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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 gallantry in action in Italy.

PAUL D. ADAMS, 0017306, Colonel, Commanding, 143d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the United States Military Academy from Alabama.

JOHN W. HARMONY, 015240, Colonel, Commanding, 141st Infantry Regiment, 19 June 1944. Entered the United States Military Academy from Ohio.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer for exceptionally meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy.

WILLIAM A. BLAND, 0462336, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 January to 28 February 1944. Entered the Service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

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.

ARTHUR B. WOLLAM, 32344238, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM L. ACKERMAN, 32376239, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Newfane, New York.

BERNARD E. CONNOLLY, 33439706, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Broughton, Pennsylvania.

STANLEY A. BARNAS, 36662126, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 25 February 1944 in Italy. The above named soldiers were assigned the task of carrying ammunition, water and rations to the front line forces at a time when all experienced riflemen were vitally needed to hold the battalion defensive positions against the enemy. The precarious mountain trails, employed as routes of supply, were slippery and clogged with mud and were constantly blasted by enemy mortar and artillery fire. Ignoring the danger and overcoming their fatigue, they performed their arduous tasks night and day to furnish the fighting forces with the vital supplies.

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VIRGEL Q. DENNY, 20809065, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Moody, Texas.  
DAVID E. PRATT, 20807249, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.  
GEORGE W. TURNER, 20807677, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.  
GUY H. BEENE, 20807686, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.  
FRANK J. ANDEL, JR, 38051613, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from East Bernard, Texas.  
CARL V. POOTE, 38037270, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Campbell, Texas.  
JERD V. SHARP, 20807445, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.  
JAMES H. SANDERS, 20807865, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.  
JOSEPH DERISE, 20807800, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.  
MAURICE W. DAVIS, 33588127, Private, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 to 30 March 1944 in Italy. Assigned as truck drivers, the above named soldiers were ordered to carry ammunition and other supplies loaded in their trucks to a strategic beachhead. The trip to the beachhead was made on landing craft which was often subjected to bombing and strafing attacks from enemy aircraft. Upon reaching the point of debarkation they drove their vehicles to the various dumps under almost continuous artillery shelling and unloaded the ammunition themselves. Although they were completely unfamiliar with the area, they delivered the supplies speedily and efficiently. On one occasion they drove to the frontlines to evacuate a group of men from positions rendered untenable by the heavy artillery and mortar shelling. During this period they made four round trips to the beachhead, always performing their duties with exemplary calmness and dispatch.

By command of Major General WALKER:

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