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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 for gallantry in action:

PAUL (N.I) EWING, 20809020, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Exhausted by seven days of hard fighting and 36 continuous hours behind the enemy lines, Sergeant Ewing returned to his battalion a full day after the remainder of his unit had made its withdrawal. When he reached his battalion area, a security patrol was being formed because of the presence of enemy patrols in the area. Although urged to rest, Sergeant Ewing realized that the personnel was depleted and the remaining men in a condition of near physical exhaustion, and he insisted upon joining the patrol. While moving to a vantage point to pick his route, he was killed by enemy fire. His exemplary selflessness and extraordinary courage renewed the weakened spirits of the men and inspired them to redouble their efforts. Next of kin: Mrs Paul Ewing (Wife), 2622 Ramsey Street, Dallas, Texas.

GLENN W. ALEXANDER, 33233484, Corporal, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Corporal Alexander was given the hazardous mission of leading a patrol to contact friendly strong points to the left of his company's position. Completely orienting his patrol concerning their mission and the terrain they had to cover, they moved out over the exposed terrain, under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Displaying outstanding aggressive vigor, he dauntlessly led his men over the route, through enemy patrolled territory and toward their objective. While so engaged, and within a short distance of his objective, he fell mortally wounded by an enemy shell; but before he died, he gave full instructions to the remaining men that enabled them to successfully carry out the mission. His outstanding leadership, great fortitude, and devotion to duty, greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. John Alexander (Father), 501 Ruby Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

JOHN G. SANDERS, 12056471, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15-16 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During the initial stages of the attack against the heavily defended and well fortified enemy positions at \*\*\*, all communications were destroyed by the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Upon his own initiative, Private First Class Sanders volunteered to act as runner between the company elements. In doing so, he was forced to cross over 500 yards of exposed terrain, constantly subjected to heavy enemy fire. Working tirelessly and with diligent effort throughout the attack he made many trips back and forth across the open terrain. His determined courage was a vital factor in keeping communications open and materially assisted in

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the success of the attack. During a later enemy counterattack, he was killed by enemy machine gun fire while defending his position. His great fortitude, aggressive vigor, and unselfish devotion to duty, greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mrs Anna Sanders (Mother), 403 Alexander Street, Rochester, New York.

SECTION II -- 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:

WILLIAM S. MITCHELL, 34133107, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hancock City, Mississippi.  
ROBERT V. PELL, 35753779, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Clarksburg, West Virginia.  
ROY M. WAISANEN, 36823698, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hancock, Michigan.

For gallantry in action on 16 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When enemy machine guns opened fire on the assaulting platoon in an attack against enemy positions, the above named enlisted men were forced to halt, unable to continue the advance toward their objective. They crept circuitously around a machine gun emplacement, approached it from the rear, and killed the gunner with expertly thrown hand grenades. Continuing forward to an enemy observation post, by quick thinking they captured four prisoners and a radio which had been used for directing effective artillery fire upon their comrades.

CARL P. MATNEY, 0407621, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount \*\*\*, Italy. When the third platoon, held in reserve to support the two attacking platoons, was moving in to the rear to secure all around protection, it was unexpectedly fired upon by three enemy machine guns. Aware that the platoon leader was wounded, Lieutenant Matney assumed command of the group. Organizing the men in the face of intense machine gun cross-fire, he exposed himself to the continuous spray of bullets to direct the platoon in repelling the counterattack. His gallantry and fearlessness so inspired the men and his splendid leadership guided them so skillfully that the enemy was forced to withdraw from their assault. Entered the Service from Vernon, Texas.

WILLIAM G. MC EACHERN, 01316440, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Leading his platoon through a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Lieutenant McEachern spearheaded a furious assault across the treacherous waters against the hostile emplacements. Maintaining his position by his aggressive leadership and calm example, he was finally ordered to withdraw his men in the face of increasingly hazardous hostile fire. Skillfully supervising the protection of his men during this movement, Lieutenant McEachern loyally remained on the enemy side of the river covering his men until all of them had successfully reached the other side. Entered the Service from Birmingham, Alabama.

RAYMOND E. PINSONEAULT, 01307745, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Leading the assault platoon of Company G, in an attack on strongly defended enemy positions, Lieutenant Pinsoneault was pinned down beside his men by deadly artillery and mortar shelling and intense small arms fire. Although

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exposure to the enemy fire entailed the greatest danger, he moved about fearlessly among his men, directing them in securing their positions, keeping them well organized, and encouraging them by his exemplary display of intrepidity. Under his unerring guidance, the platoon held the same position for two days in the face of terrific enemy opposition. Entered the Service from Montague City, Massachusetts.

ALVIN E. AMELUNKE, 01702999, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Leading his machine gun platoon during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Lieutenant Amelunke moved determinedly forward across the treacherous waters under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer and machine gun fire. Courageously exposing himself to the deadly barrage, he organized the scattered men who had reached the enemy bank and spearheaded a fierce assault against the hostile emplacements. Achieving his objective, Lieutenant Amelunke doggedly maintained it in the face of strong counterattacks by numerically superior enemy reserve troops, thereby relieving the pressure in other sectors of the line. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

HERBERT (NLI) GREENBURG, 01175723, Second Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When Company F's attack was stopped by pill boxes, barbed wire entanglements, and mine fields, Lieutenant Greenburg, as forward observer for the company, realized that observation was impossible from his present position with the leading elements of the company. To attain a better vantage point, he crawled forward under intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, reeling out a wire line and carrying a telephone. Headless of the grave danger from enemy fire, he continued pushing himself forward on his stomach until he reached an advantageous position 100 yards in advance of the leading infantry unit. From this dangerous post he directed effective fire on enemy installations. Entered the Service from Essex, Connecticut.

SALVATORE J. AMORMINO, 32209512, Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. After a first attempt to establish positions on the enemy-held bank of the bitterly defended \*\*\* River had been frustrated by the intense concentration of hostile artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer and machine gun fire, Sergeant Amormino determinedly reorganized and encouraged his men while exposing himself to the deadly barrage. Leading them in a second fierce assault against the enemy emplacements after recrossing the treacherous waters, he achieved his objective and maintained it in the face of the increasingly heavy fire until ordered to withdraw. Entered the Service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 154, this headquarters, dated 26 May 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to WILLIAM M. MC MORROUGH, 20809825, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, ROBERT E. WINGARD, 32267692, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, BENJAMIN S. SELICK, 32828652, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following is substituted therefor.

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, each of the following named individuals is awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action:

WILLIAM M. MC MORROUGH, 20809825, Technician Third Grade, (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from West, Texas.

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ROBERT E. WINGARD, 32267692, Corporal, (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dover, Delaware.

BENJAMIN S. SELICK, 32828652, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

"For gallantry in action on 21 December 1943, in Italy. Wounded while on a combat patrol, a soldier of the 141st Infantry Regiment lay all night near enemy positions exposed to their fire. Although inaccessibility of his location prevented aid men of his own regiment from attempting a rescue, the above named litter bearers for the 2d Battalion aid station volunteered to try to reach the wounded man. Headless of their danger, they struggled up the steep, rugged mountainside in the face of enemy mortar, rifle and machine gun fire. Finally succeeding in reaching the soldier, they carried him down the precipitous slope to safety."

By command of Major General WALKER:

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VINCENT M. LOCKHART  
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