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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following officer:

1st Lt. Albert C. Martin, O 514 722, Field Artillery, 590th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. When a motor convoy in which he was proceeding was attacked by the enemy, 1st Lt. Martin, with a few men who refused to take cover, voluntarily assisted a superior officer in turning around the nineteen vehicles of the convoy, and directing them away from enemy observation and machine gun fire. 1st Lt. Martin, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, returned to the scene of the attack in an attempt to find members of the convoy whom he believed had been left behind. In the effort to carry out this mission, he met death at the hands of three Germans armed with machine pistols. The unflinching devotion to duty and marked valor of 1st Lt. Martin reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

2d Lt. Jack J. McGuire, O1 323 156, Infantry, 106th Military Police Platoon, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944, in Belgium. While performing a route reconnaissance, 2d Lt. McGuire, accompanied by two enlisted men, when nearing a town, heard small arms fire therein. He was informed by a soldier that an enemy tank was around a curve in one of the streets. Gathering a few additional soldiers, one of whom was equipped with a bazooka and three rounds of ammunition, he organized and led an attack on the tank. Fire from the bazooka temporarily disabled the tank, but drew heavy return fire causing his party to withdraw. 2d Lt. McGuire then discovered a damaged half-track, removed a .50 caliber machine gun and fifteen anti-tank mines, with which he set up a blockade at the next road intersection. Leaving enough men at this blockade, 2d Lt. McGuire reported to his headquarters for further instructions and reinforcements. Upon his return he found that the tank had been recovered by the enemy; however, when an enemy staff car was observed approaching, 2d Lt. McGuire prepared a hasty ambush. In the ensuing exchange of fire, the driver, a German officer, stepped from the car, opened fire and was instantly killed. Subsequently, the two remaining officers in the car were killed and the staff car demolished. The gallant action of 2d Lt. McGuire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from New York.

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Staff Sergeant Joseph Remetta, (then Sergeant), 33 464 922, Signal Corps, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Staff Sergeant Remetta, in charge of a wire team on a mission of establishing connections between Division Headquarters and a front line engineer company, was fired upon from an enemy ambush consisting of one armored car and a number of dismounted troops. An enemy soldier, armed with a machine pistol, fired directly into the wire team truck. Staff Sergeant Remetta took deliberate aim and killed this soldier. Without regard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the enemy and delivered a devastating fire, causing a number of the enemy to withdraw. Still under enemy small arms fire, he then led his men to safety. The personal bravery and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Remetta reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Ned F. Rose, 37 512 498, Signal Corps, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Ordered to restore wire communications between Division Headquarters and an infantry regiment which was almost completely surrounded by the enemy, Sergeant Rose and his wire team discovered that the cable was under fire from patrols, snipers, and artillery. While performing this operation, two of his men became casualties. Sergeant Rose administered first-aid and supervised their evacuation by a passing ambulance. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Rose and his remaining helper completed repair of the cable and made a reconnaissance for a better protected cable route. After obtaining reinforcements, Sergeant Rose supervised installation of the new cable, thus establishing safer communications between the two headquarters. Without consideration of the days arduous and extremely hazardous activities, Sergeant Rose, upon returning to his headquarters volunteered to assist the wire officer in restoring another circuit, and this mission was completed under heavy artillery and small arms fire. The personal bravery, fearlessness, and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Rose reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from Kansas.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men who are now missing in action:

Private Archie L. King, 17 069 318, Signal Corps, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade James R. Leonard, 33 667 353, Signal Corps, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant Donald W. Rhodes, 34 548 400, Field Artillery, 106th Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Florida.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade Donald D. Allen, (then Private First Class), 33 440 031, Signal Corps, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Colonel Malin Craig, Jr., 015 908, Field Artillery, 106th Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Marion S. Milewski, 35 385 929, Field Artillery, 106th Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

Chief Warrant Officer Roy Stults, W2 106 164, 106th Division Artillery, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Seymour H. Zorn, 32 818 009, Signal Corps, 106th Signal Company, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Purple Heart is awarded to 1st Lt. John J. O'Brien, 01 305 100, Infantry, 424th Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Germany.

By command of Brigadier General PERRIN:

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