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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

On his own initiative, Private Bowen skillfully maneuvered his way through the enemy lines to contact his battalion and guide them to their objective. On his return trip he captured one prisoner and returned him to our lines. He successfully reached the battalion, and brilliantly guided them back to the town, resulting in the capture of over 100 prisoners. As a result of Private Bowen's superb operative ability and remarkable coolness under trying conditions, many prisoners were taken who would have otherwise presented a definite threat to our advancing forces. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant Robert D. Reeves, 36074870, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the wire to the artillery observation post was blown out by mortar fire. Sergeant Reeves, with utter disregard for his life, followed the line to an open field, devoid of cover and repaired the break while under hostile machine gun, mortar, and light artillery fire. Unswervingly, he followed the line to find that it was torn to pieces. Skillfully choosing a more defiladed route, he relaid the wire to his observation post. As a result of his magnificent valor, the artillery was able to fire on hostile artillery positions, and the infantry was able to advance successfully to its objective. Residence: Madison, Illinois.

Sergeant Wilfred J. Dunn, 36543045, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, it was imperative that a communication line be laid from the battalion command post to a forward company. Sergeant Dunn, with utter disregard for his life, carrying all the signal equipment, laid wire over the snow covered terrain exposed to enemy-held positions. Unswerved by an artillery and mortar barrage, he courageously continued on to establish communication with the forward company. As a result of his magnificent valor, the battalion was able to establish contact at a crucial time during a coordinated attack. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Raymond F. Wick, 36714276, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Wick with his mortar squad was pinned down by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. On his own initiative he skillfully maneuvered his squad forward in order to procure an advantageous position for firing into enemy positions. In the advance he deployed his squad strategically, and personally reconnoitered the area for a suitable route of approach, while enemy snipers raked the area. With utter disregard for his life, he pushed forward 900 yards under the most hazardous conditions, ultimately locating a strategic and well protected

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position. In a subsequent action Sergeant Wick was reported killed. Throughout all these activities Sergeant Wick's magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Olga W. Underwood, (Mother), 8337 Ogelesby Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Robert W. Updyke, 16176380, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Updyke, with his mortar squad was pinned down by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. On his own initiative he skillfully maneuvered his squad forward in order to procure an advantageous position for firing into enemy positions. In the advance he deployed his squad strategically and personally reconnoitered the area for a suitable route of approach, while enemy snipers raked the area. With utter disregard for his life, he pushed forward 900 yards under the most hazardous conditions, ultimately locating a strategic and well protected position. In a subsequent action Sergeant Updyke was reported killed. Throughout all these activities Sergeant Updyke's magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Shaftsbury, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Leah G. Updyke, (Wife), Box 296, Shaftsbury, Michigan.

III - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of General Orders Number 42, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, dated 7 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class Lloyd G. Miller, 34464943, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, as reads, "Private First Class", is amended to read, "Private".

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19 December 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER - 74)

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Corporal artist P. Chipmon, 34496242, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Friendship, Tennessee.

Private First Class Norman Sacharow, 12202287, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Private First Class Carlton L. Mielke, 36760392, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Harley S. Wedgbury, 37251369, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Laurens, Iowa.

Private Melvin C. Gunderson, 37590887, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Brookings, South Dakota.

Private Stanley D. Tolvinski, 33938131, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Irwin, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade George J. Suppes, 38110204, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEE E. LINGELL, O. 45582, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private First Class Edmond H. Harleman, 36287811, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Rockville, Missouri.

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Private First Class Phillip D. Kunzelman, 36410496, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Private First Class Carl G. Murray, 34736392, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Maryville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Frank E. Dillon, 36715956, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Lawrence E. Mether, 37447453, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class Robert E. Holmes, 35871703, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private Emery J. Buck, 36895139, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Raymond E. Shore, 6831426, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

Private Ira V. Knighton, 35552234, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Holland, Ohio.

Private Carl L. Lempe, 37602321, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Saint Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class Robert L. Cokle, 13129890, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Private Orville E. Brush, 37584042, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Saint Paul Park, Minnesota.

Technician Third Grade Edward W. Copeland, 36414697, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class Jesse W. Hillier, 36964598, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: East Saint Louis, Illinois.



