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SECTION I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

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

SAMUEL ROSEN, 32787017, Private First Class, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 and 21 January 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Rosen, a rifleman, moved across open terrain, shell torn and swept by enemy fire, with his squad in preparation for the crossing of a strategic river. He spoke reassuringly to his nervous comrades during the perilous crossing and, upon reaching the hostile bank, directed another soldier to a covered position. Advancing fearlessly with his squad in the face of intense enemy fire across heavily mined terrain and through barbed wire entanglements, he reached a point 400 yards from the river where his platoon was pinned down by the increased tempo of enemy shelling and the cross fire of machine guns. Private First Class Rosen was severely wounded by the enemy fire, but he courageously demanded that no man endanger his life by attempting a rescue. From this engagement he has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs Samuel Rosen (Wife), 411 Chester Street, Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JAMES H. CHRISTENBURY, 34170351, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. Ordered to establish and maintain wire communications between the artillery and an infantry regiment, Corporal Christenbury braved intense artillery shelling to repair a break in the line where it was laid across a bridge. Aware that the bridge was the target for concentrated artillery fire, he determined to reroute the line around the bridge although the surrounding area was heavily mined. He began laying the wire around the bridge but was painfully wounded by a mine explosion. Heedless of personal danger, he directed his crew in completing the line and reestablishing the vital communications. Entered the Service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

FRANCIS E. JUMP, 35790805, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1944 in Italy. When the enemy unexpectedly launched a strong counterattack, Private First Class Jump, a machine gunner, crawled 50 yards under sweeping machine gun fire across terrain blasted by artillery shells to an advantageous position from which he delivered effective fire against the assaulting troops. An enemy mortar scored a direct hit on the gun position destroying the weapon. As the enemy prepared to close in on the defenseless position, Private First Class Jump secured an automatic rifle and surprised the

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onrushing enemy force with deadly accurate bursts of rifle fire. He continued to hold his position and deliver effective fire the entire day, killing and wounding many enemy soldiers. Entered the Service from Willimstown, Kentucky.

ARTHUR L. WALLACE, 38036630, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in Italy. As right flank security for his platoon, Private First Class Wallace, an automatic rifleman unhesitatingly gave warning when the enemy launched a strong counterattack. Then, moving from his position of comparative security to an exposed point which afforded a better field of fire, he put his automatic rifle into action and delivered effective fire against the onrushing enemy, slowing their advance and giving his comrades time to prepare for the attack. Entered the Service from China Springs, Texas.

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

JAMES F. CARTER, 20802700, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 November to 25 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Carter, company supply sergeant, practiced the policy of making trips to the front lines himself and personally distributing the supplies among the men. During this period he made numerous trips to the front to keep the fighting troops well supplied. On one occasion, aware that the men had been wet and cold for several days, he braved intense mortar and artillery shelling to carry clothing, overshoes and dry blankets from his jeep to the command post and then issue the welcome supplies to the men by moving across the shell torn ground from one fighting hole to another. Entered the Service from Robstown, Texas.

RICHARD T. PIERCE, 35652590, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 20 to 27 December 1943 in Italy. When the battalion supply personnel had been depleted, Private Pierce, a scout observer volunteered to lead a mule pack train carrying vitally needed ammunition and rations to the battalion positions on the peak of a mountain. Struggling up the precipitous, muddy trail in the face of a driving snow storm, he guided the train through the blackness of night toward their destination. Upon reaching the upper slopes of the mountain beyond which the mules could not proceed, he assumed a large portion of the load himself and led the column of men with the supplies through an intense artillery bombardment to the battalion positions. Entered the Service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

### 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 Medal is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

ADOLPH T. VOLKER, 12078305, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned as a member of a patrol engaging in a dangerous reconnaissance mission, Sergeant Volker skillfully infiltrated into enemy occupied territory and completed a thorough search of hostile emplacements, mines, and observation posts. Returning with the patrol after rejoining it when the vital information was obtained, he inspired a fierce fire fight when they were discovered by an enemy force. His aggressive and courageous actions contributed materially to the successful breaching of the enemy trap, enabling the patrol to reach friendly lines and deliver the important results of the mission. Entered the Service from West Orange, New Jersey.

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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.

KENNETH N. MC VEY, 36320598, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

MARVIN M. SPLAWN, 20809038, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Belton, Texas.

JOHN CHESONIS, 33617524, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

GERALD J. LOHR, 33573847, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hooversville, Pennsylvania.

DARVIN L. CAMPBELL, 33521548, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Richmond, Virginia.

RAYMOND L. HOWELL, 35594615, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Toronto, Ohio.

ARCHIE J. SLAY, 38052680, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

HEINZE E. SCHROEDER, 16095434, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

TONY J. VINSAVICH, 36320496, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOHN R. FORSYTHE, 33539992, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Staunton, Virginia.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 December 1943 in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying ammunition, food, water and clothing to front line troops, these men climbed a steep, precipitous trail to the top of a mile-high mountain, subjected to almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, sometimes crawling on their hands and knees, to achieve their objective. In spite of all difficulties and hazards, they succeeded in reaching the mountain top without losing a single load of the vital supplies.

FRANK B. JACKSON, 38035932, First Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

ERNEST E. WEST, 20808467, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

ROBERT A. NOWELL, 20808448, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

FLAVIUS B. HALL, 34253696, Technician Fourth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Onslow County, North Carolina.

RAY C. ROBERSON, 38037217, Corporal, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

LEWING D. MOORE, 38037827, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kilgore, Texas.

PRESTON H. NICHOLS, 38031680, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Center, Texas.

GEORGE O. SCOTT, 20808453, Technician Fifth Grade, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

VERNON B. HILLARD, 33231243, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

MARRY H. FLOYD, 33231010, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 20 to 25 November 1943 in Italy. These

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men carried three hot meals daily over muddy, hazardous trails subjected to continuous enemy harassing artillery fire to their company while in regimental reserve. In addition to the hot food, they furnished the troops with ammunition and clothing, thus improving their morale and increasing their fighting efficiency.

CHARLES N. REIDER, 38065973, Technician Third Grade, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Abernathy, Texas.

EDDIE H. DEPOWSKI, 38052867, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JACK A. HANSEN, 20818526, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

MARVIN FANNIN, 20818502, Private, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from New Boston, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 9 September 1943 in Italy. These men as litter bearers attached to the Third Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, debarked in the early stages of a furiously contested beachhead landing. Spotting a wounded man lying in a clearing, exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire, they fearlessly made their way to him and administered immediate first aid. After carrying the man to a place of comparative safety behind a sand dune, they gave him further treatment and then evacuated him to the beach.

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