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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following named soldier is posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

CLARENCE F. OVERSTREET, 37248899, Corporal, Company B, 753d Tank Battalion, 23 May 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Vivian M. Overstreet (Wife), 511 Highland Street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named soldier for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

JULIAN G. NELSON, 36807602, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SECTION III -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named soldiers is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

J. D. HATLEY, 20817955, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Point, Texas.

WELTON W. BLAGDEN, 39098860, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

CHARLES M. SPROWL, 36173916, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Coldwater, Michigan.

HERBERT KERR, 34705319, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Pell City, Alabama.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 June 1944 in Italy. Given the difficult assignment of opening a strategic highway for vehicular traffic and tanks and tank destroyers, the above named enlisted men skillfully operated their bull-dozers in constructing by-passes around three bridges which had been shattered by the enemy. The terrain near a fourth bridge made a by-pass impracticable, but they went to an old railroad fill south of the bridge and ripped up a section of the track which they used as a support for a by-pass, thus enabling the tanks to cross the stream bed without bogging down.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named members of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

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~~ARTHUR R. HADLEY, 6946793, Private First Class. Entered the Service from~~
~~Palo Alto, Pennsylvania.~~

JOHN W. DAUGHERTY, 6991279, Private First Class. Entered the Service from
Cleveland, Ohio.

WALTER G. RICHTER, 36644012, Private First Class. Entered the Service from
Chicago, Illinois.

CLIFFORD T. ROSSER, 33740024, Private First Class. Entered the Service
from Haywood, Virginia.

EARNAL STAFFORD, 35651667, Private First Class. Entered the Service from
Columbus, Ohio.

THOMAS STALNAKER, 34706368, Private First Class. Entered the Service from
East Tallassee, Alabama.

JACK F. TRIPLETT, 35659296, Private First Class. Entered the Service from
Huntington, West Virginia.

CARLTON M. WRIGHT, 13072918, Private First Class. Entered the Service from
Cumberland, Maryland.

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~~EDWARD G. EASTMAN, JR., 20807802, Private. Entered the Service from Beaumont,~~
~~Texas.~~

HELMUTH H. GRENZEBACH, 35913765, Private. Entered the Service from
Chagrin Fall, Ohio.

JOHN E. HAMANN, JR., 42035465, Private. Entered the Service from New York,
New York.

J. D. HARVEY, 34723780, Private. Entered the Service from Paris, Tennessee.

NEIL M. JONES, 31365683, Private. Entered the Service from Warstons Mills,
Massachusetts.

BURTON B. PATTERSON, 31380538, Private. Entered the Service from Torrington,
Connecticut.

GEORGE B. RAINER, 20807855, Private. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas

LAWRENCE J. SCHILLING, 35633260, Private. Entered the Service from Dayton,
Ohio.

HENRY C. SLINKER, 35697268, Private. Entered the Service from Crail Hope,
Kentucky.

ALFRED L. NAYLOR, 37525266, Private. Entered the Service from Lucas, Kansas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 28 May to 7 June 1944 in Italy.
The above named soldiers were members of a combat platoon that attacked and elim-
inated an enemy artillery observation post that menaced the division. Valuable
records and equipment, including telephones, optical instruments and other items
were captured. During the days following the platoon patrolled, helped fight off
attacks, and helped evacuate wounded under heavy fire. While spearheading an
attack by the battalion they captured fifty-six enemy and killed six. As a result
of the brave actions of these soldiers, the movement of the battalion and regiment
was accomplished with negligible casualties.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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