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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

LYNDIAN J. BROWN, 35734600, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943 to 25 December 1943, in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying supplies to troops in a defensive position, he made several trips under heavy artillery fire up cliffs so precipitous that he was forced to crawl on his hands and knees, and to employ ropes to make the difficult ascents with his burdens. With great courage and grim determination, he accomplished his missions in the face of obstacles and dangers so great that other attempts had failed. After all supplies were carried to the top of the mountain, Private First Class Brown joined his comrades to take part in the forthcoming attack under a constant enemy artillery and mortar barrage. In spite of physical exhaustion, he then advanced with his unit until killed by enemy fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Iva Brown (Mother), Sanbra, Texas.

FRANK KRAUSHIER, 14397429, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 16 December 1943 to 25 December 1943, in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying supplies to troops in a defensive position, he made several trips under heavy artillery fire up cliffs so precipitous that he was forced to crawl on his hands and knees, and to employ ropes to make the difficult ascents with his burdens. With great courage and grim determination, he accomplished his missions in the face of obstacles and dangers so great that other attempts had failed. After all supplies were carried to the top of the mountain, Private First Class Kraushier joined his comrades to take part in the forthcoming attack under a constant enemy artillery and mortar barrage, and was killed in the performance of his hazardous duty. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie M. Kraushier, (Mother) 1400 1/2, Danter, Alabama.

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 gallantry in action.

JAMES W. SMITH, JR., 3524372, Major, 141st Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action on 17-18 December 1943 in Italy. Major Smith performed the

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and functions of regimental S-3 and executive officer in the preparations for and during the attack on a vital mountain on the road to Rome. In spite of the freezing temperatures and the constant threat of enemy artillery fire, he moved fearlessly across the rugged terrain, visiting front line companies. His presence greatly inspired and encouraged the men, and their awareness of Major Lorenson's calm fearlessness encouraged them to work with greater efficiency and bravery. For nine grueling days he performed his double duties indefatigably, and his cool good judgment and splendid leadership contributed much to the success of the operation. Entered the Service from Stephenville, Texas.

JOHN A. STEEL, 0403609, Captain, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 23 January to 2 February 1944 in Italy. For five days Captain Steel performed the double duties of regimental adjutant and liaison officer between his regimental headquarters and a French unit. Tireless in accomplishing his missions, he made frequent trips over roads constantly exposed to enemy fire and under close observation. Although he spoke no French, Captain Steel diplomatically maintained contact between the French unit and his own headquarters, keeping each accurately informed of the other's actions and plans. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

PHILIP J. STOCKARD, Second Lieutenant, 01228942, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 December 1943, in Italy. As platoon commander of Company B, Lieutenant Stockard was ordered to attack a hill occupied by a greatly superior enemy force. He personally led his platoon in the attack under continuous enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he moved freely among his men, inspiring them to greater efforts. When the attack was repulsed by the enemy, Lieutenant Stockard, although suffering from a severe head wound, effected an orderly withdrawal of his men to a place of defilade while he remained under fire to supervise the evacuation of the wounded. In the course of the action, he obtained information concerning enemy strength and positions which proved invaluable to Division and Corps in planning the final attack. Entered the Service from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

ROYD ANDERSON, 0137446, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1943, in Italy. As a member of the 1st Battalion, ordered to attack a hill held by the enemy, Lieutenant Anderson learned that the assembly company of the battalion had been halted by the enemy and that communication with it had been broken by small arms fire. He voluntarily traversed the route of the wire under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire until he located and repaired the break. Several times the line was severed and each time Lieutenant Anderson, with utter disregard for his own life, repaired the break under fire. By his gallant actions, wire communication was maintained throughout the attack, and materially contributed to the success of the operation. Entered the Service from Richmond, Virginia.

WILLIAM L. WILSON, 040701, Technician Fifth Grade, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 January 1944, in the vicinity of Rome, Italy. As a member of the division of repairing telephone circuits damaged by enemy action, he was assigned to patrol the lines on foot, under a continual barrage of enemy artillery shells so intense that all other personnel nearby remained under cover while he worked. With magnificent courage and skill he located the broken wires, spliced them, and restored the important lines to service. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

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DANIEL B. HARRISON, 13151846, Private, Headquarters Company, 30th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on the night of 12 February 1944, at ***** Italy. While sheltered from enemy artillery fire in a roadside shelter, he heard the cries of a man in pain on the roadway. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private Harrison left his shelter and ran to the location of the cries. He found a seriously wounded soldier lying on the road in imminent danger of being trampled by the wheels of a passing pack train. Diverting the wheels from their path, he then, under constant artillery fire, improvised a litter and assisted in carrying the victim to an aid station. His gallant action undoubtedly saved the latter's life. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

APPENDIX III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 200-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

DONALD R. CHILDS, 1002054, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Seville, Texas.

LEAH (JUL) L. LAM, 3321804, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

JOHN L. BROWN, 1009725, Sergeant, Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM J. WILSON, 11277442, Sergeant, Company F, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Lyndale, Ohio.

FRANK W. BROWN, 1730320, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

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LEONARD F. GARRARD, 22751625, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Hackensack, Delaware.

STERLING D. MCNEILL, 20803793, Private, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1943, in Italy. Entered the Service from Arlington, Texas.

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