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SECTION I -- 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 meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

JOE H. ROBERTS, 0379021, Captain, 111th Medical Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 8 December 1943, in Italy. Captain Roberts established his collecting station for the treatment and evacuation of the wounded of the 141st Infantry Regiment in an old building near the scene of combat. Ignoring the furious enemy artillery barrage, he administered treatment to the many wounded soldiers brought to his station. When the shelling was most intense and shell fragments were striking all sides of the building, the aid men brought in a severely wounded man whose veins had collapsed from a loss of blood. Captain Roberts immediately began treating the soldier with calm efficiency. He gave the patient artificial respiration and then, as the shelling reached its height, skillfully cut down to the veins and injected blood plasma. By his unwavering treatment Captain Roberts saved the life of his patient. Entered the Service from Irving, Texas.

SAMUEL H. ROSENBERG, 0350478, Captain, Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 11-12 February 1944 in Italy. Captain Rosenberg, battalion surgeon, supervised the treating and evacuation of the many casualties suffered during a night attack on mountain positions. Only available means of littering patients to the rear was over a three mile mule pack trail under continuous enemy shelling, and a very limited number of bearers were on duty. Despite these difficulties, by efficient supervision he cleared casualties from his unit within four hours and in addition helped other organizations care for their wounded. Because of Captain Rosenberg's able performance mortalities were minimized. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM H. SHEDDEN, 01579099, First Lieutenant, 36th Quartermaster Company, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 30 September 1943 to 5 February 1944, in Italy. As Graves Registration Officer for the division Lieutenant Shedden devised a system whereby he directed three collecting teams attached to each infantry regiment. The reporting of a soldier killed in action has in every case instigated an immediate, exhaustive search to recover the body and identify it promptly and accurately. In spite of the tedium of the work and his limited number of assistants, Lieutenant Shedden has supervised the handling of more than **eight hundred** casualties without error or omission. By instilling in his men the determination to leave no soldier "unknown", he has given comfort and peace of mind to the families of the 36th Infantry Division men killed in action. Entered the Service from Arlington, New Jersey.

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✓ RENEATH L. AXELROD, 0407711, First Lieutenant, Service Company, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations on 15 November 1943 to 7 January 1944 in Italy. Supply officer of the 3rd Battalion, Lieutenant Axelrod personally directed and supervised transportation of equipment and supplies over treacherous mountain trails to combat units. During cold, wet weather, harassed by enemy mortar and artillery fire on the steep, slippery route, he operated mule pack trains during darkness that added to the hazards of his mission. To more efficiently serve the widely dispersed troops he established three supply points and worked exceedingly long hours. Entered the Service from Borger, Texas.

✓ ALDICE L. SMITH, 38035780, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 7 to 12 February 1944, in Italy. Tec 5 Smith was aid man with an infantry company that received heavy enemy artillery and mortar shelling while defending mountain positions. Many casualties were inflicted. Heedless of his own danger, he worked night and day with little rest treating the injured and assisting in the transportation of litter patients. When other aid men were wounded he redoubled his efforts to be sure all hurt men were attended. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

✓ JOHN B. PARKS, 38039745, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Engineer Central Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 1 September 1943 to 8 March 1944, in Italy. Tec 5 Parks was an angledozer operator, working continuously on a wide variety of important tasks, and without supervision, successfully completed all assigned missions. Many times he worked under heavy artillery fire and at times he would have to withdraw into defilades until the cessation of shelling. He repeated this operation with outstanding calmness, skill and aggressive vigor throughout day and night until his tasks were completed. He contributed materially to the combat efficiency of his company by keeping the traffic routes open. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

✓ RICHARD C. NICOLETTI, 32237234, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Redbank, New Jersey.

✓ RICHARD J. CAYEA, 12035736, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Burke, New York.

✓ IRASIO C. BORDIA, 31026421, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

✓ ROBERT F. LARKIN, 37495372, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

✓ HERSCHELL H. FORTNOLLETT, 34040736, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Gibson, Tennessee.

✓ STEPHEN A. DIFILINO, 32404397, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

✓ JOHN J. ROSE, 32239294, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rutherford, New Jersey.

✓ GLEN R. CHILDERS, 40812593, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

✓ SMITH (JMI) GROCE, JR., 20808232, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

✓ HARVEY J. BEALEY, 32740756, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lyon, New York.

✓ HAROLD W. CAMP, 35021974, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.

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ROY C. HENDERSON, 34579647, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Alma, Georgia.
CHARLES W. DAVIS, 6850318, Private, Cannon Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 15 November to 27 December 1943 in Italy. These men were detailed as members of a carrying party to supply water, rations, and ammunition to front line troops on two mountain ridges and to assist in evacuating the dead and wounded from these positions. The supply routes were from three to five miles long, running over slopes rendered almost impassable by rain, sleet and snow. For more than a month, often frozen and blinded by blizzards, they struggled over the treacherous trails carrying forty-seven pound water cans and even heavier ammunition bags to the front lines and returning with casualties. Although constantly harassed by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, these soldiers never faltered in performing their all-important tasks and by their admirable determination to do their job, maintained the physical welfare and high morale of the men on the lines.

SYLVESTER R. WOLFE, 38218390, Private, Service Company, 142nd Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 19 January 1944 to 26 February 1944, in Italy. Despite intense observed enemy artillery and mortar barrages on the treacherous mountain trail, Private Wolfe maintained a continuous flow of supplies to the front line units. Harassed by biting wind, snow, sleet and rain he personally assisted in carrying the vital food, ammunition and water to the fighting men. When his officer was hospitalized Private Wolfe on his own initiative took over direction of all supply details for the battalion, efficiently substituting until another officer was appointed to fill the vacancy. Entered the Service from Greenbay, Wisconsin.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.

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

RICHARD M. HALL, 12214507, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery 36th Division Artillery, 13 May 1944. Entered Service from Maplewood, New Jersey.

HAMILTON D. KONG, 34125895, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery 36th Division Artillery, 13 May 1944. Entered Service from Asheville, North Carolina.

JACK S. BIXON, 20801072, Private, Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 29 January 1944. Entered Service from San Antonio, Texas.

RALPH S. HEDRICK, 3124085, Private, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment. 20 December 1943. Entered Service from Manor, California.

SECTION III -- 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.

HURL A. DAVIS, 6642295, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Oglesoy, Texas.

OWEN C. DAHL, 20807525, Sergeant, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Clifton, Texas.

CHARLES E. REESE, 20 07333, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Clifton, Texas.

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JAY E. WILSON, 20807337, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Clifton, Texas.

CHARLES K. BLAND, 35749334, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Thomas, West Virginia.

MICHAEL J. OWSIANIAK, 36319041, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ROBERT H. PAVIA, 38026726, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered Service from Austin, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. At a time when all experienced riflemen were vitally needed to hold the battalion defensive positions against the enemy, these men were assigned the task of carrying ammunition, water and rations to the front line forces. The precarious mountain trails, employed as the routes of supply, were slippery and constantly blasted by enemy mortar and artillery fire. Ignoring the danger and overcoming their fatigue, they performed their arduous tasks night and day to furnish the fighting forces with the vital supplies.

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