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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 soldier for gallantry in action

WELLINGTON E. BROWN, 36262965, Private First Class, Company B, 144th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in Italy. While advancing to relieve another unit in position on the slopes of a mountain, the platoon in which Private First Class Brown was an automatic rifleman became the target for intense, accurate enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The unit was pinned down and unable to move, but Private First Class Brown unhesitatingly put his weapon into action and fired directly in the face of the enemy. By his courageous action he neutralized the enemy machine gun and enabled his comrades to reach positions of cover and eventually resume their advance. Private First Class Brown has since been killed in action. Next of kin: Mrs Cora Brown (Mother), 7490 Elmcrest Street, Mount Morris, Michigan.

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 A. RIDDLE, JR, 01316211, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Riddle volunteered to lead a 5-man reconnaissance patrol to locate an enemy machine gun position. Subjected to an intense mortar and artillery barrage, he continued forward until his patrol was caught in deadly bursts of machine gun fire and three of his men pinned to the ground. Fearless of danger, he crawled toward the gun emplacement and with the assistance of his sergeant, directed machine gun fire against the position, silencing the gun. He then returned and reported on the exact location of the enemy machine gun nest. Entered the Service from Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH A. RADCLIFF, 01309606, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 in Italy. Lieutenant Radcliff was in command of the weapons platoon of his company during an attack on strongly defended enemy positions. When the intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire forced the company to withdraw to new positions, Lieutenant Radcliff directed the withdrawal of his platoon and put his weapons into action in support of the riflemen. Then he voluntarily crawled forward to a group of men who had been separated from the unit and were caught in an area swept by machine gun fire, and led them to the safety of the new position. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ga.

MARVIN H. NEW, 01179553, Second Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 31 May 1944 in Italy. While directing the fire of his battery from an observation post in a forward area, Lieutenant New's position became

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imperilled by the attack of several enemy tanks. Determinedly maintaining his post despite two direct hits by the heavy guns of the approaching tanks, he continued directing artillery fire and successfully repelled the strong tank attack, enabling the infantry troops which his battery was supporting to hold the sector. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JESSE M. NOBLES, 20808043, First Sergeant, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in Italy. When communications to his company's observation post were knocked out during a heavy enemy artillery barrage and several repairmen had been wounded in attempting to reestablish the important lines, First Sergeant Nobles voluntarily undertook the dangerous mission despite the continued intense fire. Courageously moving forward over the hazardous terrain, he successfully replaced the damaged lines and reopened communications through which accurate friendly artillery fire was directed at the enemy batteries, destroying them. Entered the Service from Killeen, Texas.

HERBERT R. PATRICK, 20816074, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Patrick requested complete responsibility for the installation of the two liaison lines which had to be laid between the artillery battalion and an Italian motorized brigade. After skillfully organizing two crews to work separately along different routes, he advanced over unfamiliar terrain through heavily mined areas under intense shell fire to the appointed rendezvous of the two teams. When he learned that the remaining 250 yards to the Italian command post lay across an open field which was under a heavy mortar barrage, he called for three volunteers and, with their assistance, carried the wire reels at a run across the field to the command post. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

HASKEL E. CLEVINGER, 20804621, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. With his platoon dug in and occupying a wide defensive position during a strong counterattack by hostile forces, Sergeant Clevenger courageously risked heavy artillery and mortar fire in moving about among his men, encouraging them and coordinating their fire. His aggressive leadership and skillful direction effectively contributed to the repelling of the enemy in his sector. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

BENJAMIN ROPER, JR, 33058886, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Roper led his squad to the hostile bank of a strategic river in the face of heavy enemy artillery and mortar shelling. He then volunteered to lead a patrol through intense enemy machine gun fire to establish contact with the unit on the right flank. He crawled dauntlessly forward for almost 200 yards until he reached the company positions and found the men digging in on the river bank. His report assured his platoon leader that the flanks were secure and enabled him to continue the advance towards the objective. Entered the Service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

HARDEN O. REED, 20806521, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. As the only mess sergeant to debark with the assault waves at a strategic beachhead landing, Sergeant Reed volunteered to act as scout for the party in his landing craft, and he led them safely to an intermediate objective. Later, when the organization of the attacking troops was threatened by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he collected and assumed command of a group of 65 men who had been separated from their units and led them in taking the main objective which the company had failed to seize. In spite of the intense artillery bombardment, he directed the men in

