness to give his life in the pursuit of his duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed the act. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Hunter (Mother), Route #2, Gonzales, 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 officer and enlisted man:

ARTHUR E. WILSON, 011873, Colonel, * * * AAA Group, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. Colonel Wilson, Commanding Officer of the * * * AAA Group, landed on the beach in the early hours of the invasion. In face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and despite the danger from land mines, he made continuous trips in and out along the whole of the beach, personally checking and supervising the disposition of the anti-aircraft guns and setting up establishment of air defense. His untiring personal efforts, without regard to his own safety, inspired his men to outstanding efforts and materially assisted in the accomplishment of the mission. His gallant and outstanding leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from New London, Connecticut.

CHARLES A. ARMSTRONG, 35164901, Corporal, Company I, * * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. Intense enemy machine gun fire caused Corporal Armstrong and his boat team to be pinned on the beach immediately after landing. Realizing the danger to his comrades, he moved through an open area under enemy fire with utter disregard for his own safety and singlehandedly knocked out the machine gun nest with rifle grenades. He then took charge of his boat team and led them in further assaults. Throughout the entire action in which his company was engaged, Corporal Armstrong displayed great courage and exceptional ability as a leader. His gallant action reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Macon, Georgia.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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

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