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Award of Soldier's Medal..... I
Award of Bronze Star Medal..... II

SECTION I - AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroism.

✓ **FREDEWICK J. ULLRICH**, 38027445, Sergeant, Service Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for heroism on 9 June 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Ullrich, ammunition sergeant in the Service Company, was supervising the unloading of ammunition brought forward from a rear area. A case of white phosphorous grenades fell from the rear of the truck, and the explosion of one of the grenades set off others in the box. The two men who had been stacking ammunition were severely burned. Aware that all personnel in the area was endangered, Sergeant Ullrich courageously ran to the case of exploding grenades, picked up the box and carried it away from the stacked ammunition and the vehicles. Moving swiftly, he broke open the case and scattered the grenades on the ground, then shovelled soil on the burning chemicals and extinguished the fire. He immediately returned to the spot where his comrades had been injured and assisted in administering first aid. Entered the Service from Boerne, Texas.

✓ **ARTHUR E. TALVAINEN**, 31256726, Private, Company 4, 753d Tank Battalion, for heroism on 21 November 1944 in France. Private Talvainen was passing through a small French town when he heard the hysterical cries of civilians who were lining the bank of a river. Upon investigation, he discovered a woman floundering in the swollen river and learned that she had fallen from a plank laid across a blown bridge. He unhesitatingly removed his coat and plunged into the icy waters of the stream. Struggling against the swift-flowing currents, he held the woman above the water and, exerting the greatest effort, managed to carry her to the bank where she was pulled out of the river to safety. Only the presence of mind and dauntless courage of Private Talvainen prevented the woman from losing her life in the river. Entered the Service from Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

SECTION II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

✓ **WILLIAM M. GERHARDT**, 01299395, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, 25 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

✓ **OLAN C. TUCKER**, 6380260, First Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wagram, North Carolina.

✓ **DAN CRUTCHFIELD**, 20812865, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Headquarters Battery, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 9 September 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

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✓ JOE A. SHUFORD, 33454884, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 25 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Shelby, North Carolina.

✓ HOWARD F. MILLER, 37675727, Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, 29 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

✓ CLYDE H. ECHOLS, JR., 35634646, Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

✓ POLK M. BRYANT, 38555044, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

✓ WILLIAM B. WHITTINGTON, 34537332, Corporal, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, 26 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bonifay, Florida.

✓ FERNARD BUCKMAN, 42036323, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 27 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

✓ JOHN R. HERRERA, 37343409, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Delta, Colorado.

✓ AUGUSTA H. DUNLAP, 20806493, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 8 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

✓ OSCAR C. COLLINS, 36236405, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 2 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Alston, Mich.

✓ JOHN J. PARKER, 37245523, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brunswick, Missouri.

✓ DANIEL A. CAMERERO, 32904798, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 12 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

✓ ONCRATO F. FUNARI, 33701074, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

✓ ROY L. JEFFERSON, 35875058, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Paris, Kentucky.

✓ JOHN C. SOLOMON, JR., 34886613, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Greeneville, Tennessee.

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