

HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
AFC #36, U. S. Army

1 March 1944

## GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 53

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 36th Infantry Regiment:

- ✓ JOHN S. SIWICKI, 31253600, Private First Class, Company "A".  
Next of kin: Mrs. Lena Siwicki (Mother), Pleasant St., Rutland, Vt.
- ✓ MARTIN L. HOFEMANN, 37649892, Private First Class.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Hofemann (Mother), Tulare, South Dakota.
- ✓ EYESING B. BOSSANT, 32847530, Private First Class, Company "C".  
Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Bussant (Mother), 433 W. 102d St., New York, N.Y.
- ✓ PAUL A. ADAMOVICH, 35382601, Private First Class, H Co, 3d Bn.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Adamovich (Mother), Box 94, Monongah, W. Va.
- ✓ MORRIS A. FUCHS, 32795477, Private, Company "D".  
Next of kin: Mrs. Ray Mirkin (Sister), 1954 Unionport Rd, Bronx, N.Y.
- ✓ CHARLES D. COLEY, 34820781, Private, Company "B".  
Next of kin: Mrs. Ole E. Coley (Mother), Route 2, Recheil, Ga.
- ✓ BAYRON C. CRAIG, 37137050, Private, Company "B".  
Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy J. Craig (Wife), 112 Fuqua, Kennett, Mo.
- ✓ EDMUND H. COPPINGER, 32921536, Private, Company "B".  
Next of kin: Mrs. Emma Coppinger (Mother), 521 Willow Ave, Hoboken, N.J.
- ✓ RICHARD S. ABOWITZ, 31383707, Private, Company "B".  
Next of kin: Mr. Eli Abovitz (Brother), 79 Sunnyside Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- ✓ JAMES (MMJ) CLEMOWS, 35675942, Private.  
Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah Vires (Mother), Hayward, Ky.

C I T A T I O N

For gallantry in action on 21 and 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of Cassin, Italy. The 36th Infantry was ordered to cross the Rapido River and attack the enemy. This attack was initiated under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire which continued throughout the operation. These men, evidencing complete disregard for their own safety, displayed outstanding courage. Advancing in the face of overwhelming enemy fire, they crossed the river and moved valiantly toward their objective. While so doing they sacrificed their lives. Their magnificent courage and devotion to duty in the face of vastly superior odds served as an outstanding example and inspiration to all who witnessed this action. Their courage reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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SECTION II - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

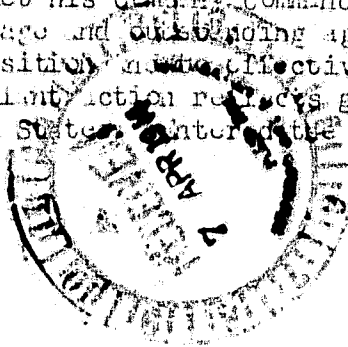
CHARLES C. DUELL, 01297174, Second Lieutenant, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. As his platoon attacked the left edge of the hill, Lieutenant Duell observed an enemy sniper preparing to throw a hand grenade from his dugout. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he personally attacked the sniper, but was struck by the grenade and fatally wounded. His self sacrifice enabled his platoon to continue the advance. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. Barton E. Duell (Father), Oriskany Falls, New York.

HURIN E. SILVA, 38020337, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Although advised that it was practically impossible to lay a vital wire line along the trail between two hills due to most difficult terrain and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private Silva with two other men, proceeded to lay wire to the Battalion Command Post over this trail. After they had gone 200 yards, Private Silva was killed instantly by enemy artillery fire. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Marlin Campos (Sister), General Delivery, Port Lavaca, Texas.

SECTION III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

TOM R. CARROLL, 38011202, Sergeant, Company B, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Carroll, an 81 mm mortar section leader, was displacing his section forward from a position on the rugged high ground southwest of \*\*, to a new position near \*\*, Italy. As the section moved with great difficulty over steep, rocky terrain, the group came under intense enemy mortar and artillery shell fire, inflicting serious injuries to five members of the crew, including Sergeant Carroll, who was severely wounded in the leg by a shell fragment. With courageous initiative and without regard for his own pain or safety, he immediately arose, exposing himself to further hostile fire, and secured medical aid for his men. He then reassembled the remainder of his section and led them forward to a point where he met his Company Commander, who ordered him to be evacuated. His magnificent courage and outstanding aggressive vigor enabled the section to reach its assigned position and effectively support the rifle companies in that area. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Sandoz, New Mexico.



