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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS

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SECTION I - AWARD POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named enlisted man:

EDWARD E. BLACKBURN, 18037213, Corporal, Cannon Company, ** Infantry, in action in action on 9 September 1943, in the vicinity of **, Italy. Corporal Blackburn, as Corporal Gunner running a 75-mm gun on a T-30 self-propelled mount, was engaged in firing on enemy tanks when the sights were destroyed by enemy fire. Despite intense enemy fire and with utter disregard for his own safety, he assisted his superior officer in removing the damaged mount and obtaining usable sights from a disabled mount nearby, and while engaged in installing the sights on his weapon he was killed by enemy fire. Corporal Blackburn's exceptional bravery, under fire and unswerving determination to carry on under difficult conditions were an inspiration to the men who fought with him. This gallant action reflects great credit upon Corporal Blackburn and the Military Service. Next of kin: Mrs. Dottie Mae Blackburn, 411, Box 25, Wylie, Texas.

SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDALS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named officers and enlisted men:

CLAIR F. CARPENTER, 01291413, 1st Lt., Cannon Company, ** Infantry, in action in action on 9 September 1943, in the vicinity of **, Italy. After having supervised the successful landing on the beach of several T-30 self-propelled mounts while under heavy fire, Lt Carpenter was engaged in directing fire against enemy tanks when the sights were shot from his guns. Despite intensified enemy fire, he undertook to obtain other sights from a disabled mount nearby and was engaged in installing them on his guns when his assistant gunner was killed and he was seriously wounded. Before being disabled himself, he succeeded in knocking out one enemy machine gun nest and disabling one tank. He brilliantly led his platoon and is responsible for its success in landing all 75's under deadly fire from artillery, machine guns and mortars. His gallant actions and exceptional bravery inspired his troops and contributed greatly to the success of the initial landings and reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered the Service from Plainview, Nebraska.

JOHN W. WHITAKER, 01291733, 2nd Lieutenant, Cannon Company, ** Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action one (1) mile north of **, Italy, on the morning of 9 September 1943. Lt Whitaker commanded his platoon in action against the first heavy counter-attack by enemy tanks to destroy the ** Division Command Post and Personnel. Lt Whitaker, having only one (1) 75-mm Self-Propelled Mount available from his platoon at that time, placed the gun in position on Highway No. 18, and engaged thirteen (13) Mark IV Special German Tanks coming south on Highway No. 18. Lt Whitaker directed the fire of the 75-mm

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Self-Propelled Mount from an exposed position and all during the engagement he was subjected to heavy machine gun and cannon fire. This 75-mm. Self-Propelled Mount destroyed three (3) enemy tanks and materially assisted in destroying two (2) others. Lt Whitaker's gallant action and aggressive leadership were an inspiration to his command and reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Address at enlistment: Fort Worth, Texas.

SETH (NAME) GROCE, JR., 20808232, Sergeant, Cannon Company, * * Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action one mile north of * *, Italy, on the afternoon of 9 September 1943, during the landing of the * * Division in Italy. Sergeant Groce, then section sergeant of a 75-mm Self-Propelled Mount gun crew, with courage, determination, and coolness, engaged thirteen Mark IV Special German Tanks with this mount, destroying three enemy tanks, and materially assisted in destroying two others, thereby repelling an enemy tank attack which was threatening the * * Division Command Post and the Beachhead which was being established. During this action Sergeant Groce was under direct enemy fire, standing in the rear of the Self-Propelled Mount directing the actions of his gun crew. Sergeant Groce's coolness and determination in the face of numerically superior enemy forces were an inspiration to his men and reflect the highest ideals of combat efficiency. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

ARTHUR H. LLOYD, 32239542, Corporal, Cannon Company, * * Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action one mile north of * *, Italy, on the afternoon of 9 September 1943, during the landing of the * * Infantry Division in Italy. Corporal Lloyd, the gunner of a 75-mm Self-Propelled Mount gun crew, with courage, determination, and precision, engaged thirteen Mark IV Tanks, destroying three of the enemy tanks, and materially assisted in destroying two others, thereby repelling an enemy tank attack which was threatening the * * Division Command Post and the Beachhead which was being established. During this action the gun crew and crew were in the open under constant fire from the approaching enemy tanks. Corporal Lloyd's accuracy and coolness in the face of numerically superior forces was an inspiration to his men and reflect the highest ideals of combat efficiency. Address at enlistment: Allwood, New Jersey.

