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Commendation for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct..... I
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SECTION I — 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.

REMUS L. JONES, 0406028, Captain, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 12 to 20 September 1943 and from 15 November 1943 to 11 January 1944 in Italy. When the artillery liaison officer with 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, was reported missing in action, Captain Jones replaced him and carried on the work in an exceptionally superior manner. Working closely with the infantry battalion commander, he endured the hardships of severe weather and the dangers of continual enemy fire to plan and direct artillery support that materially aided the successful operations of the infantry. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

JOHN D. BENNETT, 0380489, Captain, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 7 December to 25 February 1944 in Italy. As Liaison Officer for the 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, Captain Bennett was continually on the alert for opportunities to deliver effective artillery fire in support of infantry operations. Under the most adverse conditions and trying weather which characterized the entire winter campaign, he made himself constantly available to the battalion commander to plan supporting and defensive artillery fire. Through his untiring efforts and devotion to duty, Captain Bennett aided materially the infantry operations. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

ERNEST B. FEATHERSTON, 20814447, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 26 June 1944 in Italy. During ten months of difficult combat operations and intense training, Tec 4 Featherston, mechanic for his battalion's motor shop, worked with diligence and skill to keep all vehicles in superior operating condition. Neither rain, snow, cold, steep mountains, nor muddy fields kept him from doing his job. The ever present dangers from mines, shellfire and air attacks did not deter him from keeping the battalion mobile so that it could give close, effective support to the fighting infantry. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

JOSEPH M. BROOKS, 20815325, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 19 September 1943 and from 17 November to 12 March 1944 in Italy. Working tirelessly under adverse conditions, constantly endangered by enemy fire, Tec 4 Brooks used his talents as a radioman to the utmost and kept continuous communication between the forward observer and the artillery batteries. During absences of the observer, Tec 4 Brooks ably called fire orders bringing artillery into effective support of the infantry forces. Because of his courage and ability he contributed largely

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to the assistance given by his artillery battalion to the infantry. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

CHARLES B. KLEIN, 20807001, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 September 1943 in Italy. Although his regular duties were those of a Headquarters Company cook, Tec 4 Klein, with a companion, volunteered to haul a truck load of ammunition and radio equipment urgently needed by the front line troops to repel a savage enemy counterattack. Although constantly harassed by hostile artillery shelling along the highway, he and his comrade continued dauntlessly forward toward their objective. On one occasion the increased tempo of enemy shelling forced him to seek cover; but, aware of the urgency of his mission, he left his place of comparative safety, dashed to the truck, and drove forward to the front line positions. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

MONTE R. LEE, 20813571, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 7 March to 26 June 1944 in Italy. Tec 4 Lee distinguished himself by his outstanding performance of his duties as survey sergeant of the 131st Field Artillery Battalion. He worked tirelessly during this period, imbuing the members of his section with his own dauntless enthusiasm even under the most adverse conditions. By making surveys under hostile artillery and mortar fire and by completing his job in record time, he contributed materially to the success of the battalion's operations. Entered the Service from Lubbock, Texas.

PAUL L. DI VICO, 32334173, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 20 September 1943 in Italy. Landing with the assaulting infantry early on D day in the invasion of Italy, Tec 4 DiVico worked without relief through that day and night and the days of combat that followed, carefully and skillfully furnishing accurate computations of firing commands that made possible speedy artillery support of fighting riflemen. His clear thinking unhurried by the constant danger from enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he made the best of poor equipment, improper lighting and difficult working conditions to efficiently perform his functions. Entered the Service from North Tarrytown, New York.

MICHAEL F. SACHER, JR, 36218928, Technician Fourth Grade, Hq Btry, 132d FA Bn, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 20 September 1943 in Italy. Landing with infantry assault troops early on D day in the invasion of Italy, Tec 4 Sacher worked with superior efficiency during the following days of combat performing accurate detailed map work and aerial photo reading to furnish the firing batteries with correct data. Despite his continual danger from enemy fire and the difficulties of inadequate equipment and poor light, he labored on without relief so that his battalion could effectively support the fighting infantry. Entered the Service from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

