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Posthumous Award of the Silver Star I
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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 each of the following named individuals:

NIF JOHN H. SELPH, JR., 34082913, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 February 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, ITALY. During the occupation of a well defended enemy hill, Private First Class Selph, a driver, was required to deliver important messages to the commander of another unit. Choosing the closest route although it was exposed to enemy observation and under hostile fire, he daringly drove along the hazardous road and determinedly continued on his mission while a concentration of heavy artillery fire was directed at the area by the enemy. During the barrage Private First Class Selph was seriously wounded by shell fragments; but with outstanding courage he drove his vehicle off the road so that traffic would not be blocked. He was later evacuated but died of the wounds which he had received. Next of kin: Mrs. Martha H. Selph. (Mother), Route #2, Alpha, Georgia.

NIF — ORA G. HORSEMAN, 35267937, Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, ITALY. Assigned to maintain a vital outpost with only a small detail of men, Sergeant Horseman skillfully deployed them in the best defensive position available and alertly detected the approach of a large enemy patrol. Although greatly outnumbered, he engaged the hostile patrol in a deadly fire fight, inflicting many casualties and preventing a penetration of his unit's position in the hope that help would arrive in time to complete the job. One by one his men were put out of action; but Sergeant Horseman courageously refused to give up the outpost, determinedly maintaining a fierce resistance even when overwhelmed by the hostile force. Steadfastly refusing to surrender he fought on with magnificent daring until killed in a hand to hand struggle. By his outstanding aggressiveness and determined devotion to duty, he greatly reduced the strength of the enemy patrol which was soon beaten off when reinforcements arrived. Next of kin: Mrs. Elmore Horseman (Mother), Route #2, Winchester, Kentucky.

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JOSEPH P. SCHNEIDER, 36602947, Private First Class, Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3-4 January 1944 in the vicinity of * * * ITALY. When a patrol was organized to infiltrate through enemy lines and contact an adjacent unit, Private First Class Schneider accompanied his comrades because of his ability to speak the enemy language. Moving skillfully to the hostile outpost line, he calmly answered the challenge of three enemy sentries and drew them out into the open where they were quickly dispatched by the patrol. Later, in attempting another daring ruse, his identity was discovered and he was fatally wounded in the fierce fire fight which followed while protecting the movement of the other members of the patrol. Private First Class Schneider's magnificent courage, unflinching loyalty, and exemplary devotion to duty inspired the successful completion of the mission and undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Theresa Schneider (Mother), 7703 South Morgan Street, Chicago, Illinois.

CLARENCE (NMI) LEMONS, 34773636, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 February 1944 in the vicinity of * * * ITALY. Private First Class Lemons, a machine gunner, was assigned a position covering a draw to the rear of his company area when an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire was laid over his unit's position to screen the attack of a hostile force along this draw. Alertly detecting the enemy's approach, he daringly moved his gun into the open where he was afforded a better field of fire although exposed to the heavy barrage which continued to sweep the area. With magnificent courage and calm determination, Private First Class Lemons maintained his position and skillfully fired devastating bursts at the advancing enemy until he was fatally wounded by a mortar shell which exploded near him. His outstanding aggressiveness and devotion to duty inspired the successful repulsion of the hostile attack and resulted in heavy losses to the enemy. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas Lemons, (Father), Judson, North Carolina.

FRANK J. ELLIS, 33403343, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 February 1944 in the vicinity of * * * ITALY. While Private First Class Ellis was assigned as security guard for his company, an intense artillery and mortar barrage was concentrated by the enemy on the company position. Alertly detecting the approach of a hostile force from a draw to the rear of his unit's area, he daringly braved the holocaust of enemy fire by leaving a covered position to alert his comrades against the impending danger. With outstanding courage and determination, Private First Class Ellis constantly exposed himself while organizing a force to meet the threatened attack; and in so doing, he was hit by a mortar shell and killed. His unflinching loyalty to his comrades and exemplary devotion to duty inspired the successful repulsion of the enemy attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Susie Ellis (Mother), 108 South Main Street, Houston, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

