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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.

RICHARD BOEHM, 37450781, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 August 1944 in France. Corporal Boehm was riding in the lead jeep of a motorized patrol assigned the mission of making a night reconnaissance of an enemy-held route. He halted the patrol 25 yards from a shattered bridge and moved forward alone to scout the area. When he returned to report the condition of the bridge and the stream, he heard a muffled voice in the vicinity of the bridge and was told that an enemy force had been observed nearby. In spite of these indications of danger, Corporal Boehm courageously returned to the bridge alone in order to determine the size and location of the enemy. As he moved through the darkness he was suddenly subjected to the cross-fire of hostile machine guns and was wounded in the left leg. In spite of intense pain, he returned the enemy fire and pointed out hostile gun positions to his comrades. Corporal Boehm was killed in the ensuing fight. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida Boehm (mother), 805 2d Street South, St. James, Minnesota.

LEE R. PINKSTON, 34884505, Private, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in Italy. During an attack against strong, well-concealed enemy positions, most of the 3d Platoon was subjected to machine gun fire from a house to the immediate front. To secure a better firing position, Private Pinkston, a bazooka man, crawled 30 yards under the incessant fire. Taking careful aim, he fired four direct hits into the small slots in the house forcing the machine gun crew to abandon the weapon and flee in terror from the building. As they attempted to escape across an open field, he seized his rifle and killed or wounded all six of the enemy soldiers. Private Pinkston was mortally wounded in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Millie Pinkston (mother), Route #3, McEwen, Tennessee.

SECTION II — CORRECTED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

OK. So much of General Orders Number 209, cs, this Headquarters, as posthumously awards a Bronze Star Medal to EDWARD E. JACKS, 01318549, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), 142d Inf Regt, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

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"EDWARD E. JACKS, 01318549, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Jacks was leader of one of the two assault platoons of Company G, in an attack against an enemy stronghold. When the unit was caught in the cross-fire of hostile machine guns, he swiftly deployed his platoon and built up a strong base of effective fire. After forcing the enemy to withdraw, he quickly reorganized his men and again led them forward. In his advance on the objective he encountered a fortified position, quickly surrounded it with his platoon members and succeeded in capturing 16 prisoners. At dusk he took an intermediate objective and defended it during the night. Early on the following morning he resumed the attack and continued forward until he reached a group of houses which sheltered a strong enemy force. He ignored the heavy fire directed from the buildings, led his platoon in surrounding them, and demanded the surrender of the hostile troops. When 11 of the enemy surrendered, Lieutenant Jacks deployed his platoon and personally searched the houses, capturing another prisoner. He then skillfully organized and defended the position. Lieutenant Jacks was killed in action in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy F. Jacks (Wife), 125 1/2 North Main Street, Elkhart, Indiana."

So much of General Orders Number 86, cs, this Headquarters, as Posthumously awards a Bronze Star Medal to J. C. JONES, 38037012, Staff Sergeant (then Private) Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

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"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

"J. C. JONES, 38037012, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. After landing on a strategic beachhead in the invasion of Italy, Private Jones collected a group of approximately 50 men from various units which had become confused and disorganized by the incessant artillery, mortar and small arms fire sweeping the beach. He skillfully organized the soldiers into a single unit and led them toward the objective which he had noted on a map prior to the landing. When he and his companions became the target for surprise fire from a hidden machine gun nest, he directed the men to take cover while two soldiers crept forward and knocked out the emplacement. Displaying unusual qualities of leadership and aggressiveness, he proceeded again toward the objective, moving forward until attacked by seven enemy tanks. He swiftly placed his men in a covered position behind a stone wall until the tanks had passed, then led them to the objective so expertly that not a single casualty was sustained. Private Jones was killed in action in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Dell Jones (Mother), Route #2, Sanger, Texas."

SECTION III -- 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.

