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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS

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Award of the Silver Star.....I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal.....II

SECTION I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

HENRY H. CARDEN, 0332931, Lieutenant Colonel, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. During the bitterly opposed battle for *** the right flank of the regiment became partially exposed. Colonel Carden, then Regimental Executive Officer, realizing the tense situation of the regiment, voluntarily left the command post and proceeded under enemy artillery and mortar fire, over tough mountainous terrain to make contact with elements of the 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry. With unusual calmness and utter disregard for his own safety, he moved forward fully cognizant of the possibility of enemy troops being in the area and contacted the battalion. He remained in this hazardous area during the day to observe enemy movements and to secure valuable information, with which he later successfully returned to his unit. His initiative resulted in the continuation of vitally needed lines of communication and materially aided the security of the position held by the regiment. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Bolton, Texas.

DAVID M. FRAZIOR, 0222230, Major, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 8 to 18 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. Major Frazier assumed command of the 1st Battalion on 9 December 1943 when the Battalion Commander was seriously wounded. He personally led his men in a vicious attack across the barren rugged slopes of *** and on to capture the high ground overlooking *** despite intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire coming from almost impregnable entrenchments. In defense of this vital sector he operated a field artillery observation post directing fire which repelled nine vicious counterattacks. With utter disregard for his personal safety he moved among his men imbuing them with his dogged determination and outstanding fortitude, inspiring them to their maximum effort and ultimate success. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

In accordance with Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy:

ROBERT L. COX, 0156078, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, from 9 September 1943 to 6 March 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

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ERNEST S. RAMBO, 0353609, Major, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, from 9 September 1943 to 6 March 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

JOHN D. VENSEL, 01294569, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, from 3 August 1943 to 5 January 1944 in Africa and Italy. Entered the Service from Monroe, Michigan.

SHAG (NMI) GARRETT, 20848685, Technical Sergeant, Anti-Tank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, on 5 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

WRENSEY A. JAMES, 19038597, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 50th Parachute Infantry Regiment, from 10 July 1943 to 30 November 1943 in Sicily and Italy. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

FRANK O. DYBOWSKI, 38026381, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, from 15 November 1943 to 15 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Aenedy, Texas.


JAMES C. BEASLEY, 38036757, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, on 3 and 4 December 1943 in Italy. Entered the Service from Aqualla, Texas.

LAWRENCE W. MICKELSON, 36245113, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 September 1943 to 12 January 1944 in Italy. Entered the Service from Cadott, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General WALKER:

STEWART T. VINCENT
Colonel, General Staff Corps
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:


JOHN F. DEANE
Lt Col, Adjutant General's Department
Adjutant General

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