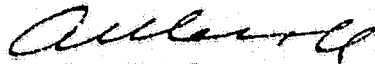
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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER - 75)

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

Private First Class George E. Rosing, 35801894, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. [For gallantry in action. During the night of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Rosing was with the battalion point, acting as interpreter, when an enemy road block was encountered. The point was cutting the surrounding barb wire entanglement around the road block when suddenly challenged. Private Rosing, a brilliant conversationalist in the enemies language, immediately stepped forward, with utter disregard for his life, to engage the sentry in conversation. He was ordered to drop his arms and advance to within 15 feet of the sentry, which he did. This gallant move gave the point an opportunity to seek cover in the immediate area. The guard stupified by Private Rosing's boldness was unaware of the situation confronting him. Before the guard could regain his composure, Private Rosing, assured that his group had reached safety, dived for the bushes as the sentry opened fire, and returned to his comrades unscathed. As a result of his quick thinking and calmness during a tense situation the battalion was able to pass through the enemy road block successfully in the push towards its objective. Private Rosing has subsequently been reported as killed in action. Throughout this entire activity his display of magnificent courage reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio. Next of kin: Eugene Rosenzweig, (Father), 564 Glenwood Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . .	I
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . .	II
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION . . . . .	III

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fourth Grade Lloyd C. Penny, 37446140, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Swaledale, Iowa.

Private First Class Bennie C. Mobley, 34575342, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Savannah, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond L. Weidman, 19018712, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company, France, 9 December 1944. Residence: Hiawatha, Kansas.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant Theron C. Barron, 6272127, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Houston, Texas.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 72, this headquarters, dated 18 December 1944, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Theron C. Barron, 6272127, 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER - 77)

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) WILBUR L. WALTON, O522343, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 10 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in the drive through the \* \* \* Mountains to the \* \* \* Plains, CHAPLAIN WALTON continuously exposed himself to intense enemy fire to give aid and comfort to the wounded. On numerous occasions he valiantly held church services for his men while devastating fire raked the areas nearby. He worked tirelessly throughout the days and nights, never faltering no matter how hazardous the conditions might be, and completely oblivious of personal physical exhaustion. When assistance was needed to render aid or evacuate the wounded, CHAPLAIN WALTON was invariably present to help wherever needed. His untiring efforts, outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life served as an inspiration to all. Residence: Smith Station, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Peter E. McGee, 6709236, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant McGee, with his platoon, was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. The concentration of fire became so intense it was deemed necessary for the platoon to make a strategic withdrawal. Observing two of his comrades lying wounded in the open terrain, Sergeant McGee courageously crawled to their side to administer aid and evacuate them, simultaneously ordering the remainder of his platoon to cover. Because of the withering fire that blasted the area around them, he was forced to stay with the wounded men for ten hours before he could carry them to the company command post. Even though physically exhausted when darkness fell, he valiantly carried them one by one, over 300 yards, to a place of safety, while enemy fire raked his path. As a result of Sergeant McGee's outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, the lives of two of his comrades were saved. Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah.

Technical Sergeant Troy S. Kiefer, 37400536, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Kiefer, acting as

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platoon leader, was pinned down by ferocious enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Liefer, with utter disregard for his life, personally led his platoon over a fire-swept slope to a narrow ravine. Still unswayed by the intersenseness of the hostile machine gun and mortar fire, he courageously led his men through the ravine, driving the enemy from their dug-in positions. Continuing on, he led the attack on a portion of a village and set up a base of fire, permitting the remainder of his company to enter. As a result of his magnificent valor and outstanding leadership, the company, relieved from its precarious position, was able to successfully capture its objective. Residence: Perryville, Missouri.

Private First Class Bernard H. Neville, 18076237, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Neville was a member of a platoon assigned to clear an enemy-held roadblock. On his own initiative, he went forward with his platoon sergeant, to probe for mines in this hazardous position, without magnetic mine-sweeper equipment. Undaunted, he courageously undertook this important mission, despite the fact that the strongly entrenched enemy began directing automatic and small arms fire on him. Completely ignoring the withering enemy fire that was striking all about him, he skillfully located eight mines, and succeeded in removing them with a shovel, not once taking cover from the murderous fire. During this action, he was wounded by enemy small arms fire. As a result of his undaunted courage, an armored unit, which was being held up by this roadblock, was able to successfully press forward its attack. Residence: Jol, New Mexico.

