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So much of Section III, ~~AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL~~, General Orders Number 78, this Headquarters, 26 November 1944, as pertains to Technical Sergeant WILLIAM J. KELSEY, (33469732), is rescinded.

SECTION I

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

LEE S. GEROW, (04681), Brigadier General, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944, in Italy. When an infantry battalion was stopped in its attack against strongly defended enemy positions, Brigadier General GEROW, Assistant Division Commander, occupied a forward observation post which afforded him a complete view of the battlefield. Although subjected to intense enemy mortar and artillery fire close to him and with little cover, he conversed with the Battalion Commander and formulated a plan to resume the attack, which a short time later proved successful. His courage and coolness under fire presented an inspiring example and gave confidence to all who observed him, and his action at a critical time materially contributed to the success of the attack. Entered the military service from Tennessee.

OLIVER W. HUGHES, (014974), Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944, in Italy. Moving with the forward elements of an infantry battalion as it advanced along a trail towards the summit of a bitterly contested mountain, Colonel HUGHES, Regimental Commander, organized a group of riflemen and accompanied it forward to engage an enemy force which had halted the advance with heavy mortar and small arms fire. Despite increased fire, he directed the riflemen in an advance to the flank of the enemy force, causing it to withdraw and clearing the route for the continued advance of the battalion. His aggressive and fearless leadership under enemy fire was an inspiration to his command and an important factor in the capture this vital hill. Entered the United States Military Academy from Ohio.

ROBERT M. STONEHAM, JR., (0511833), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 12 September 1944, in Italy. When an enemy machine gun section penetrated our front lines and attempted to set up in the rear of our attacking troops, Lieutenant STONEHAM, the company executive officer, immediately acted to destroy the dangerous

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