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SECTION I — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded the following named individual for gallantry in action.

RAYMOND O. JONES, 36055717, Sergeant, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 21 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Jones, ordered to maintain wire communications between the battalion command post and his company, directed his men in laying the connecting wire across exceptionally rugged terrain. When Company B advanced to attack the enemy, he braved intense artillery shelling and furious machine gun and rifle fire to continue stringing the vital connecting wire. Working under constant danger from the deadly enemy fire, Sergeant Jones maintained contact with the command post and, by his accurate reports, facilitated the coordination of infantry fire power with the artillery shelling. He has subsequently been killed in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Della Jones (Mother), Route #1, Oakland, Illinois.

SECTION II — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended a Bronze Star Medal is awarded each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

CARL R. CASTON, 35174272, Private First Class, Company K, 142nd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.
ELMER O. COLEMAN, 33724092, Private, Company K, 142nd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.
CORDON A. MCINNIS, 31334878, Private, Company K, 142nd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.
GERARD L. HENRISS, 33322973, Private, Company K, 142nd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lewiston, Maine.

For gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. The Second Platoon of Company K was ordered to an outpost position in a vital sector. As the platoon moved into position during a heavy snow storm, it was immediately subjected to heavy enemy automatic weapons fire, forcing it to dig in on the reverse slope. These men, members of a machine gun squad, on their own initiative remained in the fire swept area deliberately drawing fire upon their position as they dug in their machine gun. With a small amount of ammunition, they delivered deadly accurate fire on the enemy positions, successfully neutralizing an automatic weapons emplacement and causing the enemy to disperse, thereby enabling their platoon to complete its mission with very few casualties.

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RAFAEL ARAIYA, 38026091, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10-12 February 1944 in Italy. When his company organized a defensive position after occupying a bitterly defended enemy position under heavy artillery and mortar fire during a storm of snow, rain and extreme cold, Private First Class Araiya continually exposed himself to the hazardous barrage while setting up and maintaining communications to a forward observation post from which effective mortar fire was directed at the hostile emplacements. Determinedly servicing the wire lines until it was necessary to evacuate him because of extreme frostbite of his hands and feet, he contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector. Entered the Service from Zapata, Texas.

CHARLES O. CHEYNE, 38065906, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Canyon, Texas.

R. C. (JO) ALEXANDER, 38066027, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Colorado City, Texas.

ORVILLE U. ALLEN, 38065901, Private, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Dodson, Texas.

JORDAN E. PARABLE, 38065892, Private, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

For gallantry in action on 21 January 1944, in Italy. During the crossing of the *** River, these men volunteered to go to the river to evacuate a wounded soldier who was badly in need of medical aid. The path which they had to take was heavily mined and under heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and artillery fire, and they were further subjected to enemy snipers who were firing directly at them. After crawling some one hundred yards to the wounded soldier, they could not evacuate him immediately due to the intense enemy fire which they received. They stayed with the wounded patient until darkness set in and safely removed him to the battalion aid station. Their disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty was a credit not only to themselves but to the Medical Department.

KENNETH M. ETTER, 38026319, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 36th Division Artillery, for gallantry in action on 10-13 September 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Etter, assigned as a driver to a staff officer, voluntarily left his position of safety behind sand dunes on the beach and braved artillery shelling and strafing from enemy aircraft to search the area for ammunition stocks. He located supplies of artillery and bazooka ammunition and, on the following day, led artillery personnel to the stocks, thus facilitating the flow of ammunition to combat units. In the afternoon Private First Class Etter spotted a command car subjected to enemy artillery fire. On his own initiative, he made his way across open terrain to the car and guided it to a protected roadway. Two days later, anticipating an enemy attempt at a breakthrough, he borrowed an automatic weapon, took up a defensive position at a strategic road junction, and remained on the alert throughout the night. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

SECTION III -- CORRECTED AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of General Orders Number 144, this Headquarters, dated 18 May 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to Captain RICHARD A. DANZI, 01822375, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor.

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named individual for gallantry in action.

"RICHARD A. DANZI, 01822375, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 20 December 1943 in Italy. During operations at a strategically important mountain it was necessary to move a platoon of Lieutenant Danzi's company into an area approximately one thousand yards from the

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enemy lines. Reconnaissance showed the area to be heavily sown with booby-trapped mines. During darkness he led the platoon forward under harassing enemy artillery shelling. Working tirelessly through the night he personally guided each vehicle to its proper place and assisted in finding and removing mines. As a result of his skillful supervision and the great personal hazards he risked, the platoon was moved into position without casualties. Entered the Service from Chevy Chase, Maryland."

SECTION IV — CORRECTED AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of each of the following General Orders, this Headquarters, as awards Bronze Star Medals to each of the following named individuals is rescinded: Technical Sergeant WILLARD S. WILLIAMS, 20806446, Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment - General Orders Number 147, 19 May 1944; Sergeant FORREST C. KIMBRELL, 20804649, Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment - General Orders Number 127, 9 May 1944; Technician Fifth Grade CLINTON G. SINGER, 33019140, Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment - General Orders Number 117, 5 May 1944; Private First Class MAURICE C. O'NEIL, 32369969, Company C, 143rd Infantry Regiment - General Orders Number 103, 22 April 1944; and the following is substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

"WILLARD S. WILLIAMS, 20806446, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1944, in Italy. As his company moved under cover of darkness to an assembly area, intense machine gun crossfire was encountered and the two rear platoons became separated from the company. Realizing the danger of leading the platoon into a possible enemy trap while in unfamiliar territory, he and two other sergeants halted their columns in order to investigate the route of advance. They then made their way forward, passing through the enemy outposts and discovering many machine gun nests. After making a thorough search of the enemy territory and realizing that the enemy force was stronger than their own, Sergeant Williams and the other two non-commissioned officers returned to the platoons and led them along a safer route to rejoin the company and reported the information as to the enemy positions to the company commander. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

"FORREST C. KIMBRELL, 20804649, Sergeant, Company B, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. When his company was counter-attacked by a strong enemy force, Sergeant Kimbrell, realizing the need for additional ammunition, made his way through intense machine gun and artillery fire to the ammunition dump. He secured the vital ammunition and hand grenades and fearlessly recrossed the fire swept terrain. Constantly harassed by small arms fire, Sergeant Kimbrell then crawled from emplacement to emplacement, distributing the ammunition to his men. By his quick thinking and coolness under intense enemy fire, he was instrumental in repelling the counterattack. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

"CLINTON G. SINGER, 33019140, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in Italy. As Company B moved up to relieve another company during daylight, it was fired upon by enemy machine guns and mortars from three directions. Two of the men at the front of the column were wounded and Tec 5' Singer, the medical aid man with the company, immediately crawled out across the open terrain to administer first aid, and while still

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under fire, crawled back to help the company commander who had also been wounded. Entered the Service from Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

MAURICE C. O'NEIL, 32369969, Private First Class (then Private) Company "C", 143rd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 December 1943 in Italy. Private First Class O'Neil was a messenger of Second Platoon headquarters during a defense against strong enemy counterattacks on newly-captured positions atop a vital mountain. During a heavy mortar and artillery barrage the telephone line from the platoon headquarters to company headquarters was blown out. Braving deadly enemy fire he crawled along the line until he found the break and repaired it, reestablishing this vital communication, which enabled the platoon leader to keep the company commander informed of the progress of battle, thereby maintaining the combat efficiency of our forces. Entered the Service from Canton, New York."

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