Private First Class Edmund M. Jucowicz, 37400474, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Jucowicz, while on road patrol, was informed by civilians that the enemy was occupying a house nearby. Fighting a column of infantry troops marching in the area, he listened to them divulging the procured information. Because of their pushing forward on an assigned mission they were unable to heed Private Jucowicz's warnings. Fully cognizant of the impending danger and realizing immediate action must be taken, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously crawled to the vicinity of the house. Not knowing how many of the enemy were in the building, he exposed himself to full view, shouting into the house and simultaneously commanding them to surrender. Completely bewildered by his boldness four of the enemy emerged from the house and were taken captive. Private Jucowicz's display of outstanding courage removed a definite threat to our advancing forces. Residence: Saint Louis, Missouri.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 21, AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDALS, dated 7 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Captain Dominicus F. Scott, 01296100, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment is revoked.


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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individuals:

Private John J. Wojtulewicz, 32748085, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Wojtulewicz, as advancing as a member of a two vehicle forward observer team, when the front vehicle struck a mine, seriously wounding the occupants. Cognizant that immediate medical attention was imperative, he, on his own initiative, commandeered the one remaining vehicle and sped through the mine infested field to obtain professional medical aid. He skillfully maneuvered the vehicle around exposed mines and continued on with undaunted courage fully realizing the danger of hidden mines. In addition to the concealed danger, enemy mortar and artillery fire blasted his path as he drove valiantly on. With medical aid procured, he again gallantly drove across the mine-field in order that medical aid could be administered as expeditiously as possible. As a result of Private Wojtulewicz's magnificent valor the life of a wounded comrade was saved and the remaining wounded men were given prompt attention. Residence: Schenectady, New York.

CAPTAIN CORNELIUS F. SCOTT, 01296100, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN SCOTT was leading his company in the attack, when confronted by a well dug-in enemy less than 100 yards away. Enemy mortar and small arms fire was intense and severe, raking the entire area where his company was located. Fully cognizant that the opposing forces outnumbered his company, CAPTAIN SCOTT pushed on magnificently and fearlessly until he reached the limits of his day's objective. In the process of the attack he was seriously wounded, but despite these wounds he refused evacuation in order that he could be with his men to direct their activities. Oblivious of his rapidly ebbing strength, and ignoring pain and profuse flow of blood, he continued on gallantly throughout the day and night, losing consciousness several times. Fifty wounded men were evacuated, and not until he was assured the last man was safely removed did he finally submit to evacuation himself. CAPTAIN SCOTT'S outstanding courage assisted materially in the success of the battalion in overwhelming a superior enemy and served as a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

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II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

Private Leo Arner, 12225804, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, Private Arner, with his company, was pinned to the ground by hostile automatic weapon fire. Keenly observing two aid men wounded by enemy fire, lying exposed in open terrain, he dashed courageously and fearlessly to their side, with utter disregard for his life. Cognizant of the fact he was unable to administer efficient aid on the spot, he valiantly carried one of the wounded men to safety as bullets raked his path. Assured that his one comrade was protected, he again boldly crossed the fire-swept terrain to rescue the second man and braved the withering fire to return him to cover. As a result of Private Arner's outstanding valor two wounded men were rescued from a precarious position and professional medical attention was administered expeditiously. Private Arner has been reported killed in action in a subsequent engagement. Throughout this entire action Private Arner's display of gallantry under fire was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Max Arner, (Father), 25 Grafton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Hilliard J. Smith, 37465218, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Slayton, Minnesota.

Private First Class Lawrence L. Watts, 37402149, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Elsberry, Missouri.

Private First Class Anthony S. Miceli, 36680444, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT SEBASTIAN R. GENOVESE, 0470274, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN A. LOFGREN, 0545586, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Private Robert P. Lynch, 42103834, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: North Bergen, New Jersey.

