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SECTION I

AWARD, POSTHUMOUSLY, OF SILVER STAR

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

CECIL F. STEWARD, (37202084), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 May 1944, in Italy. Finding two members of his company lying mortally wounded before an enemy pill box, Staff Sergeant Steward organized a volunteer group to destroy the emplacement and rescue the wounded men. Although he was killed in the unsuccessful attempt, his endeavor to aid his comrades at the cost of his own life was an inspiration to the other members of the group. His display of courage and aggressive determination to destroy the enemy reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Cedarvale, Kansas. Next of kin: Mr. Rush E. Steward, (Father), Cedarvale, Kansas.

VERNON C. WILSON, (37182650), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 May 1944, in Italy. During a night attack against strong enemy positions, Staff Sergeant Wilson and two other soldiers, without regard for their own personal safety, attacked and destroyed an enemy machine gun nest, killing three enemy soldiers. His action at the risk of his life was of material value to his company in the accomplishment of its mission. Staff Sergeant Wilson's aggressiveness and display of courage under heavy enemy fire reflect the high traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Steddard, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose L. Wilson, (Mother), Essex, Missouri.

PAUL MANNING, JR., (18073928), Private First Class, Infantry, Antitank Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 April 1944, in Italy. While working with a detail engaged in clearing a path through an enemy minefield, Private First Class Manning accidentally fired the igniter while neutralizing an anti-personnel mine. Knowing full well the result of his actions, he made no attempt to take cover, but bent over the exploding mine, catching the full force of the explosion with his body. His outstanding courage and willingness to sacrifice his life to prevent injury or death to other members of the party reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Dallas Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Paul Manning Jr., (Wife), 214 East Fifth Street, Dallas, Texas.

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SECTION II

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

EDWARD R. RICHARDS, (01302350), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "B", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 May 1944, in Italy. After leading his platoon to a new position under heavy enemy fire, without suffering a casualty, First Lieutenant Richards, disregarding his own personal safety, went out to an exposed position to remove a wounded soldier to safety. In the absence of an aid man, he rendered first aid and assisted in the evacuation of the man. His outstanding courage under fire and risk of life to aid the wounded reflects the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

RICHARD J. CONNERS, (01310225), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 13 May 1944, in Italy. Advancing under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire over 300 yards of terrain known to be mined and under direct observation by the enemy, Second Lieutenant Connors, with the assistance of an enlisted man, succeeded in driving the enemy out of a house from which they had been holding up the advance with machine guns and automatic weapons. His action in the face of enemy machine gun and sniper fire gained ground vital to the safety of two companies and inspired the other members of the platoon to continue their advance. Lieutenant Connors' aggressiveness and determination to destroy the enemy without regard for his own personal safety reflect the high traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Marblehead, Massachusetts.

CHARLES R. WISOR, (33019777), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 11 May 1944, in Italy. During an attack on enemy positions, Technical Sergeant Wisor, although twice wounded by enemy grenade and mortar fragments, continued to maintain command of his platoon and keep it in position. His actions instilled confidence in the members of the platoon and inspired them to press on to the completion of their mission. His outstanding courage and determination to carry the attack, after being wounded, reflect the high traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

WILLARD L. HILL, (38151882), Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 23 May 1944, in Italy. During a tank attack on the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Hill, operating an unarmored bulldozer ahead of the tanks, cleared a road under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, enabling the tanks to advance. Unable to withdraw the bulldozer due to the intense enemy fire, he drove into a protected area behind a hill and sought cover for himself until rescued by the tanks. His outstanding courage under intense enemy

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fire is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM HODGE, (33266633), Corporal, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL CASSADY, (35641593), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. Entered the military service from Inez, Kentucky.

For gallantry in action on 11 May 1944, in Italy. During a night attack against strong enemy positions, Corporal Hodge and Private First Class Cassady, without regard for their own personal safety, attacked and destroyed an enemy machine gun nest, killing three enemy soldiers. Their action at the risk of their lives was of material value to their company in the successful accomplishment of its mission. The aggressiveness and display of courage under heavy enemy fire shown by these men reflect the high traditions of the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD, POSTHUMOUSLY, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 3, Circular Number 26, Headquarters North African Theater of Operations, 6 March 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

BENJAMIN M. HOBBS, (01104852), First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 May 1944, in Italy. While working in an enemy mine field, within 500 yards of the enemy lines, a member of the detail led by First Lieutenant Hobbs was killed and another injured. Realizing the effect of the action upon its members, he kept them organized and continued the work until he himself was killed by an exploding mine. His display of courage was an inspiration to the remainder of the group and all who witnessed the act. Entered the military service from Greenwood, Mississippi. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha A. Hobbs, (Mother), Greenwood, Mississippi.

