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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.

GEORGE R. HULSE, 01299411, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 in France. When Company A launched an attack against strong enemy defenses, the assault platoon was subjected to heavy machine gun and small arms fire which halted its advance. Lieutenant Hulse, leader of the 3d Platoon, fearlessly led his men forward toward the right flank of the assault group in an attempt to knock out the machine gun position. While moving across densely wooded terrain, he unselfishly exposed himself to the hostile fire in order to reconnoiter the safest route of advance for his men. He was wounded in the shoulder and jaw by an enemy sniper, but he refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his platoon. Skillfully deploying his men, he directed their effective fire, destroying the machine gun nest. Later, while moving the support squad into position, he again exposed himself to enemy observation and was killed by small arms fire. Next of kin: Mr. James O. Hulse (Father), 756 Edgewood, Baltimore, Maryland.

GEORGE M. MAC LAINE, 20818317, Sergeant, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Terese M. Mac Laine (Mother), 4206 1/2 Walker Avenue, Houston, Texas.

THOMAS A. COONEY, 33247376, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Matilda Cooney (Mother), Route #1, Box 174, Lilly, Pennsylvania.

JAMES P. MAHER, 32204474, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Regina Maher (Wife), 1206 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

JAMES E. DYER, 34360586, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary R. Dyer (Mother), Route #3, Lafayette, Tennessee.

for gallantry in action on 20 October 1944 in France. It was imperative that a strategically important road be cleared of mines so that friendly tanks could support infantry elements in an attack. Although the road was in front of the infantry troops and was subject to machine gun, rifle and machine pistol fire, these men bravely volunteered to assist in accomplishing the hazardous mission. The four men, equipped with mine detectors, moved along the road until they reached a section where a mine field had been laid. The party was suddenly subjected to heavy sniper and machine gun fire. They determinedly continued sweeping for mines. Although they were the target for direct hostile fire, they disdained withdrawal and fearlessly exposed themselves to enemy observation in order to complete their mis-

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sion. Only when the patrol leader, confronted by hostile tanks, ordered the party to withdraw would they seek cover for themselves. The stretch of road was successfully cleared of mines, and the friendly tanks drove forward unimpeded by enemy resistance. When the party of engineers returned to the spot where the mines had been removed, one of the mines, set for delayed action, exploded, killing the four men.

WALTER W. GAMBERT, 35913421, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. A group of soldiers from Company B were sent forward to check a proposed route for the company's advance. The enemy suddenly opened fire from a well-concealed machine gun position, and one of the men, painfully wounded and unable to move, called for help. Instead of waiting for the machine gun to be knocked out, Private First Class Gambert, an aid man, unhesitatingly left his place of comparative safety in an attempt to rescue the injured soldier. Although he was the target for point blank fire from the enemy weapon, he realized the urgency of his comrade's need for medical attention and valiantly pressed forward toward the spot where he was lying. Private First Class Gambert was mortally wounded by a burst of machine gun fire before he could reach the casualty. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn E. Gambert (Wife), 500 Evelyn Avenue, Seven Hill Village, Ohio.

SECTION II - 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.

LLOYD R. WILLIAMS, 01683476, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 November 1944 in France. Lieutenant Williams' platoon was assigned the mission of reconnoitering enemy positions in a nearby woods. When the unit's advance was delayed by heavy machine gun and rifle fire from a well-concealed emplacement, Lieutenant Williams fired all his carbine ammunition, killing an enemy rifleman. He crawled cautiously forward under rapid bursts of machine gun fire to the body of the hostile soldier and removed a machine pistol with several clips of ammunition. He then worked his way to the flank of the enemy position and opened fire. The unexpected fire from one of their own weapons threw the crew members into confusion, and they fled the position. Lieutenant Williams swiftly reorganized his platoon and led his men forward to complete the reconnaissance. Moving ahead of his unit to investigate a house, he spotted several enemy soldiers through a window of the building. Without a thought for personal safety, he ordered his platoon to surround the house and, with four of his men, smashed through the door and into the house. The enemy was caught completely unawares, and Lieutenant Williams captured an officer and eleven enlisted men. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

HARLAN M. FULLER, 20809069, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 August 1944 in France. When a large hostile force by-passed the leading infantry elements and attempted to pass the antitank Company assembly area, enemy soldiers succeeded in advancing to within 15 feet of the company positions before they were spotted. Instantly cognizant of the serious threat this presented to the safety of his unit, Sergeant Fuller, acting entirely on his own initiative, took a machine gun to an exposed position overlooking the road which served as the enemy's route of approach. By firing rapidly into the midst of the hostile troops, he denied them further use of the road. He continued operating the machine gun until it failed to function, then

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ran 200 yards under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire to a jeep. He took the machine gun mounted on the vehicle and, again braving the hostile fire, carried it back to his position. Sergeant Fuller continued firing until the attack was repelled. Entered the Service from Belton, Texas.

