

HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 44

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 36th Infantry Regiment:

- LESTER F. GLOVER, 31236996, Pfc, Company "B".
Next of kin: Mrs. Emma Glover (Mother), 837 Broadway, Chelsea, Mass.
- DONALD (NEI) LAMOREAUX, 36463382, Pfc.
Next of kin: Mrs. Alice Lamoreaux, (Mother), Box 11, Sparta, Mich.
- VERWIN L. CONRAD, 18108550, Pfc, Company "B".
Next of kin: Mrs. Helen L. Conrad (Mother), 2746 E. 10th St, Tulsa, Okla.
- NE KIRK SUTHERLAND, JR., 3544077, Pfc, Company "B".
Next of kin: Mrs. Nettie M. Sutherland (Mother), 351 Jenkins Ave, Panama City, Fla.
- MATIFIDAD S. GARCIA, 38025970, Pfc, Company "L".
Next of kin: Mrs. A. G. Salinas (Mother), La Soya, Tex.
- GEORGE F. SCHAFER, JR., 32484024, Pfc, Company "H".
Next of kin: Mrs. Almira Schafer (Wife), 913 Newton Ave, Camden, N.J.
- CHARLES T. BLANCHFIELD, 32267530, Pfc, Company "K".
Next of kin: Mr. Mack Blanchfield (Father), 227 S. Market St, Wilmington, Del.
- VELEERT E. BUMBALOUGH, 35161062, Pfc, Company "A".
Next of kin: Mrs. Maggie Bumbalough (Mother), Route #1, Columbus, Ind.
- LOUIS J. KNIGHT, 32221648, Pfc, Company "I".
Next of kin: Miss Agness Knight (Sister), 103 Park Ave, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- DEAN A. HILEY, 37666247, Pfc, Company "M".
Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha Hiley (Mother), Avoca, Iowa.

C I T A T I O N

For gallantry in action on 21 and 22 January 1944 in the vicinity of **, Italy. The 36th 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.

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SECTION II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

EBEL C. BERGMAN, 0420426, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), ** Infantry, for gallantry in action on the morning of 9 December 1943 in the vicinity of **, Italy. His command, Company B, the attacking company, had moved forward up Mount **, over wet, slippery, mountainous terrain, under intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. The leading platoons running into heavy resistance, had been stopped; communication lines cut by artillery and mortar fire. It became necessary to get further orders through to his leading elements. Crawling over wet, slippery terrain, Lieutenant Bergman made his way forward to the platoons, where he gave orders; then with utter disregard for his own life, he assumed command of the platoons and personally led them in the attack. Enemy pressure became so intense that the advance was momentarily halted. In order to reach his assault platoon he again crawled over the same terrain to contact the platoon leader. The platoon leader was hit by machine gun fire and killed instantly; as Lieutenant Bergman was giving him further orders, whereupon he personally took command of the platoon, leading it in a fierce attack which captured the objective. His magnificent courage, calm determination, and excellent leadership was an inspiration to his men. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Clifton, Texas.

JOHN W. UPCHURCH, 01308026, Second Lieutenant, Company A, ** Infantry, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1943 on Mount **, Italy. Company A had advanced to its objective on Mount ** over rough, mountainous terrain, under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. After deploying his platoon in position, Lieutenant Upchurch observed a wounded enemy soldier some 200 yards in front of his position. Realizing that important information on the enemy's strength might be obtained from this man, he decided to attempt to bring him inside our lines, and selected two men to accompany him on the mission, one of whom was an aid man. Crawling and taking advantage of any cover possible, he moved forward fully cognizant of the possibility of other enemy troops being in the area. As he approached the wounded soldier he observed nine other enemy soldiers in a group. Directing the aid man to the wounded enemy soldier, Lieutenant Upchurch moved cautiously forward with his remaining assistant, in a flanking movement to the enemy's rear. With complete disregard for his own life, outnumbered nine to two, he approached closely, then stood up and ordered the enemy to surrender. So completely surprised were they that they offered no resistance. His initiative, calmness, and aggressive leadership was an inspiration to his men. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Chicago, Ill.

JAMES H. STEGALL, 20819427, Staff Sergeant, Pilot, Headquarters Battery, ** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mount **, Italy. Sergeant Stegall was adjusting the fire of his battalion on a hostile enemy battery. His light aircraft Observation plane was attacked by a flight of enemy planes. Three bursts from machine guns scored several hits and shot away his left wing strut. With unusual calmness and fortitude he quickly dropped to a low altitude and by dodging back and forth, escaped further enemy fire and landed his ship safely at the airfield. Immediately he took off in another ship and again located the hostile enemy battery. He quickly

adjusted the fire of his battalion on this battery and completely knocked it out. His display of courage, determination and complete disregard for his own safety materially contributed to the success of the assault. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Austin, Texas.

ROY A. HINSON, 6818334, Sergeant, Battery B, 44th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 14 and 15 December 1943 in the vicinity of Mt. M., Italy. When the officer in charge of Sergeant Hinson's forward observer party was wounded in action on 14 December 1943, Sergeant Hinson assisted in evacuating him and then assumed command of the party. On the morning of 15 December 1943, the Infantry with which this party was operating was receiving machine gun fire. Sergeant Hinson, with complete disregard for his personal safety, made his way across a bullet swept area to a point in advance of the most forward outposts; and from there, without the usual protection of Infantry troops in front of his observation post, he skillfully directed artillery fire upon the machine guns which were harassing our troops. Thereafter he established an observation post at a point some 200 yards beyond the extreme right flank of his Infantry on the slope of Mount M. This required that he lay telephone lines up an exposed slope. From this observation post Sergeant Hinson effectively conducted both artillery and mortar fire. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Fort San Houston, Texas.

