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SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals:

GEORGE W. RIVERS, JR., 20806238, Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1944 on ***, Italy. When the patrol, of which he was second in command, discovered enemy machine gun and mortar emplacements in extremely hazardous hostile territory, Sergeant Rivers daringly left his comrades in a place of cover and moved forward to flank the positions. Advancing skillfully to within close range of the enemy nests, he was discovered and fire upon by a hidden machine gun and was mortally wounded in the fierce fire fight which ensued. When a comrade reached him to help him withdraw, Sergeant Rivers bravely maintained his position and ordered the soldier to leave the hazardous area. His magnificent courage, determination and exemplary devotion to duty inspired all who witnessed his deeds and prevented the ambush of the patrol. Next of kin: Mr. George W. Rivers (Father), Tuxedo, Texas.

GREGORIO (NMI) QUIROS, 38025741, Corporal, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. In the confusion of a heavy enemy artillery barrage and vicious counter-attack, Corporal Quiros was assigned the hazardous mission of knocking out a particularly effective machine gun nest. Constantly imperilled by withering automatic weapon fire, he crawled cautiously toward the gun with his two men. When within assault range of the nest, Corporal Quiros warned his men to have their bayonets and grenades ready. Charging directly in the face of the machine gun fire, he successfully knocked out the enemy weapon but was killed instantly when another gun opened fire on him. His courageous leadership and extraordinary calmness under fire greatly inspired all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Rosalie Quiros (Wife), 13 Madeira Street, St. Augustine, Florida.

EDWIN M. SKINNER, 33723839, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. When his platoon was pinned down during an attack against a heavily fortified machine gun emplacement, Private Skinner daringly rushed the enemy nest single-handedly. With magnificent courage, he deliberately drew the intense machine gun fire by his fierce assault, enabling his comrades to advance against the position and destroy it while capturing twenty prisoners. Private Skinner was killed in a deadly fire fight during this engagement. His aggressive determination and outstanding valor inspired his platoon in the successful accomplishment of its objective. Next of kin: Mrs. Jeanette Skinner (Mother), Midway Groves, Sarasota, Florida.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulation 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded each of the following named individuals:

SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG, 0350478, Captain, Medical Corps, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 November 1943 on ***, Italy. When word was received that numerous casualties had resulted from an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, Captain Rosenberg immediately left his aid station to administer medical aid in the hazardous area. Despite the continued barrage, he moved openly from casualty to casualty, skillfully attending their needs until all had received treatment and were evacuated. Captain Rosenberg's calm determination and magnificent bravery encouraged and inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

PHILLIP A. CHOCKLEY, 01177328, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 20 November 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. When his platoon was being pounded by an intense concentration of enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Chockley fearlessly moved over exposed terrain carefully dispersing his men in covered positions and encouraging them in the face of the terrific bombardment. With magnificent daring and an inspiring display of utter coolness under the heavy fire, he skillfully administered first aid when one of his men was seriously wounded in the barrage and assisted in the immediate evacuation of the stricken soldier. Lieutenant Chockley courageously maintained close supervision and control throughout the deadly fire; and his aggressive leadership and exemplary devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Entered the Service from Shelbyville, Tennessee.

ALLEN E. SIMMONS, 01293664, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. A mountain, occupied at night by elements of the 1st Battalion, had been only partially cleared of the enemy. As dawn broke snipers and machine gunners on a knoll 200 yards east of the occupied slope, opened fire, killing two officers and a number of men. Lieutenant Simmons led the sixteen men remaining in his platoon up the bare slope towards the enemy, all the while directing the fire of his riflemen and machine gunners so as to keep the enemy off the crest and pinned down until he could get within hand grenade range. As soon as the grenades were launched he personally led the final successful assault in which six of the enemy were killed and seventeen were captured. The platoon's only casualties were two wounded, thanks to his skillful leadership. Every man in his command was inspired by his cool courage. Entered the Service from Belfast, Maine.

