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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 the following named individuals:

CARL E. REICH, 16145952, Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Sergeant Reich was leader of a squad assigned hazardous outpost duty. Severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire swept the area as he led his men through an enemy mine field. With exceptional leadership he successfully brought the group through the dangerous area to their assigned post where he directed the men to their proper positions. Constantly moving among the men checking and encouraging them, it was necessary for him to again cross the mined area. While thus engaged he set off a mine and was fatally wounded. His courage, calmness and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. William H. Reich (Father), 1000 North 2nd Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

EVERETT C. CARPENTER, 20809079, Corporal, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action during the period 12 to 14 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Corporal Carpenter, squad leader, reorganized his command in a most effective manner after they had been dispersed by intense enemy artillery fire. Despite severe continued artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, he kept his men disposed in the most advantageous positions, materially assisting in the repelling of a subsequent attack by the enemy on the company left flank. His complete disregard for personal safety, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds. In a later action he was killed while valiantly performing his duty. Next of kin: Mrs. Velda Rhea Carpenter (Wife), Moody, Texas.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

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

BREN C. BERGMAN, 0420426, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Under cover of darkness, the assault company commanded by Captain Bergman, attacked the well fortified and heavily defended enemy positions across the \*\*\* river. Under intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, he led his men across the swift flowing river. In the face of withering machine gun and mortar fire, the company broke through the first barbed wire entanglement and moved forward to a second wire entanglement. He dauntlessly led his men in a savage bayonet charge through the wire entanglements and fiercely attacked the enemy positions beyond, knocking out one after another. His outstanding, aggressive leadership, magnificent courage and calmness under fire

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greatly inspired the members of his command. Captain Bergman is missing in action from this engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Edgar C. Bergman (Father), Route 2, Clifton, Texas.

PHILLIP F. ORTMAN, 01290804, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. Lieutenant Ortmann, leader of a daring daylight patrol, skillfully crossed the bitterly defended ~~\*\*\*~~ river under enemy observation and determinedly advanced over open heavily mined terrain through an intense concentration of enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Locating defending positions by the hazardous exposure of himself to their fire, he calmly directed effective artillery fire against these emplacements. When ordered to withdraw after having successfully completed his mission, Lieutenant Ortmann courageously continued to expose himself while encouraging and protecting his men. Once more braving the withering holocaust of enemy fire, he safely led them back across the treacherous waters without a single casualty. By his aggressive leadership and inspiring coolness under fire, he heroically performed an assignment at which six previous attempts had failed. He has been subsequently reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy D. Ortmann (Wife), 102 Armstrong Place, Peoria, Illinois.

WOODROW L. KELLEY, 20809819, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. As a company aid man with Company F, Tec 5 Kelly advanced with his unit in the vicious attack against strongly held enemy positions across the ~~\*\*\*~~ river. The crossing was made during the early morning hours under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Upon reaching the far side of the river Tec 5 Kelly immediately began treating many wounded soldiers and in spite of the terrific fire he continued his lifesaving work throughout the day. With his medical supplies nearly exhausted and when death or capture seemed imminent he remained with his stricken comrades, crawling from one to another rendering first aid. He has subsequently been reported missing in action. His magnificent courage, calmness under fire and selfless devotion to duty greatly inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Next of kin: Mr. Oscar Kelley (Father), c/o Irvine Kelley, Route #1, Milford, Texas.

