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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #36, U. S. Army

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 63

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 of the 141st Infantry Regiment:

MIRIAM A. GASSERT, 35790400, Private, Company B.

Next of kin: Mrs. Liela Gassert (Mother), 4323 Amity Rd, Deer Park, Ohio.

NIF - JESS C. HUDSON, 38277906, Private, Company B.

Next of kin: Mrs. Clarence M. Hudson (Mother), Colbert, Okla.

NIF - LEWIS (MI) HOWARD, 34807516, Private, Company B.

Next of kin: Mrs. Lullene C. Howard (Wife) 1312 Glenn Addie, Anniston, Ala.

GAYLORD R. ANDERSON, 37356621, Private, Company A.

Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha Anderson (Mother), Rt 1, Maywood, Neb.

HERBERT L. HILL, 31337908, Private, Company A.

Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred F. Hill (Wife), RFD 2, Burgess Rd, Bennington, Vt.

NIF - FRANK V. HEWITT, 31347068, Private, Company A.

Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy B. Hewitt (Wife), RFD 1, Clarksburg, North Adams, Massachusetts.

ALBERT L. CHECKSTON, 33190595, Private, Company A.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Evelyn Checkston (Wife), 4809 4th Street, N. W., Apt. 2, Washington, D. C.

ELYMOUR C. ROSEN, 32797360, Private, Company I.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Fannie Rosen (Mother), 4715 W. Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES R. ILLICK, 33624536, Private, Company A.

Next of kin: Mrs. Fannie Illick (Mother), 606 Line Street, Easton, Pa.

ELSTER D. BRYANT, 17161191, Private, Company A.

Next of kin: Mr. Loranzo Bryant (Father), Route #6, Centralia, Ill.

LEONAR L. BARIL, 31383779, Private, Company G.

Next of kin: Mr. Henry O. Baril (Father), 43 Seaman Street, Moonsocket, R. I.

RAYMOND W. STAVELEY, 31264238, Private, Company A.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Sarah J. Staveley (Mother), 1707 Middlesex Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

ALBERT L. FRYMAN, 35055660, Private, Company A.

Next of kin: Mr. Grover Fryman (Father), 221 E. 12th Street, Ashland, Ohio.

ROBERT E. FELDMAN, 36664731, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion.

Next of kin: Mrs. Sadie Feldman, (Mother), 7224 Merrill Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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C I T A T I O N

For gallantry in action on 21 and 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of *** Italy. The 141st Infantry was ordered to cross the *** river and attack the enemy. This attack was initiated under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire which continued throughout the operation. These men, evidencing complete disregard for their own safety, displayed outstanding courage. Advancing in the face of overwhelming enemy fire, they crossed the river and moved valiantly toward their objective. While so doing they met their death. Their magnificent courage and devotion to duty in the face of vastly superior odds served as an outstanding example and inspiration to all who witnessed this action. Their courage reflects great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

MARION P. BOWDEN, Captain, 0407022, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. During an attack on *** the 3d Battalion was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from both flanks. Captain Bowden, with utter disregard for his own life, advancing with Company A, the assaulting company, under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, personally directed our mortar fire on the enemy positions. He kept encouraging the men and continuously moved from one position to another pointing out targets. This enabled the Battalion to maneuver and attack the enemy positions from a flank. By his calm and efficient performance, and personal encouragement of the men, he contributed materially to the success of the attack. His magnificent courage was an inspiration to all members of the command. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Belton, Texas.

WOODROW (MIL) ALDER, First Sergeant, 20815560, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1943, in the vicinity of *** Italy. Sergeant Alder, member of a forward observer party, was on duty with the Infantry, exposed to enemy fire, when the officer was wounded and had to be evacuated. Sergeant Alder immediately assumed command of the section and directed it most efficiently. When all communications except his radio failed, due to enemy mortar fire, during determined enemy counterattacks, Sergeant Alder brought artillery fire down by quick and accurate adjustments. His calmness in the face of grave danger and his skill in performing a function normally performed by an officer, placed such effective fire on the enemy that it contributed greatly to the breaking up of the counterattacks. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Lodi City, Texas.

ROBERT M. PATTERSON, Sergeant, 6836501, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1943, in the vicinity of *** Italy. Sergeant Patterson, with a patrol, was given the mission of observing enemy locations and activities. The patrol moved forward over rocky, wet terrain, with little cover. In arriving at a point of vantage, Sergeant Patterson observed two enemy

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tanks, also a house which the enemy was apparently using as a platoon headquarters. Having no means of communication, he returned to his commanding officer and reported his observations. He then returned with a radio to the point where he observed these tanks and directed mortar fire. Snipers observed his position and opened fire on him. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Patterson continued to direct the mortar fire until one tank was knocked out and the house destroyed. His cool, determined action under fire was an inspiration to all members of his patrol. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Beaver, Pa.

