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SECTION I — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

HAROLD D. BRAY, 20806020, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. When his company was ordered to hold the newly won high ground captured in an attack on enemy positions, Sergeant Bray, guide for the 2d Platoon, directed his men in establishing a defensive position. Almost immediately the enemy launched a vigorous counterattack and forced the unit to withdraw under heavy artillery shelling and intense rifle and machine gun fire. Sergeant Bray, the target for enemy-thrown grenades, staunchly maintained his forward position, unflinching in the face of the onrushing attackers; and he directed effective fire against them. He valiantly delayed the enemy force while his men set up a new defensive line. When the enemy soldiers began firing machine pistols at his position, he was instantly killed by the hostile fire. Next of kin: Mrs Nellie Bray (Mother), Ranger, Texas.

ARTHUR W. KUHLE, 35559107, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. Private First Class Kuhl was a rifleman in the squad assigned the defense of the forward positions on a newly captured hill. During a vicious enemy counterattack, the intensity of the artillery, small arms and hand grenade fire forced the remainder of his squad to withdraw; but he maintained his position, covering his comrades while they moved back and established new defensive positions. Unflinching in the face of the onrushing attackers, he continued to direct effective fire against the enemy force. His dauntless determination to hold his position enabled his comrades to establish the new positions and repel the enemy attack, but Private First Class Kuhl was killed by the rifle fire. Next of kin: Mrs Edith M. Kuhl (Mother), 3326 Oliver Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

MELVIN L. BARHAM, 34679085, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. Private Barham, a rifleman, was ordered to protect a machine gun which was firing in support of his platoon. During one of several fierce enemy assaults, he detected an enemy force advancing cautiously in an attempt to flank the gun emplacement. He immediately alerted the gun crew and opened fire with his rifle, delaying the attackers. He continued firing accurately and calmly until the enemy neared the position; he then began hurling hand grenades into their midst. The enemy was forced to withdraw, but Private Barham was found dead at his post. Next of kin: Mrs Susan D. Barham (Mother), Route #1, Reidsville, North Carolina.

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SECTION II — AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

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

JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM, Private First Class, 37539566, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. Private First Class Cunningham was a member of a patrol with the mission of clearing a forward area of enemy snipers. When several of the patrol members were pinned to the ground by heavy enemy fire from a nearby house, he realized the necessity for destroying this threat to the safety of the group and continuing on to accomplish his mission. Ignoring the danger from mortar shelling and intense small arms fire, Private First Class Cunningham was last seen moving away from his place of cover and advancing toward the house. Next of kin: Mrs Alice K. Cunningham (Wife), 3404 Independence, Kansas City, Missouri.

SECTION III — AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

MARVIN J. COYLE, 018602, Lieutenant Colonel, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. While the 142d Infantry Regiment was advancing on *** in a motorized column, an enemy force harassed the unit with artillery and mortar shelling, antitank and small arms fire, and the 3d Battalion was assigned the mission of neutralizing all resistance. Lieutenant Colonel Coyle, the battalion commander, moved forward with the assault company and directed it in the attack. Consciously exposing himself to the holocaust of enemy fire, he remained with his forward elements during the entire four hours of furious fighting, encouraging the men by his very presence and expertly leading them against the hostile force. He personally maneuvered the rifle platoons moving from one to another over the shell blasted, exposed terrain, and he frequently advanced forward of the assault elements. Although he was wounded in this engagement, his boundless enthusiasm and selfless leadership inspired his men to redouble their efforts and destroy the enemy resistance. Entered the United States Military Academy from the United States at large.

WILLIAM H. MARCUM, 01295916, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. While leading his men in an advance against his company's objective, Lieutenant Marcum encountered heavy enemy machine gun fire which pinned down the company in a hazardous position. Skillfully deploying his men in firing positions from which their hold could be best defended, he repeatedly risked the sweeping fire to personally direct and encourage each man for a determined fight to maintain their gains. Staunchly resisting five hostile counterattacks against his precarious position, he inspired his company not only to hold their ground, but to successfully assault their objective when the strength of the numerically superior enemy was spent in the futile and costly attempts to dislodge them. Entered the Service from Oneida, Tennessee.

