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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-41, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

JAMES F. VINCIGRANI, INFANTRY, Private First Class, Company 1, 148th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1943 in France. When the enemy made a strong infantry attack supported by tanks, the 3d Platoon was ordered to withdraw to stronger defenses. Private First Class Vincigrani, an automatic rifleman, told his assistant to leave and started to reload and cover the platoon's withdrawal. Although the enemy concentrated heavy small arms and tank fire on him, he held off the hostile force with his automatic rifle until killed by enemy fire. His heroic sacrifice, at the cost of his life, enabled the other members of his platoon to move to stronger defenses with very few casualties. Next of kin: Mr. Ignazio Vincigrani (Father), 1290 E. Oxford Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-41, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry:

RONALD C. GILPIN, ARTILLERY, First Lieutenant, 1326 Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1942 in France. Lieutenant Gilpin was forward artillery observer with an infantry company occupying offensive positions. Accurate enemy artillery fire was falling in the area, and Lieutenant Gilpin suspected that a hostile observer was operating nearby. He studied his maps to determine a likely location, and moved out beyond friendly outposts to search the area. After over an hour he discovered the hostile observer operating about 100 yards from his position. He directed artillery fire on the enemy observation post, inflicting casualties. As a result of his courage and initiative, the observed fire directed at the friendly troops ceased. Lieutenant Gilpin has been reported missing in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth E. Gilpin (Wife), 410 Oak Avenue, S E, Westport, Ohio.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-41, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

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JAMES R. MAC IVOR, 01176713, First Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944 in France. Lieutenant MacIvor was acting as forward artillery observer in support of an infantry attack. In order to obtain better observation he moved to a more exposed position. Here he was painfully wounded, but refused to be evacuated. Instead Lieutenant MacIvor remained in his exposed position and continued to transmit fire orders until relieved by another observer. As a result of his courageous devotion to duty, the infantry were assured of continuous and effective artillery support during their successful attack. Entered the Service from Hazel Park, Michigan.

EUGENE R. HAMMOND, 01310835, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 and 10 November 1944 in France. While returning to friendly lines, a combat patrol consisting of two platoons was fired on by five enemy machine guns and the leader was wounded. Lieutenant Hammond assumed command and led an attack on the enemy positions. He destroyed a machine gun and machine pistol emplacement with two hand grenades. Efforts to penetrate the German lines failed, darkness fell, and because the supply of ammunition was low, the situation was critical. Lieutenant Hammond then led the group over 2000 yards of rugged terrain through a blinding snow storm to the shelter of a farm house from which contact was made with friendly forces. By his courage and outstanding leadership Lieutenant Hammond successfully destroyed a hostile machine gun emplacement and led a large patrol safely back from behind enemy lines. Entered the Service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

HILAR W. HULL, 20801854, First Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. Company C was in reserve in a town when a large enemy force which had infiltrated attacked the town. As there were no officers immediately available, Sergeant Hull, First Sergeant, organized the company in defense. He then moved to the south-east edge of town, where the 4.2 chemical mortar positions were located. On reaching the area he found that it had been overrun, and four enemy soldiers were turning the mortars to fire on friendly troops. Sergeant Hull immediately engaged the enemy force in a fire fight. He succeeded in killing the four men who were at the mortars, and forced several others to withdraw. His magnificent courage and aggressiveness prevented the enemy from using the mortars against the friendly troops. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

ENRIQUE C. HERNANDEZ, 38578664, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. The 1st Platoon's advance was halted by a machine gun firing from a house approximately 50 yards down a street. Private First Class Hernandez, a bazookaman, without hesitation ran across a 35 yards open space, completely exposed to the enemy fire, in order to reach the house opposite the machine gun. From here he fired two rounds into the enemy's position, silencing the gun, and enabling the platoon to assault the house. As a result of Private First Class Hernandez' magnificent courage, the hostile strongpoint was taken, a machine gun was destroyed and 16 of the enemy captured. Entered the Service from Silver City, New Mexico.

