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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:

LEWETT L. ALLAMON, 0355626, Major (then Captain), MC, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943, in Italy. Captain Allamon, regimental surgeon, learned that many men had been hurt fighting in an exposed valley. On his own initiative he immediately went over the shell swept mountain highway, through mined areas, to the wounded men. There he personally supervised the evacuation of more than a hundred wounded and reestablished organization among the medical personnel, sending lost aid men back to their companies and directing litter bearers to injured soldiers scattered over the valley. Unconcerned at his own great peril from snells bursting about him, he directed prompt and efficient evacuation of the wounded that saved many soldiers from suffering and death. Entered the Service from Port Arthur, Texas.

EDGAR (NMI) FORD, 0332936, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 January 1944 in Italy. A member of the battalion forward command group, Captain Ford followed closely behind a rifle company that was advancing by infiltration to seize and hold positions on the objective. Movement of the rifle company was hampered by darkness and heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire that disrupted contact between it and another rifle company already in position. Ranging up and down the column from his place in the rear, Captain Ford maintained order, issued instructions and kept all elements in contact. His actions made possible the accomplishment of his battalion's mission. Entered the Service from Musk, Texas.

JAMES S. SHAMBURGER, 01291710, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10-14 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned to maintain communications for his battalion while defending a precarious mountain position, Lieutenant Shamburger was faced with the necessity of installing his lines in daylight and under constant observation of the enemy. Despite the concentration of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which his movements drew, he determinedly organized and encouraged his men while setting up communications. Risking repeated exposure to the sweeping fire, he inspired the successful completion of the mission and immediately undertook to protect and repair the lines which he had established. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

FRED S. ROSSLOW, 01313134, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Spokane, Washington.

JOSEPH F. BAKER, 01313354, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Grand Lodge, Michigan.

ALLAN N. COLVIN, 20816886, Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

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~~CHARLES E. BURMAN, 20800489, Technician Fourth Grade, 36th Signal Company.~~

Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

PETER (NMI) GULLOTTA, 34150907, Corporal, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

JOHN O. CRAFT, 38184802, Corporal, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Anacoco, Louisiana.

STEPHAN (NMI) DANKOW, 32286800, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

PERRY E. LUNGFORD, 34343619, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company. Entered the Service from Calhoun, Mississippi.

GILBERT M. SHOPP, 12051151, Private First Class, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

BEASEL T. MARCHBANKS, 20805690, Private First Class Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

BERNARD J. DUFFY, 12055056, Private, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division. Entered the Service from Rye, New York.

MICHAEL S. O'ROURKE, 32303368, Private, 36th Signal Company. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

For gallantry in action on 20 to 22 January 1944, in Italy. The above named officers and enlisted men were members of a detail ordered to establish traffic control posts on two bridges to be erected across a river in the savagely opposed attack against enemy positions on the west bank. For three days and nights they stayed with the detail in the vicinity of the bridge sites, waiting for them to be erected and helping to direct traffic, guide officers and messengers, and assist in evacuation of the wounded. During the entire time they worked under incessant enemy artillery and mortar snelling and frequent small arms fire.

EDWARD J. KILPATRICK, 20806459, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in Italy. Acting platoon commander, Sergeant Kilpatrick led his men in a night march with his company through enemy outpost territory to relieve another unit. While his platoon led the column, enemy infiltration cut him off from the rest of the company. A heavy concentration of enemy mortar on the trapped platoon caused many casualties. Sergeant Kilpatrick was struck in the right shoulder by a shell fragment. Although in great pain he maintained excellent control of his men and by skillfully maneuvering led them from the enemy encirclement to rejoin the company. Refusing evacuation he remained with his platoon for two weeks until his wound became infected and he was ordered to the aid station by his company commander. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.

JAMES R. GRAHAM, 38038629, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944, in Italy. When the 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment attacked strongly defended enemy positions, Sergeant Graham, as artillery liaison sergeant attached to the battalion, laid a telephone line from the artillery command post to the liaison officer located at the infantry battalion command post. Then, constantly exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he courageously evacuated several severely wounded men in his jeep, driving them along shell torn roads to safety. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

LEONARD C. LA FORTE, 36236606, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. Because of an urgent need for aid men to care for the many casualties sustained during bitter mountain fighting, Corporal LaForte was assigned as a litter bearer with the 2d Battalion

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Aid Station. During an intense concentration of enemy artillery, nebelwerfer and mortar fire on the battalion he was painfully wounded in the head. Though seriously hurt and despite the continued peril from the unabating shelling, he refused to be evacuated and remained on duty until his unit was relieved. Entered the Service from Schofield, Wisconsin.

