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Award of Bronze Star Medal..... I
Commendation for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct..... II

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 meritorious service in direct support of combat operations.

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CLIFTON N. BELLAMY, 0391895, Captain, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 15 July to 15 September 1944, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Fabens, Texas.

WILBURN M. BURNS, 34078582, Sergeant, Company B, 753d Tank Battalion, 10 July 1943 to 31 October 1944, Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the Service from La Camp, Louisiana.

EMIL L. SAHA, 38050901, Corporal, Company B, 753d Tank Battalion, 10 July 1943 to 31 October 1944, Sicily, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Sealy, Texas.

SECTION II - 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.

✓ GEORGE I. MAC ARTHUR, 11048601, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters, Operations Section, 443d AAA AW Battalion (SP), for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 August 1944 in France. Because of an unexpected withdrawal, an antiaircraft half-track, which could not be driven out, had to be disabled and abandoned. On the following day, when the situation became more stabilized, Sergeant MacArthur volunteered to take a maintenance crew forward and search for the valuable half-track. He arrived at a friendly road block and, although he could obtain no information as to what lay ahead, continued on through hostile territory. Working under the constant threat of enemy fire, he located the disabled half-track, assisted in repairing it and brought it back to the friendly lines. Entered the Service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

✓ SAMUEL R. ANDERSON, 36877260, Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

✓ JOHN R. BANG, 37346113, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Englewood, Colorado.

✓ ROBERT E. COROTIS, 35914124, Private, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 October 1944 in France. Companies K and L were moving into a defensive position when the enemy directed a heavy barrage of artillery and tank fire on the entire area. One of the soldiers, struck by a large shell fragment, suffered a compound fracture of the left leg.

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In the absence of aid men, these men left their positions of cover to go to the aid of their wounded comrade. While shells crashed around them, they applied an improvised splint and stopped the profuse bleeding of the wound. A short time later the injured soldier was safely delivered to the aid station.

SIDNEY FLEISCHMAN, 3449639, Sergeant, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Memphis, Tennessee.

GEORGE T. SHAPELLA, 33186742, Corporal, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Middleport, Pennsylvania.

VINCENT S. CALDARONE, 32793464, Private, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20 September 1944 in France. These men were members of a forward observer party attached to Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, which had been ordered to establish a bridgehead across a strategic river. While crossing the icy, swift-flowing river, with only a thin rope as a guide, they ignored personal safety in their attempt to protect their radio. Upon reaching the opposite bank, they were immediately subjected to a heavy concentration of mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Aware that their radio was the only means of communication between the assaulting troops and the remainder of the division across the river, they immediately established contact and, fearlessly braving the incessant enemy fire, transmitted fire missions to their artillery battalion, contributing to the destruction of many hostile strong points and enabling friendly troops to enlarge the bridgehead.

CLYDE F. HOUSLEY, 34880664, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 28 August 1944 in France. During an attack against a well-defended enemy town, Private First Class Housley was with the leading elements of Company L when they were cut off in the town. The enemy launched repeated savage counterattacks, but he valiantly faced the heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire and maintained his position. When, after ten hours of intense fighting, the order was given to withdraw under cover of darkness, Private First Class Housley was among the last to leave the exposed position. Entered the Service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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