ROY W. BIEGALSKI, 01305530, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in Italy. During an attack against a savagely defended enemy stronghold, Lieutenant Biegalski, antitank platoon leader, was left behind with ten men as guard for the battalion ammunition dump. As the friendly troops moved forward in the assault, numerous pockets of enemy infantrymen and parachutists, desperate in their desire to escape from the trap in which they were caught, were bypassed in the darkness. When a large group of hostile soldiers,

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attempting to return to their own lines, stumbled upon the isolated battalion dump, they opened fire from two sides with machine guns and machine pistols. Although his companions were pinned to the ground by the hostile fire, Lieutenant Biegalski, determining the exact location of the enemy by the muzzle-blast of their weapons, gathered a handful of grenades and moved to their flank. Exposing himself to the sweeping fire, he hurled his grenades, one after another, into the hostile positions, killing one soldier and wounding another. Completely surprised by this daring act, the enemy started to withdraw. Leading his men in pursuit, Lieutenant Biegalski cornered the force in a draw and captured eight of them. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES E. SEWELL, 20802556, Sergeant, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 24 August 1944 in France. Sergeant Sewell, commander of an M-10 tank destroyer, was ordered to withdraw with the infantry troops and supporting tanks from a position almost surrounded by the enemy. Before the withdrawal could be effected, the enemy launched a savage counterattack and Sergeant Sewell's M-10 was hit by an enemy shell. He and the other crew members left the tank destroyer, but, when it did not burst into flames, Sergeant Sewell returned alone, braving incessant small arms and artillery fire to reach it. Although he was the last man to leave the hazardous position, he succeeded in bringing the M-10 back to his unit. By his daring action he saved an exceedingly valuable weapon from destruction or capture by the enemy. Entered the Service from Dale, Texas.

ALFRED J. SAK, 36644526, Private First Class, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in Italy. During a savage enemy counterattack, Private First Class Sak moved his machine gun into an exposed position on line with the infantrymen and delivered effective fire on the advancing enemy. While other members of his squad were securing additional ammunition, he remained alone at the gun and fired five belts of ammunition, killing and wounding a large number of the attackers and dispersing the remainder of the force. In spite of this, an enemy sergeant succeeded in placing a machine gun squad only 10 yards from his position. Instantly cognizant of this threat to the safety of his comrades, Private First Class Sak, although unable to direct machine gun fire on the squad, seized a pistol and killed the sergeant and one other soldier, forcing the other three squad members to surrender. Entered the Service from Chicago, Ill.

JOHN P. SABATINELLI, 36808601, Private First Class, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in Italy. When all other troops in the area were forced to withdraw from positions rendered untenable by deadly hostile fire, Private First Class Sabatinelli, a gunner in a machine gun squad, remained determinedly with his weapon. Although he was the target for sweeping machine gun fire and hand grenades, he maintained his position directly in the face of the charging foe and continued to deliver rapid, accurate bursts of machine gun fire into their midst. By holding his post in spite of the tremendous odds, he killed 11 enemy soldiers and forced the remainder to withdraw in confusion after a violent fire fight which lasted for 30 minutes. Entered the Service from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

JAMES I. BEALE III, 13156524, Private, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 August 1944 in France. Private Beale was riding in the lead jeep of a motorized patrol assigned the mission of making a night reconnaissance of an enemy-held route. A hostile force attacked the patrol, and direct fire from six machine guns forced the patrol members to seek cover. Contemptuous of personal safety, Private Beale opened fire with a .50

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calibre machine gun and, by making himself the target for enemy weapons, enabled his comrades to reach less exposed positions. When a heavy concentration of enemy fire wounded him in the face and forced him to leave the machine gun, he immediately took up a position at the side of the road and resumed the fight, firing his rifle until it was torn from his hands by machine gun bullets. Entered the Service from Franklin, Virginia.

SECTION IV -- CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR

✓ So much of General Orders Number 298, cs, this Headquarters, as awards a Bronze Star medal to Lieutenant Colonel JOSEPH G. FELBER, 016984, 753d Tank Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

OK. "Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

JOSEPH G. FELBER, 016984, Lieutenant Colonel, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Felber was in conference with the commanding officer of the engineer battalion attached to the 753d Tank Battalion. They were discussing plans for a forthcoming attack on an enemy occupied town when the command post area was suddenly subjected to a concentrated artillery barrage. All personnel immediately took cover. After the third or fourth shell had landed, an engineer officer crawled to Lieutenant Colonel Felber's slit trench and told him that the commanding officer of the engineer battalion had been severely wounded and was lying on the ground to the rear of the command post tent. Lieutenant Colonel Felber immediately left the safety of his trench and proceeded under the incessant enemy shell fire to the aid of the wounded officer. Although he was wounded in the face by a hurtling shell fragment, he continued dauntlessly forward until he reached the side of his injured comrade. While shells blasted the terrain near him, he assisted his fellow officer to a place of safety where first aid was administered. Entered the United States Military Academy from New York.

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