ARTHUR H. DAVIS, (34205376), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 May 1944, in Italy. With his squad pinned down by heavy enemy small arms and grenade fire, and suffering casualties, Staff Sergeant Davis, although suffering from wounds himself, continued to command his squad and to render first aid to the wounded. While in the performance of his unselfish act he was fatally wounded by enemy rifle fire. Entered the military service from Fernandina, Florida. Next of kin: Mr. Hampton A. Davis, (Father), Hilliard, Florida.

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SECTION IV

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 3, Circular Number 26, Headquarters North African Theater of Operations, 6 March 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer:

CHARLES F. BREWER, (01104784), First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 27 May 1944, in Italy. First Lieutenant Brewer directed the operations of his platoon under fire, and though repeatedly repulsed by small arms and mortar fire, succeeded in bridging a river for advancing troops. He personally directed the reduction of several obstacles, which assisted this force greatly in its rapid advance. His work has been outstanding and an inspiration to his platoon. Entered the military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

SECTION V

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Paragraph 3, Circular Number 26, Headquarters North African Theater of Operations, 6 March 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

LEE S. GEROW, (04681), Brigadier General, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. As Assistant Division Commander of the 85th Infantry Division, Brigadier General Gerow handled many of the difficult and numerous assignments arising out of entry of the Division into active operations in Italy with intelligence and exceptional vigor. By personal reconnaissance to front-line positions, frequently under artillery fire, he learned at first hand the actual employment of troops under the tactical plan and was thereby able to make many invaluable suggestions and recommendations to the Division Commander. Through his unselfish zeal, devotion to duty, and untiring efforts, Brigadier General Gerow proved an example to all personnel of the Division and has brought deserved credit upon himself and the entire military service. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

PIERRE MALLET, (08314), Brigadier General, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat. During the period 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy, Brigadier General Mallett was commanding the 85th Infantry Division Artillery. During phases of this period the organic Division Artillery was reinforced by large masses of all types of artillery. The careful planning, coordination and supervision of fire control exercised by him resulted in outstanding artillery support being given the Division. His devotion to duty, tactical knowledge, and energetic application, are in keeping with the high traditions of the service. Entered the military service from North Carolina.

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WILLIAM T. FITTS, JR., (011917), Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. Maintaining command and staff channels through a rapidly moving situation, Colonel Fitts, as Chief of the General Staff, kept the Commanding General, advised of the situation and acted for him with excellent military judgment. His almost ceaseless devotion to the duties of his office was a challenge and inspiration to the entire Command, and reflects the highest credit to the military service. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

OLIVER W. HUGHES, (014974), Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. Moving his Regiment over the most difficult terrain, and despite stubborn opposition, Colonel Hughes, as Commanding Officer of the 337th Infantry, kept his command intact as a fighting team in a rapid movement against the enemy. The high standard of leadership, the disregard of personal danger and the sound professional knowledge of Colonel Hughes are a credit to himself and the military service. Entered the United States Military Academy from Ohio.

BROOKNER W. BRADY, (016519), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, 339th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Brady, as Commanding Officer of the 339th Infantry, inspired his command by his ceaseless efforts to push against the enemy. As a result, his Regiment made an enviable record by its aggressive and relentless advance against the opposition. His sound tactical employment and use of his command is a credit to the military profession. Entered the United States Military Academy from New Jersey.

HERMAN W. OHME, (018250), Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Lieutenant Colonel Ohme made detailed plans and recommendations for both the initial tactical employment of the Division in combat and for the operations opening 11 May. By devoting himself to the development of the tactical plan without regard for hours of duty, he was able to lend most valuable assistance to the success of the operation. Entered the United States Military Academy from Georgia.

THOMAS R. MC DONALD, (018892), Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. During this period when the Division was developing and perfecting tactical processes, Lieutenant Colonel McDonald acted as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. Positions held by the enemy denied friendly ground observation, and the location of enemy dispositions was a difficult task. Despite these obstacles and a rapidly changing situation, Lieutenant Colonel McDonald was able to furnish the Commanding General with proper information. Entered the United States Military Academy from United States Army.

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JOSEPH E. GUILL, (0337910), Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. As Division Signal Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Guill was initially called upon to provide a greatly enlarged signal service to support the tactical operations. Upon the advance of 11 May he was required to support a rapid advance over the most difficult terrain. The successful manner in which he constructed and maintained signal communications was of material assistance in the timely employment of units in the operations. Entered the military service from Greensboro, North Carolina.

