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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.

LOWELL E. SITTON, 0359014, Captain, Finance Department, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 October 1943 to 10 June 1944 in Italy. In his position as Assistant Division Finance Officer, Captain Sitton has achieved the largest volume of Personal Transfer Accounts of any Division in the Theater, as a direct result of his untiring and successful efforts in expediting payments or refunds when complications arose. By his resourceful employment of a check system and cross reference file on allotment procedures and channels, he has reduced allotment difficulties to a minimum. Captain Sitton initiated a check system on exceptions and discrepancies in money accounts which assures the expeditious clearing of individuals' indebtedness to the United States. His outstanding work has been valuable to the morale of the entire Division, by establishing confidence in the mind of every soldier that his financial matters will be handled promptly and correctly. Entered the Service from Plainview, Texas.

LONZO H. JOHNSON, JR., 38050533, Master Sergeant, Finance Section, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 October 1943 to 10 June 1944. As chief of Enlisted Pay Section, Sergeant Johnson has been responsible for processing payrolls in time for payment. Through his aggressive leadership the section has been ready to pay on schedule, regardless of complications arising from the troops being in combat. Having thoroughly familiarized himself with all regulations and changes thereto affecting enlisted pay, he has been able to answer correctly numerous daily inquiries from Unit Personnel Sections regarding complex pay problems. Through his willingness to assist and to impart the knowledge gained on his initiative, he has welcomed all problems and solved them to the satisfaction of everyone. His superior work has frequently elicited praise from Personnel Officers and Company Clerks, and he has materially contributed to the morale of the Division by ensuring the prompt payment of troops and the payment of thousands of replacements for the first time in months. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JACK T. YORK, 20806928, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 36th Reconnaissance Troop (Mcz), for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 29 February 1944 in Italy. As Troop Motor Sergeant, his efficient management and technical skill applied to the repair of his unit's vehicles, has caused them to be consistently rated among the best maintained in the Division. His devotion to duty enabled his Troop to achieve full combat efficiency in the invasion of Italy, and in subsequent actions against the enemy. Entered the Service from Marshall, Texas.

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FRED E. ARMSTRONG, 38037090, Technical Sergeant, Finance Section, 36th Infantry Division, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 6 October 1943 to 10 June 1944 in Italy. As Chief of Officers' Pay Section, Sergeant Armstrong has been responsible for the correct computation of the pay vouchers of all officers in the Division, in time for scheduled payment. The prompt and correct payment of these vouchers has been due to his ingenuity and initiative in devising a check sheet that expedites computations and insures their accuracy. Officers throughout the Division have frequently consulted Sergeant Armstrong for his expert advice, and his cheerful assistance in solving their personal pay problems has contributed materially to their welfare and morale. Entered the Service from Marshall, Texas.

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

RICHARD L. KLINE, 33724191, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 29 January and 2 February 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Kline was assigned the mission to help clear three pathways through enemy minefields from the main road down to a treacherous river; these routes were essential for the use of infantry assault troops. Since the presence of Schu mines precluded the use of mine detectors, he was forced to employ the probing method, which is both tedious and dangerous. Laboring constantly under the threat of enemy fire and imperilled by the presence of Teller mines fiendishly booby trapped, he worked indefatigably on his hands and knees, sometimes crawling forward on his stomach to avoid hostile fire. By his technical efficiency and determination to complete the mission in spite of all dangers, Private First Class Kline cleared the pathways in a short time and made possible the safe advance of the infantry. Entered the Service from Woodsboro, Maryland.

SECTION II — AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individuals of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion are each awarded a Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy.

RUDOLPH W. HELMICK, 01176664, Second Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

RALPH V. FRY, 20814012, Sergeant, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Abilene, Texas.

JOHN R. CORKERY, 33054002, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pa.

NEIL E. DUFFY, 35408607, Private First Class, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ashland, Ohio.

MARVIN ALSTER, 32784374, Private, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

WARREN E. CREITZ, 33828977, Private, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from Germansville, Pennsylvania.

JOHN E. FINNERTY, 35060979, Private, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Painesville, Ohio.

JAMES H. LEE, 34107236, Private, Battery C, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 June 1944. Entered the Service from Repton, Alabama.

JAMES H. MORRIS, 34508207, Private, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 11 June 1944. Entered the Service from Somerville, Tennessee.

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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.

HARRY E. SELPH, 38051550, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sheridan, Texas.

GLENN E. MORRISON, 38128559, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry. Entered the Service from Vinita, Oklahoma.

MARTIN CAQUIAS, 32867063, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JOHN CHOJNACKI, 36459358, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ludington, Michigan.

HENRY A. CZAJA, 36742024, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

HERMAN H. DIAMOND, 34806742, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Montgomery, Alabama.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 25 January to 3 February 1944 in Italy. While the battalion was in a defensive position on the banks of a strategic river within range of enemy fire, these members of the kitchen personnel, volunteered to move the kitchen forward to the battalion area. In spite of the heavy artillery shelling, these men worked tirelessly with little rest and sleep, serving three hot meals daily to their company, ready to feed the men any time of the day or night.

*Second Amended by G-2 235 - July 10, 1944 to read: (Anthony Star Medal)*  
\* WALTER G. LA FLAMME, 36220022, Private, Medical Detachment, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 10 December 1943 in Italy. Hearing the cries of two wounded men some distance from the aid station at which he was working during an intense enemy artillery barrage, Private La Flamme immediately left his position of comparative safety to go to the assistance of the injured soldiers. Taking an ambulance through the thick of the heavy hostile fire, he reached their exposed position, courageously administered first aid, and removed them from the hazardous area. Entered the Service from Superior, Wisconsin

DANIEL W. PRICE, 33204526, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Little Orleans, Maryland.

SALVATORE A. JORDAN, 32633041, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ANTHONY C. MEO, 32221961, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct during the period 20 January to 28 February 1944 in Italy. When heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire knocked out communications between the gun positions and observation posts of their company, these men, members of the 81mm mortar platoon, volunteered repeatedly to repair or replace the lines. Moving forward determinedly into areas swept by the hostile fire and many times within the direct observation of enemy nests, they courageously established and maintained communications which enabled the destruction of vital hostile emplacements.

ORVILLE C. ESTES, 36122429, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.

JOHN W. DANTZLER, 36320313, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 2 February 1944, in Italy. These men, members of a litter bearer platoon, volunteered to assist in evacuating three wounded men from a mountain. In order to arrive at their destination, they advanced over the rugged mountainous terrain under heavy enemy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire. After the completion of the initial task, a soldier with them was wounded by a shell fragment which necessitated evacuation; however the above named enlisted men, on their own initiative, remained in the hazardous area for three days and worked untiringly with little or no rest to evacuate other wounded in the immediate vicinity.

By command of Major General WALKER:

STEWART T. VINCENT  
Colonel, General Staff Corps  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:



HARRY B. NELSON  
Major, Adjutant General's Department  
Assistant Adjutant General

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34 107 236

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WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 178, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 15 June 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to James H. Lee, 34 107 236, is withdrawn.

The Purple Heart has previously been awarded to the above named individual by General Orders 55, Headquarters 45th General Hospital, dated 12 June 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W.A. Leary*  
Adjutant General

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