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Private First Class John Kvak, 33078485, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, ~~29 November~~ 1944. Residence: Joffre, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Charlie J. Wilber, 17175081, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 38th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Rogers, Arkansas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Bernard R. Schwartz, 36550128, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private Stanley J. Turel, 36414766, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class Matthew A. Ryan, Jr., 1913 48, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technician Fourth Grade Elmo O. Badder, 36410953, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Carson City, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant James A. Parslow, 32847029, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Watertown, New York.

Private First Class Harry Spritz, 42042628, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private Otis M. Whitt, 35880445, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Franklin, Ohio.

Private First Class William Hamilton, 17084768, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Laramie, Wyoming.

Private First Class Donald E. Anderson, 37305862, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS O. ROSE, 01284402, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HAROLD N. ENGEL, 0548214, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Green River, Wyoming.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Stanley D. Boyer, 39210171, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 1 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Boyer saw two comrades wounded by enemy sniper fire. While comrades covered him with rifle fire, Private Boyer, with utter disregard for his life, ran over the hundred yards of coverless terrain to the men. Oblivious to the hostile fire, he courageously helped one of the wounded men to safety. Still unswayed by the enemy fire, he again ran over the fire-swept terrain to the second injured man. Seeing the man was seriously wounded, Private Boyer carried the man to safety. After succeeding in bringing the two men to safety, he immediately administered first aid. As a result of his gallant actions, Private Boyer assured the lives of two comrades. Residence: Arlington, Washington

Technician Fourth Grade Wilbert E. Weiler, 36548585, Medical Department, Company "A", 328th Medical Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Weiler was informed that several civilians had been injured by mine explosions in his immediate vicinity. Without a moment's hesitation, he collected a litter squad and dashed forth to the scene of the accident. As he approached the mine field he observed an aid man from another unit going through, in the process of which he stepped on a hidden mine killing him instantly. Technician Weiler, with gallant courage and utter disregard for his life, boldly led his men through the mine infested field despite the danger he knew that lurked within. He skillfully maneuvered his group to the side of the injured persons and as he attempted to give aid, another mine exploded, resulting in his being seriously injured and unable to move. Headless of his own excruciating pain and the profuse flow of blood, he remained with his squad to direct their activities so no further casualties would ensue. As a result of Technician Weiler's magnificent courage the casualties were evacu-

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ated and his squad was brilliantly directed through the perilous field. His outstanding valor was a source of inspiration to all.  
Residence: Utica, Michigan.

By command of Major General HAFFNER:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
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WILLIAM C. DORN,  
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II  
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION . . . . . III

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private Alvin A. Buchanan, 34496217, Medical Department, Company "A", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Buchanan, as a member of a litter squad ventured forth with his squad leader on a mission to attend several injured civilians in the area. As they approached the mine-field he observed an aid man from another unit step on a mine, killing him instantly. With utter disregard for his life, he calmly walked into the mine-infested field, completely oblivious of any personal danger confronting him. He skillfully maneuvered his way through the field under the apt direction of his squad leader, who had been seriously injured. As he was attending one of the wounded civilians, a mine exploded nearby wounding him slightly. Despite his own wound he assisted magnificently in aiding and evacuating the injured. His splendid courage in the face of impending danger was a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Middleton, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS F. CRUSINBERRY, 0645576, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT CRUSINBERRY led three machine gun sections and one mortar section to troops fighting in \* \* \*. Knowing the urgency of the mission, he chose the closest route, though it was under constant enemy observation. Suddenly the enemy began an extremely heavy concentration of mortar and small arms fire on this road. Fearlessly, disregarding the murderous fire, he courageously advanced. On three occasions he personally led his men across open terrain through hazardous fire, not once seeking cover. The knowledge that his vehicle was a target of fire did not deter him as he courageously continued on. Because of his magnificent conduct, while under heavy enemy fire, our front line troops received urgently needed heavy weapon

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support, which enabled them to successfully reach their objective.  
Residence: Brookings, South Dakota.

