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SECTION I -- 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:

LEONARD M. HAHN, 33247796, Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment.

Next of kin: Mrs Mary Pluevell (mother), Box 11, Moshannon, Pennsylvania.

ANTONIO J. INCOGNITO, 32432456, Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment.

Next of kin: Mrs Anne Incognito (mother), 18 Ellis Place, Ossining, N.Y.

For gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Assigned with their squad to maintain a defensive position against the imminent approach of a large hostile force, the above named Sergeants skillfully deployed their men and alertly awaited the coming of the enemy within their sector. Moving fearlessly among the men during the intense concentration of artillery and mortar fire with which the enemy swept the area preceding the attack, they encouraged them and organized a surprise fire to stop the enemy at close range with deadly effect. Fiercely repulsing the first assault at tremendous cost to the hostile force, they maintained their position, reorganizing their men and preparing them for the second onslaught. Aggressively leading a determined defense, these men were both wounded during this engagement and have since been reported missing in action. Their magnificent leadership and outstanding courage inspired the successful defense of the sector.

MARVIN E. JONES, 20808441, First Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. After crossing the *** River in an assault on enemy held territory, the company was subjected to furious mortar and machine gun fire and all the company officers were killed or wounded. Sergeant Jones immediately assumed command and moved about over the shell torn terrain reorganizing the company. Contemptuous of the personal danger involved, he organized the men into an effective and unified fighting force and directed them in an attack on the well fortified enemy positions. Advancing directly into the inferno of enemy fire, Sergeant Jones was last seen leading the attack and has been reported missing in action from this engagement. His splendid leadership and exemplary courage inspired his men to redouble their efforts and, in spite of the many casualties, continue the attack against the enemy. Next of kin: Mrs Minnie Lee Jones (mother), RFD #3, Normangee, Texas.

REGINALD P. CARVAJAL, 20801100, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. When an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage severed two of the wire lines of the communication system of which he was in charge, Tec 5 Carvajal

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bravely volunteered to repair the breaks. Although cautioned to await the lifting of the heavy fire which was sweeping the area, he daringly left cover and checked the important lines while constantly exposed to the observation and direct fire of the enemy. Skillfully repairing the breaks despite the increasingly heavy barrage, he again risked the deadly fire to repair a third line when he was wounded by shell fragments. Despite his painful wounds, Tec 5 Carvajal continued to service the lines and he was later reported missing in action during this engagement. His magnificent courage and outstanding devotion to duty accounted for the maintenance of vital communications and materially contributed to the success of the defense of the sector. Next of kin: Mr. Daniel Carvajal (Father), 214 Callaghan Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

COLEMAN B. CLEMONS, 34495820, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Assigned to maintain a defensive position against an imminent approach of a large hostile force, Private First Class Clemons alertly awaited the coming of the enemy within range in his sector. Holding his fire until the enemy had advanced within close range, he launched a single-handed surprise assault with hand grenades which exacted a heavy toll of dead and wounded from the compact enemy group and routed it. When the enemy had reorganized and resumed the attack against his position with an intense concentration of artillery, mortar, machine gun, and grenade fire, Private First Class Clemons steadfastly maintained his heroic defense, striking back daringly and inflicting heavy casualties until he was hit by shell fragments. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. His magnificent courage and calm determination inspired the successful defense of the area. Next of kin: Mrs Lizzie C. Clemons (Mother), Jamestown, Tennessee.

SAVES (NMI) GAMEZ, 38026148, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-12 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Assigned to maintain a defensive position against an imminent approach of a large hostile force, Private First Class Gamez alertly awaited the coming of the enemy within his sector. Preceding the attack an intense barrage of artillery and mortar fire was concentrated in the area by enemy guns; but even while the deadly fire swept his position, Private First Class Gamez courageously maintained his post and openly exposed himself while moving from comrade to comrade and encouraging them throughout the hazardous fire. Later in the engagement he was hit by shell fragments and has been reported missing in action. His calm determination and exemplary devotion to duty inspired a fierce defense which successfully routed the enemy. Next of kin: Mr Ricorda Gamez (Brother), McAllen, Texas.

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals.

