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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 heroic achievement in combat in Italy.

HUGH M. DIXON, 34465350, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944. Entered the Service from Goldston, North Carolina.
ROBERT H. MOORE, 42023955, Private First Class, (then Private), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 June 1944. Entered the Service from Fulton, New York.
DURWOOD W. JONES, 20806433, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 and 4 February 1944. Entered the Service from Breckenridge, Texas.
JOSEPH F. FARRELL, 33595632, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 5 February 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
MAURICE GUERIN, 31359622, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 5 February 1944. Entered the Service from Lowell, Massachusetts.
ROY M. WILSON, 20804680, Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 5 February 1944. Entered the Service from Coleman, Texas.

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

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~~ROBERT O. ELLER, 36741987, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.~~
MAX EK, 36366264, Private, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from Kokomo, Indiana.
FRANCIS J. KENNEDY, 32659362, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.
SALVATORE P. PALMA, 32826559, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
TULLIO SABATINI, 36661543, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
RALPH C. WEISENHAUS, 36661708, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
RICHARD P. WHALEN, 31254211, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 to 25 February 1944. Entered the Service from Burlington, Vermont.

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These men 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.

ERWIN SANIGA, 01311688, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 5 June 1944 in Italy. When enemy antitank and infantry automatic weapons fire stopped his regiment's motorized column, Lieutenant Saniga went forward with eighteen riflemen to erase this threat. Realizing that his force was too small to neutralize the enemy fire, he led them to a nearby building. To get best observation of the enemy, he chose an exposed position by a window on the second floor and began firing his carbine at a machine gun emplaced in another house three hundred yards away. Continuing to fire, he calmly directed the fire of his riflemen and neutralized the enemy weapon. During the hours that followed before relief came he maintained his position by placing effective fire on other targets. Entered the Service from Ellsworth, Pennsylvania.

SYLVIO GUATTERI, 35206976, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 30 May 1944 in Italy. When Sergeant Guatteri's unit was subjected to a strong enemy tank attack, one of the machine guns jammed and the crew withdrew from the position under heavy fire. Sergeant Guatteri, spotting the gun, advanced fearlessly and repaired the weapon in the face of sweeping small arms fire and heavy grenade and tank fire. He then operated the gun with skill and accuracy, forcing the enemy tank to button up with rapid bursts of machine gun fire. Entered the Service from Weirton, West Virginia.

COY M. TAYLOR, 34774976, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 1 June 1944 in Italy. During a determined enemy counterattack Private First Class Taylor was messenger for the 3d Platoon. In spite of the intensity of the hostile fire, he made numerous trips between his platoon and the company command post. Although the route was swept by machine gun and sniper fire, he never faltered in relaying vital information from his platoon sergeant to the company commander. Entered the Service from High Point, North Carolina.

MARK C. WOODALL, 33445948, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 June 1944 in Italy. From his fox hole, Private First Class Woodall directed accurate fire on an enemy force counterattacking a recently captured position from the woods below. Although he was imperilled by intense sniper fire from the hill behind him, as well as by the small arms fire of the attackers, he rose in his hole to fire down at the hostile soldiers. He determinedly maintained his exposed position for five hours, firing steadily and accurately until he was ordered to withdraw to an alternate position with his platoon. Entered the Service from Farmville, Virginia.

EDWARD J. SULIGA, 32918714, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 June 1944 in Italy. When the 1st Platoon attacked and captured a group of buildings on high ground which dominated the terrain below, Private First Class Suliga, first scout for his squad, occupied a position at a second story window in one of the houses. When the enemy launched a furious counterattack, he fired on the hostile force which was approaching.

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the friendly position from the woods below the house. In spite of intense sniper fire all around the building, he fearlessly maintained his exposed position for three and a half hours, killing at least three of the enemy soldiers. He continued firing steadily and accurately until he was ordered to withdraw with his squad to alternate positions. Entered the Service from Linden, New Jersey.

THOMAS D. GAMBLE, JR., 34842333, Private, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 June 1944 in Italy. When his squad attacked and captured a group of buildings, Private Gamble, assistant automatic rifleman, was instructed to guard the rear of the position against a possible enemy counterattack. When he spotted approaching troops and positively identified them as hostile, he opened fire and killed the officer in command of the group. By his quick thinking and aggressiveness he halted the enemy force and thwarted the surprise attack. He continued firing from a hazardous position exposed to sweeping machine gun and rifle fire, skillfully operating his automatic rifle until he was ordered to withdraw with his squad to an alternate position. Entered the Service from Homingway, South Carolina.

ALBERT J. ALEXANDER, 33621991, Private, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 11 June 1944 in Italy. Although his duties were those of ammunition bearer for a mortar squad, Private Alexander crawled forward under heavy artillery and mortar shelling and intense sniper fire to the gun position and helped dig it in. Then, in the absence of the gunners, he assumed their duties and helped fire the mortar, thus contributing materially to the repulse of a determined enemy counterattack. Entered the Service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

VINCENT J. A. GALA, 32977649, Private, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 30 May 1944 in Italy. When enemy tanks threatened to penetrate his unit's defenses, Private La Gala stood erect in the face of intense, ceaseless hostile fire and fired antitank grenades at the charging tanks. He struck one of the tanks with his accurate fire, then hurled hand grenades at them until the enemy was forced to withdraw. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

EDWIN L. LUDWIG, 38050389, Sergeant, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

ALBERT P. VOIGHT, 38050382, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Addick, Texas.

VERNON W. LANGLEY, 38060890, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Big Springs, Texas.

JOSEPH F. WRIGHT, 34286691, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Spring City, Tennessee.

EMIL VRANA, 38050361, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sheldon, Texas.

WILLIAM H. CRONE, 38050481, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mineola, Texas.

ODELL W. MC REE, 38025472, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mercury, Texas.

BYRON F. MOODY, 38035743, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

OTHER M. YOCHAM, 38035889, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hamilton, Texas.

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ARVA J. TRUE, 38036104, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Canton, Texas.

DOYCE H. LYLES, 38035839, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Garland, Texas.

MARVIN F. REED, 34077246, Private First Class, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Monroe, Louisiana.

LLOYD N. RIEDNER, 20800131, Private First Class, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

EDWARD VOIGHT, 33315377, Private First Class (then Private), Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND D. WALDROP, 38036116, Private First Class (then Private), Cannon Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ennis, Texas.

JOHN V. COLLETT, 38035701, Private First Class, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

LOYD MC DONALD, 38037241, Private First Class, Service Company (then Company L), 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Comstock, Texas.

JOHNNIE R. COCHRAN, 20802463, Private First Class, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from San Marcos, Texas.

EDGAR J. HENYAN, 38036314, Private First Class, Service Company, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Seymour, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 8 to 30 March 1944 in Italy. These men, truck drivers, were ordered to haul ammunition and other supplies to a strategic beachhead. The trip to the beachhead was made on landing craft and was often subjected to bombing and strafing attacks from enemy aircraft. Upon reaching the point of debarkation, they drove their vehicle to various dumps under almost continuous artillery shelling and unloaded the ammunition themselves. Although completely unfamiliar with the area, they delivered the supplies speedily and efficiently. On one occasion they drove to the front lines to evacuate a group of paratroopers 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.

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