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So much of Section V, AWARD OF BRONZE STAR, General Orders Number 15, this Headquarters, 8 June 1944, as pertains to Colonel OLIVER W. HUGHES, (014974), Infantry, Headquarters, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, is rescinded; a Legion of Merit having been awarded by the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

SECTION I

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

1. So much of Section IV, AWARD OF SILVER STAR, General Orders Number 65, this Headquarters, 25 October 1944, as reads: "JOHN P. SCHMIDT", is amended to read: "JOHN P. SCHMITT".

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

NORMAN DIAMOND, (01319072), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 21 October 1944, in Italy. When one platoon of his company was ordered to take an enemy held hill, Lieutenant DIAMOND'S platoon was held in support to assist the attacking platoon upon company order. As the leading platoon was assaulting the final enemy position on the crest of the hill, a small enemy force of eight men armed with a machine gun, two machine pistols and rifles attempted a counterattack upon their left flank. Realizing the seriousness of this threat to the success of the attack, Lieutenant DIAMOND, without orders, immediately took charge of one of his squads and gallantly led them in an attack upon this hostile force, personally killing two of the enemy and wounding another while his squad captured the remaining five. His outstanding aggressiveness and initiative turned what might have been defeat into victory and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered the military service from Minot, North Dakota.

ERNEST D. BUEALMONT, (31189093), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "M", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944, in Italy. When enemy forces infiltrated the position of a unit to his front, Staff Sergeant BUEALMONT, a mortar section leader, organized a patrol, directed deadly flanking rifle fire upon the hostile group, and forced it to withdraw. Upon returning to his platoon, he observed the enemy massing for an apparent counterattack and immediately placed his gun crew in action, adjusted accurate and deadly mortar fire upon the enemy, killing nineteen and wounding several others. His courage and aggressive leadership at a critical moment secured the position of the friendly unit and completely disrupted the enemy's attempt to drive it from its position, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Windsor, Vermont.

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by HERMAN L. LANGE, (36109920), Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Company "F", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 3 October 1944, in Italy. When his company assaulted an enemy held ridge, Technician Fourth Grade LANGE, formerly a cook, in his first engagement with the enemy, courageously led his squad in an aggressive assault through mist and fog upon strong enemy positions, personally killing four of the enemy and capturing five others. His gallant leadership inspired the members of his squad, several of whom were new men, to continue their advance despite the many enemy positions encountered and successfully capture their objective. Such courage and determination evinced by one new to battle exemplify the high traditions of the American Infantryman and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the military service. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

RAY T. BRYAN, (37321337), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 2 October 1944, in Italy. When the advance of his platoon was held up by intense fire from an enemy machine gun position, Private First Class BRYAN, a rifleman, courageously advanced over exposed terrain under the withering fire of enemy guns to a position from which he could fire upon the hostile emplacement. Delivering rapid and accurate fire upon the enemy, he succeeded in pinning the machine gunner down and then charged the position with hand grenades, destroying the gun, killing one of the gunners, and taking three others prisoners. His gallant action in eliminating the hostile emplacement enabled his platoon to continue its assault and his determined aggressiveness in the face of withering enemy fire reflects the fine traditions of the American Infantryman. Entered the military service from Morton, Minnesota.

ALVIN L. PRICHARD, (17056699), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, in Italy. When his squad became engaged in a fierce fire fight with the enemy, Private First Class PRICHARD, a rifleman in the leading squad, aggressively moved forward to engage the enemy. Crawling some twenty yards to reach a position within throwing distance of the enemy, he threw two hand grenades into the hostile position, destroying the gun and killing one of the gunners. When three more German soldiers moved into position and commenced to throw hand grenades into his squad's position, Private First Class PRICHARD, although seriously wounded and with his supply of grenades exhausted, remained in position and delivered effective rifle fire upon the enemy until other members of his platoon moved in to assist him and evacuate him for medical treatment. His determination to engage the enemy with utter disregard for his own safety reflects the high traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Wichita, Kansas.

