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I AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

ALBERTO JORGE FARAH, (1G157109), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on Monte Castello, Italy, on 12 December 1944. As company commander, Captain FARAH led his unit in a mission of dislodging the enemy from natural defensive positions on Monte Castello and Mazzancana. Advancing through a heavy mortar barrage, he skilfully maneuvered his men and captured the foremost enemy position. Without regard for his personal safety, he overran each strongpoint until the crest was reached. His indomitable fighting spirit and undaunted bravery throughout the attack provided inspiration and encouragement for all the men of his company. Captain FARAH'S courage under fire is exemplary of the high traditions of the Allied Forces. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JOAO FILSON SOREN, (1G237914), First Lieutenant, Chaplains' Corps, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action from 22 February to 24 February 1945, in the vicinity of Vitilini and Abataia, Italy. When First Lieutenant SOREN learned that a number of dead soldiers lay unburied on the battlefield, he volunteered to lead a burial party through enemy fire and mine strewn terrain to remove the bodies. Working tirelessly, he succeeded in removing the bodies of forty-six Brazilian soldiers to enable the performance of appropriate burial rites. His courageous and selfless service under severe combat conditions exemplify the finest traditions of the military service and the Chaplains' Corps. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ONOFRE RODRIGUES DE AGUIAR, (2G-96027), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. While participating in a patrol with the objective of obtaining information, Second Lieutenant AGUIAR demonstrated superior leadership and quick thinking under enemy fire. Leading his small force through enemy territory, he discovered a German pillbox. Disregarding his personal safety, he charged through heavy enemy automatic fire, entered the strongpoint and took several prisoners. While withdrawing, his patrol was attacked by a numerically superior enemy force. Maneuvering his men and controlling his fire power, Second Lieutenant AGUIAR repulsed all the rescue attempts made by the attackers and forced the enemy to withdraw. Second Lieutenant AGUIAR'S courage, combat skill and devotion to duty are in accord with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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IPORAN NUNES DE OLIVEIRA, (1G-185728), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 14 April 1945, at Montese, Italy. Second Lieutenant OLIVEIRA courageously led his men in an attack against a strongly defended German position. Despite concentrated enemy fire, he advanced toward the objective over rugged terrain covered with mines. With utter disregard for personal safety, he stormed the enemy emplacement, killing several Germans and capturing the strongpoint. The courage and inspiring leadership of Second Lieutenant OLIVEIRA are exemplary of the finest traditions of the Allied Armies. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Federal District, Brazil.

CELSO DALVA VIEIRA REGUEIRA, (1G-175633), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Monte Belvedere, Italy. Second Lieutenant VIEIRA displayed superior leadership and military skill in the performance of his assigned mission of leading a reconnaissance patrol over mountainous terrain into enemy territory. While the platoon advanced, a concentrated mortar barrage fell in the area. Second Lieutenant VIEIRA reorganized his men, rallied them and continued the mission. More and more enemy fire fell causing heavy casualties. Ordered to withdraw, Second Lieutenant VIEIRA covered the withdrawal of his soldiers and carried a wounded man through ceaseless mortar fire to safety. Second Lieutenant VIEIRA'S inspiring leadership and devotion to duty exemplify the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

RUBENS RESSTEL, (1G-62533), Second Lieutenant, Artillery, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 14 and 15 April 1945, near Montelo, Italy. As a forward artillery observer, Second Lieutenant RESSTEL demonstrated exemplary courage and skill in the fulfillment of his duties. Advancing ahead of the infantry, he entered an abandoned tank in order to obtain observation of enemy positions. While giving effective directions to his artillery unit, he manned the machine guns in the tank and swept the enemy emplacements with intense fire, permitting the infantry to advance. On the following day, Second Lieutenant RESSTEL ably guided new troops into forward positions over rugged terrain and through heavy enemy fire. Although wounded, he continued this task until the troops had assumed their positions. The intrepid spirit and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Second Lieutenant RESSTEL reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Federal District, Brazil.

