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SECTION I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

JACK L. ARMSTRONG, 0350094, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 2 to 11 February 1944 in Italy. When the 2d Battalion commander became a casualty, Captain Armstrong, executive officer, immediately assumed command and went forward to an advance observation post under an intense concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire to maintain immediate control of operations. Constantly exposed to deadly fire, he directed a skillful assault against well fortified enemy positions and materially contributed to the success of the attack by his initiative and close leadership. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

JULIAN H. QUARLES, 0397867, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 15 January 1944 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. Serving first as commander of Company H and later as battalion staff officer, Lieutenant Quarles performed his duties with great efficiency and splendid leadership. When the battalion was ordered to defend a strategic river line, he exposed himself to intense enemy shelling to make a reconnaissance selecting mortar and machine gun positions and locating outposts and observation posts. Later, he displayed extraordinary fearlessness when he personally led forward elements of the battalion into their shell blasted positions to relieve another battalion. By his constant checking of positions he enabled the battalion commander to improve his defenses and prevent enemy breakthroughs. Entered the Service from Miami, Florida.

EDWARD J. MC LANE JR., 20801478, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 September 1943 in Italy. After reorganizing his platoon to continue an advance against enemy positions, Sergeant McLane was informed that his unit had lost contact with the other units. Aware of the necessity for reestablishing communications, he voluntarily moved across the shell torn terrain under intense small arms fire to contact the other units of the battalion, then returned with the vital information he had secured to the battalion commander. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

WILLIAM J. AYRE, 33618680, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944 in Italy. Assigned to set up wire communications behind the assault units during the bitterly contested crossing of a treacherous river, Sergeant Ayre voluntarily

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accompanied the forward elements across the swift waters under intense artillery, mortar, nebelwerfer and machine gun fire. Carrying the vital wire line with him over heavily mined terrain and constantly exposed to the sweeping barrage, he established communications to the most forward positions. Repeatedly the lines were knocked out by the heavy fire, but Sergeant Ayre determinedly repaired and maintained the wire and provided the battalion commander with his only remaining communications during the deadly engagement. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT W. EYCHISON, 35098392, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 11 to 18 December 1943 in ~~Italy~~. During an attack on strongly defended enemy positions, the communications sergeant was wounded and evacuated and Private First Class Eychison volunteered to assume his hazardous duties. Heedless of the intense artillery and mortar fire, he maintained communication between his company command post and the forward elements, moving fearlessly over the exposed terrain, repairing and relaying the damaged wire. For an entire week he performed his duties courageously and efficiently until he himself was wounded and had to be evacuated. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

LEONARD N. LEVIN, 32238899, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 in ~~Italy~~. Private Levin was assigned the task of laying a wire line to the regimental observation post over rugged, steep terrain. Although constantly exposed to heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense small arms fire, he struggled over rough ground, laying the wire by hand, until he reached his destination and successfully completed his mission. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

### SECTION II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, and Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of a second Bronze Star, is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

SIXTO G. MORENO, 38026740, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 in ~~Italy~~. Private Moreno was assigned the task of laying a wire line to the regimental observation post over rugged, steep terrain. Although constantly exposed to heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense small arms fire, he struggled over rough ground, laying the wire by hand, until he reached his destination and successfully completed his mission. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

### 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.

ALFRED H. CARNOT, 20801071, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 28 November 1943 in ~~Italy~~. Sergeant Carnot, as battalion communication sergeant, volunteered to repair and change the location of the wire lines from the regimental command post to the battalion command post. Moving towards the lines he was caught in an intense enemy artillery barrage, but by observing the flashes of the guns, he was able to time his movements between flashes and thus continue his perilous journey. He located the shattered lines and began repairing them, but a shell explosion nearby struck him to the ground and sprayed stones and dirt over him. When he regained consciousness he dauntlessly continued his task, ignoring the heavy shelling, until the vital

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communications were reestablished. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

FRANCIS J. HANSBURY, 32666752, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 25 April 1944 in ~~Italy~~. Sergeant Hansbury was in charge of a boat containing 13 men who were crossing a river as part of a tactical problem. When the boat was caught in the swift currents of the stream and was swept past the safety line, he observed that it was shipping water and, acting calmly and quickly, ordered his men to remove their equipment. The boat tipped over and threw the men into the river; most of them, without the weight of their bulky equipment, succeeded in swimming to shore. Spotting three men who had been caught in the rapids and were struggling vainly to reach the bank, Sergeant Hansbury clutched a stump and, bracing himself with one foot on shore, grasped the men as they were whirled past him and managed to pull them from the river. He then plunged into the water in an attempt to save a fourth man who was unconscious and held up the drowning man, though almost exhausted himself, until he struck an obstruction and lost his grip. Entered the Service from Cohoes, New York.

