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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.

HARMON W. WILLIAMS, 01293690, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 in Italy. Instructed to protect the left flank of the battalion as it moved across the mountains, Lieutenant Williams led his platoon along a road toward his objective until a well concealed enemy force unexpectedly opened fire with machine guns, mortars, and grenades. He immediately jumped from his vehicle in the face of the intense fire and ordered his men to leave the trucks and seek cover in a small ditch. Then, moving swiftly under the continuous mortar shelling and small arms fire, he went back to a truck and tried to put a machine gun into action against the enemy. While attempting to direct fire on the attackers, he was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Mrs Sara L. Williams (Wife), 963 Flint Avenue, Flint, Michigan.

ARTHUR B. WOLLAM, 32344238, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 in Italy. When Sergeant Wollam's antitank platoon encountered strong enemy resistance, the soldiers were ordered to leave their trucks and take cover. Although his men urged him to retire to a position affording protection from the intense hostile fire, Sergeant Wollam courageously remained with his machine gun which was mounted on the truck. With the enemy force only 150 yards away, he tried to put his gun into action, but he was struck by machine gun bullets and fell beside his gun. Before he died, he told his men that he would remain with the gun to protect them while they sought cover. Next of kin: Mr. Edward Wollam (Father), 1165 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, New York.

ELWOOD E. SIMPSON, 3319876, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 in Italy. The antitank platoon, instructed to protect the left flank of the battalion as it moved across the mountains, was advancing along a road toward its objective. A well concealed enemy force unexpectedly opened fire with machine guns, mortars and grenades. Although ordered to leave his vehicle and take cover in a nearby ditch, Private First Class Simpson, jeep driver for his platoon leader, determined to remain in his jeep and direct fire on the enemy force while his comrades moved to safety. As he began firing, he was struck down by bursts of machine gun fire, and he died beside his weapon. Next of kin: Mr. Shirley Simpson (Brother), Address Unknown.

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SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

J. ALVIN NEWELL, 0400546, Captain, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division (then 143d Infantry Regiment), for gallantry in action from 8 to 18 December 1943 in Italy. Captain Newell, a battalion staff officer, accompanied the battalion commander to the unit's advanced positions and established the forward command post there. When the battalion commander was severely wounded and evacuated during a furious enemy assault, Captain Newell unhesitatingly assumed command of the leading elements and distinguished himself by his superior leadership, retaining command until the executive officer arrived eight hours later. For ten days he moved about the steep, barren terrain, constantly threatened by artillery and mortar shelling, to inspect the troops' positions and encouraged them by his own example of bravery and daring. Although he was feverish and suffered from a shell fragment wound, he refused to be evacuated and remained with his men, skillfully directing the repulse of counterattacks and working tirelessly to strengthen newly taken positions. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

WILEY W. STEM, 0406991, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in Italy. Captain Stem, commander of the Cannon Company of his regiment, was instructed to support the 1st Battalion in its attack against strongly fortified enemy positions. Displaying unusual daring and aggressiveness, he led his company forward of the advancing battalion to engage enemy strong points which were firing on the friendly troops. Although the enemy was firing from well concealed positions which afforded good observation and excellent fields of fire, he courageously left his vehicle and proceeded on foot to reconnoiter for targets for his weapons. In spite of sweeping small arms fire and intense artillery and mortar shelling, he directed effective fire against the enemy positions, forcing the enemy to withdraw a self-propelled mount. He commanded only a small group of men; but he displayed such splendid leadership in guiding their movements that they succeeded in capturing 80 prisoners. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

GLENDON D. BOWERS, 01106608, First Lieutenant, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 June 1944 in Italy. When enemy artillery blasted the battalion command post with heavy shell fire, four officers were buried beneath the debris of a shattered building. Although he was wounded, Lieutenant Bowers refused to wait until the barrage lifted and went immediately to aid his comrades. While shell explosions shook the ground around him, he worked rapidly, ignoring his torn and bleeding hands, to remove the several feet of debris and release the officers. He continued tearing away the rubble until his comrades were freed. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

JAMES G. HINCHLIFFE, 20848299, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 in Italy. When his platoon encountered strong enemy resistance, Sergeant Hinchliffe, who had been riding in the rear truck, ran forward in the face of sweeping, continuous small arms fire and directed accurate rifle fire against the enemy force until his supply of ammunition was depleted. He made two trips back to his truck under the intense hostile fire and brought additional ammunition to his men. When the order was given to withdraw from the untenable positions, he remained behind to cover the withdrawal of his platoon, delaying the enemy force until his men had reached places of safety. While performing this courageous

