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Posthumous Award of Silver Star I
Award of Silver Star II
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster III

SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

RAIMOND L. YARBROUGH, 01141196, Second Lieutenant, 1,3d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. At all times under heavy enemy artillery fire, Lieutenant Yarbrough, artillery forward observer with the 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry, secured prompt and effective support for the infantry during the attack on Hill *** and the subsequent organization of the position. To obtain more effective observation, he located his observation post in a dangerous position exposed to effective enemy fire on the forward slope of the hill. During a particularly intense and accurate enemy concentration, he identified and took under fire one of the enemy batteries. His telephone line cut by enemy fire, he left the comparative safety of his dug-in position and raced fearlessly for 50 yards across shrapnel swept open ground to another telephone. In order to continue adjustment at the new position, Lieutenant Yarbrough with apparent disdain for the enemy shells bursting on all sides of him, took up an exposed position on a ledge. By his accurate observation and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, the enemy battery was silenced. Ignoring the presence of nearby cover, intent only on effectively supporting the battalion, he remained in his exposed position searching for new targets. While thus fearlessly and courageously answering the call of duty, Lieutenant Yarbrough was killed by a shell which burst nearby. Next of kin: Mrs. Wallace L. Yarbrough (Mother) 749 Elliot Avenue, Alexander Park, Portsmouth, Virginia.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

JOSEPH W. WILLIAMS, 01307905, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Prior to the attack of Company L across the *** river, Lieutenant Williams was assigned the mission of obtaining information concerning the final assembly area for the attack that night. Upon completion of this mission, Lieutenant Williams returned to lead his company to the assigned area. As the company reached this point, the enemy laid down a heavy concentration of artillery fire in which Lieutenant Williams was painfully wounded by a shell fragment. Although suffering from loss of blood, he refused evacuation and continued to guide the company in the attack. His magnificent courage, great fortitude and devotion to duty greatly inspired all members of his command. Entered the Service from Shelburne, Massachusetts.

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LEROY I. THORP, 36055683, Technical Sergeant (then Corporal), Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Corporal Thorp, section chief of a 75mm self-propelled howitzer, landed with the 1st Battalion in the assault of Blue Beach. Crossing the heavily mined beach, constantly exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire, the gun crew reached a small canal and there went into action against the enemy. When his platoon leader was seriously wounded, Corporal Thorp, acting on his own initiative, took charge and directed the firing so efficiently that two enemy machine gun nests were destroyed. He then assisted in carrying two wounded soldiers to a medical detachment on the beach, moving back and forth across the open terrain covered by withering machine gun, artillery and sniper fire. By his fearless disregard of danger and his skillful direction in firing the howitzer, Corporal Thorp inflicted great damage on the enemy and saved the lives of two comrades. Entered the Service from Granite City, Illinois.

CHARLES L. KELLY, 13085671, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. The company in which Sergeant Kelly was a platoon sergeant was ordered to cross the *** river and establish a bridgehead on the enemy side. While accomplishing the dangerous crossing, the officer commanding the 1st platoon was killed by enemy fire, and Sergeant Kelly immediately assumed command. Then, when the only remaining company officer was forced to recross the river to direct artillery fire, he unhesitatingly took command of the company and led his men through violent enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. In the confusion and fury of desperate fighting, he calmly and efficiently directed the men through barbed wire entanglements and then ordered them to dig in. Sergeant Kelly personally reconnoitered the open terrain, constantly exposed to hostile fire, and located strategic outpost positions. By his aggressiveness and disregard for personal security, he inspired all his comrades to a greater display of bravery. Entered the Service from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT L. COLLIER, 36734183, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11-14 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. When the enemy launched three vicious counter-attacks against the company, the intense fire of artillery, mortar and rifle grenades served to confuse and disorganize the men. Cognizant of the necessity for uniting the forces in a firm opposition to the enemy attack, Private First Class Collier, then acting squad leader, helped to reorganize the men. He moved from position to position, constantly exposing himself to the furious enemy fire, to keep the men alert and well organized and to encourage them to hold their positions. Private First Class Collier's courageous disregard for personal safety inspired his comrades to a greater display of bravery and was instrumental in repelling the enemy attack. Entered the Service from Libertyville, Illinois.

