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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 each of the following:

✓ LEWIS S. HORTON, JR., 0590552, Captain, Company C, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. In the face of heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Company C was advancing up \*\* over most rugged terrain and through inclement weather. Their orders were to meet and destroy the enemy who were firmly entrenched. After reaching the top of the mountain with his company, Captain Horton called his platoon leaders together. Crawling over rugged, wet terrain, he led each of his officers to points of vantage from which they could actually see their objectives and routes of approach, pointing them out and explaining the plan of attack. While giving commands under intense fire, Captain Horton was fatally wounded. So well had he planned for the attack, that his platoon leaders and men carried out the orders and destroyed the enemy, accomplishing their mission. Captain Horton's display of outstanding aggressive leadership, and calmness under fire, and his brilliant planning was responsible for his company's successful attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Lewis S. Horton, Sr., (Father), Pageland, S. C. ✓

✓ AARON (NMI) ANDERSON, 20806051, Staff Sergeant, Company I, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Anderson, while advancing with his platoon over the steep rocky terrain in the drive to seize Hill 370 from the enemy, suddenly noticed an enemy dugout to his front. Upon his own initiative and without hesitation he alone approached and stealthily entered this enemy stronghold, capturing two enemy soldiers inside by surprise. As the prisoners emerged from the dugout, they quickly jumped for their refuge to secure their weapons and attempt escape. Sergeant Anderson, with utter disregard for his own life, swiftly reacted by breaking the neck of one with his rifle butt and kicking the second to the ground. By his display of outstanding valor, quick thinking and courageous initiative, he instilled confidence in the men of his platoon, prevented the loss of the two prisoners and materially assisted in gaining the objective. He was subsequently killed in action during an enemy air attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Aaron Anderson, 2038 Preble Way, Beaumont, Texas. (Wife). ✓

✓ MARVIN F. RANDALL, 20806659, Private First Class, Company M, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Private First Class Randall, gunner of a mortar squad, was at the base of Hill 368 in a defensive position under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire when a group of enemy armed with automatic weapons was sighted and reported by an observer. Immediately, and with utter disregard for his own life in the face of the

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heavy enemy shell fire, Private First Class Randall assisted in laying an accurate and effective barrage on this enemy concentration, killing part of the group, causing the remainder to flee, and freeing the front line of the battalion from their fire. During the exchange of mortar fires, an enemy artillery shell scored a direct hit on Private First Class Randall's mortar position, instantly killing him and another crew member, seriously wounding two others, and destroying the weapon. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. J. C. Randall, Route #4, Wichita Falls, Texas (Father) ✓

RUSSELL L. HINKEL, 37251285, Private First Class, Company K, 88th Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Private First Class Hinkel, gunner of a mortar squad, was at the base of Hill 368 in a defensive position under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire when a group of enemy armed with automatic weapons was sighted and reported by an observer. Immediately, and with utter disregard for his own life in the face of the heavy enemy shell fire, Private First Class Hinkel assisted in laying an accurate and effective barrage on this enemy concentration, killing part of the group, causing the remainder to flee, and freeing the front line of the battalion from their fire. During the exchange of mortar fires, an enemy artillery shell scored a direct hit on Private First Class Hinkel's mortar position, instantly killing him and another crew member, seriously wounding two others, and destroying the weapon. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Cora Mae Hinkel, Ladena, Iowa (Mother). ✓

#### SECTION II - AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

WILLIAM H. WILBUR, 03365, Brigadier General, 88th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 12 to 20 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. General Wilbur took command of the \*\* defensive position at the climax of the battle for the southern \*\* bridgehead. Despite intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire and with utter disregard for his own safety he personally took charge of and accompanied into the forward area elements of infantry, engineer, tanks, and tank destroyer forces, welding them into a fighting force that met and successfully smashed an enemy infantry and tank attack at a crucial period of this operation. His aggressive leadership, calm fortitude and outstanding determination contributed materially to the success of the mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the U. S. Military Academy from Massachusetts. ✓

ALEC P. PEARSON, 0394225, Captain, 88th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on the morning of 12 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Captain Pearson was moving his company into direct fire positions in front of the pass between \*\* and \*\* and was walking ahead of the leading tank destroyer, when the destroyer hit a mine, painfully wounding Captain Pearson on the cheek and side of the head. He was knocked unconscious for a short time, but, upon regaining consciousness, refused to leave his organization and continued to command it throughout the night, carefully selecting positions for his destroyers. When daylight came, every vehicle was well concealed and all were in excellent

positions, thus maintaining secrecy vital to the division attack. He left his command to receive medical attention only when ordered to do so by his commanding officer. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Waco, Texas. ✓

✓ JAMES A. WHARTON, 0463950, First Lieutenant, Company G, \*\* Infantry for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 on \*\*, Italy. Company G, under the command of Lieutenant Wharton, was advancing over rugged mountainous terrain toward enemy defensive positions south of \*\*, when it was pinned down by heavy machine gun and mortar fire, causing several casualties. Although painfully wounded, in this action, Lieutenant Wharton, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled twenty yards through intense enemy machine gun fire, receiving two more wounds, to a radio where he made contact with the Battalion Command Post, directing mortar fire which knocked out the enemy machine guns. The magnificent courage, outstanding calmness, and unusual stamina shown by Lieutenant Wharton 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 Baltimore, Maryland. ✓