✓ GEORGE B. LINDSEY, 20814544, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1944, in Italy. During an intense bombardment of the battalion command post, Tec 5 Lindsey refused to take cover and worked tirelessly over the shell blasted area rendering first aid to the many wounded. When, in the late afternoon, a command car received a direct hit and burst into flames, he went immediately to the blazing car and removed two wounded men. Constantly harassed by the furious enemy shelling, Tec 5 Lindsey carried one of the men to the medical officer and the other to a position of safety where he rendered expert treatment. He then returned to the shelled area and removed another wounded soldier from the inferno of enemy fire. Entered the Service from Cleburne, Texas.

FOREST B. SCHOOLEY, 20603885, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 December 1943, in Italy. While his platoon was subjected to intense enemy shelling, Tec 5 Schooley left his position of safety and went to aid the wounded. Working calmly and efficiently under the constant threat of artillery and mortar fire, he administered expert first aid treatment. After treating two wounded soldiers, Tec 5 Schooley carried them from the shell blasted ground to covered positions from which they were evacuated to the hospital. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas

✓ FRANK N. VARLOTTA, 33431034, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. Private First Class Varlotta, member of a heavy machine gun section, crossed a swift flowing river on a narrow foot bridge and advanced under enemy artillery and small arms fire. Spotting a comrade wounded by machine gun fire, he courageously made his way toward the man and, while enemy fire swept the area, efficiently and speedily bandaged his leg and rendered effective first aid treatment. Still imperilled by the furious enemy mortar and machine gun fire, he carried the man across open terrain to a position of safety. By his daring initiative and fearlessness in the face of extreme danger Private First Class Varlotta saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered the Service from Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

✓ MICHAEL V. MONGE, 32238119, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1943, in Italy. When Companies B and C were pinned down by furious artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and their communications with the battalion command post destroyed Private First Class Monge, scout and observer from the battalion intelligence section, volunteered to lay a new wire line to the units. Disregarding the fury of the enemy shelling he efficiently and speedily laid the line and whenever the artillery fire destroyed the wire, he immediately re-laid it. After braving the deadly fire to lay new lines five times, he helped evacuate a wounded man from an exposed position to a place of safety. Entered the Service from New York City, New York.

✓ JOSEPH (NMI) CEBINA, 36598810, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 January 1944, in Italy. Private Cebina was assigned the task of laying a telephone line through a known dangerous mine field in order that reports might be received from a patrol which was crossing a river. Despite the fact that many men had been killed and wounded

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by mines and despite heavy enemy artillery falling in the area, he persisted in his efforts until the line was laid. When the scouting patrol was discovered by the enemy and heavy fire was brought to bear on the area, the communication line was broken in several places. Private Cebina succeeded in repairing the line and restoring communications. When his platoon leader and the assistant leaders were wounded, he gave accurate reports to the battalion commander on the progress of the patrol force. As a result of the information given, the battalion commander was able to place mortar and artillery fire upon enemy positions and to withdraw the patrol to safety. The wounded were then evacuated with a minimum loss of life. Entered the Service from Monroe, Michigan.

TROY L. WESSON, 34687929, Private, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. As a member of a mortar squad, Private Wesson crossed a swift-flowing river on a shaky footbridge to attack the enemy. When the enemy counterattacked under cover of darkness, he assisted in keeping his squad together as an effective fighting force. Throughout the day of 22 January, he exposed himself to the intense enemy machine gun fire to render first aid to wounded soldiers on the battlefield. When the enemy launched another counterattack, he fired his squad's mortar until the ammunition was exhausted, killing and wounding many of the enemy. When the battalion's position became hopeless he plunged into the icy river and swam to the east side to avoid capture. Entered the Service from Berryton, Georgia.

JAMES H. SIMMONS, 34645980, Private, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 January 1944, in Italy. As a member of a mortar squad, Private Simmons crossed a swift-flowing river on a shaky footbridge to attack the enemy. When the enemy counterattacked under cover of darkness, he assisted in keeping his squad together as an effective fighting force and when the enemy launched a second counterattack he remained with his mortar until the ammunition was exhausted. When the battalion's position became hopeless he plunged into the river and avoided capture by swimming across in spite of heavy fire all along the river. Entered the Service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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