MARIO MULLER, (5G-35519), Third Sergeant, Engineers, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 14 April 1945 in the vicinity of Montese, Italy. Third Sergeant MULLER demonstrated courage and quick thinking while clearing a booby-trapped house which obstructed the advance of the infantry. Entering the house he found several German soldiers in the basement. Without regard for his own safety and in spite of the numerically superior enemy he made his way toward them. Shouting in German, he ordered them to emerge and surrender. In this manner he single-handedly captured seven Germans. Third Sergeant MULLER'S heroic actions and resourcefulness were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Entered military service from Curitiba, Parana, Brazil.

JOSE EGIDIO MENDES, (1G-294058), Second Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 6 January 1945 near Montese, Italy. Assigned the task of clearing a minefield which was impeding forward progress of his regiment, Second Sergeant MENDES courageously entered the extremely hazardous area despite concentrated machine gun fire from nearby enemy

emplacements. Not wishing to sacrifice his squad, he proceeded to remove the mines alone and so inspired his men that they rushed forward to complete the mission in a minimum of time. The intrepid action and selfless devotion to duty of Second Sergeant MENDES permitted his unit to capture the enemy stronghold. Entered military service from Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

PEDRO MAXIMINO MORETO, (2G-87492), Second Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. While serving as a member of a patrol with the objective of obtaining enemy information, Second Sergeant MORETO displayed exemplary skill and devotion to duty in the execution of his orders. Advancing through enemy territory, he suddenly discovered a German pillbox. Without regard for his own safety, he charged through heavy machine gun fire, entered the German strongpoint and took several prisoners. While withdrawing, the patrol was attacked by a numerically superior German force. Fighting furiously, Second Sergeant MORETO helped repulse the rescue attempts, killing many of the Germans and forcing the remainder to flee. Second Sergeant MORETO'S courage, quick thinking and faithful performance of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Brazil.

TEOBALDO PEREIRA, (3G66676), Corporal, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. While accompanying a patrol with the objective of obtaining enemy information, Corporal PEREIRA displayed exemplary skill and devotion to duty in the execution of his assignment. Advancing through enemy territory, he suddenly discovered a German pillbox. Without regard for his own safety, he charged through heavy machine gun fire, entered the German strongpoint and took several prisoners. While withdrawing, the patrol was attacked by a numerically superior German patrol. Fighting furiously, Corporal PEREIRA helped repulse the rescue attempts, killing many of the Germans and forcing the remainder to flee. Corporal PEREIRA'S courage, quick thinking and faithful performance of duty are in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

HEITOR DA SILVA, (9G-293540), Corporal, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. While accompanying a patrol with the objective of obtaining enemy information, Corporal SILVA displayed skill and devotion to duty in the execution of his assignment. Advancing through enemy territory, he suddenly discovered a German pillbox. Without regard for his own safety, he charged through heavy machine gun fire, entered the German strongpoint and took several prisoners. While withdrawing, the patrol was attacked by a large force of Germans. Fighting furiously, Corporal SILVA helped repulse the rescue attempts, killing many of the Germans and forcing the remainder to flee. Corporal SILVA'S courage, quick thinking and faithful performance of duty are in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Mato Grosso, Brazil.

ALTAMIRO ECOSSEI, (2G-93153), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 30 October 1944, near Sommacolonia, Italy. Reconnoitering behind enemy lines in order to obtain vital information, Private ECOSSEI was surrounded by a group of Germans. Displaying great coolness and bravery, he killed several with hand grenades and maintained effective fire upon the

enemy as he safely withdrew to his unit's position. The information obtained by Private BOTOSSI proved to be of great value in the success of subsequent operations. The inspiring combat skill and selfless devotion to duty of Private BOTOSSI exemplify the finest traditions of the Allied Soldier. Entered military service from Cacapava, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

ALTIVO ANTONIO EZIDORO, (1G-294427), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. Private EZIDORO participated in a surprise attack on an enemy pillbox. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he advanced toward the enemy and captured a heavy machine gun and its crew. When his patrol withdrew, Private EZIDORO aided in repulsing a German patrol that attempted to liberate the captured machine gun crew. During the action he killed several of the enemy in the face of heavy enemy fire. The courageous and gallant efforts of Private EZIDORO exemplify the finest traditions of the Allied Armies. Entered military service from Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