JOHN D. COLE, JR., (019749), Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. As Division Engineer and Commanding Officer, 310th Engineer Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Cole supported the Division effort over the most difficult mountainous terrain. His successful reduction of enemy obstacles, and the constant and untiring supervision of the work of his Battalion on the entire front were a determining factor in the successful movement of troops and supplies. Entered United States Military Academy from Illinois.

RALPH M. PATTERSON, (021013), Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, 310th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. Terrain over which combat operations were conducted made the evacuation of wounded personnel a most difficult process. As Commanding Officer, 310th Medical Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Patterson supervised the evacuation of the wounded and made plans for the most efficient use of large numbers of untrained litter bearers. Entered the military service from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

BYRON E. PEBBLES, (0339282), Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. Functioning during this period as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Lieutenant Colonel Peebles established supply procedures for combat and maintained supplies for the reinforced Division over the most difficult mountainous terrain. He exercised ingenuity in adapting means of transportation to the supply problem, lending material assistance to the successful operation against the enemy. Entered the military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

RICHARD J. CHAMIER, (0289829), Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Lieutenant Colonel Chamier planned the adoption of administrative processes to the necessities of combat operations. His attention to plans for obtaining accurate strength figures during the operation and his supervision of such work made it possible for the Commanding General to calculate effective strength of his command. Entered the military service from Moberly, Missouri.

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WILLIAM H. GREEN, (0274741), Lieutenant Colonel, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. Reorganizing many administrative methods and establishing new systems for battle casualty reports, decorations and awards and other matters as required by participation in combat, Lieutenant Colonel Green, as Division Adjutant General, freed commanders from many administrative details and thus made a substantial contribution to the success of the Division in battle. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

MARTIN L. ROTH, (0282925), Major, Corps of Military Police, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat from 10 April to 28 May 1944, in Italy. As Division Provost Marshal, Major Roth was confronted with the necessity of establishing a Prisoner of War system without adequate knowledge of the probable number of prisoners. Problems of traffic control were magnified by the limited road net available. When the Division started a rapid advance and the flow of prisoners and traffic problems increased beyond expectations, Major Roth was prepared to put into execution plans to successfully support the attack. Entered the military service from Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

RICHARD L. GULLIXSON, (0452044), Captain, Infantry, Company "C", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 May 1944, in Italy. During a period of intense action against the enemy, which left his company in a precarious position, Captain Gullixson, in complete disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded in reorganizing his command, reconnoitering a route of withdrawal, and supervising a successful occupation of new positions. Although painfully wounded in the performance of his mission, he persisted in continuing until the action was completed. Entered the military service from Portland, Oregon.

JESSE C. LAWRENCE, (0461622), Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 May 1944, in Italy. When informed that a seriously wounded soldier lay in a mine field and that three litter bearers had already been killed by mines in attempting to get to him, Captain Lawrence, without regard for his own personal safety, went out into the mine field to render first aid and direct evacuation of the wounded soldier. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York.

HARRY EISSLER, JR., (0456513), First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 27 May 1944, in Italy. First Lieutenant Eissler led his platoon in the reduction of a difficult road block and in the construction of an important bridge, at both times working under heavy enemy fire. His devotion to duty in the face of enemy resistance was of material aid to the rapid advance of the Division. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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CLEMENS M. HANKES, (01317785), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "B", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 May 1944, in Italy. During an attack against the enemy Second Lieutenant Hankes led his platoon over exposed terrain, under heavy enemy fire, without a casualty. Then, taking temporary command of a platoon which had lost its leaders in an enemy mine field, he successfully led them in the completion of their mission. Entered the military service from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

ALBERT J. KRASMAN, (33275261), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 May 1944, in Italy. When his platoon was subjected to heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant Krasman, without regard for his own safety, reorganized the platoon and rendered first aid to the wounded. His courage under fire was an inspiration to the platoon and kept it together during the attack. Entered the military service from Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

ADRON G. STEVENS, (34275412), Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 May 1944, in Italy. When the platoon of which he was platoon sergeant came under enemy mortar fire and was ordered to dig in, Technical Sergeant Stevens braved further enemy fire to dig a slit trench for a wounded member of the platoon before digging his own. His courage under fire in protecting the wounded soldier from further danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Koseuisko, Mississippi.

FRANK J. KESSLER, (33231977), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 12 May 1944, in Italy. In the absence of the platoon leader and platoon sergeant, Staff Sergeant Kessler, although suffering from shock and despite an opportunity to withdraw, remained with the platoon and reorganized it under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Entered the military service from Tower City, Pennsylvania.

