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SECTION I — AWARD OF SOLDIERS MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, the following named individual is awarded a Soldiers Medal for heroism.

HANCHER L. VINCENT, 38023531, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism on 24 April 1944 in Italy. Tec 5 Vincent was awakened at midnight when a gun section's equipment burst into flame, exploding antitank and small arms ammunition and fragmentation grenades. The personnel in the area was endangered by hurtling projectiles, and a high wind threatened to spread the fire to the battery motor equipment and vehicles. Although he was warned that more live ammunition might explode at any moment, Tec 5 Vincent unhesitatingly approached the holocaust and began shoveling soil onto the fire. Working calmly in the intense heat and heavy smoke, constantly imperilled by the exploding ammunition, he continued smothering the flames with sand until the fire was extinguished. By his valor and quick-thinking, he saved invaluable army material and vehicles from destruction. Entered the Service from Claremore, Okla.

SECTION II — POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

EUGENE B. DOCKERY, 01287491, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, December 1943. Next of kin: Unknown.

REX GLOVER, 20803504, Private, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1943. Next of kin: Mr. Tom Glover (Father), RFD #3, Luling, Texas.

SECTION III — 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 heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

THOMAS A. MC NAMER, 36319487, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, 29 to 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

EDDIE H. GILLILAND, 20803762, Staff Sergeant, (then Sergeant), Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 11 to 14 February 1944. Entered the Service from Harlingen, Texas.

ANDY GIBSON, 35268033, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1943. Entered the Service from Raven, Kentucky.

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ROBERT D. HEES, 35130485, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 February 1944. Entered the Service from Middletown, Ohio.

JOE E. CHEANEY, 20806800, Technician Third Grade (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Electra, Texas.

LAWRENCE T. DOUGLAS, 33233480, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Peach Bottom, Pa.

JOHN W. GILBREATH, 20803544, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 23 November 1943. Entered the Service from Wealder, Texas.

ALFRED G. VENHAUS, 36055303, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Breese, Illinois.

RAYMOND F. SIMONS, 35754415, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Steubenville, Ohio.

JACK SCOTT, 34774098, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Taylorsville, North Carolina.

WILLIAM E. QUATMAN, 36055159, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Teutopolis, Illinois.

JAMES NESBIT, JR., 35555939, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

KENNETH SPARKS, 35651524, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Paintsville, Kentucky.

EUGENE V. SHAFER, 36695743, Private, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, 21 June 1944. Entered the Service from Havana, Illinois.

ROLIN H. THOMPSON, 39336749, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Bend, Oregon.

SECTION IV -- 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 awarded to the following named soldier for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

BEN E. SNAPKA, 38036763, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 May 1944. Entered the Service from Mount Calm, Texas.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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