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Posthumous Award of Silver Star I
Award of Silver Star II

SECTION I — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded each of the following named individuals:

JOHN J. KLINE, 01311401, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Preceding an attack against heavily defended enemy positions, Lieutenant Kline volunteered to establish a forward ammunition dump to closely support the attacking units. Skillfully advancing with his platoon across treacherous terrain where enemy patrols were dangerously active, he accomplished this mission. Then on his own initiative and with magnificent daring, he worked his way onward into enemy-held territory determining routes of supply forward to be used after the attack had commenced. While returning from this hazardous assignment, he was discovered by the enemy and killed in the fire fight that ensued. His outstanding aggressiveness and high devotion to duty contributed materially in successfully supplying the attacking units during the subsequent assault. Next of kin: Mr. John E. Kline (Father), Nicktown, Pennsylvania.

JACOB (NMI) WEINER, 32236570, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private First Class Weiner was an aid man with Company E during the crossing of the *** river. His platoon gained the enemy side of the river in the early morning hours against terrific artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms fire. In the face of this withering fire he advanced with his platoon to an enemy barbed wire entanglement 400 yards inland. Repeatedly exposing himself to intense enemy machine gun fire covering the barbed wire entanglement he attended the increasing casualties, crawling from one soldier to another rendering first aid. He then dauntlessly proceeded through the wire entanglement in order to treat others who had fallen beyond this formidable barrier. While courageously administering aid to a wounded man on the very threshold of the enemy position, Private First Class Weiner was fatally wounded by machine gun fire. His magnificent courage, great fortitude and calmness under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Miss Sue Weiner (Sister), 739 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

HOWARD S. JACOB, 33288387, Private, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 on ***, Italy. While his company's area was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private Jacob saw one of his comrades wounded by fragments from a shell which had hit close by. Without hesitation he jumped from the cover of his fighting hole and went to the assistance of the wounded soldier. While gallantly attempting to administer first aid in an exposed position under heavy bombardment a shell hit nearby and killed both him and his comrade. Private Jacob's bravery and devotion to his fellow man were an

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inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mr. Gottfried Jacob (Father), 4424 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CARL E. ANNIS, 37525471, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private Annis was a scout of a rifle squad which had the mission of crossing the *** river and attacking strongly held enemy positions. Under cover of darkness the company crossed the swift and treacherous river, under terrific artillery, nebelwerfer and machine gun fire. While his platoon was in reserve, Private Annis, on his own initiative, advanced forward under a hail of enemy fire some two hundred yards, reconnoitering the best route for his platoon to follow. He then returned and personally led his platoon into position. While courageously performing this act he was killed. Private Annis' aggressive vigor, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. Daniel E. Annis (Father), Abilene, Kansas.

EDWARD J. BUDNICK, 31328892, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private Budnick was an automatic rifleman with Company E during the vicious attack against strongly held enemy positions across the *** river. After crossing the swift and treacherous river under intense mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, Private Budnick immediately placed his weapon at a vantage point and loosed a great volume of deadly and effective fire into the enemy positions, thereby enabling the members of his squad to advance. In the face of tremendous opposition he continued his fire until he found it necessary to move forward to another position in order to more effectively support his squad. Exposing himself to the withering enemy fire he courageously crawled forward in an attempt to gain the desired position, and while so doing was fatally wounded by machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Budnick (Mother), 224 Booth Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

EDWARD M. YEVICS, 01299509, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Lieutenant Yevics led a patrol to establish contact between the Battalion Commander and Company F. Since the time element was of utmost importance and realizing that the patrol afforded the only means of communication, he dauntlessly chose the shortest and most dangerous route through areas known to be completely covered by the enemy fire. Moving forward under heavy enemy artillery fire into enemy held territory, the patrol suddenly came upon a group of twelve enemy led by an officer. To forestall any attempt by the enemy patrol to convey information of his Battalion's position, Lieutenant Yevics quickly and skillfully deployed his small group, surrounding and capturing the enemy without firing a shot. The patrol then continued on and accomplished the mission. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

GROVER C. SMITH, 01290322, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Lieutenant Smith, heavy machine gun platoon leader, whose platoon had been reduced to a section strength, was attached to Company F in support of a night attack on an unnumbered hill south of ***. When the attack began, he pressed his platoon forward until it was advancing with the leading elements of the company. Near the crest

