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7 December 1944.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NO. - 81)

So much of Section V, AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, General Orders Number 15, this Headquarters, 8 June 1944, as pertains to Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD J. CHAMIER, (0289829), General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 85th Infantry Division, United States Army, is rescinded; a Legion of Merit having been awarded by the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

So much of Section IV, AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL; General Orders Number 50, this Headquarters, 7 September 1944, as pertains to Technical Sergeant ELMER P. YELTON, (37202636), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, is rescinded; a Legion of Merit having been awarded by the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Section IV, General Orders Number 71, this Headquarters, 8 November 1944, pertaining to the award of an OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL to Second Lieutenant JOSEPH P. LAMB, JR., (01178868), is rescinded.

SECTION I

AWARD, POSTHUMOUSLY, OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer:

NILS L. NILSON, (01306636), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "E", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 31 May 1944, in Italy. Lieutenant NILSON, a rifle platoon leader, courageously moved forward under intense enemy small arms and tank fire which had pinned down his platoon to attack a machine gun nest delivering heavy fire upon his troops. Moving into position within thirty yards of the enemy gun, he succeeded in killing its two man crew with a hand grenade and carbine fire. Then, leading the platoon in its continued advance through bitterly contested territory, he organized a ten man force to lead the attack on the flank of an enemy force which again delayed the advance from a group of farm buildings. In the ensuing skirmish, four of the enemy were killed and the remainder forced to withdraw, although Lieutenant NILSON himself fell mortally wounded. His gallant sacrifice of life to destroy the enemy force blocking the advance reflects the fine traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Eugenia Nilson, (Wife), 1349 West 70th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION II

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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(Officer's name) AWARD, POSTHUMOUSLY, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following enlisted men:

ROBERT A. THACKER, (35430914), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "F", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 23 October 1944, in Italy. At a time when his platoon was receiving heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Staff Sergeant THACKER, a mortar section leader, remained bravely in his exposed position to direct highly effective mortar fire upon the enemy infantry. Despite the intensity of the barrages, which threatened to cut him off from the platoon, he remained resolutely at his post although ordered to withdraw, continuing to give effective fire support to the forward troops and materially assisting them in their successful attack upon enemy positions. Entered the military service from Winfield, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Cora Lee Thacker, (Mother), RFD #1, Scott Depot, West Virginia.

JAMES G. PFEFFER, (35697716), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "M", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 3 October 1944, in Italy. Discovering that his battalion's left flank was exposed and that the enemy was infiltrating to the rear in force, Private First Class PFEFFER took up the machine gun he was manning from a dug in position and advanced across exposed terrain under concentrated enemy machine gun fire to a position from which he could fire upon the hostile group. Setting up his weapon, he delivered such deadly and accurate fire upon the infiltrating force that he forced them to withdraw in confusion, leaving fourteen of their dead and wounded behind, eliminating a serious threat to the battalion flank. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary A. Pfeffer, (Mother), 534 W. Jefferson, Louisville, Kentucky.

IRVING BELDNER, (32659262), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Observing a wounded soldier lying exposed to enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private BELDNER, a rifleman, bravely exposed himself to the enemy gunners in order to move over the exposed ground and carry the wounded man to safety. His unselfish action saved his comrade from further serious injury or death and enabled him to receive prompt medical treatment that saved his life. Entered the military service from Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Benjamin Beldner, (Father), 223 Beach 133rd Street, Rockaway Beach, New York.

SECTION III

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 and enlisted men:

CHARLES K. MEIERBACHTOLZ, (01304422), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 2 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Elysian, Minnesota.

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ERNEST J. CASPER, JR., (18030743), Staff Sergeant, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 310th Engineer Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 11 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Troup, Texas.

JOSEPH H. NALLIA, (35705445), Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

SECTION IV

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:

LAWRENCE S. CARPENTER, (01302110), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "D", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 13 September to 20 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

EDWARD A. LUND, (01300056), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "E", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 10 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ROBERTS CLAY, (01289391), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "D", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 14 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT P. MC GRAW, (01309947), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "D", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 13 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Oak Park, Georgia.