STEFANO FELIPE, (1G-289980), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944 in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. While serving with an ambush patrol, Private FELIPE displayed military skill and devotion to duty in the execution of his assignment. Advancing through enemy territory, he suddenly discovered a German pillbox. Without regard for his own safety, he charged through heavy machine gun fire, entered the German strongpoint and took several prisoners. While withdrawing, the patrol was attacked by a numerically superior force of Germans. Fighting furiously, Private FELIPE helped repulse the rescue attempts, killing many Germans and forcing the remainder to flee. Private FELIPE'S courage, quick thinking and faithful performance of duty are in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Est, do Rio, Brazil.

ALFEU FERREIRA, (2G-109251), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. Private FERREIRA participated in a surprise attack on an enemy pillbox. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he advanced upon the enemy and captured a heavy machine gun and its crew. When his patrol withdrew, Private FERREIRA effectively repulsed a German patrol that attempted to liberate the machine gun crew. During the action he killed several of the enemy. The courageous and gallant actions of Private FERREIRA exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Cacapava, S. Paulo, Brazil.

VICENTE GRATAGLIANO, (2G-99640), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 5 March 1945 near Soprassasso, Italy. During a fierce counterattack by the enemy, Private GRATAGLIANO bravely held off a German squad which was attempting to infiltrate and penetrate the lines of his unit. He maintained his position, killed two of the enemy and forced the remainder to withdraw. During the attack on Soprassasso, Private GRATAGLIANO located a machine gun emplacement that was preventing the advance of his unit. With utter disregard for his own safety, he stormed the stronghold and destroyed the emplacement with accurate submachine gun fire. The courage and inspiring leadership of Private GRATAGLIANO reflect the finest traditions of the Allied Armies. Entered military service from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

ANTONIO PALIOTO, (2G-92000), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944 in the vicinity of the Aneva

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River, Italy. While accompanying a patrol with the objective of obtaining enemy information, Private PALIOTO displayed exceptional combat skill and devotion to duty in the execution of his assignment. Advancing through enemy territory, he suddenly discovered a German pillbox. Without regard for his own safety, he charged through heavy machine gun fire, entered the German strongpoint and took several prisoners. When a numerically superior enemy force attacked the patrol, Private PALIOTO aided in repulsing the attempts to rescue the prisoners, killing many of the Germans and forcing the remainder to flee. Private PALIOTO'S courage, quick thinking and faithful performance of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

X JAIR ANDRADE SILVA, (2G-111182), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For gallantry in action on 8 November 1944, in the vicinity of the Aneva River, Italy. While accompanying a patrol with the objective of obtaining enemy information, Private SILVA displayed skill and devotion to duty in the execution of his assignment. Advancing through enemy territory, he suddenly discovered a German pillbox. Without regard for his own safety, he charged through heavy machine gun fire, entered the German strongpoint and took several prisoners. While withdrawing, the patrol was attacked by a large force of Germans. Fighting furiously, Private SILVA helped repulse the rescue attempts, killing many Germans and forcing the remainder to flee. Private SILVA'S courage, quick thinking and faithful performance of duty are in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from S. Paulo, Brazil.

## II AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following-named enlisted man:

OLAVIO SOARES DO AMARAL, (1G-243501), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Monte Castelo, Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## III AWARDS OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

GILBERTO J. F. PEIXOTO, (1G-108507), Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 15 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ARCHIMINIO PEREIRA, (1G1075), Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 6 January to 31 March 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

JOAO P. SILVA, (1G296924), Lieutenant Colonel, Chaplains' Corps, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 13 September 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

LOURIVAL CAMPELO, (1G-75656), Major, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 1 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Curitiba, Est do Parana, Brazil.

ARNALDO A. DA MATTA, (1G-65070), Major, Signal Corps, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For meritorious services in support of combat operations from 1 November 1944 to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JOAO CARLOS GROSS, (1G-64874), Major, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For meritorious service in combat from 15 September 1944 to 5 March 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

YEDDO JACOB BLAETH, (1G-157003), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945, in the vicinity of Monte Castelo, Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

PAULO DE CARVALHO, (1G-158728), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, in the vicinity of Monte Castelo, Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

VINCENTE DE PAULO DALE COUTINHO, Captain, Field Artillery, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 25 April 1945, in the vicinity of Rivalta, Italy. Entered military service from Brazil.