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OSCAR H. EDWARDS, 38060157, Corporal, Company H, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1943 on Mount Muro, Italy. Corporal Edwards, a member of the regimental graves registration detail, was on the mission of evacuating enemy dead near the defensive positions occupied by Company F. During the afternoon of December 2, these positions were subjected to intense enemy mortar fire inflicting fifteen casualties in F Company and necessitating the reorganization of the company defenses. One company aid man was left to render first aid to the wounded. Corporal Edwards, perceiving that the task was too great for the aid man, with utter disregard for his own life, although the enemy mortar barrage continued, upon his own initiative left his place of shelter, and with the assistance of the one aid man, evacuated the wounded, continuing until he himself became seriously wounded and was evacuated. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Borger, Texas.

SAMUEL W. GRISWOLD, 36507525, Corporal, Cannon Company, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 in the vicinity of Muro, Italy. Corporal Griswold was at his gun position during an intense enemy artillery barrage. One enemy landed near a Self-Propelled 75mm Gun and set fire to several rounds of ammunition and a camouflage net, which threatened to destroy the vehicle and to explode other ammunition. Upon his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety, despite the continued shelling, he immediately left his position and exposed himself to assist in extinguishing the flames. His timely and aggressive action materially aided in preserving this valuable equipment and other ammunition for continued combat service. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Brutus, Michigan.

RUSSELL E. MORRISON, 35016843, Corporal, Company D, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on the morning of 13 December 1943, on Mount Muro, Italy. A vigorous enemy counterattack was endangering the right flank of the battalion as Corporal Morrison and members of his platoon advanced through heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire over hazardous mountain terrain. In a short range encounter they forced the enemy to withdraw by the use of rifle fire and hand grenades. Corporal Morrison and the platoon advanced rapidly down the forward slope of the hill capturing an enemy officer and seventeen enlisted men and seizing a dugout containing many valuable documents. The aggressiveness and resourcefulness displayed by Corporal Morrison was a vital factor in the successful holding of Mount Muro. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from McComb, Ohio.

ANTONIO A. HERNANDEZ, 36026454, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 84th Battalion, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1943 in the vicinity of Muro, Italy. Although advised that it was practically impossible to lay a vital wire line along the trail between two hills, due to most difficult terrain and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Hernandez with two other wire men proceeded to lay wire to the Battalion Command Post over this trail. After they had gone 200 yards, one of the crew was killed instantly by enemy artillery fire, but realizing the importance of their task, Private First Class Hernandez and his comrade continued on their mission. With communications installed, they returned over the same dangerous route and carried the body of their dead comrade out of the shelled area. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from San Antonio, Texas.

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GEORGE F. MAZIARZ, 33312517, Private First Class, Cannon Company, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Private First Class Maziarz was at his gun position during an intense enemy artillery barrage. One shell landed near a Self-Propelled 75mm Gun and set fire to several rounds of ammunition and a camouflage net, which threatened to destroy the vehicle and to explode other ammunition. Upon his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety, despite the continued shelling, he instantly left his position and exposed himself to assist in extinguishing the flames. His timely and aggressive actions materially aided in preserving this valuable equipment and other ammunition for continued combat service. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Conshohocken, Pa.

WILLIAM V. COSTELLO, 33312498, Private First Class, Cannon Company, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Private First Class Costello was at his gun position during an intense enemy artillery barrage. One shell, an air burst, ignited an M-7 Self-Propelled Mount nearby, threatening the total destruction of the piece. Upon his own initiative, and with utter disregard for his own safety, despite the continued shelling, he instantly left his position and assisted in extinguishing the flames. His timely and aggressive action materially aided in preserving this valuable equipment for continued combat service. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Amber, Pa.

LEO E. MYXTER, 3727160, Private, Cannon Company, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 25 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Private Myxter was at his gun position during an intense enemy artillery barrage. One shell, an air burst, ignited an M-7 Self-Propelled Mount nearby, threatening the total destruction of the piece. Upon his own initiative, and with utter disregard for his own safety, despite the continued shelling, he instantly left his position and assisted in extinguishing the flames. His timely and aggressive actions materially aided in preserving this valuable equipment for continued combat service. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Balfour, North Dakota.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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