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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:

LESLIE C. PERRY, 6973459, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944, in Italy. Private Perry, first aid man attached to Company G, accompanied the unit in its attack against enemy positions. When furious enemy mortar and small arms fire inflicted numerous casualties, he tirelessly rendered first aid to his wounded comrades. With extraordinary calmness in the face of enemy fire, Private Perry continued to treat the wounded, refusing to take protection until the last man had been given first aid and evacuated. He has subsequently been killed in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Ella Perry (Mother), 227 Cleveland Avenue, East Point, Georgia.

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:

HENRY J. PAYUR, JR., 37492526, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Kansas City, Mo.
STEWART R. PAITSEL, 33216001, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Selma, Virginia.
BARTHOLOMEW J. REAGAN, JR., 33168111, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
ARTHUR L. MOORE, 36169912, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Nunica, Michigan.
CLARENCE (NMI) SMITH, 36162267, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Willis, Michigan.
WESLEY O. MURSCHEL, 37554530, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Webster, South Dakota.
ANICET (NMI) FOUENIER, 31036543, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Fall River, Massachusetts.
GILBERT W. EHRSAM, 32318413, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from S. Ozone Park, New York.
CHARLES L. BRADY, 57209023, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Axtell, Kansas.
JOHN W. MORPHEW, JR., 31089042, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Beverly, Massachusetts.

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Handwritten signature and date:
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ROLAND R. SHELTON, 34705282, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Red Bay, Alabama.

JOSEPH (NMI) SOARES, JR., 31304758, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

For gallantry in action on 2 February 1944, in Italy. These men, under constant threat of hostile fire, cleared three pathways through an enemy minefield near a treacherous river essential for the advance of infantry troops. Because they were in advance of friendly outposts and within range of enemy observers, they were forced to work on their hands and knees, sometimes crawling forward on their stomachs. In searching out the mines, which booby traps and connecting trip wires rendered more deadly, they had to employ the tedious and dangerous probing method. In spite of all dangers and difficulties, they worked tirelessly and efficiently until the paths were successfully cleared of mines and safe for the advancing infantry.

ATTILIA W. AFFUSO, 32207838, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1944, in Italy. Private Affuso's company, which was dug in on the mountain side, was subjected to a concentrated barrage laid down by enemy artillery. Above the fury of bursting shells he heard the cry of a wounded man and unhesitatingly left the shelter of his fox hole to aid his comrade. Realizing that the soldier needed immediate medical attention, Private Affuso supported the man, who could not walk unassisted, and started down the slope under fire toward the nearest aid station. As they approached the station, the concussion from a bursting shell struck Private Affuso to the ground and severely injured his legs. In spite of intense pain, he continued on to the aid station with his wounded comrade. Entered the Service from North Bergen, New Jersey.

SAM (NMI) MOBILIO, 32925514, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944, in Italy. On the morning of 12 February 1944 his company was subjected to intense artillery fire which caused many casualties. Although he was not in the area being subjected to the artillery shelling, he heard the cries of the wounded. Leaving his place of safety, he crept into the dangerous area and gave first aid to the wounded although shells continued to burst all around him. Entered the Service from Belleville, New Jersey.

PHILIP (NMI) GERSON, 15324690, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944, in Italy. Private Gerson was attached to Company K during the attack to cross a river. The route to the river bank crossed a minefield and several mines were set off injuring a number of soldiers. At the same time heavy artillery and mortar fire were laid on the area. Private Gerson went into the minefield under enemy fire to administer first aid to the wounded. After treating the wounded he led litter squads into the minefield to carry them to the rear. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

SECTION III - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals are awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

JOE (NMI) SANCHEZ, 20801491, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1943. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

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✓ GEORGE M. TAYLOR, 33127292, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, 2d Battalion Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Spottwood, Virginia.

✓ ENRIQUE (NMI) OCHOTORENA, 20802258, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 141st Infantry, 17 December 1943. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

✓ HOWARD L. JESSUP, 35095188, Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry, 14 January 1944. Entered the Service from Anderson, Indiana.

✓ E. A. (IO) FOSTER, 38035904, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1944. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

✓ GORDON E. KEATS, 36809731, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 January 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

✓ THOMAS (NMI) SMITH, 35267370, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, 28 January 1944. Entered the Service from Farmer, Kentucky.

✓ JAMES R. BROWN, JR., 32853269, Private, Infantry, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 November 1943. Entered the Service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

✓ JOSEPH F. FERRY, 33600427, Private, Infantry, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ THOMAS S. DOCHAK, 32302187, Private, Infantry, Regimental Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1943. Entered the Service from Bernardsville, New Jersey.

SECTION IV - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals are awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

✓ HAROLD R. BROWN, 35160831, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company A, 141st Infantry, 11 February 1944. Entered the Service from Wheatfield, Indiana.

✓ THOMAS S. DOCHAK, 32302187, Private, Infantry, Regimental Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1944. Entered the Service from Bernardsville, New Jersey.

SECTION V - COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

✓ JAMES W. HIGGINS, 20808649, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

✓ MANCEL (NMI) MORREN, 38066054, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Colorado City, Texas.

✓ JOHN F. HOUGH, JR., 38051609, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Wharton, Texas.

✓ MARSHALL O. LANTZ, 36044534, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.

✓ PAUL (NMI) MORENO, 20808656, Technician Fourth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

✓ ELMER T. WOMACK, 38051452, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ponta, Texas.

✓ WALTER (NMI) PLAKIN, 32336282, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Jamaica, New York.

✓ JOSEPH (NMI) BATISSA, 32301719, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

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JAMES E. EAKS, 34426452, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Mississippi.
JOHN V. HAMMER, 34465352, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bear Creek, North Carolina.
CHARLES B. PARSONS, 32267566, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Claymont, Delaware.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct during the period 23 January to 6 February 1944, in Italy. These men were members of a kitchen crew which voluntarily installed a kitchen immediately behind front line positions in order to provide hot meals to the combat troops. Subjected repeatedly to heavy shell fire while preparing food and hauling rations, they further risked the hazardous fire in order to hand-carry meals to all friendly positions in the sector during this entire period. Their determined efforts contributed materially to the morale and comfort of their fighting comrades.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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