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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following officer:

First Lieutenant Eric F. Wood, Jr., O 517 724, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 and 17 December 1944, in Germany. Under the shock of the initial German assault that signalled their Ardennes attack, First Lieutenant Wood's battery was subjected to heavy mortar and counter-battery fire. First Lieutenant Wood kept his guns in ceaseless action successfully accomplishing all missions designated. When his battery was assaulted by three infantry supported enemy tanks, First Lieutenant Wood coolly disregarded the concentrated fire, moved from emplacement to emplacement, and personally directed his guns in destroying one tank and forcing the others to withdraw. The next morning, ordered to displace his battery, First Lieutenant Wood directed the movement through Schonberg, Belgium, which was, at the time, infiltrated by the enemy and under fire from their tanks. First Lieutenant Wood attempted to run the gauntlet through the town with the last gun to leave, but its prime mover was hit by an enemy tank shell, two soldiers were killed and First Lieutenant Wood was missing in action from that time until his body was later found near Myrode, Belgium, surrounded by five enemy dead. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers:

Lieutenant Colonel Charlie A. Brock, O 345 309, (then Major and Lieutenant Colonel), 422d Infantry, (then General Staff Corps, Division Headquarters), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 November 1944 to 18 February 1945, in England, Belgium, France, and Germany. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Major Walter A. Marshall, O 355 959, Corps of Engineers, 81st Engineer Combat Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, Belgium, France, and Germany. Entered military service from Colorado.

Captain Hans Nachtel, O 508 590, Medical Corps, 331st Medical Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in England, Belgium, France, and Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Northwest Europe, on date shown:

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Technician Fourth Grade Joseph Constantini, 33 320 511, 423d Infantry, United States Army, on 17 January 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Roy G. McWhorter, 35 109 728, 424th Infantry, United States Army, on 14 January 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant Solon A. Sanders, 34 724 889, (then Staff Sergeant), 422d Infantry, (then 424th Infantry), United States Army, on 15 January 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.

IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 33 -- So much of Section V, General Orders No. 33, dated 24 March 1945, pertaining to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class Anton J. Sodivy, Jr., 36 958 836, as reads "22 December 1944" is amended to read "21 December 1944".

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