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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 to the following named individuals (for heroic achievement in combat in Italy).

WILLARD O. BRAXTON, 7080084, Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Next of kin: Mr. Eli Braxton (Father), Marianna, Florida.
STEPHEN C. MCINTYRE, 32851622, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 36th Division Artillery, 25 June 1944. Next of kin: Mr. Cecil McIntyre (Father), Copake, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

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

MICHAEL REJTMAR, 32302194, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Rejtmar (mother), Bernardsville, New Jersey.

JOHN J. MEKOLIK, 38026848, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie Mekolik (mother), Route #2, Taylor, Texas.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

MARSHALL F. WHITE, 01307507, Second Lieutenant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944. Entered the Service from Sherman, Texas.

JACK L. LIND, 20805688, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

EDWARD H. MORRIS, 33315335, Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MILVIN D. ANDERSON, 33525623, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, 30 May 1944. Entered the Service from Amelia, Virginia.

WILLIAM D. BOYCHIL, 35277369, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

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CHARLES D. MOSS, 32866890, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

PAUL WATKINS, 15341624, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

WAYNE L. PAUL, 33341108, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

CLAIR A. SNOPE, 33574892, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cresson, Pennsylvania.

BERNARD C. HALL, JR., 36877664, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

DANIEL J. KIRFF, 35289947, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

MICHAEL R. YORRER, 33739908, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Grantsville, Maryland.

MARK A. CADD, 32987872, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Nassau, New York.

MORACE H. WILLIAMS, 37676548, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

LEO J. DARNELL, 34890082, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Elkin, North Carolina.

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

TRUMAN A. MADDOX, 38050501, Sergeant, 36th Quartermaster Company, 9 September 1943 to 1 May 1944. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

FRANCIS H. HAMSON, 16116239, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 January to 27 February 1944. Entered the Service from Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.

JAMES E. HASEK, 36642535, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 January to 27 February 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

HARRY R. MPPOLD, 33191625, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 January to 27 February 1944. Entered the Service from Washington, D.C.

DON CAMPBELL, 35248067, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 January to 27 February 1944. Entered the Service from Pikeville, Kentucky.

SECTION IV -- 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 officer for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

JAMES O. BRINKLEY, 01683427, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 27 May 1944. Entered the Service from Hart, Texas.

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 individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy.

ROBERT D. DIETZEL, 16062508, Master Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 to 22 September 1943. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

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SECTION V -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

MILTON L. CROW, 0407020, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 June 1944 in Italy. Captain Crow was assigned the task of coordinating the attack of tanks and rifle companies to take an important town. During the attack, communications were interrupted and in order to maintain the desired coordination of the attacking units, Captain Crow personally chose the most direct routes for contacting and informing the Battalion units of new firing missions for the tanks in conjunction with the infantry advance. Despite heavy sniper fire, he effected a coordinated attack. His courage and determination expedited the capture of the town with a minimum of casualties to the leading elements of the battalion. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

VERNON N. BLAND, 01321737, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 14 June 1944 in Italy. When Lieutenant Bland's platoon moved to attack an enemy-held hill, heavy artillery fire delayed the advance. Realizing the peril of his exposed troops, he reconnoitered and found a protected route through a draw. Although constantly exposed to enemy fire, he capably maneuvered small groups of his men until all were in the draw with a minimum of losses. Advancing under the protection of the draw, he led the platoon to successful completion of the mission. Entered the Service from Tucson, Arizona.

LEAH W. KONAR, 38026853, Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Thrall, Texas.

WILLIAM J. FABRIZIO, 31342939, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hartford, Connecticut.

RICHARD B. NOWLING, 14131629, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from St. Petersburg, Florida.

ORVILLE L. FARABE, 33403588, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JODIE WILLIAMS, 38026805, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

FLOYD R. MARLER, 37400350, Private First Class, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Barrington, Missouri.

MELVIN W. MC LUCAS, 33503105, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

RALPH A. MAURICE, 31321237, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kennebunk, Maine.

STANLEY GODLEWSKI, 33469046, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PETER ROSENBERG, 32875681, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

FERNANDO P. VERCELLI, 33454618, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

DONALD D. HLOYD, 39329562, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Eugene, Oregon.

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11 PORFIRIO C. LOPEZ, 39204320, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Azusa, California.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 January 1944 in Italy. The above named soldiers were ordered to cross a strategic river and attack strongly fortified enemy positions on the opposite bank. They approached the river across open, heavily mined terrain, subjected to intense artillery barrages, and under enemy observation. Although many of the assault boats employed in the river crossing were destroyed by enemy fire, they continued valiantly forward and helped launch the attack against the enemy. With contact between units rendered impossible by a dense fog, the above named soldiers courageously took their positions under continuous artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and engaged the enemy in close combat. They held their positions until their ammunition was completely exhausted and they were ordered to withdraw.

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