JACOB SILVER, 35277527, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Battery A, 145th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 24 November 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. When the battery kitchen truck, containing both food and ammunition, was hit during an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Silver daringly left his position of cover in a single-handed effort to save the food and kitchen equipment. Working fearlessly in the fierce heat of the burning truck despite the continued enemy barrage and the numerous exploding of the ammunition stored in the vehicle, he removed most of the vital rations and equipment from the blazing interior before the

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remainder was completely destroyed. His magnificent courage and aggressive determination saved supplies which were difficult to replace at that time and inspired all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

WALTER M. CUMMINGS, 34607473, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 November 1943 in the vicinity of ~~***, Italy~~. Scouting the advance of a small patrol on a dangerous reconnaissance mission in hostile territory, Private First Class Cummings skillfully infiltrated through enemy positions carefully pointing out dispositions and strength of the defending forces. Despite heavy artillery and mortar fire, he steadfastly pursued his hazardous mission until the vital information had been obtained. When the patrol became pinned down by enemy machine gun and small arms fire during the return trip, Private First Class Cummings daringly exposed himself while pointing out the emplacement to the patrol leader and then fiercely engaged the enemy nest with hand grenades and rifle fire until friendly mortar fire was contacted and the enemy repulsed. His outstanding courage and aggressive initiative inspired the successful accomplishment of the important mission and enabled the patrol to reach safety intact. Entered the Service from Salem, North Carolina.

JOSEPH W. LUGERTON, 38051329, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 on ~~***, Italy~~. During a bitterly contested assault against well fortified enemy positions, Sergeant Lugerton assisted command of his platoon when the officer in charge was wounded. Braving an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he constantly exposed himself while encouraging his men and leading a fierce attack which routed the enemy. Later when outnumbered by the counter attacking forces, he directed a skillful and determined defense, holding his position until reinforcements arrived. Sergeant Lugerton's aggressive leadership, outstanding initiative, and magnificent courage inspired the successful taking and holding of the vital position. Entered the Service from Orange, Texas.

CLAUDE L. SCOTT, 38037303, Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~***, Italy~~. During an attack on strong enemy defenses, machine gun, rifle and mortar fire decimated the company and pinned the remaining men behind a stone wall. Perceiving that the machine guns ahead must be silenced or their fire diverted in order to allow our troops to maneuver, Sergeant Scott, as acting platoon sergeant, ordered five men to follow him over the wall in an assault on the machine gun nests. As he crawled forward a mortar shell blew off one hand and the fingers of the other. Although requiring aid in his return to our lines he kept inquiring about the safety of his men. He was so active in his devotion to the welfare of his comrades that those about him were, for a time, unaware of the seriousness of his wounds. His splendid leadership and selflessness stand as a perpetual guide to his fighting comrades. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

FATSY DILO, 31325686, Sergeant (then 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 Dileo crossed the treacherous ~~***~~ river and courageously advanced over heavily mined terrain while constantly exposed to the intense artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire of the enemy. Maintaining control of the men and encouraging them by his calm and courageous example, he determinedly pursued the mission and successfully located several well fortified emplacements. His

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aggressive leadership, initiative, and magnificent daring under heavy fire inspired the accomplishment of the mission and provided vital information for a subsequent assault. Entered the Service from Torrington, Connecticut.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of the Second Silver Star, is awarded the following named individual:

WILLIAM A. HAUG, 20802710, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Company 1, First Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22-23 January 1944 in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium. After advancing across a heavily mined area and crossing the Moselle river on a small foot bridge, Sergeant Haug made his way through furious enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire to the point where his company had been ordered to dig in. With a small group of men he prepared a defensive position and, for two nights and a day, fought off all enemy attacks. Constantly alert during this period, he maintained his position with fearlessness and aggressive vigor. Often the enemy crept close enough to call out through the fog, smoke and darkness for him to surrender, saying that his officer had ordered the capitulation. Sergeant Haug replied with rifle fire and 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 Haug's courageous deeds exemplified the noblest ideals of devotion to duty and disregard for self in performing assigned missions. Entered the Service from Robstown, Texas!

By command of Major General WALKER:

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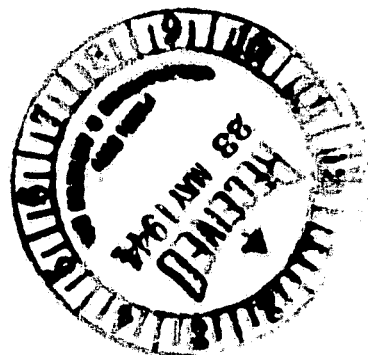
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