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GENERAL ORDERS

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COMMENDATIONS FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

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

CORDUS H. THORNTON, First Sergeant, 38037272, Company G, *** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. In the absence of the Executive Officer, who had been wounded, Sergeant Thornton assumed command of the headquarters group. Despite a painful wound, he displayed outstanding leadership, judgment, and initiative. Through his efforts the group was returned safely through enemy lines to their organization. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Dallas, Texas.

JAMES O. BRINKLEY, Staff Sergeant, 20809740, Cannon Company, *** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 September 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. In the absence of the platoon leader who was missing in action, Sergeant Brinkley immediately took command of the 2nd Platoon of the Cannon Company, and demonstrated a high sense of courage and leadership ability in commanding the platoon. Under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, he searched for a self-propelled weapon that had been lost during the engagement. Having found the weapon to have been disabled beyond use, he attempted to return to his observation post and discovered that he had been cut off by enemy armored units. Sergeant Brinkley then, upon discovering several groups of men also in the same circumstances, quickly organized them and safely led them back to their units. The courage, leadership and devotion to duty he displayed reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the service from Waco, Texas.

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Amarillo
BOB L. CHILDERS, Corporal, 20805809, Company H, *** Infantry, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. Corporal Childers, a machine gun squad leader, was ordered to evacuate his position on a ledge of * * *, due to heavy enemy mortar fire. Upon arriving at the new position, he learned that a wounded man from another unit had been left behind. He immediately climbed back up the extremely steep ledge to evacuate the wounded soldier. While on the ledge, which was still subjected to heavy enemy fire, he discovered two heavy machine guns that were left behind due to casualties within his unit. He proceeded to disengage the vital parts, rendering them useless to the enemy and returned with the wounded soldier to his platoon. His courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Amarillo, Texas.

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EMIL B. VON SEGGERN, Corporal, 37146864, Company A, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. Corporal Von Seggern was on duty as a reconnaissance corporal when his company area was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration. After a shell had landed nearby, severely wounding four enlisted men, Corporal Von Seggern voluntarily left his position of cover, even though the area was still under artillery fire, to assist two other enlisted men in carrying four wounded soldiers a distance of approximately 800 yards to an ambulance where emergency medical treatment was administered. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Pender, Nebraska.

ASA L. HAYS, Corporal, 20816596, Company A, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. Corporal Hays was on duty as an assistant section leader, when his company area was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration. After a shell had landed nearby, severely wounding four enlisted men, Corporal Hays voluntarily left his position of cover, even though the area was still under artillery fire, to assist two other enlisted men in carrying the four wounded soldiers a distance of approximately 800 yards to an ambulance where emergency medical treatment was administered. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Houston, Texas.

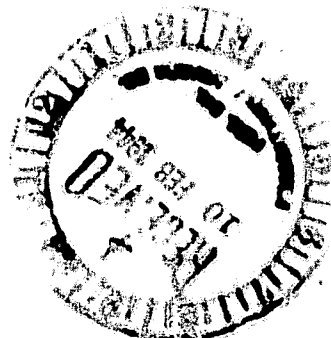
C. R. BLOUNT, 38038533, Private First Class, Company A, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 3 December 1943 in the vicinity of * * *, Italy. Private First Class Blount was on duty as a machine gunner when his company area was subjected to a heavy enemy artillery concentration. After a shell had landed nearby, severely wounding four enlisted men, Private First Class Blount voluntarily left his position of cover, even though the area was still under artillery fire, to assist two other enlisted men in carrying the four wounded soldiers a distance of approximately 800 yards to an ambulance where emergency medical treatment was administered. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered service from Olney, Texas.

By command of Major General WALKER:

CLAYTON F. FERR,
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