ROY J. NUNNERY, (34388182), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 May 1944, in Italy. Staff Sergeant Nunnery, a platoon guide, exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire in order to restore communications lines between the platoon and the company command post during a critical period. His risk of life to insure communications was of material aid in the accomplishment of the platoon mission. Entered the military service from Great Falls, South Carolina.

JOSEPH E. YANSKY, (33266787), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "B", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 9 May 1944, in Italy. During a period when heavy hostile fire was being directed upon the company position, Sergeant Yansky repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to maintain communications between his platoon and the company command post. Entered the military service from Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

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JOE K. WRIGHT, (39301718), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry (Armored Force), Company "B", 756th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 15 May 1944, in Italy. When the tank of which he was the driver was penetrated through the turret by direct enemy fire during a river crossing, killing the loader and seriously wounding the tank commander and gunner, Technician Fourth Grade Wright, with no one left to observe and direct the movement of the tank, opened the driver's hatch and exposed himself to further anti-tank fire in order to drive the tank from the field of fire to where his wounded comrades could be evacuated. Entered the military service from Dufor, Oregon.

HARLEY ANDERSON, (39305046), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry (Armored Force), Company "D", 756th Tank Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 May 1944, in Italy. When infantry and tanks began to retire from an untenable position, a disabled tank was left exposed to artillery and small arms fire in close proximity to the enemy. Although his company had been given orders to withdraw, technician Fourth Grade Anderson voluntarily went forward on foot, without regard to the danger to which he subjected himself, and retrieved the radio, preventing the compromise of Battalion communications and loss of valuable equipment. Entered the military service from Yamhill, Oregon.

KAI EGEBERG, (36338555), Corporal, Infantry, Company "D", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 12 May 1944, in Italy. Many times when communications were essential to the success of the attack, Corporal Egeberg, disregarding his own personal safety, went out under heavy enemy fire to repair lines which had been damaged by enemy action. Voluntarily performing duties other than those regularly assigned to him, he accomplished them in a highly successful manner, materially aiding his company in successfully completing its combat mission. Entered the military service from Maywood, Illinois.

ROBERT SLAWSON, (32340421), Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 May 1944, in Italy. When the forward observation post, of which he was the senior non-commissioned officer in charge, received a direct hit by an enemy artillery shell, Corporal Slawson, only after receiving permission from the Battalion Command Post to withdraw, instructed the group in how to return through mine fields to their organization. Then, despite the fact that the building received another direct hit, and without regard for his own safety, remained to dismount and collect equipment before withdrawing. Entered the military service from Sloatsburg, New York.

JAMES F. BLANTON, (34591625), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 11 May 1944, in Italy. During a night attack against the enemy, Private Blanton, although seriously wounded himself, crawled over terrain being subjected to artillery and mortar fire to render first aid to two wounded comrades. His unselfish action in seeking to assist his fellow soldiers reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Shelby, North Carolina.

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JOHN J. BUNDAS, (33299632), Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 May 1944, in Italy. When informed by a returning member of a squad, which had been caught by enemy artillery fire, that the squad leader had been wounded, Private Bundas proceeded under heavy enemy fire over exposed terrain to render first aid and evacuate him to safety. His disregard for his own personal safety to aid the wounded soldier reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Warren, Pennsylvania.

VINCENT R. PRONIO, (32929042), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 29 April 1944, in Italy. When a soldier was wounded while repairing a broken communications line under enemy artillery fire, Private Pronio, disregarding his own safety, went out to administer first aid. After an unsuccessful attempt to move him, he secured help and evacuated him to a place of safety. Entered the military service from Brunswick, New Jersey.

JOSEPH MARADIN, (33267182), Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

HARRY E. FEHL, (33400504), Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. Entered the military service from Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

For meritorious service in combat during the period 10 April to 26 May 1944, in Italy. As members of a two-man artillery liaison party attached to an infantry unit they consistently showed disregard for their own personal safety, and through courage, resourcefulness, and initiative, they maintained effective liaison between Artillery and Infantry, under heavy enemy shelling, mortar fire, and bombing attacks.

WILBUR KIMBLE, (37201895), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. Entered the military service from Liberal, Kansas.

JOHN K. BRITTON, (35147422), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. Entered the military service from Kokomo, Indiana.

BOYD A. WEST, (35741406), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. Entered the military service from Weston, West Virginia.

For heroic achievement in action on 12 May 1944, in Italy. During a period of heavy combat with the enemy in which the company to which they were attached as aid men suffered severe casualties, Technician Fifth Grade Kimble and Privates First Class Britton and West repeatedly exposed themselves to heavy artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire to render first aid to the

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wounded. Their devotion to the injured members of their company is in keeping with the high traditions of the military service.

By command of Major General COULTER:

WILLIAM T. FITTS, JR.,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

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