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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.

RAYMOND F. RIDENBAUGH, 35033579, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Walhonding, Ohio. (C.C. 2-24-45)

PAUL E. WILHELM, 20803818, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

PAUL J. WOOLEN, 34657897, Private, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Union, South Carolina.

ANTHONY J. WITKOWSKI, 33680724, Private, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 10 February 1944 in Italy. These men were members of a heavy machine gun platoon that was ordered to move into a defensive position on a hill. Snow, rain and constant enemy artillery fire hampered the movement of the platoon. All equipment had to be hand-carried up the hill. At its objective the platoon came under enemy small arms fire. Working steadfastly through the dangers involved, these brave men helped place the weapons in position and fought courageously to repel the enemy attack.

ANTHONY GRECO, 33325164, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOSE R. ROMERO, 37350320, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

ROLLO E. HUGHES, 36449558, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Springfield, Illinois.

VIRGIL M. SHAW, 38540571, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Galveston, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 June 1944 in Italy. During a prolonged attack against bitterly defended enemy positions along hazardous mountain terrain, these men, on duty at the battalion command post, heard that the litter teams had become physically exhausted and were unable to handle three severe cases still remaining on the mountain. They volunteered to go with a team and get the wounded men. They moved over precipitous trails under enemy artillery and mortar fire and succeeded in evacuating the injured soldiers in time to save their lives.

CARL LUNSFORD, 20816331, Staff Sergeant, Battery A, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Electra, Texas.

LOUIS HODGES, 38035841, Sergeant, Battery A, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

DOUGLAS D. PETERS, 20816345, Private First Class, Battery A, 155th Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 6 December 1943 in Italy. When it was

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necessary to reconnoiter for possible observation posts and wire routes on a mountain still occupied by enemy forces, these men volunteered to perform the mission. They climbed steep, rocky trails, constantly exposed to hostile artillery and mortar fire, crossed an enemy mine field, and passed within 100 yards of an enemy strong point. After familiarizing themselves with the best locations for observation posts they returned over the hazardous route to make their report.

WILFRED LANGLOIS, 31245906, Technician Third Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

ROBERT M. BEAULIEU, 51178794, Technician Third Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Nashua, New Hampshire.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 9 September 1943 in Italy. During the intense fighting on a newly established beachhead, these two aid men accompanied the invasion troops inland from the beach. Contemptuous of personal safety, they worked tirelessly evacuating patients from the front line positions to the aid station on the beach. They moved fearlessly in the face of small arms fire and artillery shelling, never faltering in performing their hazardous duties.

CAMPBELL TULLOS, 38052311, Sergeant, Service Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Centerlin, Texas.

SAMUEL N. SEXTON, 20809111, Corporal, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Moody, Texas.

WILLIAM H. RAWLINSON, 20807438, Corporal, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cushing, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 10 to 23 March 1944 in Italy. These members of the transportation section of their company volunteered to take charge of the trucks and drivers ordered to haul ammunition to a strategic beachhead. Although the beach was frequently subjected to enemy artillery and mortar fire, they never faltered in performing their hazardous duties with calmness and efficiency and make certain that the trucks under their control accomplished all the missions assigned them.

THEODORE N. KING, 38037859, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

ALBERT M. FISHEIN, 32922141, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

The above named soldiers were members of the forward observer detail for their battery when the infantry company to which they were attached received a determined enemy counterattack. Throughout the day and night of heavy fighting, they worked ceaselessly, often exposing themselves to enemy machine gun fire to operate their radio. When a heavy concentration of tank fire on the position made the radio useless, they ingeniously used the platoon telephone to relay commands and direct effective artillery support against the enemy.

E. A. FOSTER, 38035904, Corporal, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

ARNULFO GUITERREZ, 20802928, Corporal, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

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JOSEPH R. STAFFORD, 31142452, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hartford, Connecticut.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 19 June 1944 in Italy. The above named individuals were detailed to carry ammunition to a mortar platoon which was emplaced along a river. The platoon was to fire in support of the battalion's attack on an enemy town. At the riveredge they were advised that the ammunition was needed three hundred yards from the town, about three miles across the river. They were not ordered to go any further, but voluntarily forded the uncharted stream and drove their overloaded jeep under artillery fire along the mine-strewn lanes to the mortar position. By courageously pioneering this route, they were able to deliver ammunition that helped turn the tide of battle.

GEORGE MEURER, 38026627, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

ARTHUR M. HENRY, 38051347, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Port Neches, Texas.

PAUL P. FRIED, 37280325, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

BILLIE J. SHAN, 38036266, Private, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 10 - 11 February 1944 in Italy. The above named soldiers were members of a wire party assigned to establish and maintain wire lines through an area under terrific enemy artillery, mortar, and nebelwerfer fire. Constantly exposed to the sweeping barrage, they successfully set up communications and remained in the hazardous area in order to repair breaks in the lines caused by the heavy fire. Their courageous determination helped materially in securing the maximum communications between units of the regiment.

WALTER J. O'BRIEN, 12065007, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

DAVID KOSA, 36576343, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from River Rouge, Michigan.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 31 May 1944 in Italy. An enemy self-propelled cannon directed heavy fire on positions occupied by elements of the machine gun and mortar platoons of Company M. The above named soldiers, aid men, immediately moved into the area which was pitted with shell holes and still subjected to hostile fire to assist the wounded. They worked calmly and efficiently, rendering speedy first aid and helped evacuate their patients to a place of safety.

RONALD D. HUGHES, 32851976, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rensselaer, New York.

SIDNEY KASTNER, 32825494, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 December 1943 in Italy. The above named soldiers were members of a wire party assigned the mission of laying a line to a hazardous forward area. Working 24 hours without rest under enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, they were forced at many times to crawl on their hands and knees in order to continue their progress forward. When relief arrived to complete the job, they refused to leave the difficult task and worked on to the point of physical exhaustion to see the mission through.

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WILLARD L. STRANGE, 35168897, Private First Class, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

CLYDE W. WILLIAMS, 20815522, Private First Class, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Trinidad, Texas.

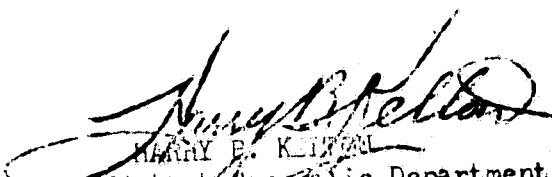
WILLIAM V. FREEMAN, JR, 34657156, Private, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Hamburg, Mississippi.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 May 1944 in Italy. As Battery B was moving into a new position, just after midnight, and while ammunition was still being unloaded, the area was taken under fire by two high velocity light artillery pieces and one medium weapon. Learning that a soldier had been seriously wounded in the leg by a shell fragment, the above named soldiers voluntarily went to his rescue. Knowing it was impossible to treat the wounded man where he lay, they carried him to the comparative safety of a small house and there administered first aid.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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