WILLARD E. CLOWSER, 35267602, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. Ordered to join a party of mule drivers guiding a pack train with supplies from the rear dump to the forward regimental dump, Sergeant Clowser advanced up the first half of the trail under intermittent artillery and mortar fire. Suddenly caught in an intense artillery barrage, the drivers took cover and the organization of the pack train was threatened. Without thoughts for personal safety, Sergeant Clowser remained with his section, exposed himself to the heavy enemy shelling, preventing its becoming disorganized until the officer in charge could reassemble the train and continue the climb to the dump. Entered the Service from Hughart, West Virginia.

MURRAY J. BALKWILL, 32212378, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13-28 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. Upon his return to his company after release from the hospital, Corporal Balkwill found his unit occupying a very precarious defensive position with a badly depleted force. Immediately taking charge of a section of machine guns protecting a vital avenue of approach, he maintained a constant vigil at the position despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which repeatedly swept the area. Skillfully displacing his guns according to changing circumstances and warmly encouraging his men during periods of extremely intensive barrages, he contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector. Entered the Service from Salamanca, New York.

THOMAS M. CONNORS, 33058725, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 February 1944 in ~~Italy~~. While Tec 5 Connors was acting as message center chief, the enemy blasted the area with heavy artillery and nebelwerfer fire which killed one of the messengers and disrupted the entire communication system. Aware that contact could be established only through the messengers, he rallied the men together and dispatched them to the forward companies with a warning of an expected enemy counter attack. Then Tec 5 Connors advanced under intense enemy shelling to deliver the message which would have been carried by the messenger who was killed. Entered the Service from Dupont, Pennsylvania.

JOE K. CASTLE, 38037292, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 18 December 1943 in ~~Italy~~. Although he was suffering painfully from an old injury, Private First Class Castle performed his arduous duties of treating the wounded and removing them from front

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line positions with extraordinary efficiency and calmness under continuous enemy mortar and artillery fire. Aware of the shortage of experienced aid men, he volunteered to continue working under these trying conditions for an additional three days after his allotted time was up. Entered the Service from Telephone, Texas.

HARVEY M. SNIDOW, 37535231, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 February 1944 in Italy. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack against his company, Private First Class Snidow, ammunition bearer for a machine gun section, advanced under intense small arms fire to a position from which the gun had a good field of fire. He then crawled back to the mortar section leader to report on the locations of enemy gun emplacements and returned to his own gun position with additional much needed ammunition. Still exposed to the heavy enemy fire, he volunteered to relieve the gunner and, firing effectively against the enemy, covered a patrol as it advanced to knock out a gun emplacement. Entered the Service from Trenton, Missouri.

SECTION IV -- CORRECTED AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

(So much of General Orders Number 143, this headquarters, 18 May 1944 as awards a Bronze Star Medal to CHARLES E. BURKHAM, 20800485, Technician Fourth Grade, 36th Signal Company, is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:)

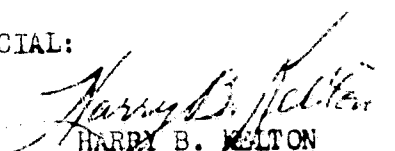
"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

EDWARD T. BRICK, 12081548, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company, for gallantry in action on 20 to 22 January 1944, in Italy. Tec 5 Brick was a member of a detail ordered to establish traffic control posts on two bridges to be erected across a river in the savagely opposed attack against enemy positions on the west bank. For three days and nights he stayed with the detail in the vicinity of the bridge sites, waiting for them to be erected and helping to direct traffic, guide officers and messengers, and assist in evacuation of the wounded. During the entire time he worked under incessant enemy artillery and mortar shelling and frequent small arms fire. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York."

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