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SECTION I

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

JOHN W. ATWELL, (01302256), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "G", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in Italy. Moving forward in a daylight reconnaissance of an enemy held village in order to obtain information necessary to the success of a later attack, Lieutenant ATWELL, a rifle company commander, suddenly encountered an enemy machine gun nest. Boldly seizing the initiative, he rushed the emplacement, killed the enemy gunner before he could put his weapon into operation, and took the remainder of the gun crew prisoners. His daring and aggressive action resulted in the destruction of a key position in the enemy system of defense, secured information of value to a subsequent successful attack, and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

PHILIP A. SQUARE, (35305869), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 22 October 1944, in Italy. When his platoon, leading the attack upon an enemy held village, was subjected to intense machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant SQUARE, determined to continue the assault, took command of a squad and led it in an attack upon enemy dugouts located within the town. Skilfully deploying his men as they moved upon the enemy emplacements, he personally killed three and captured five German soldiers and enabled the attacking forces to occupy the objective without loss. Entered the military service from Painesville, Ohio.

CHARLES E. SAUNDERS, (38090062), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "I", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 October 1944, in Italy. When intense fire from enemy machine gun positions held up the advance of his platoon, Sergeant SAUNDERS, an assistant squad leader, voluntarily exposed himself to the withering enemy fire to engage the enemy with his rifle, pinning one of the gunners down. Continuing his accurate fire, he aggressively assaulted the position with hand grenades, rushed forward and killed all four of the occupants, enabling his platoon to resume its advance and seize the objective. His courageous determination to destroy the enemy was an inspiration to the members of his unit and reflects the fine traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

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JOSEPH P. LAMB, JR., (01178868), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 14 September 1944, in Italy. Lieutenant LAMB, an artillery forward observer, voluntarily exposed himself to intense enemy fire while assisting the attacking forces in an assault upon a strong enemy line. Forced to leave his own radio and men behind because of the rugged terrain and terrific enemy fire, he used infantry communications to facilitate the laying down of a barrage of high explosive and smoke shells within fifty yards of the forward elements to repel an enemy counterattack and allow our forces to withdraw in safety from an untenable position. Then, realizing that some of the platoons of the rifle company to which he was attached were leaderless and separated from the main body of troops, he lent valuable assistance in reorganizing and leading them safely to new positions. Entered the military service from Palatka, Florida.

WILLY NEGER, (42047284), Sergeant, (then Private), Infantry, Company "K", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 25 September 1944, in Italy. After questioning a German prisoner who was taken by his company in an attack and learning the location of two enemy machine gun positions, Sergeant NEGER, a rifleman, volunteered to go forward and locate them. Taking advantage of all available cover and concealment, he courageously advanced upon the hostile positions and succeeded in surprising the enemy, capturing nine prisoners and both of the weapons. His gallant aggressiveness in advancing alone to seek out the enemy was an inspiration to the members of his company and undoubtedly saved many of them from becoming casualties when they continued their advance. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

### SECTION III

#### AWARD, POSTHUMOUSLY, OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted man:

LLOYD G. WAGNER, (36241134), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 21 October 1944, in Italy. When the fire from strong enemy positions held up the advance of his company on a village strongpoint, Private First Class WAGNER, a mortar squad leader, quickly set up his weapon and directed accurate fire upon the enemy positions. Observing the effectiveness of his fire upon the enemy, he deliberately exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar fire and continued to operate his mortar until mortally wounded. His courage and devotion to duty weakened the enemy's defenses considerably and were of invaluable assistance to the success of the attack. Entered the military service from Galesville, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Olga B. Wagner, (Mother), Route #2, Box 182, Galesville, Wisconsin.

### SECTION IV

#### AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

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MAURICE G. GANTZERT, (0380091), Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 14 August to 16 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Gardener, Illinois.

JOHN E. VERRILL, (0454319), Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

DONALD A. STACKHOUSE, JR., (0438421), Major, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 14 August to 16 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

CARROLL S. WATSON, (01165804), Captain, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Ward, South Carolina.

LOUIS G. DEGGINGER, JR., (0454770), Captain, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Webb City, Missouri.

VARDON E. DEIXEL, (01165009), Captain, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

MARK E. KEANE, (0405595), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

DONALD A. MORRISON, JR., (0365724), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

SAM C. OLIVER, (0453609), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Paris, Tennessee.

VERNON T. LOESING, (0442476), Captain, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 14 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Ferguson, Missouri.

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by WILLIAM B. ARMSTRONG, (0376795), Captain, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 328th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 12 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

ALBERT V. EASON, (6957915), Technical Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 328th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 4 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

GENNARO V. MINGOIA, (32337263), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 September to 22 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

ROBERT A. FISCHER, (35479573), Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 328th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 5 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

#### SECTION V

#### AWARD, POSTHUMOUSLY, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

THEODORE W. KAINÉ, JR., (38541867), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, in Italy. Becoming separated from the remainder of his patrol as it moved in a skirmish line up a fog covered hill, Private First Class KAINÉ returned to a strategic position in order to be able to cover the withdrawal of the patrol after it had completed its mission. Unaware of the fact that the patrol had already returned to friendly lines, he remained in an area still occupied by enemy forces, killing one German soldier after he refused a demand to surrender, returning to his unit only after he felt certain that the patrol had safely withdrawn. Entered the military service from Beaumont, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Mildred Kaine, (Mother), 935 Euclid Street, Beaumont, Texas.

