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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
AFC #36, U. S. Army

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COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-25, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

WORMY J. KEATING, JR., 6673019, Master Sergeant, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 20 July 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Keating landed at a strategic beachhead on the first day of the invasion of Italy, and, while artillery shell fire and aerial bombs blasted the area, he swiftly supervised the installation of the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. By his splendid leadership he effected an uninterrupted efficiency in the administration of necessary fiscal operations incident to the supply of a division in combat. Displaying extensive knowledge, good judgment, tact and perseverance, he maintained in the enlisted personnel of the section a confidence which contributed to prompt compliance with administrative requirements in spite of difficult working conditions. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

JOHN MULLINEX, 36085344, Technician Fourth Grade, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Paris, Ill.

RICHARD J. TAYLOR, 32030408, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rochester, New York.

WILLIE J. COCHRAN, 37213625, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Grand Forks, Kansas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 4 and 5 December 1943 in Italy. These soldiers were among a group detailed to carry direly-needed rations and medical supplies up a mountain to the 2d Battalion. Following an unpioneered trail they made their way through darkness toward their objective. Near the top of the mountain they and other troops were caught in an artillery barrage. The shelling killed and wounded many men, but the carrying detail reorganized and went ahead under the continued artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Reaching the summit of the hill, they forced their way through dense underbrush to complete thirteen hours of painful progress and deliver the all-important supplies.

HEROLD H. HERLOG, 36199378, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Six Lakes, Michigan.

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LEONARD J. MCZ, 35058899, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Edwarsville, Pennsylvania.

WILBERT W. KNESELY, 35760503, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Farmington, West Virginia.

GEORGE R. WINTON, 32639467, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bayside, New York.

FRED DORSCH, 36292620, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 May to 28 June 1944 in Italy. During this period these soldiers performed their duties in a superior manner. While their unit was attacking an enemy stronghold, they worked for long periods without rest, frequently exposed to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, to lay wires with the assaulting companies. They made numerous trips to repair breaks in the line, and because of their loyalty and determination, the battalion commander had a superior communication system at his disposal and maintained excellent control over his companies.

R. B. HUGHES, 20848731, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Big Springs, Texas.

FRANKLIN F. FRYDA, 36236314, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

LELAND F. JUNGE, 37422186, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from York, Nebraska.

MELVIN W. CHRIST, 33233477, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

ALFOLD L. WIEDENHART, 36236396, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pulaski, Wisconsin.

LEON NACHOSTON, 36507133, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

LESTER J. BOODRY, 36236455, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Tipler, Wisconsin.

JOHN E. BENNETT, 34788213, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Bay City, Wisconsin.

JOHN L. LEE, 39289251, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Diego, California.

CARL R. JUSTIN, 35790686, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

ALBERT CHIU, 36831901, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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MILES A. McDONELL, 36236392, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gillette, Wisconsin.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 30 May to 4 June 1944 in Italy. These soldiers were members of a platoon that carried ammunition, water, and rations up steep mountain slopes to support forces of the 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, when they infiltrated into the hills to flank an enemy-held city from the north. When the battalion command post was threatened by a force of 30 enemy soldiers who were attempting to escape from the encircled town, they helped eliminate this threat. After marching all day, they assisted in carrying rations, water and ammunition to the battalion on a newly-occupied hill. Although this grueling and dangerous labor was not part of their regular assignment, they carried it cheerfully and diligently.

KENNETH E. HANEY, 36206968, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Holliday Cove, West Virginia.

WILLIAM A. HASKILL, 37663018, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 May to 28 June 1944 in Italy. These men were assigned as drivers of a wire jeep of the 1st Battalion Command Platoon and consistently performed their hazardous duties with courage and skill. They worked for long periods without rest, both day and night, under heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire. Whenever they could not proceed further with the jeep, they would dismount and continue forward on foot to install the vital communications. By their determination and loyalty they insured the battalion commander of excellent communications with higher headquarters and with the lower units of his command.

HERBERT WITMORE, 20606819, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lyford, Texas.

WILLIAM A. PHILLIPS, 38037183, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from McKinney, Texas.

WILLIAM R. ST. VIE, 38306833, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from West Martinsville, West Virginia.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 2 September 1943 to 23 June 1944 in Italy. These soldiers have contributed materially to the efficient functioning of their organization during this period, and they have assisted immeasurably in the success of the operations. They repeatedly volunteered to deliver urgently needed supplies, equipment and personnel to the front lines although it involved many hours of tiring and hazardous driving. They were undaunted by bad weather, rough roads and hostile fire, and they never faltered in performing their difficult tasks.

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BERT MILLER, JR., 36196027, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. As a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 115th Infantry Regiment, in an attack on an enemy stronghold, Private First Class Miller, a radio relay operator, displayed unusual courage and skill in performing his hazardous duties. Working alone most of the time, he operated over trails and streambeds at night and through enemy mortar and tank fire by day. Ignoring all difficulties and dangers he worked efficiently and indefatigably, thereby enabling the observer party to lay down effective fire in support of the attack. Entered the Service from Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

By command of Major General D. ALQUIST:

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

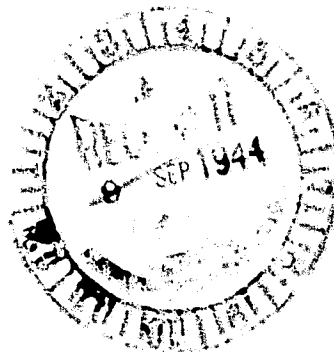
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