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deed he was seriously wounded by the enemy fire. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

IRWIN W. ROHLF, 13089308, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 May 1944 in Italy. When the combat patrol in which Sergeant Rohlf was a squad leader encountered the enemy main line of resistance and was pinned to the ground by the intense fire, the automatic riflemen were unable to spot machine gun targets. Sergeant Rohlf volunteered to expose himself to enemy observation so that the hostile guns would open fire on him and reveal their positions. He ran 20 yards across the flat terrain and hit the ground. As an enemy machine gun began firing, the friendly troops directed rapid bursts of automatic weapons fire on it and neutralized the position. Sergeant Rohlf then repeated his previous performance, and another enemy gun was destroyed. When he returned to his squad, he seized a rifle and killed two enemy snipers with his accurate fire. Entered the Service from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE O. WADE, 38037082, Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Wade, with his squad, was assigned a sector of a hill to defend against the enemy. As a furious counterattack reached its climax, most of the squad members were forced to withdraw under a heavy artillery barrage and intense small arms fire; but he remained dauntlessly in his position and continued to fire his rifle in the face of the attackers. Although he was constantly exposed to continuous, rapid bursts of machine gun fire, he succeeded in reducing the effectiveness of the enemy assault, thus enabling the other members of the squad to return to their positions and repel the counterattack. Entered the Service from St. Jo, Texas.

ANTHONY ZOMMER, 31197029, Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 in Italy. When the leading elements of his platoon encountered a well entrenched enemy force and were pinned down by intense fire, Sergeant Zommer, on his own initiative, moved forward into the holocaust of small arms and hand grenade fire. He killed four enemy soldiers who attempted to stop his advance, and he continued dauntlessly forward until he spotted the machine gun which had pinned down his comrades. Creeping cautiously to a position near the emplacement, he hurled two hand grenades and fired four antitank grenades into the position, killing the crew and destroying the machine gun. By his quick thinking and aggressiveness, he enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Hartford, Connecticut.

ANTHONY SAVINO, 32235618, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 in Italy. The antitank platoon, instructed to protect the left flank of the battalion as it moved across the mountains, was advancing along a road toward its objective. A well concealed enemy force opened fire with machine guns, mortars and grenades. When the order to abandon trucks and seek cover was given, Sergeant Savino courageously remained on his truck and manned a machine gun to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. He continued firing with extreme accuracy against the hostile positions until his vehicle was struck by a rifle grenade. Although he was wounded by the bursting shell, he joined his comrades in the ditch and again directed fire on the attackers. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

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JOHN J. GOLABIEWSKI, 33275469, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 241st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 June 1944 in Italy. Company A, while moving forward as the advance guard of the 1st Battalion, came under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. When one of the men was wounded by a shell explosion and was covered by dirt in his fighting hole, Tec 5 Golabiewski, an aid man, fearlessly advanced across the open terrain to help his comrade. While digging away the dirt to free the injured soldier, he himself was wounded; but he valiantly continued with his work until he had released the man. Then, with machine gun fire raking the ground around him and shells bursting nearby, he calmly administered efficient first aid and, mastering the pain of his own wounds, evacuated the soldier to the rear. Entered the Service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

TROYCE W. REICH, 34107571, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 June 1944 in Italy. While driving his commanding officer on a reconnaissance to check for engineer mine-field work, Tec 5 Reich was informed at partisan headquarters that an enemy force was occupying a nearby farmhouse. He immediately volunteered to lead a patrol of partisans to wipe out the resistance. Although the hostile group directed intense small arms fire at the approaching jeep, he drove close to the house; then led his five companions over 150 yards of flat, open terrain, constantly subjected to the heavy sweeping machine gun and rifle fire, directly to the farmhouse. Displaying unusual daring, he burst into the building and fired into the midst of the startled enemy. Because of his outstanding aggressiveness and splendid leadership, he and the partisans succeeded in capturing six enemy prisoners and in clearing the area of the hostile force. Entered the Service from Auburn, Alabama.

FRANK C. MIELOCH, 32768385, Private, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 May 1944 in Italy. During a determined enemy tank attack, Private Mieloch was acting as telephone operator for an artillery forward observer party attached to the 1st Battalion, 241st Infantry Regiment. In the face of intense, direct tank and small arms fire, he advanced from 1st company command post to a forward observation post with the officer who was directing fire for the supporting artillery. Although he was severely wounded during this action, he ignored the pain and courageously maintained wire communications to the radio operator transmitting the fire commands. Entered the Service from Red Bank, New Jersey.

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