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IV. COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

HAROLD R. PRESTON, O1691766, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 6 February 1945 in France. Lieutenant Preston was in charge of a forward aid station in a sector where the fighting was intense. The town and roads from the town were under repeated concentrations of enemy shellfire. As a result of Lieutenant Preston's skillful leadership, the routes were kept open and there was no delay in the evacuation of wounded. When a direct hit caused the ceiling of his room to collapse, he moved into the next room and continued working. By his calm performance of duty Lieutenant Preston kept his crew working efficiently and assured the wounded of prompt evacuation. Entered the Service from Loraine, Texas.

JOSEPH F. SIUDA, 36319046, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 December 1944 in France. Tec 3 Siuda was attached to an aid station situated in an area that was being periodically shelled by enemy guns of heavy caliber. During a particularly intense barrage, the building was hit several times. Despite his exposed position Tec 3 Siuda remained at his post throughout the shelling. He manned the telephone, dispatched litter squads where needed, administered aid to the many casualties, and assumed entire control of the situation. As a result of his courageous efforts, the aid station continued to function efficiently and rendered prompt aid to the wounded throughout the shelling. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

MORRIS COURINGTON, 14190537, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 27 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Courington was leading a reconnaissance patrol across an open field, when the enemy opened fire with rifles and two machine guns. He ordered his patrol to withdraw and remained in the open, covering their withdrawal with fire from his sub-machine gun. When all his men were out of danger, he crawled back and joined them. By his courage and leadership Sergeant Courington brought his patrol safely back with valuable information concerning the disposition of enemy weapons. Entered the Service from Fairfield, Alabama.

FRED A. AYERS, 20801296, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 October 1944 in France. The enemy directed a heavy artillery barrage on the kitchen area of Company F, and five men, including Sergeant Ayers, the mess sergeant, were severely wounded. In spite of the pain of his own injuries, he refused to accept medical attention until all of his men had received first aid treatment. Exposing himself to the shellfire, he moved among his men, comforting them and making certain that they were properly cared for. He saw to it that ambulances were called promptly. By his courageous efforts, he assured his comrades of speedy evacuation. Not until all of his men were evacuated would Sergeant Ayers have his own wounds dressed. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

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ROBERT V. ROBINSON, 35491727, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Owensboro, Kentucky.

ALEX CHINGMAN, 36158421, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Fort Warren, Wyoming.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 9 December 1944 in France. These men had the mission of clearing a road of mines so that armor could come to the support of an infantry attack. The two men moved down the road ahead of the tanks, carefully removing the mines that they found. The road was under observation and from time-to-time the enemy directed small arms and mortar fire at them. They took cover behind the lead tank and, when the armor had neutralized the enemy fire, resumed their work. By the courageous devotion to duty of the above men the road was cleared, and the armor enabled to render effective support in the successful attack.

FRANK V. BLASS, JR., 32637219, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 19 November 1943 in Italy. While a ration detail was in an assembly area, it came under a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire, and three members of the group were wounded. Tec 5 Blass immediately went to their aid and, although shells were still falling in the area, assisted the medical staff in applying first aid and in removing them to safety. The courageous act of Tec 5 Blass was of material help in bringing prompt medical attention to the three wounded soldiers. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

V. CORRECTED COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. So much of General Orders 279, this Headquarters, dated 5 August 1944, as commends MILES D. BUCKNER, 35360769, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 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:

"MILES D. BUCKNER, 35360769, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 14 June 1944 to 15 June 1944 in Italy. An aid man, Private First Class Buckner was assigned to the front line forces during furious fighting north of an enemy stronghold. Throughout the engagement, constantly under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he gave medical aid to the wounded, and evacuated a large number of personnel, often making litter hauls over distances of a 1000 yards. By his staunch determination when physically exhausted and by his unswerving devotion to duty, a maximum degree of efficiency and cooperation was maintained without which the steady flow of evacuation could not have been effected. By his untiring efforts he helped save the lives of many of his comrades who would otherwise have died of wounds on the battlefield. Entered the Service from Bloomfield, Indiana."

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