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

FRANK R. ALLEN, 32343090, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of * * * ITALY. When the crew of one of the guns of his machine gun section was knocked out by an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire preceding a strong counter-attack, Private First Class Allen courageously worked

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his way forward to put the weapon into operation single handedly. With magnificent daring he crossed open terrain while exposed to the terrific hostile fire and successfully reached the position. Firing an effective blast at the approaching enemy, he prevented any further advance in his sector and was immediately subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire in an effort to dislodge him. Though wounded by the barrage, Private First Class Allen determinedly maintained his position and again stopped a second assault by his effective fire. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. His outstanding aggressiveness and exemplary devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deed and materially assisted the successful defense of the company position. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn M. Allen (Wife), 108 Main Street, Tottenville, Staten Island, New York.

NIF JAMES T. ASHING, 38466994, Private, Company G, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1944 in the vicinity of * * * *, ITALY. When the machine gun section of his platoon was pinned down by terrific fire from a concealed enemy machine gun, Private Ashing, an ammunition carrier acting as a flank guard, deliberately exposed himself in a daring attempt to locate the hidden nest. Leaping from his sheltered position and firing his rifle in the general direction where he estimated the enemy to be, he forced the machine guns to open fire on him while his comrades determined its exact location and brought supporting fire against it. By his magnificent courage and exemplary devotion to duty, Private Ashing made possible the destruction of the enemy nest and materially assisted the advance of the platoon to its objective. He was later reported missing in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Ora Ashing (Mother), Spiro, Oklahoma.

SECTION III --- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, PRISONER OF WAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded the following named individual, prisoner of war:

CÉCIL B. EUBANKS, 0403546, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of * * * *, ITALY. When the advance of part of his company was halted by the heavy fire of an enemy tank during the hazardous establishment of the beachhead, Captain Eubanks daringly exposed himself while obtaining and directing bazooka fire to overcome this formidable obstacle. Successfully eliminating the tank, he skillfully led his men forward over heavily mined terrain and through an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire in a fierce assault which overpowered the first company objective. Determinedly holding his position during a strong counterattack by enemy tanks and infantry and moving openly while organizing and encouraging his men, he inspired a magnificent defense which hurled back the hostile forces. Captain Eubank's aggressive leadership and outstanding courage materially contributed to the establishment of the beachhead and resulted in heavy casualties among the enemy. He was later captured while making a hazardous reconnaissance in hostile territory. Next of kin: Mrs. Myra Lee Eubanks (Wife), Route #6, San Antonio, Texas.

SECTION IV --- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

ROBERT M. ARN, 01288021, Captain, then First Lieutenant, Company D, 141st

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Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action in Italy from 27 November 1943 to 29 November 1943. Ordered to reconnoiter mortar positions for his company on * * *, he exposed himself to enemy artillery and mortar fire until he had carefully selected the best positions for the mortars and routes for their ammunition supply. With utter disregard for his own safety, he then established his observation post in an area subjected to heavy artillery and occasional small arms fire, that he might have the best possible vantage point. With great courage and determination he remained at his post for forty hours under constant fire, directing his mortars in achieving several direct hits on enemy positions and inflicting many casualties on the enemy. Entered the Service from Moundsville, West Virginia.

KENNETH W. MOHR, 32556678, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 11 to 14 February 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, ITALY. During repeated violent enemy counterattacks, Private Mohr acting as communications sergeant, organized a party of several men to assist him in carrying ammunition from a camp to the fighting forces. Although the supply route was rendered hazardous by constant artillery and small arms fire, he unfalteringly led his party along the trail and successfully delivered the critically needed ammunition. Private Mohr then established communication between the company command post and the fighting positions, although in performing the mission he was forced to expose himself to sniper action as well as the artillery fire. When the First Sergeant was wounded and Private Mohr assumed his tasks, his duties had become three-fold, but he performed them tirelessly and efficiently with admirable composure under the intense shelling. On one occasion, he spotted an enemy sniper who had been harassing his men, and voluntarily moved to an advantageous position beyond the outpost and forced the sniper to withdraw by his effective fire. His aggressive and courageous deeds demonstrated remarkable ingenuity and determination of purpose. Entered the Service from Keansburg, New Jersey.

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