ALMON L. FANT, 38035788, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 26 June 1944 in Italy. A mechanic in the battalion motor shop, Tec 4 Fant worked tirelessly through ten months of combat and intense training, overcoming the obstacles of adverse weather, rugged terrain, mud, snow and rain, to perform his duty. Despite ever present dangers from shell fire, mines and enemy aircraft, he did his job with such diligence and efficiency that the battalion was always mobile and able to effectively fire in support of the fighting infantry. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

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TRUITT D. BROWN, 20814407, Corporal, Service Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 September 1943 to 26 June 1944 in Italy. Mechanic and parts clerk in the battalion motor shop, Corporal Brown worked tirelessly through ten months of combat and intense training, overcoming the obstacles of adverse weather, rugged terrain, mud, snow and rain, to perform his duty. Despite ever present dangers from shell fire, mines and enemy aircraft, he did his job with such diligence and efficiency that the battalion was able to effectively fire in support of the fighting infantry. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

JOHN J. TOMASZEWSKI, 36355772, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 9 to 20 September 1943 in Italy. Landing with the assault troops early on D day in the invasion of Italy, Corporal Tomaszewski worked without relief through that day and night and the days of combat that followed, carefully and skillfully furnishing accurate computations of firing commands that made possible speedy artillery support to the infantry fighters. His clear thinking unharried by the constant danger from enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he made the best of poor working conditions to efficiently perform his functions. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ARGYL L. DRYDEN, 37014071, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 to 30 December 1943 in Italy. Member of a forward observer party, Tec 5 Dryden installed wire communications between the radio and the observation point, which was in an exposed position. Working over open terrain he kept the line intact by braving artillery and mortar fire to repair breaks caused by the shelling. Entered the Service from Colony, Kansas.

RAYMOND P. FORAN, 37123454, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 18 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Foran, working with an artillery liaison section attached to the 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, volunteered to go to the rear command post for another radio when the one being used to direct artillery fire failed. He travelled over difficult, unfamiliar terrain, subjected to sniper and mortar fire, until he reached the command post and secured the radio. On his return trip, he discovered that his liaison section had moved forward; but he continued dauntlessly forward over muddy, rugged mountain trails, through thick underbrush, until he reached his objective with the new radio. Entered the Service from Arnold, Nebraska.

WILLIAM M. HIGGINS, 31368470, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 4 to 25 June 1944 in Italy. Because the communications personnel of Company E was depleted, Private First Class Higgins was assigned as radio operator during this period. He carried his bulky load uncomplainingly into battle, remaining with his company commander in the thick of the fighting. Heedless of personal security, he unhesitatingly accompanied a combat patrol from Company G in an attack on an enemy stronghold; and he distinguished himself by his calm, efficient performance of duty. Entered the Service from Winchester, Massachusetts.

KENNETH B. GEORGE, 36283754, Private First Class, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 16 February 1944 in Italy. Private George, a mortar gunner, was in position on a strategic hill when he

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learned that an important message had to be delivered on foot as no other means were possible. He volunteered for the assignment despite the fact that he was only given a description of the place to which it was to be delivered and that he did not actually know where it was located. He advanced through heavy artillery and mortar fire and succeeded in delivering the vital message. By his courageous deed he made possible the coordination of accurate mortar fire on the enemy. Entered the Service from Beloit, Wisconsin.

VIVIAN F. BROOKSHIRE, 37539693, Private, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 June 1944 in Italy. As first scout of the leading squad of his platoon, Private Brookshire spotted an approaching enemy column and immediately opened fire, killing the leader of the column. In the fire fight that ensued, his squad leader was wounded. Private Brookshire crawled under heavy enemy fire to his platoon leader to acquaint him with the situation. He then returned with an aid man to the position where his squad leader lay wounded, but he found the area occupied by enemy troops and was forced to withdraw. Entered the Service from Polo, Missouri.

SECTION II — CORRECTED AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 262, cs, this Headquarters, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to MARVIN E. GEORGE, 20807173, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, is corrected to read as follows:

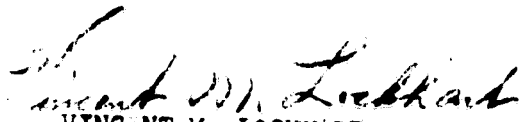
"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the following named individual is awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

"MARVIN E. GEORGE, 20807173, Master Sergeant, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, from 15 January to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

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