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GENERAL ORDERS

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SECTION I - POSTUMOUS COMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named enlisted man is posthumously commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

CHARLES E. GEORGE, 33292734, Private, Company A, 44th Engineer Combat Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the vicinity of ~~the~~, Italy, on the afternoon of 5 December 1943. Private George was a member of a working party assigned the task of repairing the main supply road between ~~the~~ and ~~the~~. Enemy artillery shells were landing along the roadway, but despite great personal danger, Private George and his comrades continued their work. He displayed outstanding vigor and initiative in the performance of his duty and, remaining calm throughout the continuing artillery barrage, he encouraged his fellow soldiers to stand by their posts and carry out their assignment. His remarkable display of devotion to duty continued until he was fatally wounded by fragments of an enemy artillery shell. His determination and calmness while under enemy artillery fire were a great inspiration to his comrades and contributed, in a large measure, to the successful completion of his platoon's mission. His courage, initiative and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura George, (Mother), 130 Water Street, Niles, Ohio.

SECTION II - COMENDATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

RUBER L. GUTTERMAN, 01030247, First Lieutenant, 44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 25 December 1943 in the vicinity of ~~the~~, Italy. Lieutenant Guttermann having heard a cry for help coming from under a half track that had been set afire by a direct artillery hit, assisted in removing an injured soldier. He then returned to the burning vehicle and single-handedly attempted to extinguish the fire. Realizing that other vehicles in the area were in danger of being destroyed, he drove them to a place of safety. Assured of their safety, he returned to the fire and left the blazing vehicle only when it became evident that the gas tanks were about to explode. The courage, determination and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Guttermann reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from New York, New York.

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CHARLES H. WILSON, Captain, Field Artillery, United States Cavalry, was serving in the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Armored Division, in Italy. On December 14, 1944, in the vicinity of Asolo, Italy, Captain Wilson, with the gallantry of a true cavalryman, despite the fact that his commanding parties of cavalrymen had been captured and were under German control, took the responsibility of organizing the ammunition and supplies required of the under strength cavalry, artillery, and supply fire. Lieutenant General, with other disengaged cavalry units, made a remarkable escape through the snow covered areas of the Alps. In the face of enemy artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire, Captain Wilson, carrying supplies, ammunition, and horses, continued to follow the supply route along roads available. His courage, initiative, and leadership won great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Fort Riley, Texas.

JOHN C. WHITING, Lieutenant, Company E, 1st Infantry, 1st Cavalry Division, United States Cavalry, December 14, 1944, in Italy. Lieutenant Whiting, while attending the 1st Infantry Division Leadership and Battle Course, Chieti, Italy, while on initiative went to the front lines to visit his men. Coming forward in the attack in exposed field enemy positions. In the attack the company commander was wounded by enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Surveying the situation field, Lieutenant Whiting, not having a companion, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward over rough, rocky terrain under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. He picked up the fallen commander and carried him to safety where he was rendered. He then supported him back to the base of the hill where he was evacuated. This devoted and courageous act will be remembered. Lieutenant Whiting and his organization deserved the service from Houston, Texas.

JOHN C. WHITING, Lieutenant, Company E, 1st Cavalry Reconnaissance, 1st Cavalry Division, United States Cavalry, December 14, 1944, in the vicinity of Asolo, Italy. One of the unit half-track vehicles had burst into flames from enemy artillery and an injured rifle operator was pinned in the vehicle. Despite enemy artillery and small arms fire on the position, Lieutenant Whiting, despite his own vulnerability to the intense volume and intensity of the incoming fire, his courage, initiative, and devotion to duty, were outstanding. He rushed forward to all who witnessed his acts and received great credit upon himself. His organization. Entered the service from El Paso, Texas.

JOHN GUY THOMAS, Private First Class, Cavalry Reconnaissance, 1st Cavalry Division, United States Cavalry, December 14, 1944, in the vicinity of Asolo, Italy. Private Thomas, bearing a faint arm for mail; with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the aid of a comrade who had been thrown under a tank of the Germans by a direct hit during an enemy artillery barrage. Private Thomas, with the aid of another soldier, then carried the injured man to safety from under the burning vehicle. The Germans had stopped their first major assault if and still in position. Entered the service from East Chicago, Indiana.

HAROLD R. BISSETT, 1844606, Private First Class, 4th Cavalry, Reconnaissance V Trac., for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of "A", Italy. Private First Class Bissett, hearing a frantic cry for help, and with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the aid of a soldier who had been hit in a burning half-track by a direct hit from a enemy anti-aircraft barrage. Private First Class Bissett, with the aid of another soldier, took cover in the mud and town mud station from which he was evacuated. The courage and self-sacrifice displayed reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Florida, 1st Campagne.

ALFRED W. KINS, 2855344, Army, Civilian Reconstruction Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 December 1944 in the vicinity of "A", Italy. Going out to the aid of the wounded native soldier, when the town of "A" was struck by an enemy artillery shell and burst into flames, with disregard for his personal safety, and despite the hazards of a concentrated enemy artillery barrage, he insisted in removing the injured soldier to a nearby position. The courage, determination, and devotion to duty displayed reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service 11 August, 1943.

JOHN J. O'LEARY, 840744, Private, Company C, 4th Cavalry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 December 1944 on "A", Italy. A company runner during the attack on "A", Private O'Leary was sent out many times to check the outpost positions when these positions had been stabilized by the group. Prior to an expected counterattack, company C was subjected to an extremely heavy artillery and mortar barrage. Private O'Leary was in a dugout, which was soon used as the company's command post, when the communication lines were broken out by the enemy shelling. In his initiative, under the intense barrage, he immediately left the dugout to find the break in the lines. Although without previous experience or training in communications or wire maintenance, he found and effectively repaired the break. His courage and devotion to duty assured his company of constant telephone communication at that vital period of paramount importance. These deeds reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from St. Lawrence County, N.Y.

By command of Major General Walker:

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Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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