✓ JAMES H. STOUT, 01167240, First Lieutenant, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the afternoon of 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Stout displayed outstanding courage in the face of direct enemy fire on his observation post. While adjusting the battalion on an enemy force assembling in a draw to his right, an enemy weapon opened fire on the observation post from a point about 1000 yards to his front. He immediately ordered his radio section to take cover and without regard to his own safety continued adjustment of the artillery fire on the enemy assembly area. The effective results of the fire broke up the enemy formation and prevented a possible counter attack against our forces. The courage displayed by Lieutenant Stout and the sacrifice of his own safety in the face of direct enemy fire were an inspiration to his command. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Cleburne, Texas. ✓

VIRGINIUS G. RUFFIN, 01177621, First Lieutenant, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. The 2d Battalion, \*\* Infantry, was ordered to move from positions on the east slope of \*\* into a nearby assembly area preparatory to a daylight attack the following morning. Lieutenant Ruffin, artillery forward observer, with utter disregard for his personal safety, remained at his observation post directing artillery fire on hostile enemy weapons which were harassing and inflicting casualties on the infantry troops. The result of his accurate adjustment was the neutralization of the enemy fire, permitting the infantry to move with a minimum of casualties. Lieutenant Ruffin and a telephone operator were the last to leave the exposed area. His display of outstanding courage in the face of constant enemy fire inspired all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Pottstown, Pennsylvania. ✓

✓ BERNARD F. REID, 0176301, Second Lieutenant, Battery C, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Lieutenant Reid was a forward artillery observer with the 3d Battalion, \*\* Infantry, occupying a defensive position on Hill 308. While under heavily

concentrated enemy mortar and artillery fire, and with little cover, he directed the fire of his own artillery on an approaching unit of enemy infantry. With utter disregard for his own life, while others took cover, he refused to leave exposed position, realizing that unless the approaching enemy was stopped, the infantry troops which his unit was supporting would suffer a counterattack. He continued his fire direction, thereby assisting in repulsing this imminent counterattack by inflicting heavy casualties upon this enemy force. His display of outstanding calmness and aggressive vigor inspired the confidence of all who witnessed his actions and resulted in destroying the enemy counterattack without loss of any of our infantry. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN L. HOOVER, 13085292, Sergeant, Company F, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the morning of 6 November 1943, on \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Hoover, in charge of a three man reconnaissance patrol, was given the mission of obtaining information of the enemy at a point 1000 yards to the company's immediate front. Upon arrival at this point he found the enemy had withdrawn. On his own initiative he moved out of his company sector in order to further advance under cover, advancing to a point near \*\*, where he observed the enemy entrenched. Sergeant Hoover returned to the company command post with complete information as to the exact location of the enemy, the first received, which enabled our forces to render accurate artillery fire on these positions. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES A. COLLET, 35259328, Private First Class, Company E, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 5 December 1943, in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Having taken part in the successful advance of his company in this area under the most difficult conditions of mountainous terrain, inclement weather and a stubborn enemy defense system, Private First Class Collet, along with the others of his unit, prepared to defend the newly won ground. During the night the enemy counter attacked in force. As the enemy approached, supported by a machine gun crew, Private First Class Collet crawled forward of his squad in the open terrain under machine gun and small arms fire and singlehandedly knocked out the entire machine gun nest with his Automatic Rifle. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Logansport, Indiana.

WALTER (NMI) FLAKIN, 32336262, Private First Class, Company E, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the morning of 6 December 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. In attacking along the southern slopes of \*\*, Italy, Company G was suddenly pinned down by enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire. Private First Class Flakin, an automatic rifleman, through his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, advanced over the hazardous mountain terrain to an exposed position where he laid down such a heavy volume of fire that he silenced the machine gun. Upon rejoining the platoon he discovered his squad leader and corporal both wounded. Assuming responsibility he maintained control and effectively led his squad until he became a casualty several days later. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Jackson, N.Y.

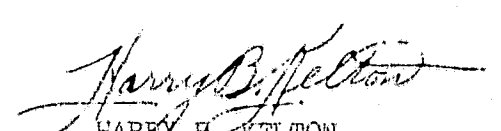
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✓ LONNIE (NMI) REDDEN, 38228137, Private First Class, Company G, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 during the night attack on \*\*near \*\*, Italy. As Private First Class Redden, an automatic rifleman, advanced up the mountain in the darkness with his platoon, his unit encountered an enemy machine gun which pinned the group down by the intensity of its fire. On his own initiative he returned the fire so as to engage the attention of the enemy and to draw the fire of the machine gun on himself, thereby freeing the remainder of the group. While this withering hostile fire continued on his position, and with the enemy muzzle blasts as his only target, with utter disregard for his own safety, he brought fire so effectively upon the enemy that his platoon was able to outflank and destroy the machine gun position without interference. By deliberately and courageously drawing fire upon himself, and harassing the enemy, Private First Class Redden contributed materially to the success of the attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Hico, Texas. ✓

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