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### SECTION I -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named soldier is awarded a Soldier's Medal for heroism.

LEVI W. GARNER, 38027298, Staff Sergeant, 36th Cavalary Reconnaissance Troop, for heroism on 19 May 1944 in Italy. An Allied heavy bomber crashed into the sea 100 yards from shore in front of Sergeant Garner's outpost position on the beach. Instantly Sergeant Garner dove into the choppy waters and swam to the half-submerged bomber. He ripped open the hatch which had jammed when the plane struck the water and released eight of the crew members. Upon reaching the beach he discovered that two of the crew were missing, and, heedless of personal safety, he returned to the plane. He tore open a forward hatch and released the navigator. Sergeant Garner carried the half drowned man to the shore and helped administer artificial respiration until an ambulance transported him to a hospital. Entered the Service from Bertram, Texas.

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

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named soldiers (for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.)

GEORGE E. TAYLOR, 33127292, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 June 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Daisy H. Taylor (Mother), Spottswood, Virginia.

\* AARON L. CHAPMAN, 38434902, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 June 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Lana L. Chapman (Mother), 701 North Bishop Street, Dallas, Texas.

*Amend to read "BSM" by HQ #260 - Sept. 26, 1944*

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

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of second Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals (for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.)

ELLIOTT W. WICK, 021153, Lieutenant Colonel, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Roseville, California.

JOHN F. EDWARDS, 16115261, Private, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Marshfield, Wisconsin.

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SECTION IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, each of the following named individuals is awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.)

JOHN B. HUNLEY, 01286844, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23-24 June 1944. Entered the Service from Evanston, Illinois.

JAMES M. DAVIS, JR, 20348291, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 16 December 1943. Entered the Service from Gatesville, Texas.

WILBUR J. H. MANCILL, 34133040, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1944. Entered the Service from Tupelo, Mississippi.

LESLIE D. REED, 36188289, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Lansing, Michigan.

ROLAND S. HIPSALINE, 15100134, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 36th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 18 March 1944. Entered the Service from Lapash, Indiana.

JOHN DEZACK, 33268531, Technician Fifth Grade, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 6 June 1944. Entered the Service from Canonsburg, Pennsylvania.

DONALD C. PLOUTZ, 32943860, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Halcott Center, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY L. SERTAN, 33572459, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Gallitzin, Pennsylvania.

SALVINO GEMOVES, 32915410, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Paterson, New Jersey.

CHARLES S. MC PHATEL, 34133013, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Natchez, Mississippi.

JOSEPH ALLEN, 36734923, Private, Battery B, 135d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 June 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual (for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy.)

LUTHER M. STAPHELS, 20815514, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 135d Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September 1943 to 28 May 1944. Entered the Service from Merens, Texas.

SECTION V -- 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.

SEVERLY W. ALLEN, 20819256, Master Sergeant, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 25 June 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Allen, chief clerk in the division surgeon's office, landed on the first day of the invasion of Italy, and he immediately contacted medical installations on the fire swept beachhead for information pertaining to the division personnel casualties. He worked rapidly and efficiently within easy range of the enemy guns and under repeated bombing and strafing attacks. During the winter months he ignored the unfavorable weather and the poor working conditions and did not miss a single day of duty. He has displayed sound judgment, perseverance, and gallantry in performing his difficult and important tasks. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

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MALCOLM E. HINKLE, 20813514, Sergeant, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

CHARLES A. PRINDLE, 38035941, Corporal, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

EDGAR A. CALES, 38058543, Corporal, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JOE M. CHAMBERS, 20813430, Private First Class, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

HAROLD J. LOCKHEART, 20813464, Private, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

RALPH D. SIDES, 20814041, Private, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Abilene, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20-21 January 1944 in Italy. During the attempts to penetrate the savagely defended enemy positions on the bank of a river, the above named soldiers were assigned to an artillery forward observer detail which accompanied the leading infantry regiment in the attack. They moved over 700 yards of fire swept terrain in the approach to the river, then crossed the narrow footbridge with the most advance elements of the infantry. When the first attack was repelled, these soldiers, although fully aware of the hazards involved, again braved the machine gun fire and artillery and mortar shelling to attempt a second crossing. Displaying unusual fortitude and determination, they maintained unbroken communications with the artillery unit.

WILLIAM C. GIBBELL, 35268067, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pikeville, Kentucky.

WILLIE D. CLARK, 38475650, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Marshall, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 2 June 1944 in Italy. When a mechanized attack and heavy fire from an enemy self-propelled gun delayed the advance of the 2d Battalion, the above named soldiers moved forward in the face of the incessant fire and helped put their antitank gun into action. Although a direct hit from the enemy artillery killed and wounded several of their comrades, they remained unflinchingly in position and continued firing the weapon until the self-propelled gun was silenced. A few minutes later they directed accurate fire on an enemy tank and, although they were under enemy observation and exposed to direct fire, the above named soldiers succeeded in disabling the tank, thus enabling the battalion to continue its advance.

CHESTER GROVE, 36055147, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 13 to 15 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Grove, assistant radio operator and messenger for his company, was assigned the task of maintaining radio communications between the attacking platoons and the battalion commander. When the leading assault platoon was pinned down by heavy small arms and mortar fire, the regular radio operator had difficulty delivering messages in his perilous position. Private First Class Grove valiantly left the comparative safety of his post with the company command group and braved the incessant enemy fire to join the operator and assist him in maintaining the vital communications to the battalion commander. Entered the Service from Geff, Illinois.

JOHN J. MC SHEFFREY, 12194476, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 11 to 14 February 1944 in Italy. Private First Class McSheffrey was a member of an automatic rifle team

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ordered to protect a machine gun on the left flank of the company positions. When a large enemy force launched a fierce attack, he maintained his position in the face of heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and directed accurate fire on the attacking soldiers. On one occasion he exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to move to a more advantageous position. When his automatic rifle was silenced, he seized an antitank rifle and continued protecting the machine gun with his rapid fire until the attack was repelled. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION VI -- CORRECTED COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

So much of General Orders Number 306, cs, this Headquarters, commending the following named individuals for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 July 1944 in Italy is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

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

✓ - "PAYNE V. HUCKER, 20803089, Staff Sergeant, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Temple, Texas.

✓ MILLARD R. TOLLENDER, 33204659, Corporal, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Havre De Grace, Maryland.

✓ GLENN G. GUNZELMAN, 12050773, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Somerville, New Jersey.

✓ BILLY GRUNMEYER, 37479568, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Burwell, Nebraska.

✓ JOHN C. MORRIS, 20539473, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Madison, Indiana.

OK. For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 16 June 1944 in Italy. members of a 75 mm gun section, they were bringing their mount forward under enemy artillery fire to support an infantry battalion in the attack. Their mount was immobilized when the tank threw a track. Although they were without experience in repairing tank tracks and had none of the necessary equipment, they braved the hostile fire in an attempt to repair the damage. By using calm, good judgement they succeeded in replacing the track and delivering the gun in time to support an attack against the enemy "

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