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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 the following named individuals:

CARL R. BAYNE, 0351495, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Eva Bayne (Wife), 710 Caldwell Avenue, Yokum, Texas.

LAURENCE P. GLEASON, 01295012, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs P. L. Gleason (Wife), 19 Stegman Terrace, Jersey City, New Jersey.

JOHN M. VALINE, 36823568, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Sophie Valine (Mother), Route #2, Box 218, Crystal Falls, Michigan.

DONALD L. WEIDMAN, 35754275, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Odessa L. Weidman (Mother), Route #4, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

LESTER (NMI) FURBERG, 32961882, Private, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Ida Furberg (Mother), 90 Livonia Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

RALPH E. HAMMEL, 32898904, Private, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Marian Hammel (Mother), New London, Connecticut.

LEE R. MAXON, 36179355, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Chole Maxon (Mother), 1545 Fifth Street, Madison, Illinois.

JOHN S. MC DONALD, 35206037, Private, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Annie McDonald (Mother), Peach Creek, West Virginia.

KYLE W. QUALLS, 34715031, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mr. Fate Qualls (Father), Route #3, Linden, Tennessee.

LINDSEY L. ROSEMAN, 34773656, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Annie M. Roseman (Mother), Route #3, Box 68, Salisbury, North Carolina.

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PAUL R. SAGER, 35630121, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Next of kin: Mrs Ethyl Sager (Mother), 107 South Ohio Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

For gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***
***, ~~Italy~~. The 143d Infantry Regiment was ordered to cross the ***
River and attack the enemy entrenched in the terrain beyond. The attack was
launched under terrific enemy artillery, nebelwerfer, mortar and small arms
fire across a deep, fast-flowing river and over ground further protected by
mine fields, booby traps and barbed wire. Cover was negligible in the last
seven hundred yards of the river approaches which further complicated the dif-
ficulties encountered in bringing boats and other equipment to the river line.
Many boats were destroyed before leaving the river, and many others were des-
troyed in the water by short range enemy small arms fire. Some of the occupants
of boats destroyed in the river were hit and all were thrown into deep water.
In the face of all these obstacles, these officers and enlisted men pressed
home the attack with indomitable fortitude, crossing the river and penetrating
deeply into enemy held territory. Subsequently, repeated savage counterattacks
by the enemy succeeded in over-running the positions. In the furious fighting
which continued over a two-day period and which cost the enemy enormous casual-
ties in killed and wounded they lost their lives. Their fortitude, tenacity
of purpose and devotion to duty against vastly superior enemy forces constitute
an outstanding example of fighting courage that will long endure as an inspira-
tion to all who witnessed or have knowledge of their valorous deed. Their
gallant actions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the
United States.

CHARLES H. HAMNER, 0389717, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry
in action on 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of *** Italy. When his company
received instructions that an attack was to be made against enemy positions
from which heavy machine gun fire had been received in his sector, Captain Hamner
immediately set out to make a daylight reconnaissance and determine the least
exposed avenues of approach for his men. Constantly risking observation by the
enemy and hazardous fire which was sweeping the area, he completed a thorough
search and returned to his men to lead them to protected routes along which the
attack could be effectively launched. Leading his men in a fierce assault, he
continued to discover and point out covered approaches while dauntlessly exposing
himself to the heavy enemy fire. During this engagement Captain Hamner was
fatally wounded; but his aggressive leadership, unfaltering loyalty, and calm
determination inspired the successful accomplishment of the company's objective
with a minimum of casualties to his men. Next of kin: Mrs Lucile S. Hamner,
(Wife), Garland, Texas.

FRANK V. COOPWOOD, JR., 20803120, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry
Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1943, in the vicinity of ***
Italy. Under cover of darkness Sergeant Coopwood was leading a group of men from
the rear area, forward to their company positions in the lines near ***. As
they were passing an ammunition dump, the area was subjected to intense enemy
artillery shelling. The unfamiliarity along the trail being used, and the other men
entirely unfamiliar with the area, the men became disorganized and scattered.
With complete disregard for his own safety, he directed his every effort to
seeing his men to positions of safety and while so doing was killed by an enemy
shell which exploded near him. His great fortitude, outstanding leadership
and devotion to duty were entirely responsible for saving the lives of the men
he had with him. Next of kin: Mrs Lillian C. Coopwood (Wife), Lockart, Texas.

