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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.

WILLIAM TUTWILER III, 0321829, Captain, 93d Ammunition Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 10 to 16 June and from 17 to 27 June 1944 in Italy. During these periods Captain Tutwiler served as liaison officer with two tank forces engaged in operations against the enemy. Because of the speed with which the troops advanced and the various difficult types of terrain encountered, the function of liaison was rendered most difficult and demanded a high degree of skill. In spite of many problems which required speedy decisions, coordination of the highest degree between supporting artillery and the supported units was maintained through the foresight and energy of Captain Tutwiler. He constantly maintained close contact with his forward observer, and he frequently took needed replacements forward under enemy fire. By making available and effecting delivery of necessary fire power in all situations he contributed materially to the success of the units' mission. Entered the Service from Marion, Alabama.

JOSEPH M. DENAS, 01173585, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 May 1944. Lieutenant Denas was liaison officer with the 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. The enemy launched a night attack against the battalion. Lieutenant Denas, having earlier, with commendable foresight, planned his defensive artillery fires, was able to call immediately for shelling, which proved most effective. Keeping in continuous contact with his forward observers while the attack increased in intensity, he continued to order fire on well chosen targets. When Lieutenant Denas' observation post was hit by an enemy shell and others landed near, he refused to leave for a more secure position in a cave because he wanted to be in close contact with the forward elements. Several times it was necessary for him to cross exposed terrain to consult with the infantry battalion commander. Although endangered through all this action by mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he remained cool and capably performed his assigned mission. Entered the Service from Southfork, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. GIRE, 01176637, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 18 November to 7 December 1943 in Italy. Lieutenant Gire, assigned as artillery observer with the 141st Infantry Regiment, occupied a vantage point located in a very mountainous terrain which afforded little protection from the constant enemy artillery fire. Although the cold, rainy weather rendered observation difficult, he directed artillery fire on numerous enemy targets with unusual accuracy and skill. During the entire period he ignored the hostile shell fire which blasted the area and refused to quit his post, thus making constant artillery support available to the infantry. Entered the Service from Pittsburg, Kansas.

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CHARLES WALES, 01293564, 1st Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

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

CHARLES M. MASLIN, 20648726, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

LEWIS J. COMBATT, 39257037, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Langhau, Kentucky.

JOHN J. GILMAN, 36236491, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cayuga, Wisconsin.

JOHN P. MILLER, 36553714, Technician Fourth Grade, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Paris, Illinois.

ROBERT J. TAYLOR, 32030406, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rochester, New York.

ALVIN D. HAVIS, 20812750, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

CHARLES A. MILLER, 36236217, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Watertown, Wisconsin.

JOHN W. MILLER, 38026235, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

WILLIAM G. HILLES, 38026244, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Eliza, Texas.

JOSEPH F. SOGLEY, 32217203, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

DOUGLAS L. BARKLEY, 32745070, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waddington, New York.

CLINE S. TAYLOR, 33721200, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cumberland, Maryland.

ALVIN E. CARLSON, 39144710, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Olympia, Washington.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 30 May to 4 June 1944 in Italy. The above named individuals were members of a platoon that carried ammunition, water, and rations up steep mountain slopes to combat forces of the 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, when they infiltrated into the hills to flank an enemy-held city from the north. When the battalion command post was threatened by a force of 30 enemy soldiers who were attempting to escape from the encircled town, they helped eliminate this threat. After marching all day, they assisted in carrying rations, water and ammunition to the battalion on a newly-occupied hill. Although this grueling and dangerous labor was not part of their regular assignment, they completed it cheerfully and diligently.

