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SECTION I -- FOR THE AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

EDWARD W. BURCH, 61274428, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. Lieutenant Burch landed at Salerno on D Day in the invasion of Italy and led his assaulting troops across the beach. He reorganized his platoon and spearheaded the attack of his battalion towards their assigned objective. After he had advanced 1300 yards from the beach his men were pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Completely unconcerned at his own great peril, Lieutenant Burch walked forward to eliminate the enemy strong points. In so doing he drew the fire of all the enemy weapons on himself and was fatally wounded. By his courageous action in concentrating enemy fire on himself he enabled his units to attain positions which ultimately made it possible for them to eliminate enemy resistance at this point and permit the company to continue forward. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty Burch (wife), Auburn, California.

CHARLES E. HALLET, 36577055, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Hallett's platoon was directed to flank a road clogged with enemy tanks and infantry and was holding up the advance of the battalion. He was foremost scout of the platoon, leading the platoon through the woods. Brushy terrain concealed the enemy. From two hidden machine guns and enemy snipers held up the advance of the platoon. By skillful and daring maneuvers, Private First Class Hallett made his way to within 75 yards of the machine guns and drew their fire. Their position was trapped, the enemy withdrew to safer ground. Private First Class Hallett was wounded by machine gun fire, but not until he had captured three enemy riflemen. By his brave deed, he enabled his platoon to reach its objective and continue its advance. Next of kin: Mrs. Gladys L. Hallett (wife), 11874 Serrano Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

LESLIE G. DUMAIS, 3612417, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 June 1944 in Italy. After attacking and destroying several enemy machine gun emplacements, Private First Class Dumais' platoon was ordered to a defensive position when the enemy launched a savage counterattack. He was the last man standing. Without waiting for orders, Private First Class Dumais moved into an exposed and isolated position where he opened fire on the attackers. Although he became the target for heavy enemy fire, he remained determined and inflicted several casualties on the attacking force. Private First Class Dumais was wounded by the enemy fire and died of wounds received in this action. His valiant and skillful deed delayed the hostile thrust and enabled his platoon to prepare for its next attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen Dumais (mother), 11012 1st Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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RAMON E. LUSE, 33679522, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Luse's platoon was assigned to capture groups of buildings on a hill subject to extensive enemy action. They marched toward their objective and met a heavy concentration of artillery and direct tank fire. A rifleman was wounded and lay exposed in open field, suffering from his injury and from shock. Disregarding the danger to himself, Private First Class Luse went to his wounded comrade and, while the artillery barrage raged in fury, he carried him to a covered position. As he returned to his platoon, Private First Class Luse was hit by an enemy shell and died on the battle field, having made the ultimate sacrifice to save the life of a suffering fellow. Next of kin: Mr. Alger C. Luse (Father), 172 Glenwood Avenue, Meadville, Pa.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

WILLIAM A. HIGGINBOTHAM, 0476232, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 May 1944 in Italy. Company G was in position south of an enemy-controlled town. The company command post, located in a one story building, received a direct artillery hit. Two men were killed, six wounded, and Captain Higginbotham was wounded in his right hand. Despite his wound and the continued shelling, he moved across exposed terrain from platoon to platoon and personally re-organized his men into defensive positions, encouraging them by fortitude and supervising the evacuation of the wounded. While he moved 150 yards through shell fire and killed one enemy man and wounded three others, Captain Higginbotham was again hit, this time in the side. But he still refused to leave his company until he was properly prepared to repel a threatened attack and all snipers and machine guns had been cleared. Several hours after he was hurt, when he had received the direct order from his battalion commander, Captain Higginbotham at last succumbed and went to the aid station. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

RAYMOND T. LIESNER, 33624076, Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 June 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Liesner was a rifle squad leader during an attack against enemy forces in an Italian town. He guided his squad aggressively to the center of the town where they suddenly came under fire with an enemy machine gun. Taking advantage of the enemy's surprise, Sergeant Liesner motioned his men to take cover. He then moved toward the emplacement, put a rifle grenade on his launcher and fired a blast at the enemy gun crew that killed both the gunner and assistant gunner. His quick thinking and spontaneous action saved his men from great danger. Entered the Service from Olney, Pa.