CLAYTON T. TALLMAN, 33019742, Private, Company B, * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 12 September 1943, near * *, Italy. The company of which Tallman is a member had occupied * * near * *. At about 1400 the enemy began an assault on the position with foot troops. Pvt Tallman was in a position to observe an enemy machine gun crew moving up a draw on the extreme left. Without delay he made his way along the stone wall stairs to intercept the enemy. The enemy machine gun crew opened fire on Pvt Tallman and he stood up on a rock wall and fired three carefully aimed shots hitting each of the enemy in the head, picking off an entire crew with cool deliberation. At just this time another enemy machine gun crew moved up into the same position. Pvt Tallman repeated the action and disabled the enemy gun crew. The deliberate action of Pvt Tallman, for his own safety, held off the enemy until the remainder of his company could retreat to a safe position. The gallantry in action and quick thinking of Pvt Tallman reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered the Service from * *, Pennsylvania.

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CHARLES F. ANDERSON, 32223200, Private, Company H, * * Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943, in the vicinity of * *, Italy. Private Anderson, armed with a rocket launcher, at great personal risk, proceeded alone into enemy held territory and single handedly gave combat to enemy tanks which were shelling the landing craft and troops of his company, causing the withdrawal of three tanks and assuring his company a safer place in which to land. Private Anderson displayed extreme bravery under fire and unswerving determination to carry on under difficult conditions. His gallant action and aggressiveness reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Address at enlistment: 214-13 Jamaica Avenue, Queens, New York.

HARRY BODZIN, 32236641, Private, Cannon Company, * * Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action near * *, Italy, on the afternoon of 9 September 1943, during the landing of the * * Infantry Division in Italy. Private Bodzin, number one man of a Self-Propelled Mount gun crew, demonstrated unusual courage and determination in the presence of numerically superior forces. His gun crew was called upon to repel an attack of thirteen Mark IV German Tanks which were seriously threatening the * * Infantry Division Command Post and Beachhead which was being established. During this action he was forced to work in the open under constant fire from the approaching enemy tanks. His calmness and accuracy in operating the telescope sight of his weapon aided in the destruction of three of the enemy tanks and materially assisted in destroying two others, thereby repelling the tank attack. Private Bodzin's gallantry was an inspiration to his Regiment and reflects the highest ideals of combat efficiency. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

CARROLL J. CAMINITI, 35455512, Private, Cannon Company, * * Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action near * *, Italy, on the afternoon of 9 September 1943, during the landing of the * * Infantry Division in Italy. Private Caminiti, ammunition man for the 75-mm self-propelled mount gun crew, demonstrated unusual courage and determination in the presence of numerically superior forces. His gun crew was called upon to repel an attack of thirteen Mark IV German Tanks which were seriously threatening the * * Infantry Division Command Post and the Beachhead which was being established. During this action he was exposed to constant fire from the approaching enemy tanks. With thoughts only for the efficiency and effectiveness of his crew, he assisted in loading the gun materially contributing to the destruction of two tanks. When the gunner and assistant gunner became casualties, Private Caminiti, with utter disregard for his own safety, calmly and swiftly loaded and fired his weapon destroying three tanks. This gallant action reflects great credit upon Private Caminiti and the Military Service. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

By command of Major General WALKER:

CLAYTON F. KILR,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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John J. Deane
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