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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 181

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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:

JACK E. COLLETT, 33683255, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. Sergeant Collett, a squad leader, was leading seven comrades in clearing a wooded area, when the group was subjected to intense machine gun and rifle fire coming from a fortified bunker approximately 100 yards away. He immediately moved forward in the face of the enemy fire to a position 30 yards to the left of the bunker and fired a rifle grenade, scoring a direct hit and forcing five Germans to surrender. He then led his squad in clearing three more bunkers, and in releasing a group of friendly soldiers that had been cut off from their company. While returning to their platoon's position, the men were again subjected to intense machine gun fire from an enemy emplacement. Sergeant Collett worked his way around to the rear of the position and was preparing to fire a rifle grenade at the enemy, when he was hit and instantly killed by sniper fire. Sergeant Collett's gallant sacrifice was an inspiration to the men who fought with him. Next of kin: Mr. Jay L. Collett (Father), Box 75, Limestone, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD T. WILLIAMS, 33936626, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. Private First Class Williams volunteered to lead a patrol to clear a group of houses forward of friendly lines. Courageously advancing at the head of his men in the face of intense artillery fire, he crossed fences and open fields and dashed from house to house until he reached his objective. He then skillfully led his men in an attack which silenced enemy automatic weapons fire, captured three prisoners and seized the group of houses. Then, without waiting for the artillery fire to lift, he started back to report the situation to his platoon leader. While crossing the dangerous area, Private First Class Williams was killed by a bursting shell. Next of kin: Mrs. Marion E. Williams (Wife), 139 Fairmount Avenue Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

JOE A. MARLOW, 36767929, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 October 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon had advanced through a wooded area to the edge of a clearing when it was halted by machine gun and rifle fire from across the open space. Private First Class Marlow, a squad leader, dashed 40 yards across the open to a house in the middle

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of the clearing. Making his way to a hole in the wall, he shot and killed a sniper who had been firing at him. Then, spotting the machine gun position, he fired a rifle grenade, hitting the gun position and killing the two members of the crew. Private First Class Marlow's gallant and aggressive actions enabled his company to continue its advance and clear the enemy from the area. Private First Class Marlow was reported killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred C. Marlow (Wife), RR #1, Box 48, Herrin, Illinois.

JAMES V. RASPA, 32608983, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. During a night attack the 3d Platoon of Company K entered a mined area and was subjected to intense machine gun and mortar fire, suffering many casualties. Without hesitation, Private First Class Raspa, an aid man, crawled out into the mine-field and moved from man to man, feeling his way for mines and trip wires as he advanced. As he administered aid to a wounded man, an enemy machine gun opened fire on him. He placed his patient on his back and crawled 100 yards to a concealed location. Although wounded himself, Private First Class Raspa continued to render expert first aid to the wounded man. By his courageous devotion to duty, he assisted in saving the lives of many wounded soldiers. Private First Class Raspa was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Raspa (Mother), 114 Palm Street, Newark, New Jersey.

JOSEPH O. COOK, 36816650, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1945 in France. As a member of a litter squad, Private Cook was moving forward down an exposed road to reach a wounded soldier. Despite the intense small arms, mortar and self-propelled gun fire, the men courageously continued on their mission, taking shelter behind an advancing tank. When they were still 500 yards from the wounded man, a mortar shell landed close to the squad and seriously wounded Private Cook. Although in severe pain, he continued on a short distance with his comrades until he collapsed. As his companions carried him to the shelter of a house, he ordered them to leave him and continue on their mission. Private Cook later died of the wounds received in this action. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Cook (Mother), Route #1, North Manchester, Indiana.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

EUGENE V. MC POIL, JR., 01322569, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 in France. While Company A was advancing through a forest the men were subjected to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Lieutenant McPoil and another soldier quickly moved forward, carrying a light machine gun and firing it as they advanced. Finding it difficult to deliver accurate fire while moving forward, they stopped and fired several bursts. They crawled forward a few yards and fired again. They continued this procedure until the enemy machine gun was silenced, and then rushed the position, capturing 12 Germans. The gallant and aggressive actions of Lieutenant McPoil and his fellow soldier enabled their company to continue its advance and reach its objective. Entered the Service from Sacramento, California.

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III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ROBERT S. MC CAMMON, 39286623, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 March 1945 in France. While Company A was advancing through a forest, the men were subjected to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Private First Class McCammon and his platoon leader quickly moved forward, carrying a light machine gun and firing it as they advanced. Finding it difficult to deliver accurate fire while moving forward, they stopped and fired several bursts. They crawled forward a few yards and fired again. They continued this procedure until the enemy machine gun was silenced, and then rushed the position, capturing 12 Germans. The gallant and aggressive actions of Private First Class McCammon and his platoon leader enabled their company to continue its advance and reach its objective. Entered the Service from Escondido, California.

CLIFFORD E. DAVIS, 38198406, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1945 in France. Hearing cries for help, Tec 5 Davis borrowed a nearby motorcycle and drove to a field where an officer and an enlisted man had been wounded by mines. Although soldiers standing nearby had not ventured into the minefield, he unhesitatingly started across the dangerous area to aid the casualties. He worked his way to the men, skillfully removed a mine which one of the soldiers might have exploded, and carried this injured man to safety. He immediately sent a litter team and, when they arrived, guided them across the minefield to evacuate the second casualty. His gallant actions assured two seriously wounded men of prompt medical attention. Entered the Service from Athens, Texas.

FREDERICK J. KETEL, 32268253, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. After penetrating the Siegfried Line defenses, the 2d Platoon was subjected to machine gun and rifle fire from a by-passed pillbox, Sergeant Ketel, the platoon guide, volunteered to assault the position. Placing an automatic rifleman in position to cover him, he raced through the enemy fire to the side of the pillbox. As he reached the strong point he was wounded by a burst of machine gun fire but, despite the pain of his wound and the fact that he was still exposed to the enemy fire, he fired rifle grenades into the apertures of the pillbox. By his magnificent courage and daring initiative, Sergeant Ketel silenced the hostile fire and enabled his platoon to clear the pillbox, capturing five Germans. Entered the Service from Glassboro, New Jersey.

JOHN BARTUCCO, 01304851, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 March 1945 in Germany. When wire teams received the hazardous mission of laying a wire through a sector of the Siegfried line to the 1st Battalion, Lieutenant Bartucco, the regimental communication officer, took charge of the group. Under cover of darkness he led his men up wooded slopes and past enemy-held pillboxes in the face of heavy concentrations of small arms, rocket and artillery fire. Halting his men, Lieutenant Bartucco moved forward

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alone to locate the battalion position. While on this reconnaissance he was struck and wounded by a hand grenade, but before being evacuated, issued full instructions to his men for completing their mission. As a result of his personal valor and daring initiative, his men were able to reach the battalion position and complete vital communications which contributed materially to the success of the forthcoming operation. Entered the Service from Bristol, Conn.

V. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS. General Orders 160, this Headquarters, dated 1 May 1945, is amended to add Section III, "Augmentation of the 36th Signal Company," extracted.

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