HUBERT N. MASON, 35558090, Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 October 1944 in France. The 1st Platoon of Company A was assigned the mission of attacking well-defended positions on a wooded hill and clearing the area of hostile troops. Sergeant Mason, a squad leader, led his men aggressively forward until the enemy opened fire from the top of the hill with machine guns and rifles. Unwilling to jeopardize the safety of his entire squad, he led five men up a small, covered ravine to a position from which they could direct fire on the flank of the hostile positions. During the ensuing fire fight, one of the group was seriously wounded by machine gun fire from the rear. Aware that his men were hopelessly outnumbered by the enemy troops, Sergeant Mason ordered them to withdraw from the untenable area while he remained in position to cover their withdrawal. Braving heavy fire from the hostile emplacements, he continued firing his rifle until his men had effected a successful withdrawal. Then, without a thought for personal safety, he picked up the wounded soldier and carried him through incessant machine gun and rifle fire to a place of safety where first aid was administered. Entered the Service from Lima, Ohio.

PATRICK MILADORE, 35332220, Private First Class, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 August 1944 in France. Enemy troops, supported by tanks, launched a vicious attack against the Company B positions dug in along a dry creek bed. After knocking out two antitank guns and a machine gun which blocked the route of advance, the soldiers and tanks drove forward to penetrate the company defenses. As the infantry elements approached, Private First Class Miladore bravely stepped from his position of cover into the open and faced the hostile force, spraying the area with fire from his automatic rifle. Although he was the target for direct mortar and small arms fire, he moved from one vantage point to another and directed accurate fire on the attackers, finally disorganizing them and driving them back. After a brief respite, the stubborn enemy launched a second assault. Again Private First Class Miladore ignored personal safety to delay the infantry advance with his effective automatic rifle fire, enabling the reserve company to move forward and secure the line. Entered the Service from Youngstown, Ohio.

DARRELL L. SAVELL, 34872484, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 October 1944 in France. Private First Class Savell, an automatic rifleman, was advancing with his squad in the attack when the enemy suddenly opened fire with machine guns and rifles. He immediately put his weapon into action and returned the hostile fire, covering his squad in its advance and attracting the enemy fire to himself. Undaunted by the stubborn resistance, he crawled determinedly forward until he was stopped by barbed wire entanglements at the base of the hostile positions. He was delivering point-blank fire into the enemy emplacement when his automatic rifle jammed, and, while attempting to reduce the stoppage, he was painfully wounded by a grenade explosion. Staunchly refusing to be evacuated, he seized a rifle and valiantly continued to

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hold his exposed position, covering his comrades while they dug in for the night. Only when his squad was withdrawn would he leave his position and permit an aid man to dress his wounds. Aware of the shortage of men in his platoon, Private First Class Swell refused to go back to the aid station and remained with his unit for two days, fighting bravely without a thought for personal safety or comfort, until his platoon leader ordered him to the rear. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOHN D. ADAMS, 35847496, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 October 1944 in France. Private Adams was first scout of a combat patrol assigned the mission of knocking out enemy machine gun positions which were delaying the advance of an adjoining rifle company. He moved cautiously along a narrow hedgerow, covered by enemy machine guns and rifles, until he reached the hostile position. He suddenly charged one of the enemy gun emplacements, killed four, wounded one and captured two. After destroying the position and sending the prisoners to the rear, he continued forward until he became the target for small arms fire and hand grenades. Private Adams was wounded by the hostile fire and was out off from the remainder of the patrol. In spite of the intense pain of his injury, he crossed an open field through heavy artillery fire by running and crawling and finally regained contact with his comrades. Entered the Service from Quinwood, West Virginia.

SECTION I E I - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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 individual for gallantry in action.

IDUS W. ASHLOCK, 38037445, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 August 1944 in France. When the enemy launched a savage infantry and tank assault against the regimental positions, a truck mounting two machine guns and one tank penetrated the right flank of the friendly defenses and directed cannon and machine gun fire on the troops. Sergeant Ashlock, a member of the Cannon Company, was ordered to destroy the hostile force with his self-propelled cannon. Fearlessly exposing himself to the enemy fire, he remained on the outside of his tank so that he could direct the fire and the movements more effectively. In the face of deadly small arms and cannon fire, Sergeant Ashlock valiantly remained in his exposed position and quickly destroyed the enemy truck and its machine guns. Maneuvering his tank so skillfully that the enemy was unable to score any hits on it, he directed three shells into the hostile tank, knocking it out of action. By his resourcefulness and bravery, Sergeant Ashlock was responsible for eliminating a grave threat to the safety of the regiment. Entered the Service from Paris, Texas.

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