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COMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

1. 1st Sgt Orland E Huntoon, R-400087, Co "I", 424th Infantry, is commended for meritorious conduct displayed in controlling a group of men trapped in a wrecked truck. This action prevented panic and possible further injuries to the group.
2. During a blackout drive on 14 December 1943, a truck carrying a number of men slid from the road and overturned in a ditch. One man was killed and several injured, including 1st Sgt Huntoon. There was great confusion when the truck overturned, occupants becoming entangled with equipment and falling over each other in their attempt to escape in the dark. 1st Sgt Huntoon immediately took charge of the situation, warned the group not to light matches as a strong odor of gasoline prevailed, and directed their orderly exit from the vehicle. Although painfully injured and drenched with mud and water, 1st Sgt Huntoon with utter disregard for his own comfort, remained at the scene and controlled the complete evacuation of his men.
3. During the entire period 1st Sgt Huntoon exemplified outstanding performance of duty and displayed superior leadership. His actions reflect great credit on the military forces of the United States.

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