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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals.

JAMES W. BROTHERS, 36820506, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for heroism on 21 January 1944 in Italy. During the operations on the banks of a strategic river, Private First Class Brothers, a litter bearer attached to Company K, was ordered to cross the river in a rubber assault boat with two infantrymen, another litter bearer and an aid man. The swirling currents, the heavy artillery and mortar barrage which blasted the banks of the river, and the congestion encountered by the large number of boats all added to the hazards of the crossing. The boat carrying Private First Class Brothers and his companions capsized in mid-stream, spilling the occupants into the turbulent stream. Private First Class Brothers and the two infantrymen succeeded in swimming to the bank, but the other two men, weighted down by bulky equipment, struggled vainly against the swift currents. Unhesitatingly Private First Class Brothers plunged into the icy water and carried the aid man to safety. Again he dove into the river and, displaying unusual physical prowess, succeeded in rescuing the litter bearer. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RAYMOND LARGE, 35772542, Private, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for heroism on 10 July 1944 in Italy. The 143d Infantry Regiment was engaged in a vigorous training program which included swimming in the surf for an hour each day. A member of Company L who could not swim waded 50 yards from shore where the water was waist deep, then, unaware of a sharp dip in the seabed, stepped into water over his head and was swept under by the treacherous current. When he heard a cry for help, Private Large immediately went to aid his comrade, and he swam swiftly to the spot where the drowning man was struggling vainly against the strong undertow. He plunged under water and brought the soldier to the surface, then, swimming against the current, carried him safely to shore. Entered the Service from Troy, Ohio.

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.

RICHARD R. WADLEIGH, 01823526, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 31 May to 25 June 1944 in Italy. Because of pre-war familiarity with an Italian metropolis and former enemy stronghold, Lieutenant Wadleigh, assigned to the 142d Infantry Regiment as German interrogator, was chosen to guide the first motorized

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column through the city. Riding in the lead vehicle, he unflinchingly guided the division column from the southeast outskirts through the streets, illuminated by pale moonlight, to a point five miles northwest of the city. Enemy antitank guns suddenly fired on the column, and Lieutenant Wadleigh maintained contact between the regimental commander, then with the lead company, and the regimental command post. To accomplish his mission he unhesitatingly moved over open ground which was subjected to heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Throughout the operations his intelligent interrogation of prisoners proved invaluable in planning each new mission. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

JAMES EVANS, 01293564, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

KENNETH B. GLASS, 01014669, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Montclair, New Jersey.

WINDELL A. ROBE, 20848757, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

MANUEL N. MARTINEZ, 38026217, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Robstown, Texas.

LESLIE H. JUNKER, 39026199, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

WILLIAM F. NOBLE, 36235410, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

JOHN B. MORRISON, 34132832, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brandon, Mississippi.

ROBERT M. HESS, 36236409, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Wausau, Wisconsin.

LAURENCE H. GUELKER, 36236383, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Spring, Wisconsin.

LEON NACHJOSERCH, 36507133, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN J. DANZIGER, 36320313, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

RICHARD HUTCHINSON, 35749967, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

RICHARD A. REIMER, 35284002, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT A. PACHOWSKI, 36321034, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

GILBERT E. ROMO, 38026215, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Port Lavaca, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 4 and 5 December 1943 in Italy. The above named individuals were members of a twenty-man detail assigned the task of carrying direly-needed rations and medical supplies up a mountain to the 2d Battalion. Following an unpioneered trail, they made their way through darkness toward their objective. Near the top of the mountain they and other troops were caught in an artillery barrage. The shelling killed and wounded many men, but the carrying detail reorganized and went ahead under the continued artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Reaching the summit of the hill, they forced their way through dense underbrush to complete thirteen hours of painful progress and deliver the all-important supplies.

HARRISON P. APPERTHY, 14000952, Sergeant, Personnel Center Number 9 (attached to Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion), for

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exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. While he was a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Sergeant Abernethy displayed a tireless efficiency and unusual fearlessness in performing his duties as section chief. During a savage enemy counterattack he continued working calmly and skillfully for four hours while the building which housed the observation post was the target for heavy small arms and direct tank fire. His courage in the face of the assaulting enemy forces contributed materially to the successful repulse of the counterattack. Entered the Service from Draxel, North Carolina.

STANLEY L. SIKORSKI, 36523024, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Tec 5 Sikorski was a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for an attack against an enemy stronghold. He displayed unusual courage and efficiency in performing his duties as radio half-track driver; and, working by himself most of the time, he operated fearlessly over trails and streambeds at night and through heavy mortar and tank fire by day. His determination and steadfast devotion to duty enabled the observer party to lay down effective fire in support of the attack. Entered the Service from Chicago Heights, Illinois.

BERNARD J. RICHARDS, 32190031, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Tec 5 Richards was a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for an attack against an enemy stronghold. He consistently performed his duties as radio operator with efficiency and with a contempt for personal safety which inspired the admiration of his comrades. On one occasion, while the building which housed the observation post was the target for heavy, incessant small arms and direct tank fire, he calmly transmitted fire missions for four hours. His courage in the face of the assaulting enemy forces contributed materially to the successful repulse of the counterattack. Entered the Service from New Rochelle, New York.

JOSEPH F. FLASCHBERGER, 36184823, Private First Class, Personnel Center Number 9 (attached to Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion), for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. While a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, in an attack on an enemy stronghold, Private First Class Flaschberger, a jeep driver, displayed unusual courage and skill in performing his hazardous duties. He crept over trails and streambeds at night and through enemy mortar and tank fire by day. Ignoring all difficulties and dangers he worked efficiently and indefatigably, thereby enabling the observer party to lay down effective fire in support of the attack. Entered the Service from Iron River, Michigan.

WILLIAM F. SAVAGE, 17150504, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 25 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Savage, a lineman, spotted a comrade who had been struck by shrapnel and suffered severe abdominal and leg wounds. Headless of the heavy artillery and tank fire which had driven personnel in the area to covered positions, he immediately went to assist the wounded man. In the absence of aid men and litter squads Private First Class Savage administered speedy and effective first aid treatment, then valiantly carried him over 200

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yards of fire swept terrain to a place from which he was evacuated. Entered the Service from Fort Meade, South Dakota.

HERMAN POWELL, 34584220, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fayette, Alabama.

JAMES A. COGSTOCK, 33610664, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hescopec, Pennsylvania.

DOREMIK J. COSENTINO, 42036440, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 May to 28 June 1941 in Italy. During this period these men performed their duties as line men tirelessly and efficiently. In all the attacks in which the unit participated, they worked cheerfully for long periods without rest. They installed and maintained wire lines under heavy enemy fire and assured the battalion commander of excellent communication within his organization.

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