HOMER Q. MILLER, (35618666), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "K", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, in Italy. During a strong enemy counterattack upon his company's position, Private First Class MILLER, an automatic rifleman, disregarding the intense machine gun and small arms fire which was sweeping the area, boldly crawled to an exposed position upon high ground in order to more effectively fire upon the attacking forces. His aggressive and courageous action enabled him to deliver deadly and highly effective fire into the enemy ranks, killing two and wounding three German soldiers. His voluntary risk of life in order to more effectively engage the enemy contributed materially to the successful defense of the position, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Toledo, Ohio.

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ALDO L. PEROTTI, (39272083), Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944, in Italy. When an enemy sniper was observed moving into a pillbox, by-passed by our forces during an attack, Private First Class PEROTTI, together with four other soldiers, volunteered to attempt to capture him. Advancing under sporadic machine gun and sniper fire, the group moved up to the emplacement to take six German soldiers prisoners. Then, moving up to investigate another pillbox, Private First Class PEROTTI, upon discovering that it also was occupied by the enemy, summoned the remainder of the group and with two other men, forced five more of the enemy to surrender after forcing them from their position with a hand grenade. His aggressive determination to close with the enemy forces still in the area destroyed a serious threat to other groups moving forward and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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SECTION II

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 officer:

ANTHONY A. SYLVESTER, (01302384), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 21 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Glendale, California.

SECTION III

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:

CHARLES C. TOWNES, (0453776), Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 31 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Portland, Oregon.

RICHARD J. CONNERS, (01310225), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 19 October to 21 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Marblehead, Massachusetts.

ROBERT E. WEIMER, (01292795), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 20 April to 1 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Minersville, Pennsylvania.

EDMUND J. MALESKA, (01691566), Second Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Yonkers, New York.

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Q-1 KATER D. MCNILLON, (6270798), First Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 13 September to 29 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Quilman, Texas and rank.

ALBERT DEMKO, (33200599), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "C", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 6 October to 1 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Dameron, Maryland.

CARL G. LARSON, (11113699), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "L", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Everett, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH A. FAIR, (32541985), Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Staten Island, New York.

MILTON MILLER, (33312750), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES EKIERT, (31182279), Sergeant, Infantry, Company "H", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

WALTER J. KADY, (35587366), Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Struthers, Ohio.

BYRD E. HARTZELL, (33407059), Corporal, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 17 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Shipperville, Pennsylvania.

STANLEY E. SCHRECKENGOST, (33267103), Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

VALARIAN F. RUMMEL, (37275752), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Springfield, Minnesota.

RHINEHARDT E. BJERRE, (37195818), Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 11 May to 25 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Newell, Iowa.

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JACOB D. WINSLOW, (32952643), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 18 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

RICHARD EZELL, (34331047), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "H", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 29 and 30 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Geneva, Alabama.

JACK H. GREEN, (34428457), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "H", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 11 May to 30 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Dekalb, Mississippi.

ORVAL L. HENDERSON, (37531211), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "H", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 11 May to 30 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Chanute, Kansas.

WILLIAM LOVIS, (32338988), Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of combat operations during the period 10 April to 1 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from New York, New York.

JOHN J. ROWEN, (6678799), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "L", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 2 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Syracuse, New York.

CECIL W. K. BOYCE, (83124612), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "I", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 1 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Norfolk, Virginia.

RICHARD L. TAYLOR, (36763370), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "M", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 16 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Pekin, Illinois.

EDWARD L. HYDE, (35349424), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

DAVID M. COUCH, (34330420), Private, Infantry, Company "M", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 25 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Grayson, Alabama.

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SIMON P. CLARK, (35769021), Private, Medical Department, Company "A", 310th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 24 October to 27 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Enterprise, Kentucky.

JOSEPH W. HAWKHURST, (35223276), Private, Medical Department, Company "A", 310th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 24 October to 27 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Zanesville, Ohio.

JOHN F. KELLY, (33795589), Private, Medical Department, Company "A", 310th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 24 October to 27 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FRANK CLEMENT, (38486667), Private, Medical Department, Company "A", 310th Medical Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 24 October to 27 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

By command of Major General COULTER:

THOMAS R. McDONALD,
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Acting Chief of Staff.

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