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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 officer for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations

✓ JOHN H. OSBORNE, 0414386, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 November 1943 to 10 February 1944 in Italy. As regimental liaison officer during this period, Lieutenant Osborne performed his numerous hazardous duties with tireless efficiency. Often exposed to intense artillery shelling and bombing and strafing attacks from enemy aircraft, working over difficult terrain under the most adverse weather conditions, he never faltered in bringing back vital reports to the regimental commander concerning operations and troop movements from the division command post. While advancing with the forward division command post, on 10 February he was caught in a heavy concentration of artillery fire and he was killed by shell fragments. Next of kin: Unknown.

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 meritorious service in direct support of combat operations

*(Name changed by G.O. # 245 July 13, 1944)*  
\* ORVIL W. CRISMAN, 0365248, Captain, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 24 February 1944 in Italy. During this period Captain Crisman, commander of Company B, worked indefatigably in accomplishing the many important missions assigned to his unit. In spite of the difficult terrain, inclement weather conditions and almost constant threat from enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he directed his men in building bridges, removing enemy mines, and clearing the important supply routes of debris, always encouraging them and inspiring them by his example of fearlessness and calm efficiency. Entered the Service from Denver City, Texas.

F. IAN D. CADORLETTE, 01293546, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 17 to 26 November 1943 in Italy. Ordered to direct his platoon in carrying supplies to the forward elements of his battalion, Lieutenant Cadorette worked tirelessly to accomplish his missions, leading his men over the mile of muddy, mountainous trail, constantly exposed to enemy shelling, carrying his share of heavy loads. He made two or three trips every night; and, while his men rested during the day, he ignored his exhaustion and worked almost without rest or sleep to make the necessary preparations for the night trips. Because of his steadfast devotion to duty the battalion was always adequately supplied with ammunition, water, rations and equipment. Entered the Service from Biddeford, Maine.

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ODELL R. MCKISSACK, 20814603, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 16 November 1943 to 12 March 1944 in Italy. During this period, Sergeant McKissack, as motor sergeant, established his maintenance section near the front lines so that he could quickly recover, repair and return the damaged vehicles. Although often threatened by enemy artillery shelling, he insured the immediate repair of vehicles which had failed to operate because of adverse weather conditions or had been damaged by enemy fire and he constantly checked to ascertain whether the vehicles were in operating order. Entered the Service from Bonham, Texas.

ENOCH C. SIMONTON, 20808097, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 11 to 14 February 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Simonton strung 2500 yards of wire over rugged, mountainous, snow covered terrain to a vantage point where he established a mortar observation post. During this period he worked tirelessly, with little rest or sleep, to repair breaks in the line under heavy enemy artillery shelling and in the face of intense sniper fire. Because of his fearlessness and determined devotion to duty he was able to direct defensive fire against the enemy whenever needed. Entered the Service from Temple, Texas.

MAX G. BIRCH, 39911118, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

ANDREW J. CONLOGUE, 32638876, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mamaroneck, New York.

JABE CURRIE, JR, 34800111, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Jacksonville, Alabama.

ROBERT E. SHORT, 20807253, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

ALFRED CHRISTIAN, 36652857, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Algonquin, Illinois.

THEODORE L. DARCY, 32236773, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Orange, New Jersey.

JOHN S. FODOR, 36859449, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

HILARY B. SCHOEN, 36804953, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from La Crosse, Wisconsin.

STEVE EVANICH, 35607470, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Canton, Ohio.

EUGENE J. CSARANKO, 32776552, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New Brunswick, N.J.

OWEN D. BYNUM, JR, 34709832, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brilliant, Alabama.

CLYDE C. AMES, 39910541, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Medford, Massachusetts.

DONALD L. GORDON, 3158324, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waban, Massachusetts.

HOMER P. LYDA, 34609299, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hendersonville, South Carolina.

For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 22 January to 5 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying ammunition and supply rations to the front line companies and evacuating the dead for the regimental graves registration officer, these soldiers unflinchingly made their way across open terrain subjected to intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and, for two weeks, furnished the men with the vital supplies. By their determined performance of the hazardous duties their courage greatly bolstered the morale of the front line forces

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by constantly supplying them with ample ammunition and rations and removed the necessity for withdrawing men from the lines and the forward outposts.

✓ **CYRIL J. MARTINKA, 38026787**, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 7 to 18 December 1943 in Italy. Assigned as aid man to the leading unit in an attack on stubbornly defended enemy positions on a mountain, Tec 5 Martinka performed his hazardous duties skillfully and valorously during this period, never considering his personal safety when the lives of his comrades were endangered. Often, when the infantrymen were pinned down in their fox holes by constant, intense artillery and mortar shelling, he fearlessly braved the barrage, scaling precipitous heights to administer aid to the wounded. On one occasion, after treating all the wounded of his company, he went to help several paratroopers 50 yards away, giving first aid and assisting in their evacuation. Entered the Service from Granger, Texas.

✓ **WILLIAM S. YEARY, 20803888**, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 19 November to 25 December 1943 in Italy. In order to assure prompt evacuation of the wounded, Private First Class Yeary kept his litter squad in a dugout on the front lines on the heights of a mountain for 24 hours at a time. The mountain trail by which the evacuation was effected was narrow and precipitous and subject to artillery and mortar fire. To protect his squad members, Private First Class Yeary often carried a wounded man down the hazardous trail unassisted. In spite of many hazards, he skillfully and courageously led his squad and never failed to evacuate the patients safely. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

✓ **JAMES E. ROBINSON, 38037078**, Private First Class, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 2 December 1943 to 25 March 1944 in Italy. As a member of a wire section charged with servicing and maintaining the company communication lines during this period, Private First Class Robinson performed his duties tirelessly and efficiently. Working under the most adverse weather conditions over difficult, mountainous terrain, often exposed to enemy artillery shelling, he never faltered in repairing the lines and checking them constantly for breaks. Because of his diligent efforts, the company commander had uniformly good communications with the various platoons. Entered the Service from Nocona, Texas.

SECTION III — AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

✓ **GEORGE W. PRATER, 34104349**, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 10 to 12 February 1944 in Italy. Although he was almost exhausted from climbing mountainous trails clogged with snow and mud, Sergeant Prater volunteered to assume the responsibility of communication chief. After putting the switchboard and radio in operation, he assisted the linemen in laying wire lines to the companies of the battalion. During 15 hours of continuous enemy shell fire, he fearlessly led parties of men in the face of intense small arms fire and under enemy observation to repair the lines which had been shattered by the artillery shelling. Entered the Service from Oxford, Alabama.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of a third Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

✓ JAMES E. ROBERSON, O1703000, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations from 22 January to 5 February 1944 in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying ammunition and supply rations to front line companies and evacuating the dead for the regimental graves registration officer, Lieutenant Roberson unfalteringly made his way across open terrain subjected to intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and, for two weeks, furnished the men with the vital supplies. By his determined performance of hazardous duties and his courage, he greatly bolstered the morale of the front line forces; by constantly supplying them with ample ammunition and rations he removed the necessity for withdrawing men from the lines and the forward outposts. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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