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I -- AWARD, POSTHULL 3, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

NORBERT B. HAMILTON 01287343 INF, First Lieutenant, Company I, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944 near Rocquebrun, France. While his company attacked enemy positions on a thickly wooded mountain, the assault platoons by-passed an enemy machine gunner and sniper. When the machine gunner opened fire on the company headquarters from close range, First Lieutenant Hamilton engaged the enemy machine gunner with his carbine and hand grenades, allowing the headquarters group time to take cover. While a support stuad was being brought up, First Lieutenant Hamilton kept the enemy machine gunner pinned down with accurate carbine fire. He was killed by the sniper who protected the machine gun nest, but his courage in single-handedly engaging the enemy machine gunner prevented the latter from inflicting further casualties on the company command group. First Lieutenant Hamilton's actions reflect the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Haverford, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Jeanne C. Hamilton (Wife), 132 Lake Street, Pulaski, Virginia.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

STEVE MISTOVICH 35606558 INF, Private First Class, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 June 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. While advancing as first scout at the head of his squad, Private First Class Mistovich was first pc by an enemy machine gun located in a house. After returning the fire of the enemy gunner, Private First Class Mistovich charged the machine gun nest in the face of deadly fire and with hand grenades silenced the gun and killed the crew. His bold actions removed a major obstacle to the advance of his squad and enabled it to reach its objective. The gallantry displayed by Private First Class Mistovich reflects much credit upon himself and the _rmy of the United States. Entered military service from Campbell, Ohio.

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ELMER H. JEDO 01284708 INF, First Lioutenant, Company L, 180th Infantry Regiment, for Gallantry in action on 21 February 1944 near Padiglione, Italy. When six enomy tanks attacked positions being defended by his company, First Lieutenant Jebo proceeded across an open field to direct the defense of his sector. Ordering one of his plateons to move to more secure positions which the tanks could not reach an ensure the defense of his sector. Ordering one of his plateons to move to more secure positions which the tanks could not reach an observation post from which he began directing artillery fire on the enemy. One enemy tank penetrated to within one hundred yards of his post. Courageously requesting fire directly in front of his position, First Lieutenant Jebo succeeded in repelling this tank and in dispersing the others. After ordering his plateon to repel further enemy attacks. First Lieutenant Jebo's courageous conduct under fire reflects the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Saratoga Springs, new York.

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WARREN D. BAKER 02055158 INF, First Lieutenant, Company A, 180th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 near Campoleone, Italy. Then the advance of his platoon was held up by enemy fire First Lieutenant Baker ordered his men to take cover while he went forward alone on reconnaissance. From a position on the flank he opened fire on the enemy allowing his men to nove forward and destroy two machine gun nests. Again moving ahead of his platoon, he disarmed four booby traps. First Lieutenant Baker then led his platoon in an assault, seizing his objective, capturing eight of the enemy, killing nine, and wounding many others. First Lieutenant Baker's gallantry and le dership reflect the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Durant, Oklahoma.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

JOSEPH SOLLIS 3 30840 FA, First Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 35th Field Artillery Grop, on 18 May 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Entered military service from Buffalo, Hew York. Next of kin: Miss Sophia Stockinger (Sister), 1374 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

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