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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.

DONALD F. SCHWARZKOPF, 0364181, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 14 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Schwarzkopf was assigned the task of maintaining communications and supplies between the rear supply dump and the most forward positions of the 3d Battalion, and he was also in charge of the battalion command post. He made numerous trips under hostile shell fire to repair breaks in the communication lines; and, when the command post suffered a direct hit from an artillery shell, he maintained order among the personnel. He worked calmly, helping bandage the wounded and supervise their evacuation. He then skillfully organized the command post group and directed the men in a systematic withdrawal to a place of safety. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

JERYL R. MOSELEY, 20807203, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 28 February 1944 in Italy. During this period Sergeant Moseley was operations sergeant for the 143d Infantry Regiment. His various duties involved keeping the situation maps for the regiment, assisting the S-3 in the preparation of reports, orders, maps and overlays, and supervising the enlisted personnel working at the regimental command post. He remained constantly with the forward command group; and, although he was frequently exposed to enemy artillery shelling, he always performed his duties with calmness, efficiency and dispatch. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JAMES E. HARVEY, 38035661, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 22 January to 27 February 1944 in Italy. During the operations on the banks of a strategic river, the battalion sergeant major was evacuated and Sergeant Harvey, a clerk with the regimental personnel section, volunteered to go to the front and assume his duties. Although he was unfamiliar with the intricacies of the job, he maintained a high standard of efficiency during this period. He frequently exposed himself to direct enemy observation and artillery, mortar and small arms fire in order to turn in reports to higher headquarters and gain information concerning his duties. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

JACK L. LINE, 20805688, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 20 to 29 November 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Line was assigned the mission of establishing and operating a forward and ammunition dump prior to a large scale attack against enemy positions. Although he was under enemy observation and constantly exposed to heavy artillery shell fire, he accomplished his tasks with efficiency and dispatch, skillfully camouflaging rations brought up from the rear. Although he himself worked under extremely adverse weather conditions with very little rest, he enabled his party to get rest and sleep by his careful planning and supervision of reliefs. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

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JOSEPH C. HOWELL, 31135095, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 10 to 28 February 1944 in Italy. Signal Sergeant of Company M, Sergeant Howell moved forward with his company to occupy a hill behind an important enemy city. Immediately on arrival he established the company communications system. Next day the first sergeant was evacuated to a hospital and Sergeant Howell assumed his duties. Until the company was relieved he did the complicated administrative work of the first sergeant and at the same time performed his own duties as signal sergeant. Despite bad conditions inimical to paper work he kept accurate company records and correctly accounted for the frequent changes in personnel because of evacuations and replacements. While artillery and small arms fire made the task extremely hazardous, he repeatedly exposed himself to find and repair wire breaks and keep the communication system intact. Entered the Service from Taunton, Massachusetts.

KENNETH D. HALL, 20803130, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 24 December 1943 in Italy. Supply sergeant for his company, Sergeant Hall made repeated trips to the front lines to deliver mail, clothing, food, cigarettes and equipment to the fighting men. One night a call came for dry socks for the rainsoaked soldiers. Sergeant Hall crossed an area exposed to direct enemy machine gun fire and delivered the socks. On his way down the hill he met a group of men returning from the hospital. An artillery barrage fell on the area killing one man and wounding seven others. In the darkness visibility was only a few feet, but Sergeant Hall located the wounded men and helped give them first aid and evacuate them. Entered the Service from Luling, Texas.

EDGAR WRIGHT, 38060566, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 to 15 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Wright directed litter bearers in evacuating wounded during an attack against an enemy-held mountain village. Their route was two miles up the mountainside and under shell fire most of the way. To lessen the burden and speed evacuation, Sergeant Wright spaced his squads in positions to relay the litters to the aid station. By tirelessly directing and supervising his men, when necessary going amongst the front line infantry companies, he effected prompt treatment and evacuation of the injured soldiers. Because of his efficiency many lives were saved. Entered the Service from Childress, Texas.

