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Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I
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SECTION I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

VINCENT M. LOCKHART, 0404789, Captain, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 20 June 1944 in Italy. Since landing in the invasion of Italy on D-Day, Captain Lockhart has worked indefatigably during more than nine months in combat, frequently under artillery fire and aerial bombardment. Serving for six months as assistant G-1, he drew upon a profound knowledge of the intricacies of administration in combat, and, exercising sound judgment and exceptional tact, he has materially assisted commanders in personnel problems and decisions. As assistant adjutant general, he organized and directed the Awards and Decorations Section, working day and night supervising the processing and personally editing each of more than one thousand citations in two months. His careful evaluation of deeds of valor, with respect to appropriate awards, and his exceptional composition of citations have materially contributed to the perpetuation of the heroism of the command. He has worked tirelessly and cheerfully, often under adverse conditions, but always in a superior manner. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

Amended: To read Silver Star Medal by 269, 2 Aug. 44 (see citation) M.B. 269
* ROBERT A. BEAULIEU, 31178794, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 to 18 December 1943 in Italy. Assigned as aid man to Company G when that unit moved in an attack on enemy positions he advanced with the assault forces until he was stopped by intense mortar shelling and deadly machine gun fire. The company was forced to withdraw, but he remained in the hazardous area to help collect the wounded and remove them to a protected ravine. He refused to leave his patients for three days and nights, continually administering effective first aid treatment, and he made perilous trips to the forward aid station to guide litter bearers to the ravine and evacuate the wounded men. Entered the Service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island. *Nashua, New Hampshire.*

EDWIN A. PETERSON, JR, 39040732, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 21 December 1943 in Italy. Private Peterson volunteered to join a litter party to evacuate the wounded from front line positions. When the battalion was ordered to withdraw from the hill under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he remained to assist in carrying ammunition and supplies to the unit which covered the withdrawal. Although he had not rested for 32 hours, he voluntarily returned to the battalion's former position in the face of enemy fire and, advancing beyond the front line elements, he assisted in recovering the wounded and evacuating them to the rear. Entered the Service from Richmond, California.

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SECTION II -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

JOHN M. HARDY, 0262163, Major, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Gainesville, Texas.

BERNHARDT B. BURSTON, 0126599, Major, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Brookline, Massachusetts.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 September 1943 in Italy. Upon learning that an officer and 28 enlisted men were lying wounded in the vicinity of a village near the scene of combat, these two medical officers secured three ambulances at a clearing station and voluntarily led them in searching for the men. Although misdirected several times and repeatedly warned of the danger from artillery shelling, they drove on undaunted, until they located the men. They directed the quick loading of the wounded into the ambulance and brought them back safely to a hospital for medical attention.

WILLIAM A. CHILDRESS, 38037256, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Leonard, Texas.

ARTHUR J. STIEN, 32238636, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, N.Y.

VICTOR ACOSTA, 38026623, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

LEONARD E. RICE, 20807859, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

JOE B. SIMS, 34728970, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sparta, Tennessee.

ROY C. WARREN, 31319926, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from East Parsonfield, Maine.

JULIO G. VELA, 38026630, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

HERBERT H. PAUL, 35536538, Private First Class, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

WILLIAM G. MOORE, 34770686, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pineville, North Carolina.

GEORGE C. KNIGHT, 34773776, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Belmont, North Carolina.

LEO L. GOFF, 38402288, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lahoma, Oklahoma.

HARVEY W. FARRIS, 20807624, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

JULIUS L. DE ROBERTIS, 32804790, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. These men were assigned the task of carrying ammunition, water and rations to the front line forces at a time when all experienced riflemen were vitally needed to hold the battalion defensive positions against the enemy. The precarious mountain trails, employed as routes of supply, were slippery and clogged with mud and were constantly blasted by enemy mortar and artillery fire. Ignoring the danger and overcoming their fatigue, they performed their arduous tasks night and day to furnish the fighting forces with the vital supplies.

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AARON M. COPELAND, 38039727, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

JOHN L. LANGSTON, 18160051, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

EDWARD H. INKMAN, 36897245, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from West Allis, Wisconsin.

ROBERT BERKMAN, 32426867, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from East Rockaway, New York.

ALFRED J. SANZO, 31256769, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

JAMES L. CARTER, 35698625, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

ALBERT A. WALIDA, 37275476, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 20 to 27 January 1944 in Italy. As litter bearers at a battalion aid station during the action on the banks of a strategic river, these men made numerous trips to forward positions under intense small arms fire across uncleared mine fields to remove the wounded. On one occasion, they volunteered to brave the ceaseless small arms and mortar fire to remove a number of wounded men who were pinned down near the river and unable to move. Although, upon reaching the area, they discovered that the patients had been evacuated by other means, these courageous men fearlessly crawled over the mile and a half of shell torn terrain to make certain that other wounded had not been overlooked.

EMMITT A. WHITE, 20809649, Corporal, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

WILLIAM N. POTTORFF, 35143221, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lapel, Indiana.

JESSIE L. SMOTHERS, 34806311, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cordova, Alabama.

RAYMOND MOORE, 32235212, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kearney, New Jersey.

BRAXTON MORGAN, 32753498, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bridgeton, New York.

BRUCE MC EVLER, JR., 20809500, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

ELBERT O. WRIGHT, 34806103, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from York, Alabama.

JOHN G. THOMPSON, 33396411, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Monessen, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH G. TAYLOR, JR., 36560428, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN J. STURNIOLO, 31301782, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

EDWARD S. STUBBS, 35173399, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Youngstown, Ohio.

ROBERT J. STEVENSON, 35629999, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Circleville, Ohio.

LEROY STUBBS, 34801863, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Foley, Alabama.

NICK RUSSIAN, 33684533, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Crucible, Pennsylvania.

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AUSTIN E. REED, 35630986, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

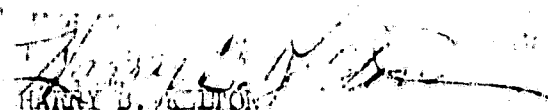
For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to attack the strongly fortified, well concealed positions on a hostile bank of a strategic river in an attempt to push a spearhead into the enemy defenses, the above named man advanced fearlessly in the face of heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense machine gun fire. When the increased tempo of the enemy fire stopped the attackers inflicting many casualties and threatening the organization of the troops, they courageously continued on to cross the river, braving the holocaust of enemy opposition and stormed the hostile positions on the opposite bank.

JAMES PENCE, 35267223, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 December 1943 in Italy. While working at a forward supply dump, Tec 5 Pence volunteered to lead a group of men carrying supplies to the front line rifle companies over two miles of difficult terrain through misty darkness. When an enemy patrol contacted the carrying party and attacked it, he directed the men to take cover and forced the patrol to withdraw with effective rifle fire. After skillfully reorganizing the group, he led the men under heavy enemy artillery fire to their destination and delivered the vitally needed supplies. Entered the Service from Gleason, Wisconsin.

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