ROBERT A. BAUGHMAN, 0436908, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Leading a dangerous reconnaissance patrol into enemy occupied territory, Lieutenant Baughman skillfully infiltrated through hostile positions to within close observation of an important enemy command post. Alertly detecting the approach of three officers and determined to capture them even under the extremely hazardous conditions, he daringly deployed his men for a surprise attack and suddenly jumped the enemy. When the hand to hand fighting which ensued alerted the troops in the area, Lieutenant Baughman quickly dispatched the officers and evading numerous enemy patrols which were searching for him and made his way back to friendly territory. His outstanding courage and aggressive initiative enabled him to obtain valuable information of

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enemy dispositions and strength which contributed materially to the success of later operations. Entered the Service from Manson, Iowa.

WARREN G. HOLTEN, 32268161, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. While attacking strongly fortified positions on an enemy held hill, the leading platoon was cut off from the remainder of the company by a strong enemy force. Realizing the imminent danger of his group becoming completely disorganized, Private First Class Holton, in the absence of all officers and non-commissioned officers, assumed command and, constantly exposed to hostile fire, moved along from man to man, reorganizing the company into an effective combat unit. He led his men in a fresh attack on the enemy positions in an attempt to rejoin the surrounded elements of the company, but the group was stopped by the numerically superior enemy forces. Realizing the futility of trying to push farther, Private First Class Holton wisely established defensive positions to hold the newly won ground. He personally supervised the entire installation, efficiently controlling his unit and instilling confidence in his men. By his splendid leadership and outstanding courage he prevented the disorganization of his company and skillfully directed the men in fortifying themselves against the enemy. Entered the Service from Swedesboro, N.J.

WILLIS V. MCFARLAND, 37611221, Private, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private McFarland crossed the *** River with his unit in an attempt to establish a beachhead on the hostile bank. The attacking forces advanced in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and continuous machine gun fire until stopped by barbed wire entanglements and pinned down by the increased tempo of enemy fire. Private McFarland immediately began crawling forward across the shell blasted terrain to cut the barbed wire. As he advanced under bursts of machine gun bullets, he fired his automatic rifle and pushed his way through the wire entanglements, never faltering until severely wounded by the enemy fire. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

VICTOR J. ROSSI, 36736217, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. To defend his position against the attacking enemy, Private Rossi fired a bazooka until his ammunition was exhausted, then skillfully manipulated a machine gun until a new crew was formed. Aware of the pressing need for more ammunition, he made his way under heavy mortar and small arms fire to the ammunition dump and there formed a supply unit which supplied the fighting forces with the vital ammunition. Then, when an enemy sniper harassed the troops, inflicting many casualties among his comrades, Private Rossi voluntarily moved forward and brought effective fire on him, forcing the sniper to change his position. Entered the Service from Lockford, Illinois.

SECTION III -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Second Silver Star, is posthumously awarded the following named individual:

CHARLES E. BOSTON, 36195098, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private First Class Boston, machine gunner in an emplacement protecting the front of an adjacent unit, alertly detected the approach of an enemy force

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under the protection of an intense artillery and mortar barrage concentrated in his area. When he could not bring effective fire upon the attacking enemy because of heavy brush which obstructed his observation, he fearlessly left the cover of the emplacement despite the continued ~~holocaust~~ of hostile shell fire and launched a fierce single-handed assault with hand grenades and his carbine. Carrying on his determined onslaught until fatally wounded by the explosion of a shell near him, Private First Class Boston materially contributed to the successful repulsion of the enemy and inspired all who witnessed his daring deeds. Next of kin: Mrs Phylliss Boston, (mother), Route #2, Houma, Louisiana.

SECTION IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, and Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded the following named individual, missing in action.

JOHN L. HOOVER, 13085292, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. After crossing the *** River in an assault on enemy held territory, Sergeant Hoover led his platoon across heavily mined terrain and advanced in the face of furious artillery, mortar and machine gun fire until stopped by barbed wire entanglements. He helped cut the wire and directed his men through the entanglements. When the increased intensity of enemy shelling and small arms fire spread confusion and disorganized the attackers, Sergeant Hoover, heedless of personal danger, moved about fearlessly, rallying his men and reorganizing the platoon. He succeeded in unifying the men into an effective fighting force and advanced with them against the enemy. He was last seen courageously leading his platoon into the inferno of enemy fire and has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs Margaret Hoover, (Wife), 431 1/2 Jackson Street, Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

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