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SECTION I -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual, missing in action, is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

RAYMOND D. CULLER, 37672654, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 February 1944 in Italy. When his unit's advance was unexpectedly stopped by intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Private Culler, with other members of his squad, continued in the face of the sweeping fire in a flanking movement to reconnoiter the enemy positions. After determining the strength and the disposition of the hostile force, he made his way back toward his company but was caught in the fire of enemy machine guns. From this engagement Private Culler has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs Leona Culler (Mother), Route #2, New London, Iowa.

SECTION II -- COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

FRANK B. JACKSON, 38035932, First Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

ROBERT A. NOWELL, 20808448, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

ERNEST E. WEST, 20808467, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Huntsville, Texas.

RAY C. ROBERSON, 38037217, Corporal, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Belcherville, Texas.

HARRY H. FLOYD, 33231010, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rhoads, Pennsylvania.

VERNON B. HILLARD, 33231243, Private First Class, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Honeybrook, Pennsylvania.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 20 November 1943 in Italy. Assigned the task of carrying ammunition, food and clothing to the front line troops, these men courageously braved intense enemy shelling to carry the vital supplies up a steep, precipitous mountain trail, rendered more hazardous by heavy rains, to the fighting men. They kept the troops constantly supplied, thus increasing their efficiency and lessening their hardships.

ROBERT C. JOHNSON, 20818871, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 20 September 1943 in Italy. Working with the litter platoon early in the morning of a fiercely contested beachhead landing, Sergeant Johnson, mess sergeant, unhesitatingly assisted in the evacuation of the wounded during the early stages of the battle. He then secured rations and

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cooked and carried food to the men at the aid stations while the area was shelled by enemy artillery. He also managed to serve hot food to the patients being evacuated through the clearing station, and, by his tireless efforts, added immeasurably to the morale of both the aid men and the patients. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

AL J. RUSSELL, 20801138, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 21 and 22 January 1944 in Italy. Ordered to operate the radio and maintain communications with regimental headquarters, Tec 4 Russell advanced under heavy artillery, Nebelwerfer and mortar fire to the bank of a strategic river during an attack on hostile positions. After setting up his radio, he contacted regimental headquarters and directed the men of his section to positions affording the maximum of protection. During an intense bombardment a shell fragment struck his radio and seriously damaged it. In an attempt to establish a relay station, he crawled to the artillery radio but discovered that it too had been hit. Throughout the entire day he worked fearlessly, exposing himself to the enemy shell fire, to repair the radio. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES W. SEALS, 37429367, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Centerville, Iowa.

ARNOLD R. USTBY, 36257457, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Blair, Wisconsin.

RONALD J. J. WRIGHT, 36811358, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sharon, Wisconsin.

RUDOLF W. DLUGOSZ, 32779443, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Elizabeth, N.J.

WILLIAM A. CORLEY, 35700188, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sample, Kentucky.

EDWARD J. BANASZAK, 36258615, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JESUS D. CORREA, 36025785, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

GEORGE W. HEARN, 35267665, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Owenton, Kentucky.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 25 to 27 January 1944 in Italy. These men, in addition to performing their regular duties, volunteered to string tactical wire to protect the battalion outposts located near a strategic river. The barbed wire had to be hand carried for a mile across terrain subjected to artillery and mortar shelling and teeming with enemy patrols. Although they were often forced to take cover during the intense shell fire, they continued dauntlessly on to their destination and successfully laid the barbed wire 350 yards in advance of the battalion outposts, thus strengthening the positions immeasurably.

BENJAMIN F. SOHN, 38368277, Private First Class, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 February 1944 in Italy. When an intense enemy artillery barrage destroyed the radio and the telephone communication lines of the company and killed all the radio operators and wiremen except Private First Class Sohn, he ignored the fury of the shelling, and tried desperately to repair the radio. Realizing that it was hopelessly damaged, he moved under the shell fire toward the battalion command post to repair the broken lines. With the assistance of the battalion wire team he restored the vital communications between the battalion and his company. Entered the Service from Pottsville, Texas.

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AUSTIN H. PATTERSON, 34104639, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 20 to 24 December 1943 in Italy. Assigned as switchboard operator at a test station, Private First Class Patterson maintained his position tirelessly for four days. He often went out while the enemy was shelling the area with artillery and mortar fire to repair breaks in the communication lines. Although fatigued by his difficult and hazardous duties and sick from the cold, rainy weather, he performed his tasks with exemplary skill and efficiency during this period. Entered the Service from Jamison, Alabama.

MAHLON BOZEMAN, 34782978, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 February 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Bozeman was assigned the important task of maintaining a wire line from the battalion command post to Company G. When the company area was blasted by a heavy barrage of artillery, mortar and nebelwerfer fire, all the lines were severed and the network of communications completely disrupted. Thoughtless of the danger involved, Private First Class Bozeman left his place of safety and braved the intense enemy shelling to repair the lines. Working speedily and skillfully, he restored the lines in minimum time and reestablished the vital communications. Entered the Service from Panama City, Florida.

JOHNNIE M. DAVIS, 34499928, Private, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 February 1944 in Italy. When the desperate attempt to stop a fierce enemy counterattack resulted in a depletion of ammunition, Private Davis voluntarily made his way under intense artillery shelling and sniper fire to the battalion command post to secure additional ammunition. While returning to his position a sniper opened fire on him, but, aware of the urgency of his mission, he crawled dauntlessly forward until he reached his mortar position. With the ammunition which he supplied, he assisted the gun crew in knocking out the sniper and two enemy machine gun nests. Entered the Service from Chattanooga, Tenn.

CLYDE HIMES, 35267879, Private, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 February 1944 in Italy. When his company's attack on enemy positions was stopped by a strong enemy counterattack, defensive positions were organized in the face of ceaseless artillery and mortar shelling and intense small arms fire. Private Himes, an automatic rifleman, was assigned an important sector on the left flank to defend. Unflinching though confronted with fierce opposition, he fired his weapon until his ammunition was exhausted. Until an additional supply of ammunition could be passed to him, he held the enemy back with hand grenades, then again directed accurate automatic rifle fire against the attackers, aiding materially in repelling the assault. Entered the Service from Portsmouth, Ohio.

MILTON W. HALPERN, 32345887, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from South Ozone Park, New York.

JOSEPH C. SOULEAU, 34077298, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Washington, Louisiana.

CASIMIR GREDA, 36320220, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 20-21 January 1944 in Italy. These men were assigned the task of establishing and maintaining telephone communications with regimental headquarters at the site where a bridge was being constructed across a strategic river. Although constantly harassed by enemy artillery, mortar

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and nebelwerfer fire, they succeeded in maintaining contact with headquarters, repairing the line whenever the intense, direct shelling shattered it. Throughout the entire night they remained at their post, keeping regimental headquarters constantly informed of the progress made on the bridge.

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