EUSTACE H. WILLIAMS, Sergeant, 38038563, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in the vicinity of Italy. Sergeant Williams had the mission of taking a patrol and determining the presence of enemy forces and locating enemy installations. Moving forward, he crossed the difficult, exposed terrain along mined trails. For two miles he led his patrol, crawling and climbing over walls, across rocky, slippery terrain to within fifty yards of enemy positions. In making his observations, he located two enemy soldiers on outpost. Crawling cautiously, Sergeant Williams flanked them and worked up to their rear, capturing them. He then returned to his lines with the information secured, and the two prisoners from whom valuable information was obtained, materially assisting the regiment in future operations. His aggressive and outstanding leadership, calmness, and courage were an inspiration to his organization. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Ireland, Texas.

CHARLES F. DENNIS, Private First Class, 20006991, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1943 in the vicinity of Italy. After the Commanding Officer, the only remaining officer in the company, was evacuated as a casualty, Private First Class Dennis upon his own initiative assumed command of the company. During an ensuing enemy counterattack the remainder of the company became scattered. He immediately reorganized his defenses, directed all the men back into their positions, and maintained contact with Company K on his left. With utter disregard for his own life he organized and led patrols through intense enemy mortar and artillery fire into enemy held positions, bringing back valuable information. He worked tirelessly, personally accomplishing the vital supply of ammunition to his men in their front line positions. His magnificent display of courage, outstanding initiative and leadership was an inspiration to his men, and assisted materially in the success of the Battalion's mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Waco, Texas.

WALTER P. OLSON, Private First Class, 37285122, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1943 in the vicinity of Italy. During an enemy counterattack on the adjoining company positions, his own non-commissioned officers were casualties and Private First Class Olson led a patrol to contact that company's left flank. With utter disregard for his own life he advanced under intense enemy small arms and artillery fire over precipitous mountain terrain, successfully accomplishing his mission, enabling Company L to deliver supporting fires on the enemy. Learning that enemy artillery fire had disrupted communications between the two companies, he immediately ran a new line at this critical period. His magnificent display of courage and outstanding calmness was an inspiration to his men. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Carver, Minnesota.

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MORRIS S. BOYKIN, Private, 38029774, Anti-Tank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. Private Boykin was assigned as a member of a six-man carrying party with a mission of searching for and evacuating a wounded soldier from ***. The trail over which the carrying party travelled was subjected frequently to enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, and a heavy artillery concentration forced the carrying party to seek cover short of their objective. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Boykin continued the search for the wounded soldier alone. Locating him approximately eight hundred yards from the other members of the carrying party, Private Boykin, with the aid of a soldier on whom he called for assistance, carried the wounded man across open terrain which was being swept by machine gun, mortar and rifle fire to a point where he could safely be evacuated by the carrying party. His calm and cool courage under enemy fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

GEORGE E. CHERRY, JR., Private, 34592436, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. Private Cherry was attached to Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, as a company aid man during the occupation of *** by American and Canadian troops. The enemy laid heavy concentrations of artillery and mortar fire on the advancing troops resulting in numerous casualties. With utter disregard for his own safety and welfare Private Cherry left his place of comparative safety to render first aid to the wounded men while exposed to enemy observation and during the height of the enemy's fires. His cool performance under fire resulted in alleviating the suffering of the wounded and aided in their evacuation to safety. His fortitude was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Gastonia, North Carolina.

CORLETT W. SULLIVAN, Private, 38011197, Cannon Company, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. Private Sullivan, a radio man attached to Company A, was advancing with a forward observation group when enemy riflemen pinned the group down. Private Sullivan calmly worked his way to a point where he could see the enemy snipers, killing one and wounding another. In doing so, Private Sullivan was wounded in the shoulder and wrist, but continued to fire, allowing the remainder of his group to advance and gain their objective. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Dulia, New Mexico.

JACK L. BREEDEN, Private, 35432919, Company A, 145th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. The communication sergeant and three company linemen had become casualties, and Private Breeden, upon his own initiative, assumed the responsibility for the company's communications. Although having no training or experience in the laying or maintenance of wire communication, with utter disregard for his own life and under intense enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, he maintained constant communications, over which artillery fire missions were directed. Although knocked unconscious on one occasion by an enemy artillery shell, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated and continued in improving the company's communication system. His display of outstanding physical stamina and magnificent

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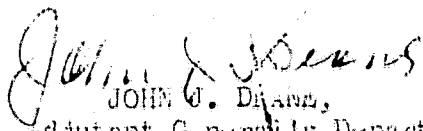
courage was an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Glasgow, West Virginia.

ALVIN H. MINDEMAN, Private, 37302577, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. Private Minde-man, a scout in the 3d Platoon of Company K, volunteered to accompany a patrol to probe the enemy's positions. He moved forward in front of the patrol until he was pinned down by enemy mortar and small arms fire. Making careful note of the direction of the enemy's fire, he crawled forward to a position where he could observe the exact location of the enemy guns. When the firing ceased, in order to definitely establish the exact location of the enemy, he exposed himself with utter disregard for his own life, so as to draw the enemy fire, thus enabling his patrol to carefully check the enemy gun positions. Private Minde-man's courage and calmness under fire materially assisted in the destruction of the enemy positions. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Barney, North Dakota.

By command of Major General WUNDER:

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