JOHN R. POTTS, 01284048, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. After an attempt to cross the *** River had failed, Lieutenant Potts, commander of Company F, skillfully reorganized his men in preparation for a second assault. Although the banks of the river were swept with machine gun fire and blasted by artillery and mortar shelling, he determined to reconnoiter the area to select the safest routes for his unit. Advancing valiantly in the face of the heavy, ceaseless enemy fire, he

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chose the most advantageous route to the river and then continued further under enemy observation to select a suitable crossing point. As he started to return to his unit, a shell exploded near him and wounded him severely. However, his runner returned to the company and reported the results of Lieutenant Pott's reconnaissance which greatly expedited the advance of the unit to the river. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

WILLIAM P. ROBINSON, 01291886, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. Lieutenant Robinson was company commander of G Company, the advance guard for the battalion during an approach march. When an enemy force attacked the advance unit, firing into the troops with rifles and machine guns and constantly shelling the area with mortar fire, Lieutenant Robinson skillfully deployed his men and directed them in repelling the attack. He moved about fearlessly, giving orders calmly and inspiring his men by his own courageous demeanor. So marked was his leadership and so skillful his guidance that he and his men killed a large number of enemy soldiers and captured many more, while friendly forces sustained but few casualties. By successfully leading his company in repelling the enemy attack, Lieutenant Robinson enabled his unit to resume its advance. Entered the Service from Glenn Falls, N.Y.

JASPER R. JONES, 38060760, Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 May 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. Upon returning to his platoon area after placing a three man outpost in advance of the unit's sector, Sergeant Jones, a squad leader, learned that the members of the outpost had been subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire and were pinned down, unable to move. He led his squad in an attempt to flank the enemy positions, advancing 50 yards until he and his men were caught in rapid bursts of machine gun fire. Continuing valiantly forward, Sergeant Jones fired an antitank grenade at the gun emplacement and forced the gunner to retire. He then made a dash over open terrain, carrying an empty rifle, to the enemy positions and caught the enemy force completely unawares. Threatening them with his empty weapon, he tricked the terrified soldiers into surrendering and released the outpost from the sweeping enemy fire. This action resulted in the capture of 10 prisoners, 6 horses, 2 mules and medical supplies. Entered the Service from Dalhart, Texas.

JOSE M. L. ROBLES, 38025731, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. When an attack on strongly defended positions was stopped by intense machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Robles, first scout of his platoon, crawled forward in the face of the continuous, sweeping enemy fire toward the gun emplacements. Firing rifle grenades until they were exhausted and then hurling hand grenades, he succeeded in knocking out the machine gun nest. Then, cleverly out-maneuvering the enemy, he led his squad to the unprotected left flank in time to block an attack in that sector. Delivering effective fire on the advancing enemy, he directed his men in repelling the attack and held his new positions throughout the day. Entered the Service from La Feria, Texas.

BILLIE R. CALLOWAY, 34708626, Private First Class, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. During an attack on heavily fortified enemy positions protected by barbed wire entanglements, mines and booby traps, Private First Class Calloway led his squad under intense artillery and mortar shelling and machine gun fire. By crawling forward on his stomach he neared the enemy positions; and, as he was taking careful aim to fire on an enemy soldier, a bullet struck his trigger finger and cut it

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off. Headless of the intense pain of his wound, he pulled the trigger with his middle finger and killed the soldier. His profuse bleeding forced him to return to an aid station for treatment; but, upon learning that the ammunition supply of his platoon was almost exhausted, he secured a jeep, loaded it with ammunition, and drove to his platoon. There he helped distribute the vitally needed ammunition and then ignoring personal security and comfort, he stood guard throughout the night with a submachine gun, constantly on the alert for an enemy counterattack. Entered the Service from Wetumpka, Alabama.

SECTION IV - CORRECTED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of General Orders Number 192, cs, this Headquarters, as awards a Silver Star to Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) RAYMOND NUNEZ, 01703001, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

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

"RAYMOND NUNEZ, 01703001, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of ***, ITALY. While engaged in clearing the slopes of this treacherous mountainous objective, the platoon leader was instantly killed and Sergeant Nunez assumed command. Fearlessly he led his men in successfully completing their missions, and without further instructions immediately set up a defensive position for possible enemy counterattack. Working under adverse weather conditions and terrain which offered practically no possible chance to dig in, Sergeant Nunez moved from one position to another instructing and making secure the sector assigned him. Dauntlessly he continued to check his supply and communication lines and assisted in the evacuation of wounded members of his platoon. Later that day, while establishing an outpost, Sergeant Nunez with nine other men successfully repelled two counterattacks which consisted of at least two enemy machine gun squads and one mortar squad. He was subsequently reported killed in action. Next of kin: Mrs Leonor Nunez (Wife), 930 Railroad Avenue, Beaumont, Texas."

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