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SECTION I -- POSTHUMOUS COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named officer is posthumously commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

REX T. MCCORD, 01308216, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 9 September 1943 in Italy. Lieutenant McCord was detailed as battalion ammunition and straggler officer. Early on D Day in the invasion of Italy he landed and made route reconnaissances to locate points where ammunition would be dumped. As the battalion moved inland he kept contact with the companies and made repeated trips back and forth through artillery and mortar fire to pick up stragglers and ammunition. Because of his especial efforts many men who had become separated from their units in the confusion of the beachhead assault were returned to their companies. The company commanders were assured a supply of ammunition. He was killed in a later engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Tilden McCord (Father), 723 Kiowa, Leavenworth, Kansas.

SECTION II -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named soldiers, missing in action, are commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

JOHN W. COLE, 19134790, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mr. Nelson F. Cole (Father), RFD 1, Box 103, Freewater, Ore.

JAMES C. JOHNSON, 32483803, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen Johnson (mother), Arrial Rd, P.O. Box 510, RFD, Sicklerville, New Jersey.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12-13 February 1944 in Italy. A reinforced battalion was fighting against a strong enemy attack. Their ammunition was nearly exhausted. The above named soldiers' company, in a reserve position, was directed to furnish a carrying detail to bring ammunition to the harried battalion. These soldiers volunteered for this assignment. Struggling across snow covered mountains, they made repeated trips from the ammunition dump to the fighting troops. Constant artillery fire fell on the route. Delayed action fuses caused the enemy shells to fall into the boulders before they burst so that flying rock fragments multiplied their destructiveness. Each time the detail crossed the crest of a hill they received a high volume of accurate machine gun and sniper fire that killed or wounded fifteen men. Overcoming all hazards and difficulties these soldiers and other brave members of the carrying party delivered ammunition that enabled the battalion to repel the enemy attack. They have been reported missing in action from a later engagement.

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SECTION III -- 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.

JAMES J. KARAM, 01304907, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 11 to 27 February 1944 in Italy. Upon his transfer to the 1st Battalion, Lieutenant Karam was assigned as G-2. The battalion moved from a reserve position to battle stations on a hill. While it occupied the hill the battalion was harassed by artillery and nebelwerfer fire and attacks by strong enemy patrols armed with hand grenades, rifle grenades and small arms. The weather was cold and wet, with both snow and rain falling much of the time. Because of a shortage of officers Lieutenant Karam served as liaison officer, guided parties and performed other difficult tasks in addition to capably acting as battalion intelligence officer. Entered the Service from Fall River, Mass.

EDWARD H. MIELICKI, 01306741, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 10 to 27 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Mielicki was assigned the task of maintaining a forward supply dump for remnants of the 141st Infantry Regiment occupying positions on a strategic hill. On the first night of his assignment he led a mule train up the trail toward the dump, inspiring the drivers to continuous artillery and mortar shelling, he maintained an adequate flow of supplies to the units, thereby contributing materially to the high morale of the troops. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

WILLIAM B. BRITTON, JR., 01299367, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 May 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Britton was instructed to lead his platoon as a combat patrol to secure a position before the company moved in. He met heavy resistance from enemy tanks, self-propelled weapons and snipers. There was no artillery forward observer with his platoon, so Lieutenant Britton, displaying unusual initiative and skill, directed effective artillery fire on the enemy force by the use of radio and telephone communications. The accurate artillery shelling forced the tanks and self-propelled guns to withdraw, and the position was secured for the company's advance. Entered the Service from Santa Monica, California.

EDWARD C. HORSTMANN, 37196644, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 27 November 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Horstmann was a lineman detailed to maintain two wires from regimental headquarters to 2d Battalion switchboard during fighting in the mountains. A heavy artillery barrage broke all wire communications. While the shelling continued Private First Class Horstmann, with a helper, set out to repair the break. After checking the line several times he found the damage and re-spliced the wire. On the way back to the switchboard his helper was hit by a shell fragment. Examining the man, Private First Class Horstmann found he had been wounded in the thigh. Rather than risk complicating the injury by attempting to move the man alone, he hurried to the aid station and returned with a litter team. Entered the Service from Big Rock, Iowa.

WILLIAM S. HALMES, 20805202, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 November to 22 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Halmes, supply sergeant for his company, made trips daily to the front lines to check for shortages in supplies and equipment. During these trips he was frequently subjected to heavy artillery fire and enemy observation. With unswerving devotion to duty he struggled, day after day, over almost

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impossible trails through all kinds of weather, carrying heavy loads of supplies and equipment to the men on the front lines. Through his personal efforts he kept his organization well supplied and was largely instrumental in maintaining the high morale of the troops. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

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

HERBERT A. ROSENBOHM, 37152253, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. ✓

JOHN DOBINSKI, 33604427, Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. ✓

THEODORE W. MALONE, 34709944, Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort McClellan, Alabama. ✓

ARTURO VILLANUEVA, 38025975, Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas. ✓

DONALD R. LAPPIN, 36813304, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. ✓

PAUL G. BOUDREAU, 31266912, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Manchester, New Hampshire. ✓

ANTHONY NORRAN, 35219391, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio. ✓

DONALD R. PASCHKE, 36853132, Private, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12-13 February 1944 in Italy. A reinforced battalion was fighting against a strong enemy attack. Their ammunition was nearly exhausted. The above named soldiers, in a reserve position, were directed to furnish a carrying detail to bring ammunition to the harried battalion. These soldiers volunteered for this assignment. Struggling across snow covered mountains, their every move observed by enemy in the towering cliffs ahead, they made repeated trips from the ammunition dump to the fighting troops. Constant artillery fire fell on the route. Delayed action fuses caused the enemy shells to fall into the boulders before they burst so that flying rock fragments multiplied their destructiveness. Each time the detail crossed the crest of a hill they received a high volume of accurate machine gun and sniper fire that killed or wounded fifteen men. Overcoming all hazards and difficulties these brave soldiers and the other brave members of the carrying party delivered ammunition that enabled the battalion to repel the enemy attack.

CLAUDE H. FRIE, 20814558, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 36th Division Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 May 1944 in Italy. While artillery shells crashed in the area and enemy planes roared overhead dropping anti-personnel and fragmentation bombs that burst around him, Tec 5 Frie moved through the darkness to help carry a wounded man to a protected aid station. The prompt treatment made possible by his action eased the suffering of the wounded man and assured his proper care. Entered the Service from Cleburne, Texas.

PAUL STULGIES, 32221495, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 12 January to 26 February 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Stulgies, in addition to performing his duties as cook

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acted as an interpreter for the interrogation of prisoners captured during this period. Making himself available at any time of the day or night, he often performed this service under heavy fire and during both offensive and defensive actions. His presence on the line enabled the company to obtain immediate first-hand information concerning the enemy. Entered the Service from New York, N. Y.

OSCAR L. KEEN, 35554275, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 and 12 February 1944 in Italy. Private Keen, a member of a mortar squad supporting the company in an attack, remained steadfastly with his weapon when the enemy launched a violent counterattack. When his supply of mortar ammunition was expended, he volunteered to assist in manning a machine gun whose crew had been wounded by the hostile fire. By operating the gun effectively against the enemy attackers, he contributed materially to the repulse of the assault. Entered the Service from New Carlisle, Indiana.

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