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COMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

ERNEST L. SAMPLE, 0380569, First Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 18 November to 7 December 1943 in Italy. During this period Lieutenant Sample was assigned as infantry liaison officer with the 141st Infantry Regiment. In spite of continuous enemy artillery and mortar shelling and intense machine gun fire, he maintained his position and skillfully coordinated the artillery fire of his battalion. Because of the constant threat of counterattack, he remained always on the alert, ready to deliver supporting artillery fire at any time of the day or night. Entered the Service from Bryan, Tex.

JAMES M. TAYLOR, 14017453, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 753d Tank Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 23 to 25 May 1944 in Italy. Although the usual procedure in tank repairing involved retrieving the tanks and bringing them to a rear assembly area, Sergeant Taylor, aware of the shortage of tanks in his unit, voluntarily remained at the front lines during this period. He worked indefatigably, without rest or sleep, under constant artillery and mortar shelling and sweeping machine gun fire. He retrieved and repaired six disabled tanks and, in spite of the hazardous conditions, had them back in action with a minimum of delay. Entered the Service from Olla, Louisiana.

JOHN L. LANGSTON, 18160051, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Grapevine, Texas.

RALPH M. ROBUSTELLI, 32311156, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

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MILES D. BUCKNER, 35360769, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from DeKalb, Texas.

COY E. RICHARDSON, 20818932, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from DeKalb, Texas.

EDWARD A. REINING, 38065841, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

JAMES L. CARTER, 35698625, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

HUNTER C. WALDROP, 34771495, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Tryon, North Carolina.

COY L. WILLIFORD, 33632503, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Norfolk, Virginia.

HENRY W. WHEELER, 33632682, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Spottswood, Virginia.

BOLK PIETRASKILWICZ, 31006124, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Northampton, Massachusetts.

NILE H. RASMUSSEN, 39676137, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Dechesme, Utah.

JOHN SELLAZZO, 32634724, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Ossining, New York.

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WALTER A. ZALOGA, 33609692, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion.
Entered the Service from Scianto, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD H. INKMANN, 36807245, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion.
Entered the Service from West Allis, Wisconsin. *amended by No 291, 12 Aug 44*

Cleber ~~ROUSE~~, 14187779, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion.
Entered the Service from Seven Springs, North Carolina.

DON F. LOVE, 37539325, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered
the Service from Olath, Kansas.

Rowley Co 1st ~~JOSEPH SMITH~~, 13066511, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered
Apr 15, 1945 the Service from Hurley, Virginia.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 14 to 15 June 1944 in Italy. The above named soldiers were assigned as litter bearers, ambulance drivers and medical aid men to the front line forces during the furious fighting north of a strategic town. Throughout the engagement, constantly under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire they gave medical aid to the wounded and evacuated a large number of personnel, often making litter hauls over distances of 1000 yards. By their staunch determination when physically exhausted and unswerving devotion to duty, a maximum degree of efficiency and cooperation was maintained without which the steady flow of evacuation could not have been effected. By their untiring efforts they saved the lives of many of their comrades, who would otherwise have died of wounds on the battlefield.

JAMES E. STATON, 38035638, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

LLOYD E. GORDON, 13068450, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Palmyra, Pa.

WALLACE D. BOYD, JR, 13075430, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

EDWARD M. DRESSEL, 35304662, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Clyria, Ohio.

HEROLD W. KUHN, JR, 33500651, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lancaster, Pa.

JOHN T. ROBERSON, 34104537, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Oxford, Alabama.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 31 May 1944 in Italy. When soldiers of the 1st Battalion, engaged in a fierce fire fight in exposed territory, began to run out of ammunition and were unable to send back for a new supply, the above named enlisted men, members of the message center detail voluntarily carried the vital ammunition to the front. Making their way under intense small arms and mortar fire, these soldiers braved all dangers to reach the fighting men with their precious cargo. By thus relieving the desperate ammunition shortage, they enabled the battalion to rout the enemy and win the objective.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

STEWART T. VINCENT
Colonel, General Staff Corps
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