WINSTON A. SCHNEIDER, 20803804, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private First Class Schneider was acting communications sergeant for his company during its attack against the strongly fortified enemy positions at ***. Despite the severe concentration of enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he worked tirelessly to maintain the vital wire communications. While so engaged, he was severely and painfully wounded by shell fragments. Shortly afterwards the continued heavy enemy concentrations completely destroyed all communication lines beyond hope of prompt repair. Realizing that contact between the assault troops and the

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support echelons was necessary in order to successfully prosecute the attack, Private First Class Schneider refused to be evacuated and voluntarily assumed the role of foot messenger. Despite his painful wounds, he made several hazardous trips across the fire-swept terrain between the company elements, until he was again wounded and forced to be evacuated to the rear. His dogged efforts and magnificent courage were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

LEANDRO ALANIZ, 38025884, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. After advancing across a heavily mined area and crossing the *** River on a small foot bridge, Sergeant Alaniz and a small group made their way through furious enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to the point where the company had been ordered to dig in. This small group prepared defensive positions and, for two nights and a day, fought off all enemy attacks. Constantly alert during this period, they maintained their positions with fearlessness and aggressive vigor. Often the enemy crept close enough to call out through the fog, smoke and darkness for them to surrender, saying that an officer had ordered the capitulation. Their reply was a volley of rifle fire and expertly thrown hand grenades. When the small group was ordered to evacuate their positions, they covered each other's withdrawals until they all reached points of safety. Sergeant Alaniz's courageous deeds exemplified the noblest of ideals of devotion to duty and disregard for self in performing assigned missions. Entered the Service from San Diego, Texas.

ANTHONY (NMI) GRECO, 33325164, Staff Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private First Class Greco was assigned the hazardous task of a night reconnaissance patrol behind enemy lines. He knew the information he brought back would be a vital factor if the planned attack by our troops was to be successful. By his stealth and expert patrolling he penetrated deep into enemy territory remaining for three hours plotting their outposts and fortified positions. His mission completed he started back with the valuable information. His senses alert to all situations and possible sources of more valuable material, he observed a canvas covered foxhole. Dauntlessly he approached with a ready hand grenade and pistol and audaciously kicking the canvas aside he surprised and captured two startled enemy soldiers. The information furnished by him and his prisoners of enemy mortar, machine gun and outpost positions saved the lives of many of his comrades. His magnificent courage, calmness and devotion to duty greatly inspired all who heard of his deeds. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDGAR (NMI) REEVES, 38036306, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Private First Class Reeves, as Number 2 man on the 75mm self-propelled howitzer of the First Platoon, debarked in the fourth wave of the assaulting troops at the *** beachhead in the face of artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. The howitzer crew, driving across the heavily mined beach to the bank of a small canal, went into action and was immediately subjected to the crossfire of two enemy machine guns. Although the corporal gunner was killed and the lieutenant in charge seriously wounded, Private

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First Class Reeves continued firing the howitzer until it was rendered useless by enemy fire. Unhesitatingly he successfully engaged enemy snipers with his rifle. Later he assisted in the evacuation of a wounded aid man, crossing open terrain under constant heavy machine gun, artillery and sniper fire to a medical detachment on the beach. Then, for the second time, he made the hazardous journey through enemy mine fields carrying another wounded comrade to safety. Private First Class Reeves' selfless deeds forcibly demonstrate the American ideal of aiding one's comrades without thought for personal security. Entered the Service from Mundy, Texas.

DAROLD S. WHITE, 34725138, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Volunteering to accompany a reconnaissance patrol into extremely hazardous territory in which severe casualties had already been sustained, Private First Class White was ordered to remain at the bank of the treacherous *** River after he had assisted the remainder of the patrol across. While awaiting the return of the patrol, he saw two wounded men reach the opposite bank and immediately made his way to the other side under intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to assist them in reaching safety. Working courageously under the concentration of fire, he placed the wounded men in a boat and successfully evacuated them. His aggressive initiative and magnificent daring undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded men. Entered the Service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

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