FOLIE D. LITTON, (35430963), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 28 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

JOHN M. BENNETT, (6268433), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 16 September to 1 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Rogers, New Mexico.

JOE S. CASTRO, (39262957), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Los Angeles, California.

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to ~~RESTRICTED~~ (32898), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G",
339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action
on 19 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Norfolk, Vir-
ginia, 31-7-43.

JOHN WILLIAM L. DOLAN, (35484076), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical De-
partment, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For
heroic achievement in action on 17 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military
service from Jeffersonville, Indiana.

LERROY W. WIDMYER, (33385250), Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Head-
quarters Company, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic
achievement in action on 5 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military ser-
vice from Baltimore, Maryland.

PAUL E. MC ILHANEY, (33832665), Private First Class, Infantry, Company
"A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in ac-
tion on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Bangor,
Pennsylvania.

GEORGE SANDERS, (34842045), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A",
337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action
on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Columbia, South
Carolina.

SAMUEL B. HULKOWER, (12065164), Private First Class, Infantry, Company
"G", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in ac-
tion on 4 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from New York,
New York.

GERALD T. PAUL, (35574194), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "G",
339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat
on 19 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Warren, Indiana.

WILLIAM H. SPRINGER, (34513947), Private First Class, Infantry, Company
"M", 339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in ac-
tion on 3 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Tullahoma,
Tennessee.

GEORGE BOERER, (42009683), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "M",
339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action
on 3 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Newark, New
Jersey.

GEORGE TRUCHAN, (36880901), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "M",
339th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action
on 3 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Detroit, Michigan.

LOUIS LOGA, (39091923), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A",
337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on
26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Tacoma, Washington.

JOHN E. SNYDER, (32266630), Private First Class, Infantry, Company "A",
337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on
26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsyl-
vania.

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JAMES W. DE LIBRO, (31406006), Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 September to 28 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Milford, Connecticut.

AMERICO DAL CASON, (36691246), Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 15 September to 28 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH R. SERIGANO, JR., (42047519), Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat on 25 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Long Island City, New York.

PAUL J. DI MATTEO, (33804455), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES J. AVAMPATO, (31381532), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 26 October to 28 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Torrington, Connecticut.

WALTER EVANS, (37200973), Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 19 September 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

WARREN D. SWINGLE, (39707699), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Pomona, California.

CALVIN R. WILLIAMS, (35914563), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Niles, Ohio.

EARL E. DI GREGORY, (33699414), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES H. LAWRENCE, (32258735), Private, Infantry, Company "A", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

By command of Major General COULTER:

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THOMAS R. McDONALD,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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Adjutant General.

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RODERICK T. EDWARDS, (01172846), First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 403rd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 10 September to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from New Castle, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT E. BOYLE, (01311736), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", 337th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action on 26 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Newport, New Hampshire.

TOMMIE E. BISHOP, (01184623), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 328th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 8 October to 13 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Milledgeville, Tennessee.

THOMAS J. FOERST, (01999047), Second Lieutenant, (then Corporal), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 403rd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 20 September to 30 October 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Maspeth, Long Island, New York.

MILBERNE O. PAYNE, (37272562), Technical Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 329th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 18 October to 6 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Wood Lake, Minnesota.

NEWTON F. COLE, JR., (14080557), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 328th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 20 September to 13 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Greenwood, Mississippi.

DONALD E. LAWRENCE (35277526), Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 403rd Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 10 September to 15 November 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from McConnelville, Ohio.

EMERY E. TUNING, (35592504), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 13 October to 20 December 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Massillon, Ohio.

ANDREW J. FACCIDOMO, (36284851), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 24 September to 20 December 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

R. C. MAYFIELD, (34582237), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For heroic achievement in action during the period 11 May to 20 December 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from Russellville, Alabama.

LENUEL CARR, (6246135), Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company "G", 338th Infantry Regiment, United States Army. For meritorious service in combat during the period 5 October to 20 December 1944, in Italy. Entered the military service from San Antonio, Texas.

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