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GEORGE E. GILKEY, 32267597, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount ***, Italy. Private First Class Gilkey was assigned, with another man, to a forward observation post and ordered to report on enemy activity over a sound powered phone connected with the company command post. Each time the furious mortar fire destroyed the communication line, he moved across the shell torn terrain to repair it. When the enemy scored a direct hit on the position and destroyed the phone beyond hope of prompt repair, Private First Class Gilkey, although severely wounded, steadfastly remained at his post to watch for enemy activity while the other soldier went for help. His evacuation was delayed and he died of his wounds after reporting the location of enemy mortar positions. His selfless intrepidity and devotion to duty inspired his comrades to redouble their efforts in a greater display of bravery. Next of kin: Mrs Catherine T. Gilkey, (Wife), 1120 Read Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, JR., 0164992, Colonel, 26th Infantry Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Colonel Shryock, desirous of obtaining vital information concerning both the enemy and friendly situation, landed at dawn with the attacking infantry and, under furious machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, proceeded beyond the sand dunes of the beach, moving from place to place selecting firing positions for the 105mm howitzers. Headless of the danger from constant artillery shelling and intermittent bombings and strafings by enemy planes, he continued working indefatigably throughout the day, assigning artillery battalion position areas, personally conducting individual sections separated from their respective battalions, to their position areas, and informing the artillery commander, by radio and by personal visits, of the location and operations of the battalions. Colonel Shryock's ability to quickly determine the situation, make immediate decisions and issue the orders necessary to carry out the decisions, joined with his superior leadership and dynamic personality, inspired and renewed confidence in all officers and men with whom he came in contact. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

BERTRAM H. LEBEIS, 32238538, First Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944 in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Ordered to cross the *** River and assault enemy positions on the high ground beyond, Sergeant Lebeis made the crossing with leading elements of his company and advanced through wire entanglements covered with machine gun fire. He helped reorganize the men and, amidst the confusion engendered by intense enemy fire, supervised the digging in of defensive positions. He moved about among his men, heedless of danger, directing their efforts and encouraging them until the increased intensity of hostile fire and the alarming number of casualties made the positions untenable. By retaining his calmness and efficiency in the face of continuous machine gun and mortar fire, Sergeant Lebeis maintained control of his men at a time when good organization was vital. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

DOSS A. DULANEY, 20803750, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21 February 1944 in the vicinity of Mount ***, Italy. In order to get effective observation, Sergeant Dulaney, leader of an 81mm mortar section, advanced 200 yards beyond the rifle troops to a position which commanded

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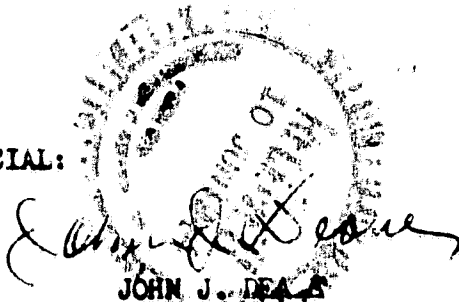
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an excellent view but offered no cover and poor concealment. Under constant artillery fire he set up his mortar in a draw. When the enemy launched a furious counterattack, he moved in the face of intense machine gun fire to an exposed vantage point. From this point Sergeant Dulaney fearlessly directed the fire of his own mortar and the mortars of two other companies, adjusting the fire so effectively and with such devastating results that the enemy attempted to withdraw under cover of a smoke screen. In spite of the increased tempo of machine gunfire he remained in his exposed position and delivered fire along the route of withdrawal, cutting the enemy off completely and inflicting innumerable casualties. By his intrepid aggressiveness and consummate skill in directing the fire, Sergeant Dulaney threw the enemy forces into disorganization and foiled the counter-attack. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

WALTER C. LANGLITZ, 12079650, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September, 1943 in the vicinity of Italy. Private First Class Langlotz, an automatic rifleman, assaulted the beach with the first troops and advanced with his squad until stopped by machine gun fire from an enemy half track. Climbing over a rock wall, constantly exposed to the furious cross fire of enemy machine guns, he set up his weapon to fire on the half track. At the same time his squad leader crept to its right flank and, with effective fire from his anti-tank grenade launcher, knocked out the vehicle. Pushing forward, Private First Class Langlotz became separated from the remainder of his squad in the darkness and the confusion of enemy fire. While crossing an open field, he heard enemy machine gunners and riflemen shouting orders to fire on the approaching troops of his own unit. Realizing that his comrades were advancing into a trap, completely unaware of the proximity of the enemy, he opened fire with his automatic rifle and, heedless of the extreme danger of his position, emptied several magazines into the area occupied by the confused enemy forces, inflicting numerous casualties and completely disorganizing the attack. By his quick-thinking and extraordinary display of courage Private First Class Langlotz prevented the rout of his unit by the enemy and saved the lives of many of his comrades. Entered the Service from Utica, New York.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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