MARLIN V. MOORE, 20803145, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 18 January 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Moore was leading a patrol over heavily mined terrain to the bank of a strategic river when the enemy suddenly blasted the area with a heavy artillery and mortar barrage. He maintained order in his patrol and skillfully led his men to safety. He was ordered to obtain all serviceable boats to assist in recovering a friendly patrol stranded on the hostile side of the river; and, since his boats had been destroyed by the enemy shell fire, he led his squad across a mine field to secure undamaged boats. He then aided the patrol in returning to the friendly bank of the river. On the way back to his unit, he was wounded by the explosion of a mine detonated by one of his men. Entered the Service from Luling, Texas.

RODERICK S. HIPSKIND, 15100134, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 18 March 1944 in Italy. During an attack by enemy planes, Tec 4 Hipkind, radio operator for the battalion commander, voluntarily manned a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on an armored car. As the planes swooped low, strafing and bombing,

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Tec 4 Hipskind fired into them with deadly accuracy and helped knock down two of them. Although doubly endangered by falling fragments from friendly anti-aircraft guns, as well as the enemy bombs, he continued to fire until the attack was broken up. Entered the Service from Wabash, Indiana.

LEONARD G. MEYERS, 35353714, Corporal, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 1 April 1944 in Italy. Since landing with his unit in the invasion of Italy, Corporal Meyers has worked faithfully and diligently as company clerk attending to the needs and problems of the men in his company. Tirelessly undertaking his various duties, together with numerous additional tasks made necessary by casualties sustained by his organization, he has commanded the admiration and respect of both the enlisted and officer personnel and has been an important factor in maintaining their morale. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

ARTHUR R. ALTER, 33204289, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 May 1944 in Italy. When the radio at the command post of an artillery liaison section failed, Corporal Alter, driver for the section, was instructed to wait until nightfall and then bring a new radio to the command post. Aware of the urgent need for radio communications, he set out in daylight along a road covered by sniper fire and subjected to artillery and mortar shelling. Although he was caught in a heavy artillery barrage which forced him to seek cover in a ditch, he finally succeeded in reaching his destination with the radio undamaged. Entered the Service from Hagerstown, Maryland.

EDWARD OBRYCKI, 33200966, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 20 September 1943 in Italy. Landing with the assaulting infantry fifteen minutes after H hour on D day in the invasion of Italy, Corporal Obrycki helped locate a rendezvous point for his battalion and in the following days of combat skillfully and accurately performed his duties as computer in the fire direction center. Despite his continual danger from enemy fire and the difficulties of inadequate equipment and poor light, he labored on without relief, rapidly giving fire commands so that his battalion could effectively support the fighting infantry. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM F. SCHRADING, 36246996, Corporal, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in direct support of combat operations from 9 September 1943 to 12 July 1944 in Italy. During this period Corporal Schradling, clerk for Battery C, has kept his Service Records and battery records in excellent order, working calmly and efficiently under enemy shelling and aerial bombardment. Although fully aware of the hazards involved, he requested permission to accompany his battery on a new landing and advanced with his unit in a push against an enemy stronghold. During this period he not only made up battery payrolls and morning reports; he also acted as connoneer and munition truck driver. Due largely to his administrative ability and endurance the Service Records were kept up to date and payrolls were made up while the soldiers were in foxholes under constant shell fire. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JOHNIE D. LANE, 34472789, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 1 October 1943 to 29 June 1944 in Italy. Radio technician for his battalion, Tec 5

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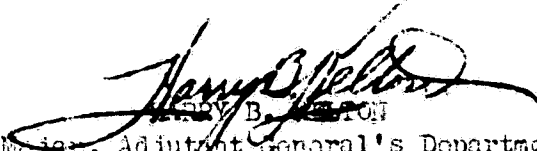
Lane has by superlative efforts under all conditions maintained radio communications between forward observers, liaison officers, and the firing batteries in working order despite the dangers and difficulties of winter mountain fighting. This has in great measure contributed to the effective support given by his artillery battalion to the fighting infantrymen. Entered the Service from Vebb, Mississippi.

BRIDGER P. HOBDAV, 20803766, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 26 February 1944 in Italy. Tec 5 Hobday, regimental draftsman, worked expertly and untiringly in making overlays and maintaining the S-2 journal throughout this period. Often subject to air raids, artillery and mortar fire, and other dangers coincidental to his duties, he overcame all of these difficulties. Despite inadequate facilities he supplied both higher and lower echelons with excellent overlays vital to the successful carrying out of all operations during this time. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

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