EDWARD A. JUCKOVILL, 3415852, Corporal (then Private), Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in Italy. A signal was sent forward of Company L to scout in preparation for an impending attack. One of the scout members was severely wounded in the chest by sniper fire and could not make a return trip to his company. He lay helplessly in no-man's land under intense enemy observation in an area subjected to sniper and sporadic mortar fire. Juckovill learned of the dire straits of this soldier and with his litter carried him more than two hundred yards under fire to where the man lay. He rendered first aid and carried the wounded man back to safety. Because of Juckovill's heroic act the life of a comrade was saved. Entered the Service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class, 36578274, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Evans was an automatic rifleman with the right leading squad of the 1st Platoon. When the platoon was fired on by a large enemy force and the left forward element was pinned down, Private First Class Evans, instantly aware of the danger to the left flank, moved under heavy hostile fire to an advantageous position. Although he was exposed to incessant small arms fire, he put his weapon into action and, by firing steadily into the midst of the attackers, he enabled the platoon to escape the enemy attack. He received a painful hip wound; but, although it was bleeding profusely, he refused to withdraw and continued firing until his platoon had achieved its objective. He was engaged in this severe combat and, unassisted, continued for 12 hours without complaint. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class, 3687601, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Moxter was a tank crew member and carried the only antitank weapon in his company. When the tank approached his squad area, he was immediately conscious of the danger to the safety of his comrades. Because he could not shoot directly at the position, he moved in the face of ceaseless small arms fire to a more advantageous location. Then, exposing himself to the rapid, accurate machine gun fire which raked the area, he took careful aim and fired his weapon. His fire destroyed the tank and forced it to withdraw, but he was wounded by a machine gun while performing this courageous deed. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class, 3413703, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 in Italy. Private Shanton, a walking casualty, was one of the litter squads and the other casualty cases toward the rear aid station. When he was warned that a large enemy patrol was approaching, Private Shanton insisted that a line of resistance should be formed to permit the casualties to be taken to the rear. He dispatched one of the litter squads for help, directed the other squad to carry the patients to a nearby ditch, and prepared to take up the fight himself. As the enemy patrol came in sight, he called out to attract attention from the casualties, then opened fire and wounded the leading soldier. He was wounded and, while he was trying to clear the stoppage, the enemy captured the litter squad. When he had repaired his rifle, he again brought effective fire on the patrol, killed one of the hostile soldiers and forced the remainder to disperse. When the litter squad was released and the enemy force was completely destroyed, Private Shanton entered the Service from Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

SECTION III — AWARD OF ONE LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer for gallantry in action.

Lieutenant Colonel, 31298322, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Walker commanded a combat platoon in an advance against the enemy. His assignment was to lead the approach of the platoon to the objective. He saw two platoons of the enemy in a heavily exposed and exposed mountainous terrain to reconnoiter the enemy positions and dispositions. Returning, he reported this information to the battalion commander and asked permission to attack the enemy. Permission was granted. Lieutenant Walker issued orders for men to get up a base of fire with three light machine guns while he led two squads in a flanking movement to the left of

the foe. After placing the machine guns in position, Lieutenant Salkor moved out with his other two squads. Although continually exposed to small arms fire, he urged his men forward to within calling distance of the enemy and shouted for them to throw down their arms. Then he led his men charging against the enemy and in the process of doing that ensued he personally killed two and wounded another. He was later awarded the Silver Star from Andover, New Jersey.

SECTION IV -- CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR

General Order Number 265, GS, this Headquarters, is amended to read: Private First Class McCarthy, 31165245, Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

Private First Class McCarthy, 31165245, Private First Class, Company A, 1st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1944 in Italy. After reconnoitering a route of advance for Company A, the patrol of which Private First Class McCarthy was a member was placed in a holding position to protect the advance of Company A. While the patrol was in this position the enemy blasted the area with an intense artillery barrage which wounded the squad leader and another member of the patrol. Private First Class McCarthy immediately assumed command and, after directing the withdrawal of the men to places of safety, returned under the continuous shell fire to assist his injured comrades. While calmly administering first aid, he himself was seriously wounded by a shell explosion. Later, during a lull in the shelling, Private First Class McCarthy and his comrades were relieved and returned to service from Spertown, Massachusetts.

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