Private Henry J. Delforge, Jr., 36287379, Medical Department, Company "A", 33d Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day of 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of ... France, Private Delforge, as a member of a litter squad ventured forth with his squad leader on a mission to attend several injured civilians in the area. As they approached the mine field he observed an aid man from another unit step on a mine, killing him instantly. With utter disregard for his life, he calmly walked into the mine-infested field, completely oblivious of any personal danger confronting him. He skillfully maneuvered his way through the mine field under the apt direction of his squad leader, who had been seriously injured. He splendidly and efficiently attended each of the wounded and assisted in evacuating them to the aid station. His splendid courage in the face of impending danger was a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals

Sergeant Samuel A. Oddo, 36548947, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Oddo crawled to a high point under intense artillery and small arms fire to observe the source of enemy activity. By keen observation enemy snipers were located and Sergeant Oddo assembled a squad to displace them. In the advance attack, due to the fierceness of fire, he became detached from his group, but carried on forward with utter disregard for his life. Although wounded in three places he fought his way to the objective and single-handedly wiped out all sniper resistance. Sergeant Oddo subsequently succumbed of the wounds received in this engagement. Throughout this action his heroism and self-sacrifice were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Frances Oddo (mother), 7566 Maywood, Detroit, Michigan.

III -- AWARD OF PROMER STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of General Order Number 47, this Headquarters, dated 9 December 1944, as pertains to award of Bronze Star Medal to Sergeant Samuel A. Oddo, 36548947, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

By command of Major General HABERHART:

OFFICIAL:

*William G. Jones*  
WILLIAM G. JONES,  
Capt. Adj. Gen.

G. W. McLOY, Jr.,  
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALFRED W. CROLL, 0285571, Adjutant General's Department, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Arlington, Virginia.

✓ LIEUTENANT COLONEL DICK WEGENER, 0366663, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Tyler, Texas.

✓ MAJOR GEORGE H. SCHAFER, 0396946, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

By command of Major General HAFFNER:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Luther Y. Looney, 39170441, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "L" was being harassed by intermittent enemy fire from a dense woods. Sergeant Looney, on his own initiative, obtained two comrades and proceeded to locate the source of enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life he crossed an open field exposed to heavy small arms and automatic weapon fire to the wooded area where the enemy fire was emanating. He skillfully located the enemy and succeeded in killing three of them, and forced two others to swim across a stream, taking them prisoners. His courageous act permitted the company to advance without suffering casualties. Residence: North Hollywood, California.

Technician Fourth Grade Elwood Shirley, 35623797, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Shirley, working as a wireman, kept vital communication lines intact between the attacking forces and the artillery, while under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Many times during the day vital lines were blown out but, with utter disregard for his life, he dashed forth to the area of the break to repair it. Undaunted by the harassing fire that blasted the area around him he continued on courageously and relentlessly, checking, rechecking, and repairing the wires. As a result of Technician Shirley's outstanding valor and untiring efforts, in the face of enemy fire, important communications were maintained, ultimately delivering a crushing blow to the opposing forces. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

Private George H. Keene, 17176333, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Keene was performing his duties at the forward aid station when a comrade in the street, was wounded by a shell fragment. Private Keene, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to the intense artillery and mortar barrage as he courageously dashed through the street to the unconscious man

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and carried him to the aid station. Expeditiously and skillfully administering first aid and plasma, Private Keene revived the wounded man so that he was able to walk within two hours. As a result of his magnificent valor and outstanding skill, Private Keene saved the life of a wounded comrade. Residence: Pratt, Kansas.

Sergeant James R. Pemberton, 16153714, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Pemberton and his squad were sent out as a patrol to contact an adjacent regiment. The patrol was going cross-country over the rough terrain when it was fired on by the enemy, as they reached a crest of a hill. On his own initiative, Sergeant Pemberton, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to the enemy to give his comrades covering fire as they progressed along a safer route. With courageous determination, he stood his ground, under the withering stream of hostile automatic weapon fire, to return the fire of the attacking enemy. Not until he was assured that his comrades had continued on, undiscovered by the enemy, did he withdraw from his position to rejoin his squad. As a result of his magnificent valor, Sergeant Pemberton relieved his comrades from a precarious position and assured the success of the patrol in its mission. Residence: Bloomington, Illinois.

