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

26 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 100

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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 each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

THOMAS L. SUEHDHOFF, 13129379, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Suedhoff, a mortar squad leader, volunteered to lead a patrol to reconnoiter enemy positions. Taking his mortar and a rifle squad he led the patrol through wooded terrain towards an enemy strong point. Coming under intense small arms fire, the patrol was halted, and Sergeant Suedhoff immediately put his mortar in action. At the same time he directed by radio the fire of two mortars located at the company's position. His great courage and skill in directing this fire resulted in the death of nine Germans and the destruction of a large enemy ammunition dump. Sergeant Suedhoff died of wounds received in a later engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Carl J. Suedhoff (Father), 921-925 Citizen Trust Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

BENNIE P. FRATELLO, 42023964, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. Private Fratello, an aid man, hearing the cries of four wounded comrades who were trapped on the top floor of a building that was being shelled, unhesitatingly left his place of safety in the cellar and dashed to the top floor to aid the injured soldiers. In spite of the shellfire, he calmly treated two of the casualties. While working with the third, Private Fratello was instantly killed when a shell penetrated the building. His splendid courage and outstanding devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to all the members of his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Pauline Fratello (Wife), Route #5, Fulton, Oswego, New York.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

KENNETH B. LANCE, 6296679, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry

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Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 October 1944 in France. A litter squad was evacuating a patient along a trail when one of the men stepped on a mine, which exploded, killing him and seriously wounding the other squad members. Private Lance, an aid man with another company, heard the cries of the injured soldiers and immediately went to their aid. Courageously advancing into the minefield, he began administering emergency treatment to the injured. Another soldier, entering the minefield, exploded a second mine which killed one man and severely injured another. In spite of the danger, Private Lance remained in the mined area and moved from man to man, treating the casualties. He then made his way to the rear and led a squad of engineers and additional litter teams to the minefield. His quick-thinking, calmness and courage were responsible for saving the lives of several wounded soldiers. Private Lance was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby McCalluch (Mother), Route #2, Roby, Texas.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals, missing in action, for gallantry:

PAUL H. SLOAN, JR., 33683636, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 October 1944 in France. When two soldiers in Company A were seriously wounded, Private First Class Sloan, a company aid man, immediately went forward. Crawling under heavy machine gun fire, he worked his way to one of the wounded men and administered first aid. While moving toward the second casualty, he was severely wounded in the shoulder by a sniper's bullet. Ignoring the intense pain of his own injury, he pressed forward and rendered aid to his second patient. He then crawled back across the fire-swept terrain and directed litter bearers in evacuating the two wounded soldiers. He continued performing his hazardous duties until he was ordered to the rear for treatment. Private First Class Sloan was reported missing in action from a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Paul H. Sloan (Father), 75 North 3d Avenue, Clarion, Pennsylvania.

MAURICE E. RIEL, 31465405, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Birgitta M. Riel (Wife), 28 River Street, Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

JAY C. HAMMONS, 38599719, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Hammons (Mother), Greenfield, California.

for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 in France. These men and their companions, supported by a tank, were assigned the mission of destroying an enemy strong point which had delayed friendly troops for two days. As they advanced across an open field in the face of artillery, small arms, and bazooka fire, the machine guns on the tank jammed and the group was left without fire support. Undaunted by this, they continued to advance. Displaying outstanding aggressiveness and valor, this small comcoat group assaulted the enemy position, killing and wounding many of the hostile soldiers and capturing 27 prisoners. As a result of this daring action, these men completely destroyed the enemy strong point and relieved the pressure on other friendly troops in the area. The above named men were reported missing in action from a later engagement.

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IV. 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:

- ROBERT H. LERCHER, 36774738, Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Springfield, Illinois.
- CHESTER L. GRAHAM, 38626472, Sergeant (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gatesville, Texas.
- MANUEL MARSHALL, 31454749, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fall River, Massachusetts.
- CARL E. JACKSON, 36852607, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.
- ARTHUR L. JENSEN, 36686912, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.
- THOMAS RIVERA, 37731238, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kansas City, Missouri.

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V. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JAMES E. OWENS, 33651798, Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company F was assigned the mission of clearing a wooded area. Sergeant Owens was leading the assault squad down a road, both sides of which were flooded, when self-propelled weapons suddenly opened fire on the rear of the platoon column. Almost instantly Sergeant Owens and his men were subjected to heavy crossfire from machine guns emplaced on both sides of the road to the squad's front. Swiftly reorganizing his squad, he ordered it to withdraw to new defensive positions. He then moved to the middle of the road and deliberately attracted the hostile fire to himself. Remaining in his exposed position, he delivered accurate rifle fire. After neutralizing the machine gun on the left side of the road, he directed fire at the gun on the right. When enemy shelling at the rear of the column ceased, he valiantly covered his men as they moved to new positions, seeking cover for himself only after the last man had withdrawn. Entered the Service from Duty, Virginia.

LAWRENCE A. BUTLER, 39583979, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. During an attack against a well-fortified town, a four-man enemy bazooka team delayed the advance of a platoon of Company C. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Butler, an automatic rifleman, exposed himself to the hostile fire in an attempt to eliminate the bazooka team. As he entered a barn and prepared to open fire on

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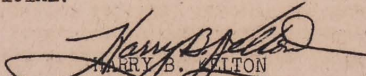
the hostile group, an enemy self-propelled gun crew fired four shells into the barn and forced him to withdraw. Entering the barn a second time, he obtained a clear field of fire and, skillfully operating his automatic rifle, killed two of the enemy soldiers, wounded one and forced the other to flee. His bold and aggressive action eliminated a serious threat to the safety of his companions and enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Scotsdale, Arizona.

CLIFFORD MARCUM, 35770773, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. While crossing open, snow-covered terrain, a combat patrol was stopped by heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the front and both flanks, and the order to withdraw was given. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Marcum opened fire with his automatic rifle and remained in position, without cover or concealment, for two hours to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the patrol. Only when all elements of the patrol had left the hazardous area and the casualties had been evacuated did Private First Class Marcum withdraw. While returning to his unit, he spotted a seriously wounded comrade and carried him under machine gun and sniper fire to the safety of the friendly lines. His valor and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Williamson, West Virginia.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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