### SECTION III -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

MILTON E. CROW, 0407020, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944 in the vicinity of ~~\*\*\*, Italy~~. The Second Battalion was halted in its advance on Hill ~~\*\*\*~~ by enemy small arms fire from concealed emplacements that artillery and mortar fire were unable to destroy. A platoon of tanks was called on to attack the enemy emplacements and Captain Crow, commanding Company E, upon his own initiative led the tanks in the attack. While attacking the enemy positions, the lead tank, in which Captain Crow was riding, struck a mine, disabling it. Although suffering from concussion, he stoutly refused to be evacuated but returned to his company and personally directed mortar fire on the remaining enemy machine gun and sniper positions, resulting in their complete destruction. His aggressive determination and indomitable devotion to duty materially aided the Battalion in its advance. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

CHRISTIAN A. LEHNE, 0403234, Captain, Chaplain's Corps, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division (then 141st Infantry Regiment), for gallantry in action on 9 and

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10 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Chaplain Leone landed in the early hours of D-Day with the First Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, crossing the fire swept beaches with the battalion headquarters. As the battle grew more bitter, he went forward to the front lines to assist in the evacuation of the dead and to offer spiritual assistance to the fighters and their wounded comrades. For two days, with little sleep or rest, he worked diligently despite intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire and made frequent trips from the front lines to the beaches. His care and spiritual ministrations eased the dying moments of many of his fighting comrades. His sterling example of calm demeanor, cool courage and outstanding faith materially contributed to the maintenance of good order and the ultimate success of the mission. Entered the Service from Fredericksburg, Texas.

JAMES W. SHERRER, 20818545, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class), Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. At the height of the furious fighting for control of the \*\*\* river, Tec 4 Sherrer volunteered to evacuate wounded men from the river's edge. Cover was negligible over the last 700 yards of the river approaches, but he and a comrade took the ambulance to a point near the river and forward of the positions of five of our tanks. This area was under a particularly heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Disregarding the danger he located three wounded men and with the help of a litter squad placed them in the ambulance. His cool courage and devotion to duty in the midst of a devastating barrage greatly inspired the fighting men on the river and undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

HAROLD E. BAIZE, 38065893, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. At the height of the furious fighting for control of the \*\*\* River, Tec 5 Baize volunteered to evacuate wounded men from the river's edge. Cover was negligible over the last 700 yards of the river approaches, but he and a comrade took the ambulance to a point near the river and forward of the positions of five of our tanks. This area was under a particularly heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Disregarding the danger he located three wounded men and with the help of a litter squad placed them in the ambulance. His cool courage and devotion to duty in the midst of a devastating barrage greatly inspired the fighting men on the river and undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

FRANK (WMI) HENSON, 34708374, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 on \*\*\*, Italy. While in his rock emplacement, Private First Class Henson observed an enemy machine gun crew working its way forward to within fifty yards of him. He leaped out of his shelter, exposed himself to the withering enemy small arms fire, and hurled a phosphorus grenade into the enemy emplacement, completely destroying it. Throughout this determined enemy attack Private First Class Henson fought with great courage and skill. Entered the Service from Dadeville, Alabama.

DEODATO S. RUIZ, 38026197, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. As Private First Class Ruiz and his squad moved forward to engage, a leading scout was slightly wounded and rendered unconscious by enemy fire. Realizing the plight of the stricken soldier, Private Ruiz

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immediately went forward in the face of fire from three enemy concentrated his automatic rifle fire on the enemy emplacements. With calmness and unerring accuracy, he kept the enemy resistance to a minimum. When the enemy regained consciousness and together they destroyed one of the enemy's. His superb covering fire was instrumental in his unit's successful completion of its mission. Entered the Service from Bonavides, Texas.

JAMES C. WOLFE, 33434324, Private, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 January 1944 in the vicinity of \*\*\*, Italy. Private Wolfe was ordered to secure urgently needed equipment for his battery. In order to accomplish his mission, it was necessary to drive two miles over roads made extremely hazardous by intense enemy artillery fire. Without hesitation, he dauntlessly drove to his destination and loaded the equipment in his truck. On the return trip, the enemy fire became even more intense, and during one of the heavy barrages he was painfully wounded. His route of return was in the vicinity of an aid station, but with thoughts only of the urgency of the material he was ordered to procure, he disregarded the pain of his wound and courageously drove on to his battery. Immediately after arrival, he collapsed from the effects of his injuries. His great fortitude, devotion to duty and utter determination with no thought of himself greatly inspired and witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Erie, Pennsylvania. ✓

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