Private First Class Ernest D. McIntyre, 34572321, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private McIntyre observed a rifle company in a forward area pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Sensing the impending danger and cognizant of the fact his own company would need more ammunition, he valiantly crawled over almost impassable terrain in order to procure the vitally needed ammunition. With utter disregard for his life he deliberately entered an area under direct and concentrated enemy fire. Private McIntyre skillfully maneuvered his way to the rear, obtained the necessary ammunition, and then recrossed the fire-swept terrain safely. As a result of Private McIntyre's magnificent valor an enemy strongpoint was neutralized and the rifle company was able to proceed to its objective satisfactorily. Residence: Gainesville, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Charles F. Foster, 17175542, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Foster, with his company, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms fire. Observing the company in direct line of fire and unable to move, he courageously went forward, with utter disregard for his life, in the face of point blank fire; to lead his squad against the hostile strongpoint. This valiant act so inspired the men about him that they jumped from their places of cover and assaulted the enemy with renewed vigor. As a result of Sergeant Foster's outstanding valor the company objective was taken and many of the enemy were killed or captured. Residence: Burbank, California.

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Private First Class Mike H. Shkatula, (then Private), 15010620, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Shkatula, with his company, was pinned down by heavy mortar and artillery fire. This barrage severed the communication line between his platoon and the company command post. Heedless of the warnings of his company commander and platoon leader, he courageously left the safety of his dugout and went forward to repair the line. He located the break in an open field, which was under constant enemy observation, and began repairing the line. Although enemy machine guns and small arms began firing, he fearlessly remained at his work, returning to safety only after the vital line was repaired. Because of his devotion to duty while under enemy fire, important communications were restored. Residence: Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Private First Class John M. Holden, 16088686, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Holden, with the aid of one man, courageously ventured forth over bullet swept streets to clear the area of mines for attacking troops and an attached tank destroyer unit approaching from the rear. With utter disregard for his life he continued to expose himself to the harassing fire while he skillfully removed the mines. In the process of removing one mine he was painfully wounded in the right leg by an enemy mortar shell. Oblivious of his injury he continued on to his objective, clearing the area. Not until he was assured that the last mine in his vicinity had been removed would he submit to medical attention. As a result of Private Holden's display of magnificent valor, troops and tank destroyers were able to proceed successfully, without a single loss due to mines, to their objective. Residence: Augusta, Michigan.

Private First Class Gordon B. Roget, 17131032, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Roget and his squad were pinned to the ground by intense machine gun and sniper fire. Private Roget, with utter disregard for his life, left his covered position with several hand grenades and crawled through the rain and mud to locate the enemy emplacements. Oblivious to the hail of machine gun fire striking only inches from him, he courageously crawled over the rough and exposed terrain to personally neutralize the hostile positions by grenades. Later in the day, his squad was again pinned to the muddy ground by sniper fire. Unswerved by the previous risks he had taken, he, for the second time, crawled forward in the face of hostile sniper fire to locate and clean out the enemy sniper nests. As a result of his magnificent valor and perseverance, Private Roget materially assisted his company in the success of its mission without a single casualty. Residence: Ordway, South Dakota.

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Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth H. Grabowski, 16151868, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Grabowski, a medical aid man attached to Company "F", although slightly wounded, repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to evacuate his injured comrades. Each evacuation involved crossing the swollen \* \* \* River on a foot bridge which was under intense enemy fire. It was also necessary to cross fire-swept open terrain and to expose himself directly to enemy fire by climbing over a wire fence. With great devotion to duty he treated the wounded and succeeded in taking them over the extremely difficult and dangerous route to safety. Only after all his wounded comrades were evacuated would he submit to medical attention himself. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Francis N. Wright, 36545853, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the village of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Wright's platoon was engaging the enemy in a house to house fight when he was seriously wounded by enemy fire. Despite the severity of his injuries, he kept the fact a secret from his comrades and continued directing his platoon forward, resulting in the successful capture of the village. Not until he was called by his platoon leader did he make it known that he was wounded and unable to move. This courageous act, accomplished when suffering from serious wounds was an inspiration to the officers and men of the company. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Bernard T. Pacholski, 36548982, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Pacholski and his squad were pinned down for eight hours by heavy enemy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire. Every attempt to move was greeted by a blast of enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the precarious position of his men, Sergeant Pacholski, with utter disregard for his life, courageously dashed over the fire-swept terrain to a machine gun, picked up the gun and ran with his heavy burden to find his company. He informed his company commander the location of the enemy positions and skillfully pointed out their locations on a map which enabled the artillery to fire on the hostile positions. As a result of Sergeant Pacholski's magnificent valor his machine gun was saved, and the enemy installations were neutralized permitting his squad to withdraw from its perilous positions without suffering casualties. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class John R. Purdy, 36572408, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Purdy and a comrade were on their way from their company to the battalion command post when they discovered an enemy communication line laying on the hilly terrain. With utter disregard for his life, Private Purdy courageously followed the enemy line through the rain over the unknown terrain. Hearing through the rain and