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repelling a counterattack on the position and, when he realized that the group was in danger of being surrounded by enemy tanks, withdrew his men to safety without sustaining a single casualty. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

✓ **ORIS E. WILEY**, 20801874, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. While establishing a firm hold on a position which his squad had occupied under his aggressive leadership, Sergeant Wiley repeatedly exposed himself to a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire in moving about and encouraging his men. Alertly detecting the approach of strong hostile forces under cover of the barrage, he quickly deployed the squad to meet the attack and delay it until his company could be alerted to the impending danger. His furious defense of the sector, determinedly maintained in spite of serious wounds suffered while directing the fire fight of his men, prevented all enemy advances in his sector. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ **WELDON C. JETTON**, 38036234, Staff Sergeant, (then Private), Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1943 in Italy. Leading a patrol on a dangerous reconnaissance mission into an enemy occupied town, Private Jetton skillfully moved into the hostile position and located an observation post from which he was able to accurately report important information of enemy emplacements and strength. When ordered to leave after the attack had been planned on the basis of the knowledge which he had made available, he loyally covered the withdrawal of the other members of the patrol until friendly positions had been reached before returning at the completion of his hazardous mission. Entered the Service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

✓ **KIRY ROSS**, 38025590, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 in Italy. The company in which Sergeant Ross was a squad leader, had established temporary defensive positions when another battalion, believing the area still occupied by the enemy, blasted the surrounding terrain with an intense artillery barrage. Instantly aware of the situation, Sergeant Ross braved the heavy shelling to approach the battalion and explain the error. The concentration was immediately lifted and he returned to the unit which he had saved by his quick thinking and accurate observations. Entered the Service from Llano, Texas.

✓ **JAMES M. CRABTREE**, 35277406, Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1944 in Italy. During an assault on well fortified enemy positions on the summit of a hill, the attacking unit in which Sergeant Crabtree was an assistant squad leader was subjected to an intense artillery barrage. The men withdrew to more covered positions but Sergeant Crabtree, with four companions, braved the furious artillery, mortar, machine gun, and grenade fire to remove their wounded comrades from exposed positions on the hill. Working valorously through the inferno of enemy fire, they successfully carried the men who were too weak to walk from the blasted area to places of safety. Entered the Service from Waverly, Ohio.

✓ **DALE W. CASTLE**, 37342320, Sergeant, (then Private First Class), Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. When his comrades at a defensive position were wounded during a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire preceding a hostile counterattack, Private First Class Castle courageously maintained the position alone. Repeatedly strong enemy forces attempted to overrun his sector, but he successfully withstood their assaults by a furious combination of rifle and grenade fire. Steadfastly

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defending his sector for a period of four days, he single-handedly prevented a break through in his area. Entered the Service from Denver, Colorado.

✓ JOHN D. SMITH 35124602, Corporal, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1943 in Italy. Although he was a transportation corporal of his company, Corporal Smith, aware that his unit had suffered severe losses and that every man was vitally needed, volunteered to haul ammunition and supplies to the gun positions on the heights of a mountain. He moved fearlessly across an uncleared mine field and struggled up the steep trail, under constant threat of enemy artillery and mortar fire, finally reaching the company positions and delivering the ammunition. Entered the Service from Covington, Ohio.

✓ HARRY LANDOW, 32343882, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 in Italy. When several casualties were sustained during an intense enemy shelling of a nearby road position, Tec 5 Landow immediately went to administer assistance, although warned to await the lifting of the heavy barrage. He courageously drove into the fire-swept area and determinedly collected the wounded men and evacuated them to the aid station to which he was assigned. By his aggressive loyalty and devotion to duty he was able to save the lives of the injured soldiers. Entered the Service from Bronx, N.Y.

✓ PETER W. NAAS, 32410862, Technician Fifth Grade, (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in Italy. Assigned to lay wire behind the assault units to which he was attached during the bitterly contested crossing of the \*\*\* River, Private First Class Naas voluntarily accompanied the forward elements during the attack in order to supply the battalion commander with his only available communications. Repeatedly exposed to the heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which was sweeping the area, he continually repaired breaks in the line caused by the intense barrage and courageously maintained the important communications throughout the attack. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

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