NICHOLAS M. BOZIC, 36008969, Sergeant, Battery B, 44th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1943, in the vicinity of Mt. M., Italy. Sergeant Bozic, normally an instrument sergeant, was placed in command of a forward observer party to accompany the 2nd Battalion, 44th Infantry, in an attack on Mt. M., Italy. Shortly after the attack was launched, enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire pinned the battalion down. Friendly artillery was entirely dependent upon the forward observers for observation due to smoke and heavy fog. All that day and night under intense fire from both enemy infantry and artillery weapons, Sergeant Bozic continued to deliver artillery fire in support of our infantry. The following morning a mortar shell wounded him in both legs, and destroyed his radio. He still continued at his post until ordered to the rear by the Infantry Commander. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Chicago, Ill.

VAL J. ROBERTS, 20800824, Technician Grade 4, Medical Detachment, 44th Infantry, for gallantry in action on Mount M., Italy, on 7 December 1943. Company F, 44th Infantry, while in a defensive position, was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. Technician Grade 4 Roberts, Medical Detachment, went forward with the company, in seeing numerous casualties, immediately began to treat the wounded. While doing this, a shell landed near him and knocked him from his feet. Although in a dazed condition, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he continued to administer first aid to his wounded companions, until he was wounded in the head by a shell fragment and had to be evacuated. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Fort Worth, Texas.

INGENE A. LAMBECKE, 35259957, Corporal, Company F, 44th Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 9 December 1943 on Mount M., Italy. After having taken part in his unit's successful advance on Mount M., Corporal Lambecke volunteered to join an element of three men posted to occupy enemy defense deep in

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enemy occupied territory. With courageous initiative, he stealthily advanced through the darkness over steep, slippery trails in the mountains, encountering friendly as well as hostile artillery fire along the way, also enemy patrols which he skillfully evaded. With utter disregard for his own safety, he remained in this hazardous area during most of the night, to observe enemy movements and to secure valuable information, with which he later successfully returned to his unit. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from East Chicago, Indiana.

WILLIAM (NMI) BASS, 38037402, Private First Class, Company A, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 on Mount Cassin, Italy. Company A had advanced to a position on Mount Cassin when the enemy made a vicious counterattack. Private First Class Bass, armed with an automatic rifle, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own life, in order to get a better line of vision on an enemy machine gun firing on his company, left his fighting hole and moved forward from one cover to another. He kept direct fire upon the enemy who ceased firing and ran from the position, abandoning their machine gun and ammunition. Realizing the importance of added fire power, Private First Class Bass, with the aid of another soldier, placed the enemy machine gun in action on his company's line of defense. This determined conduct materially assisted in repulsing the counterattack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Flint, Texas.

KARL J. ABOUNADER, 32370307, Private First Class (was Private), Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 4 December 1943 in the vicinity of Cassin, Italy. Private Aboumader, a wire guru, was inspecting the telephone lines along the steep, muddy trail leading to Hill 370, where his Battalion Headquarters was located, when an intense enemy artillery barrage began to fall along the entire trail, causing numerous breaks in the wire. With the realization that the shellfire was probably the initial stage of an imminent enemy counterattack on his battalion's newly won positions, Private Aboumader with courageous initiative and utter disregard for his own safety, left his place of shelter and in the face of the continuing barrage immediately began the task of repairing the gaps ripped in the wire. He constantly moved up and down the hazardous trail, feeling his way cautiously in the darkness, making four trips to the Battalion Command Post to place the lines together and to restore the only line of communications with adjacent and higher headquarters. His initiative resulted in the continuation of vitally needed lines of communication and materially aided the security of the positions held by his battalion. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Utica, New York.

DOMINIC (NMI) LO BUGLIO, 31272304, Private, Medical Detachment, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of Cassin, Italy. As the first platoon of Company G, to which Private Lo Buglio was attached, moved forward in the attack on well fortified and defended Cassin over rough and muddy terrain, one member of the platoon stepped on an S-mine which blew one leg off. Private Lo Buglio, with utter disregard for his own life, crawled over the mine field, through intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, and rendered first aid. He crawled toward another wounded soldier and an artillery projectile exploded near, throwing him against a stone wall, rendering him unconscious for some

thirty minutes. Disregarding his own injuries he worked his way through the mine field, under heavy machine gun fire, to within 75 yards of the enemy position where he rendered aid to an American soldier and brought him back to safety. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Stamford, Conn.

SECTION III - COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-35, the following named enlisted man is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

RAYMOND SURDEZ, 32358247, Private First Class, Headquarters 33d Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 February 1944 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. Despite the hazards of enemy shellfire to which the area was subjected, Private First Class Surdez hearing a call for help, left his place of safety and found a seriously wounded British soldier who had been injured by an enemy shell burst. Fearing that further injury would result if the soldier were moved from the middle of the road, Private First Class Surdez protected him from passing vehicles and mule pack trains. With utter disregard for his own safety and despite the danger of continued bursting shells, he remained there until medical aid personnel arrived. He then assisted in removing the injured man to an aid station and remained with him until he was evacuated to a hospital. The commendable courage, initiative, and unselfish devotion to his comrades in arms reflect great credit upon Private First Class Surdez and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from New York, N.Y.

By command of Major General WALKER:

STEWART T. VINCENT,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

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John J. Deane
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4 March 1957

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 46, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 28 February 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Ray L. King, 34 498 180, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded to the above named individual by General Orders 28, Headquarters 17th General Hospital, dated 3 February 1944.

By Order of Wilber M. Brucker

Adjutant General

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