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of the ridge the Company F Commander, along with part of his leading platoon, bypassed a sleeping enemy machine gunner in the darkness. Suddenly awakening, the enemy gunner began to direct his fire into the backs of the Company Commander and his men. Observing the first movement of the enemy soldier, Lieutenant Smith, quickly hurled a hand grenade into the emplacement, completely destroying the machine gun and instantly killing the gunner. Despite a resultant hail of enemy fire, he continued to lead his unit to the crest, immediately setting up his weapons in a strong defensive line to hold the gained objectives. His magnificent courage, quick action and determined devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of several comrades. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

✓ JAMES M. DEVLIN, 01290039, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Lieutenant Devlin and his platoon were part of the leading element during the 3d Battalion's advance on Hill **. Suddenly the group became subjected to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, but with utter disregard for his own safety, he took charge of a squad and skillfully outflanked the two enemy machine guns while seeking a route for his battalion to follow. After moving but a short distance, they were again fired upon by additional machine guns and mortars. Realizing the magnitude of the enemy forces, he led his group in the face of the enemy fire to report the situation to his Commanding Officer. As a result, the battalion outflanked the enemy stronghold, thereby saving many lives and enabling the advance to continue. Entered the Service from Roslindale, Massachusetts.

✓ ALVIN J. RICHARDSON, 20804831, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on ***, Italy. At 0600, the enemy attacked the defensive positions of the 1st Battalion, preceded by an intense two-hour artillery barrage. In the face of this enemy onslaught the company on the left of Company C was forced back, leaving Sergeant Richardson's platoon, the flank platoon, partially surrounded. Displaying magnificent leadership he held his platoon intact, and, disregarding the bitter fire, he took up a position on the left flank of his platoon. With rifle and hand grenades, he stemmed the enemy advance, assisting the company on the left to reestablish its line and permitting the arrival of reinforcements to bolster the defenses of his own organization. His intrepidity and outstanding calmness in the face of tremendous odds, materially aided in the successful repulsion of this determined enemy counterattack. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.

✓ RUSSEL R. HOLSTER, 38065116, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. During an attack on the enemy's strongly defended positions on the southwestern slopes of Hill **, Sergeant Holster, 81mm mortar section leader, was attached to Company G as the forward observer for his section. Under constant enemy sniper and artillery fire, he advanced with the company until pinned down by the intense grazing fire of a machine gun located in a nearby house. Sergeant Holster immediately registered in his mortars, but discovered that his position did not afford sufficient observation to direct the needed supporting fire. On his own initiative, he quickly worked his way forward under intense small arms fire to a position which commanded a view of the entire enemy occupied area. He then directed the heavy concentration of mortar fire which made it possible for the rifle companies to advance and capture the house, taking some twenty-five prisoners. Entered the Service from Midland, Texas.

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VIRGIL R. COLEGROVE, 16062651, Sergeant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~, ~~Italy~~. Sergeant Colegrove led his squad on a mission of preparing a gap in an anti-personnel mine field from a highway to the banks of the *** river. When the squad reached a point in the mine field about 200 yards from the river, a mine exploded, seriously wounding one man and revealing the position of the group to an enemy machine gun nest on the opposite bank. Despite the intense machine gun fire that was immediately directed upon him, Sergeant Colegrove remained with the wounded man, supervising first aid treatment and directing his men as they evacuated to a place of safety. As the squad withdrew, another mine exploded, killing the previously wounded man and wounding four additional soldiers. Sergeant Colegrove amidst the continuing machine gun fire, maintained control of his squad and successfully directed the evacuation of the wounded to the safety of a roadside ditch several hundred feet away. He then led the remainder of his squad back through the mine field and completed the gap under continued intense fire. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

WALTER D. HAYNES, 20818194, Corporal, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 27 January 1944, in the vicinity of ~~Italy~~, ~~Italy~~. Corporal Haynes accompanied his squad on a mission of preparing a gap in an anti-personnel mine field from a highway to the banks of the *** river. When the squad reached a point in the mine field about 200 yards from the river, a mine exploded, seriously wounding one man and revealing the position of the group to an enemy machine gun nest on the opposite bank. Despite the intense machine gun fire that was immediately directed upon him, Corporal Haynes went to the aid of his wounded comrade. He applied a tourniquet to his shattered leg and constructed a litter with two rifles and a blanket upon which to carry him from the area under fire. As the squad withdrew, another mine exploded, killing the previously wounded man and wounding four additional men. Although he himself suffered from shock, Corporal Haynes selflessly continued rendering assistance to his comrades, and under continuing enemy machine gun fire, assisted in their removal to a place of safety. He then returned with the remainder of his squad to the task of clearing mines and completed the mission in the face of continued intense fire. Entered the Service from Victoria, Texas.

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