IRVIN L. ALLEE, (35147347), Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 September 1944, in Italy. When the squad leader of the leading squad in an attack was seriously wounded, Private ALLEE, without regard for his own safety, moved forward under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire to render first aid. Although fired upon in the performance of his heroic act, he continued medical treatment, then led a litter team to the position under cover of darkness to evacuate the casualty. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Allee, (Father), 546 North Sheffield Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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SECTION VI

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

MARION P. BOULDEN, (0118806), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Carbondale, Illinois.

ROBERT E. BASKIN, JR., (0454234), Major, Infantry, Headquarters, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Seymour, Texas.

PERCY V. ROUGON, (0354132), Major, Infantry, Service Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Chenal, Louisiana.

LESTER A. NIELSEN, (0453170), Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

LEROY G. MONSKY, (0456226), Captain, Infantry, Cannon Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

ROBERT F. ZEIGLER, JR., (0415879), Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Macon, Georgia.

ARNIE L. MILLICAN, (0455326), Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Bangor, Alabama.

DONALD C. OGG, (0387544), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 August to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Ames, Iowa.

JOHN C. MAJOR, (0391463), Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 910th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 5 April to 14 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Seid, New York.

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by HARRY L. SORENSEN, (O1302375), Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 12 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Kent City, Michigan.

MADISON S. DUBOIS, (O1284482), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Woodbury, New Jersey.

WILLIAM J. BROWNLEE, (O1180133), First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 85th Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 20 August to 16 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

WILSON O. RICHARDSON, (W2121062), Chief Warrant Officer, Army of United States, Service Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 21 April to 18 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Midway, Texas.

LEONARD M. WINTER, (W2113386), Chief Warrant Officer, Army of United States, Headquarters Battery, 910th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 5 April to 14 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Corsicana, Texas.

WILLIAM T. WRIGHT, SR., (6413355), Master Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 85th Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 14 August to 14 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

GLENN E. FERRIS, (6221100), First Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 85th Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 14 August to 14 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

CHARLES E. CLARK, (14081862), First Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 21 August 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from St. Petersburg, Florida.

JAMES M. BALLENTINE, (33337709), First Sergeant, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

NOAH A. KACUR, (14068864), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Wilmington, North Carolina.

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CHARLES A. WILLINGHAM, (6272256), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 910th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 5 April to 14 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Palestine, Texas.

JOE GOODRICH, (35676055), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Frankfort, Kentucky.

EMILE M. ENGLEHART, (37195943), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 85th Infantry Division Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 14 August to 16 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

JOHN T. MEEHAN, (32337641), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

LOVEL L. HORNER, (37199792), Sergeant, Signal Corps, 85th Signal Company, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Archie, Missouri.

CALVIN W. NETHERS, (35404519), Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 August to 1 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from St. Louisville, Ohio.

ELMER E. KNIGHT, (34283132), Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 5 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Tennessee.

JAMES R. COLLINS, (34433329), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 24 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Elkin, North Carolina.

MICHAEL J. KENNY, (32337825), Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Yonkers, New York.

HOWARD RUSSELL, (38142295), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "E", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

WILLIAM E. LANCASTER, (34210239), Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Pauline, South Carolina.

ELWOOD D. WILSON, (16091819), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Company "F", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 12 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Gillett, Wisconsin.

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by **SYLVESTER GROCKI**, (36242052), Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 910th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 15 August to 21 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**JOSEPH M. BOYLE**, (32338551), Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 21 August 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

**JOHN R. PADDOCK**, (32338753), Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 328th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 17 September to 10 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Brewster, New York.

**NORMAN A. RAISOR**, (13061672), Private First Class, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 328th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 17 September to 10 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Warren, Pennsylvania.

**NATHAN J. TALLEY**, (33092849), Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 March to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Dansville, Virginia.

**WILLIAM E. SMITH**, (35741620), Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 March to 20 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Weston, West Virginia.

**BLAINE H. JOHNSTON**, (15301184), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 4 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Akron, Ohio.

**LEON C. BUNCE**, (35345429), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "E", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 October to 20 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Montgomery, Michigan.

**JAMES V. STELZNER**, (37677536), Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 13 September to 4 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Columbus Junction, Iowa.

**JOHN B. CLARK**, (34444430), Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Pavo, Georgia.

**IRWIN M. PRICE**, (32560736), Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Albany, New York.

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RUSSELL C. HOCHBAN, (33619418), Private, Infantry, Company "F", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

CHESTER M. POLAK, (35915355), Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 22 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

SECTION VII

AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 345, 23 August 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following unit:

SERVICE BATTERY, 910th Field Artillery Battalion, for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks in Italy from 5 April to 31 October 1944.

By command of Major General COULTER:

THOMAS R. McDONALD,  
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,  
Acting Chief of Staff.

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Lt. Col., A. G. D.,  
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