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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

NOELAN D. TUCKER, 14058666, Technician Grade IV, Battery B, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Tucker organized his battery rocket launcher sections into well chosen and strong defensive positions among the ridges and ravines. This position was established under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire while a tank attack was attempting to enter the right flank of the battery position. During this action the area was strafed and bombed by enemy aircraft and Sergeant Tucker and another soldier were seriously wounded. Refusing treatment for himself, he immediately administered first aid to the wounded soldier and assisted in his evacuation. After having given instructions to another soldier to take charge, he was then himself evacuated to the rear. His outstanding courage, skill and leadership were an inspiration to his men and to his organization. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Armed Forces of the United States. Sergeant Tucker later died of wounds received in this heroic action. Next of kin: Mrs. Florence J. Tucker, (wife), 2142 South 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 named officers and enlisted men:

ROSS (NMI) MYERS, 0378526, Captain, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on the morning of 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Captain Myers was in command of seventeen DUKS carrying twelve howitzers and ammunition from an LST to the beach near \*\*, Italy. As the DUKS approached the beach, heavy artillery and machine gun fire was encountered and many craft turned back to safety. With utter disregard for his personal safety and while exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire, Captain Myers landed his DUK, followed by two others, one carrying ammunition and the other an L-frame. While continuously exposed to heavy artillery and small arms fire, he unloaded this howitzer and placed it in position on the beach, and later, with another, which was subsequently landed, he was able to deliver effective artillery support to our attacking infantry. As a result, two machine guns were knocked out, two separate artillery pieces were neutralized and four tanks were caused to move, thereby neutralizing enemy cannon and machine gun fire on boats and personnel landing on the beaches. His initiative, courage, and leadership, while exposed to enemy artillery and machine gun fire materially contributed to the success of the mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Waxahatchie, Texas.

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FLOYD C. FORD, 20816820, Staff Sergeant, Battery C, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Ford, a member of the forward observer's party, while under heavy enemy artillery fire, voluntarily checked and repaired wire communication between the forward observer and the fire direction center each time communication was destroyed by shell fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he worked diligently under mortar fire in the area between the enemy and our infantry. The maintenance of these lines enabled artillery support to be effective and materially contributed to the stopping and disbursting of enemy tanks during an attack. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

PAUL (M.M.I) SULLIVAN, 38038643, Sergeant, Battery A, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 23 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. The howitzer positions of Sergeant Sullivan's battery were in flames as a result of direct enemy hits on the ammunition, and battery personnel withdrew under orders to a safe distance. Sergeant Sullivan, accompanied by another soldier, took advantage of the first temporary lull in the heavy and extensive shell fire to go back voluntarily to the howitzer position and extinguish the blazing powder charges with water and dirt. Disregarding the occasional explosion of nearby fuzes and constant peril of overheated projectiles, one of which was already fused and loaded in a howitzer. Sergeant Sullivan and his assistant worked continually until the blaze was extinguished. His initiative and resourcefulness materially contributed to the saving of a large quantity of ammunition, preserving the howitzers from further damage than the loss of three tires and one sight, and protecting from increased danger battery personnel and battery property. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Lancaster, Texas.

ARTHUR A. WADLE, Sergeant, 20807576, Company B, \*\* Infantry, for gallantry in action on the night of 19 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. Sergeant Wadle, then a scout, third platoon, Company B, volunteered to assist in destroying two enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance of his platoon. Under dangerous enemy machine gun fire he moved cautiously and skillfully to a flank position from which he could effectively throw his grenades. Having knocked out one nest, with utter disregard for his own safety, he moved to a more dangerous position and assisted in destroying the other emplacement. A third enemy machine gun firing on the platoon, directly from the front, was withdrawn by the enemy after the two flank machine guns were knocked out. Sergeant Wadle's inspirational and aggressive conduct in the performance of this task contributed directly to the successful accomplishment of this platoon's mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Mexia, Texas.

WILLIE (M.M.I) ABRAMSON, 20816296, Corporal, Battery A, \*\* Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 23 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. The howitzer positions of Corporal Abramson's battery were in flames as a result of direct enemy hits on the ammunition, and battery personnel withdrew, under orders, to a safe distance. Corporal Abramson, accompanied by another soldier, took advantage of the first temporary lull in the heavy and extensive shell fire to return voluntarily to the howitzer position and extin-

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dash the blazing powder charges with water and dirt, disregarding the occasional explosions of nearby fags and the constant peril of overheated projectiles, one of which was directly fired and landed in a howitzer. His initiative and resourcefulness have vividly contributed to the saving of a large quantity of ammunition, preserving the howitzers from further damage than the loss of the three tires and one sight, and protecting from increased danger the battery personnel and other battery property. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Dallas, Texas.

THOMAS G. GOENEL, 35259402, Private First Class, Company E, 88th Infantry, first displayed in action on 9 September 1943 in the vicinity of Cassino, Italy. He was one of the men from Company E and Second Battalion Headquarters Company, 88th Infantry, while advancing under darkness toward the Battalion assembly area, which was situated on the ground near a high wall by intense enemy machine gun fire from a forward class (G) position, armed with an automatic rifle, voluntarily left his own position with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled to an exposed position on the flank. Despite the added danger of two active enemy tanks in this position, he fired on the enemy machine gun position, diverting the fire from his own position and enabling his comrades to cross the wall. When the last man had reached the other side of the wall, he ceased firing and joined the group on their advance toward the objective. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Mount Vernon, New York.

By command of Major General A. WALKER:

CLAYTON P. KERR,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

THOMAS G. GOENEL,  
Private First Class,  
Company E, 88th Infantry,  
1st Cavalry Division, Department,  
Adjutant General.

DISSEMINATION: Plus  
1 - The Adjutant General  
1 - Chief of Staff  
1 - G-1, Fifth Army  
1 - Each Individual Concerned  
1 - Each Staff General  
3 - AG Files

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