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SECTION I — CORRECTED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of each of the following General Orders, this headquarters, as awards Silver Star Medals to each of the following individuals is rescinded:  
KENNETH (NMI) HUDSON, 35267891, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, General Orders Number 120, 6 May 1944; GREGORIO (NMI) QUIROS, 38025741, Corporal, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, General Orders Number 131, 11 May 1944; LOUIS J. KNIGHT, 322216, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, General Orders Number 150, 22 May 1944; and the following is substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

"KENNETH (NMI) HUDSON, 35267891, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When the enemy attacked his company with an intense concentration of artillery, rifle and machine gun fire, Sergeant Hudson led his squad across open terrain in an attempt to flank an enemy machine gun nest. He placed his men in excellent firing positions on one side of the emplacements, then crept to the opposite flank alone and opened fire, cleverly tricking the enemy gunners into believing themselves surrounded. Quick to take advantage of an opening, Sergeant Hudson threw a hand grenade into the machine gun nest, destroying it completely. He then fired on enemy snipers, killing or wounding several, until a machine gun opened fire and killed him. By his daring initiative and outstanding courage Sergeant Hudson was instrumental in removing a serious threat to the security of his unit. Next of kin: Mrs Bertie Hudson (Mother), Lexington, Kentucky."

"GREGORIO (NMI) QUIROS, 38025741, Corporal, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. In the confusion of a heavy enemy artillery barrage and vicious counterattack, Corporal Quiros was assigned the hazardous mission of knocking out a particularly effective machine gun nest. Constantly imperilled by withering automatic weapon fire, he crawled cautiously toward the gun with his two men. When within assault range of the nest, Corporal Quiros warned his men to have their bayonets and grenades ready. Charging directly in the face of the machine gun fire, he successfully knocked out the enemy weapon but was killed instantly when another gun opened fire on him. His courageous leadership and extraordinary calmness under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs Rosalie Quiros (Wife), 13 Madeira Street, St. Augustine, Florida."

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"LOUIS J. KNIGHT, 32221648, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When his company in a hazardous defensive position along the \*\*\* River, Private First Class Knight volunteered to occupy a forward outpost position which was under constant enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Exposed to the heavy fire sweeping the area, he daringly moved forward to the vital position and successfully occupied it. When an artillery barrage was directed at the outpost, he bravely ordered his comrades to take cover while he maintained the guard alone. While determinedly carrying on in the face of the deadly barrage, he was killed by an artillery shell which exploded near him. Private First Class Knight's magnificent courage and exemplary devotion to duty inspired the successful holding of the company's position and undoubtedly saved the lives of the other soldiers at the outpost. Next of kin: Miss Agnes K. Knight (Sister), 165 Park Avenue, Brooklyn, New York."

### SECTION II -- CORRECTED AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, MISSING IN ACTION

So much of the following General Order, this headquarters, as awards a Silver Star Medal to the following named officer is rescinded: EBEN C. BERGMAN, 0420426, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, General Orders Number 95, 14 April 1944; and the following is substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer, missing in action:

"EBEN C. BERGMAN, 0420426, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Under cover of darkness, the assault company commanded by Captain Bergman, attacked the well fortified and heavily defended enemy positions across the \*\*\* River. Under intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, he led his men across the swift flowing river. In the face of withering machine gun and mortar fire, the company broke through the first barbed wire entanglement and moved forward to a second wire entanglement. He dauntlessly led his men in a savage bayonet charge through the wire entanglements and fiercely attacked the enemy positions beyond, knocking out one after another. His outstanding, aggressive leadership, magnificent courage and calmness under fire greatly inspired the members of his command. Captain Bergman is missing in action from this engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Edgar C. Bergman (Father), Route 2, Clifton, Texas."

### SECTION III -- CORRECTED AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of the following General Orders, this headquarters, as awards Silver Star Medals to each of the following individuals is rescinded: JOHN W. UPCHURCH, 01308026, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, General Orders Number 150, 22 May 1944; DEWEY A. WOOD, 20803606, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, General Orders Number 122, 7 May 1944; JAMES E. HILL, 35635502, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, General Orders Number 122, 7 May 1944; and the following is substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

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"JOHN W. UPCHURCH, 01308026, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. During an assault on furiously defended enemy positions, across the treacherous \*\*\* River, Lieutenant Upchurch assumed command of Company A, when the company commander was wounded and evacuated to an aid station. Although painfully wounded himself, he continued to lead his men in the attack, displaying qualities of extraordinary courage and splendid leadership under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Realizing the futility of attempting to press further, Lieutenant Upchurch speedily reorganized his company and, with consummate skill, directed the preparation of defensive positions. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

"DEWEY A. WOOD, 20803606, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When only 500 yards in front of their own lines on a reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Wood and the commanding officer found themselves separated from the other members of their patrol. Undaunted by the lack of security they continued forward alone. Suddenly an enemy command to halt rang out from behind. Sergeant Wood unhesitatingly whirled, firing his rifle at five of six of the enemy whom he could just discern in the darkness. He calmly reloaded and continued the covering fire through a second clip. The confusion caused among the enemy by his quick-witted action enabled his officer to reach safety. Only then was the enemy able to reply. They opened up with concentrated machine pistol fire, but he was able to slip silently away to follow his officer to cover. He not only saved his patrol from capture but also, by alerting friendly troops to the left, enabled them to thwart the counterattack being staged. Entered the Service from McAlton, Texas."

"JAMES E. HILL, 35635502, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. When unit positions were subjected continuously to enemy mortar and machine gun fire from evidently fixed positions, Private First Class Hill volunteered to accompany a small patrol to destroy these emplacements. Moving skillfully into hostile territory in a daring daylight raid, he drew the fire of one of the machine gun nests thereby exposing its position. Bravely crawling under its fire, he advanced to close range and wiped out the nest with hand grenades. His magnificent courage and exemplary coolness under fire inspired other members of the patrol to follow his tactics and made possible the destruction of another emplacement. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio."

SECTION IV -- RESCISSION OF AWARDS

So much of General Orders Number 146, 18 May 1944, this headquarters, as awards: Silver Star to CHARLES (NMI) HENLEY, 34714679, Private, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, and so much of General Orders Number 150, 22 May 1944, awarding an Oak Leaf Cluster to JOHN P. DOWNS, 35206971, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, is rescinded, these being erroneous duplications of previous awards.

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