WILLIAM E. FRISTON, 01691766, Second Lieutenant, (then Technician Third Grade), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 May to 23 June 1944 in Italy. Tec 3 Friston was assigned to the aid station of the 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, during the fighting in pursuit of the enemy to the north. Frequent long distance moves required that the aid station operate in two locations. Only one medical officer was available so, Tec 3 Friston was put in charge of one group. He rendered prompt, skillful aid to many seriously wounded soldiers whose lives depended on his ability and judgment in administering blood plasma, splinting broken bones, determining the correct amounts of medicine to be given and supervising all dressing and medicinal treatment. Tec 3 Friston fulfilled his responsibilities as ably as any medical officer could have done under similar conditions. His work did full justice to the highest traditions of the medical corps. Entered the Service from Laredo, Texas.

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JOSEPH P. MESSICK, 3356552, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 21 May to 25 June 1944 in Italy. Tec 4 Messick was liaison man between the aid station and the command post of the 3d Battalion. He also served as aid man to the command post personnel. During fierce fighting and pursuit of the enemy northward, rapid advances and almost daily moves by the command post made Tec 4 Messick's liaison duties especially difficult. Added to this, the aid station was divided into two sections, which doubled his work. Frequently there was not enough time to lay telephone lines and the regular channels for messages were not available. But Tec 4 Messick managed to keep contact with the aid station at all times. In addition he treated casualties that occurred near the command post and personally provided for their evacuation. Entered the Service from St. Michaels, Maryland.

ROY G. NEWMAN, 10893795, Corporal, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 1 November 1943 to 27 July 1944 in Italy. During this period Corporal Newman served as transportation corporal for Company M. His performance of duty during the entire period was marked by unusual fidelity and a measure of efficiency conspicuously above the ordinary. While his unit was in combat, he maintained a constant flow of ammunition between the supply dumps and the advance gun positions, enabling the company to render continued close support to the rifle troops. Under incessant artillery, mortar and small arms fire he worked for long periods without rest to move guns and ammunition to new positions. Entered the Service from San Benito, Texas.

JOHN D. HENSLEY, 15090665, Corporal, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 27 July 1944 in Italy. Until 1 March 1944 Corporal Hensley was a jeep driver, and from 1 March to 27 July 1944, a transportation corporal. His performance of duty during the entire period was marked by unusual fidelity and a measure of efficiency conspicuously above the ordinary. While his unit was in combat, he maintained a constant flow of ammunition between the supply dumps and the advance gun positions, enabling the company to render continued close support to the rifle troops. Under incessant artillery, mortar and small arms fire he worked for long periods without rest to move guns and ammunition to new positions. Entered the Service from Midtlenore, Kentucky.

CLEO W. HAY, 38056376, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 May to 28 June 1944 in Italy. During the absence of the regular battalion wire chief, Tec 5 Hay took over his duties. Working long hours, often under artillery, mortar, and sniper fire, during harsh weather and over rough terrain, he supervised the installation and maintenance of wire communications. By his initiative and devotion to duty, whatever the personal risk involved, he inspired his subordinate efforts. Efficiently he kept communications open and enabled the battalion commander at all times to have close control of his subordinate units. Entered the Service from Rickwick, Texas.

DONALD E. BROSIUS, 36624460, Technician Fifth Grade, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 10 January 1944 to 27 July 1944 in Italy. During this period Tec 5 Brosius displayed unusual efficiency and determination in performing the duties of mail clerk. While his unit was in combat, he repeatedly braved heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to remain on the front lines and maintain prompt mail service. In addition

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to his regular duties he frequently volunteered to assist in laying wire lines to forward observation posts, and he acted as reconnaissance sergeant while his unit was operating on strategic mountains. By his cheerfulness and unflinching bravery he has contributed materially to the high morale of his organization. Awarded the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class KARSEN, 35879960, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 28 May to 24 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Private First Class Karsen acted as scout for his rifle squad and served as lead company scout during many operations. His unusual ability for interpreting terrain features and locating hostile positions saved the organization many casualties. On several occasions he spotted the enemy before the hostile soldiers were aware of his proximity, thereby enabling the company commander to deploy his troops to the best possible advantage. Awarded the Service from Benton Harbor, Michigan.

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