JOAO MANOEL DE FARIA FILHO, (1G-58645), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action, on 12 December 1944, at Monte Castelo, Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

RAUL DA CRUZ LIMA, JR., (1G-156933), Captain, Engineers, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For meritorious service in combat from 1 January to 2 May 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Federal District, Brazil.

OLEGARIO DE ABREU MEMORIA, (1G-146456), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

WOLFANGO TEIXEIRA DE MENDONCA, (2G75280), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 21 November 1944, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

WALDYR MOREIRA SAUPELO, (1G-146396), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action, on 21 February 1945 at Monte Castelo, Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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EVERALDO JOSE DA SILVA, (1G-156611), Captain, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945 in the vicinity of Monte Castelo, Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JAIR GARCIA DE FREITAS, (1G-153962), First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

NESTOR CORBINIANO DE ANDRADE, (3G-22396), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 25 March 1945 at Crucarelo and Bazini, Italy. Entered military service from Rio Grande, Rio G. Do Sul, Brazil.

LUCIO MARCAL FERREIRA, (1G-143886), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 31 March 1945, near S. Antonio, Italy. Entered military service from Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ANTONIO DE ANDRADE POTY, (1G-231689), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action, on 5 February 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

IVALDO RIBEIRO DANTAS, (4G-22785), First Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Serreto, Italy. Entered military service from S. Joao Del Rei, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

FRANCISCO LUIZ ROBERTO BOENING, (1G-306987), Third Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 14 April 1945, in Italy. Entered military service from Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ABRAHAO SILVEIRA DIAS, (3G-92306), Third Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 30 September 1944, in the vicinity of Fornoli, Italy. Entered military service from Caxias, Rio G. do Sul, Brazil.

JOSE DARCY HEIDGER, (1G-292397), Third Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Soprassasso, Italy. Entered military service from Ponta Grossa, Parana, Brazil.

SEBASTIAO FAGUNDES MARANHAO, (1G-289991), Third Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, near Monte Soprassasso, Italy. Entered military service from Itapetininga, S. Paulo, Brazil.

RUI ESTRELA SALDANHA, (4G-66113), Third Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, near Monte Soprassasso, Italy. Entered military service from Belo-Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

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JAIIME SILVA, (1G-196568), Third Sergeant, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Soprassasso, Italy. Entered military service from Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

ODILON OLIVEIRA DE ALMEIDA, (1G-151678), Corporal, Artillery, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, in the vicinity of Montese, Italy. Entered military service from Rio de Janeiro, Federal District, Brazil.

MANOEL CHAGAS, (1G-305272), Corporal, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945 in the vicinity of La Serra, Italy. Entered military service from Brazil.

JOSE ESPERANCA, (2G-96456), Corporal, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945, in the vicinity of Soprassasso, Italy. Entered military service from Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

AFONSO CLEMENTE FERRAZ, (1G-290187), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 23 February 1945 in the vicinity of Soprassasso, Italy. Entered military service from Lorena, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

JOSE NICODEMOS GOMIDES, (1G-291784), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 30 October 1944 in Italy. Entered military service from S. Joao Del Rei, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

JOSE TORQUATO LUIZ, (2G-108373), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 5 March 1945 in the vicinity of Soprassasso, Italy. Entered military service from Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

MARINHO RODRIGUES, (9G-33943), Private, Infantry, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. For heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, near Alessandria, Italy. Entered military service from Ponta-Pora, Brazil.

#### IV AWARD OF AIR MEDAL.

By authority contained in Circular Number 73, Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 12 May 1945, an Air Medal is awarded to the following-named officer for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, by performing thirty-five field artillery observation sorties against the enemy in Italy:

JORGE AUGUSTO VIDAL, (1G.163545), First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Brazilian Expeditionary Force. During the period 15 December 1944 to 17 March 1945 as observer. Entered military service from Brazil.

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