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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 in Italy.

JOSEPH R. JEFFERS, 3563573, Private, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 November 1943. Next of kin: Mrs Jessie Jeffers (Mother), Clifton, W. Va.

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 heroic achievement in combat in Italy.)

J. E. COLLIER, 01173193, Second Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 29 May 1944. Entered the Service from Lakeland, Florida.

JIMMIE A. CARR, 20805401, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Canyon, Texas.

CHARLES W. JOHNSON, 20804818, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 June 1944. Entered the Service from Ballinger, Texas.

ALFRED OLSEN, 32300941, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 February 1944. Entered the Service from Union, NJ

EDWIN A. WITTNEBER, 37372397, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri

PHILIP M. DI RIGGI, 33457417, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

LLOYD A. SMITH, 33757132, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer (for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy.)

ROSCOE D. GAYLOR, 0232859, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 17 December 1943. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

SECTION III --- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals (for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy.)

ROSCOE D. GAYLOR, 0232859, Lieutenant Colonel, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 25 June 1944. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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SECTION IV — 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:

LESLIE A. WOLFF, 20803605, First Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 June 1944 in Italy. When the left flank of Company L was threatened by a furious enemy counterattack, Sergeant Wolff was sent to guide two squads from the reserve platoon to the company command post. He moved over terrain swept by continuous, rapid machine gun and sniper fire, but he succeeded in reaching his objective and leading the two squads safely back to the command post. He then volunteered to move the squads into position on the left flank in order to supplement the unit's resistance to the enemy attack. He again led the men through hostile small arms fire and skillfully directed them to positions affording excellent fields of fire against the enemy. Entered the Service from Moulton, Texas.

WILLIAM D. CHESSON, 38051871, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Batson, Texas.

BUEFORD M. COLLINS, 33217090, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Troutville, Virginia.

WOODROW W. BARKER, 20806987, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

SIXTO G. MORENO, 38026740, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

MANOAH M. CARPENTER, 35592593, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Summerfield, Ohio.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 September 1943 in Italy. The above named soldiers were assigned the task of laying a vital communications line between two battalions in the attack. Constantly harassed by enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, they made a reconnaissance to determine the exact locations of the battalions and then began laying the lines. Although at one point it was necessary to change their route because of the increased intensity of hostile fire, these courageous men succeeded in completing the communications lines which enabled the two battalions to coordinate their efforts in the attack.

HARDY F. BEAVERS, 38037580, Corporal, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gilmer, Texas.

TENNYSON G. BLACK, 35465012, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from West Liberty, Kentucky.

QUENTON R. MILES, 34077329, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Alexander, Louisiana.

JOHN T. HATTERICK, 35124536, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cynthiana, Kentucky.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 22 January 1944 in Italy. During the river crossing and the withdrawal in the stubbornly opposed operations on the banks of a strategic river, the unit in which the above named soldiers were driven suffered severe losses in both men and weapons. Aware that the remaining men were insufficient to operate the guns, dig their emplacements, and carry ammunition, the volunteers to haul the vitally needed ammunition to the gun positions. By their courageous efforts under heavy enemy artillery fire they enabled the men to remain with their guns and prepare their positions for a forthcoming counterattack.

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NORMAN N. BROWN, 35754414, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Liverpool, Ohio.

J. T. FARRELLS, 34783638, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Jacksonville, Florida.

SARKIS T. ATANOSIAN, 36569791, Private, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 June 1944 in Italy. When the 1st Platoon attacked and captured a group of buildings on high ground which dominated the terrain below, the above named soldiers were assigned a position at a second story window in one of the houses. When the enemy launched a furious counterattack they fired on the hostile force which was approaching the friendly positions from the woods below the house. In spite of intense sniper fire all around the building, the fearlessly maintained their exposed position and continued inflicting casualties on the attackers, firing steadily and accurately, until they were ordered to withdraw with their squad to alternate positions.

CHARLES DEAN, 31322115, Private First Class, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 30 May 1944 in Italy. During a furious enemy tank attack, Private First Class Dean, gunner in a machine gun squad supporting a platoon of Company C, fired rapidly in the face of the charging tanks forcing them to button up with his accurate fire. While he was engaging the leading tank, soldiers from the second tank crept near his position and hurled hand grenades at his emplacement. Headless of personal safety, he remained with his weapon and continued firing until the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the Service from Waterville, Maine.

AUSTIN C. KITCHENS, 32995212, Private, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 June 1944 in Italy. When he learned of the location of three enemy mortar positions, Private Kitchens, assistant squad leader, went immediately to protect his squad's right flank. As he moved forward, he spotted the three mortarmen fleeing toward their vehicles. Acting swiftly, he opened fire on the hostile soldiers and succeeded in killing one, wounding another, and capturing the third. By his quick thinking and aggressiveness he enabled his squad to take the three enemy mortars without opposition. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

SIDNEY THERICT, 34077122, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

EDWARD G. VIRDEN, 35208060, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Middlebourne, West Virginia.

LEMUEL J. VANNATTA, 20809314, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Valley Mills, Texas.

VIRGIL S. RENEAU, 18037633, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

OSCAR A. REED, 20808053, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, Entered the Service from Belton, Texas.

CLYDE H. SUMMY, 35161024, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Warsaw, Indiana.

JOSEPH F. WEIDMER, 36283480, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

VIRGIL MC DONALD, 38037226, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Como, Texas.

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CLARENCE V. LEE, 33667186, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

LLOYD H. GREENWALT, 35219856, Private, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

ROBERT B. SAPP, 35206778, Private, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Independence, West Virginia.

THOMAS G. MC COY, 20802523, Private, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

LEONARD SWINNEY, 39289174, Private, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

PAUL E. MALONE, 35726794, Private, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sullivan, Indiana.

ARTHUR H. SIMKINS, 20802558, Private, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Buda, Texas.

FRANK SELLERS, 20802056, Private, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

ROY L. ISHAM, 38036075, Private, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Handley, Texas.

CHARLES B. DUKE, JR., 14154683, Private, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Oakland, Mississippi.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 to 30 March 1944 in Italy. These men, truck drivers were ordered to haul ammunition and other supplies to a strategic beachhead. The trip to the beachhead was made on landing craft and was often subjected to bombing and strafing attacks from enemy aircraft. Upon reaching a point of debarkation, they drove their vehicles to various dumps under almost continuous artillery shelling and unloaded the ammunition themselves. Although completely unfamiliar with the area, they delivered the supplies speedily and efficiently. On one occasion they drove to the front lines to evacuate a group of paratroopers from positions rendered untenable by the heavy artillery and mortar shelling. During this period they made four trips to the beachhead, always performing their duties with exemplary calmness and dispatch.

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