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dusk as he cautiously advanced, he saw a hostile artillery observation post manned by three of the enemy. Although outnumbered, Private Purdy and his comrade advanced unseen to the hostile position and captured the unsuspecting enemy. As a result of his magnificent valor, Private Purdy aided in silencing an enemy artillery observation post which had been directing artillery on his company's position throughout the day. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private Thomas M. Burns, Jr., 36553900, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Burns, litter bearer attached to Company "A", accompanied his organization during a forced march over difficult and hazardous terrain. With two other comrades he diligently searched the area for wounded. In the process of their search, they were subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire resulting in his two companions being seriously wounded. He braved the harassing fire completely oblivious of the fact it was the same fire that had just struck his comrades. He administered first aid brilliantly and efficiently, with utter disregard for his life, as bullets raked the area where he worked. Unable to evacuate them without assistance he skillfully maneuvered his way to the rear and guided help back with him. As a result of Private Burn's outstanding courage in the face of enemy fire the lives of two of his comrades were saved. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class Gerard H. Spaeth, 37568170, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Spaeth was pinned to the ground by severe enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Observing that his company was unable to move due to the fire, he fully realized immediate action was imperative. Crawling from his covered position he skillfully maneuvered his way across fire-swept terrain to secure a more advantageous position for firing. Keenly sighting an enemy machine gun, he jumped from his new position, exposed himself to observation and fired directly into it, completely neutralizing the strong point. He sighted another enemy gun but being unable to fire on it he maneuvered his way to the company command post and led a platoon to the location of the hostile weapon. Assured that the situation was efficiently controlled he again resumed his original position of fire to cover the advance of attacking troops. As a result of Private Spaeth's outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, threatening enemy positions were neutralized and the attacking troops were able to advance successfully to their objective. Residence: Ada, Minnesota.

Sergeant Henry F. Szopelak, 36715461, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Szopelak and a comrade were on their way from their company to the battalion command post when they discovered an enemy communication line lying on the hilly terrain. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Szopelak courageously followed the



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enemy line through the rain over the unknown terrain. Peering through the rain and dusk as he cautiously advanced, he saw a hostile artillery observation post manned by three of the enemy. Although outnumbered, Sergeant Szepelak and his comrade advanced unseen to the hostile position and captured the unsuspecting enemy. As a result of his magnificent valor, Sergeant Szepelak aided in silencing an enemy artillery observation post which had been directing artillery on his company's position throughout the day. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Pascual O. Elizondo, 38065044, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 November 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Elizondo as ammunition and pioneer platoon sergeant, observed a group attempting to construct a bridge over the \* \* \* River, being constantly driven back by heavy enemy fire. Ultimately they were pinned down and unable to move. Realizing the extreme importance of having the bridge constructed before dawn so it would be accessible for a dawn attack by our troops, he leaped from his place of cover, seized an axe and waded into the swift river. As he drove supports into the river bed, enemy bullets harassed him constantly, but he continued on with undaunted courage and utter disregard for his life. As a result of Sergeant Elizondo's display of magnificent valor his men were so inspired they jumped into the turbulent water and completed the bridge in time for the dawn attack to be successfully launched. Residence: Carlsbad, New Mexico.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individuals:

*Citation Awarded by Lt 74- Dec 29, 1944*  
Staff Sergeant Russel Fucy, 36549266, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 24 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Fucy, with his squad in the attack, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Observing the perilous position of his entire company and fully cognizant that severe casualties would ensue if the impending danger was not alleviated, maneuvered his way to the hostile strong point. Reaching a position where he knew any slight movement would draw enemy fire, he, with utter disregard for his life, single-handedly assaulted the enemy emplacement. Bullets raked his path as he courageously crawled forward, when only a few yards from the strong point enemy machine guns blasted the spot where he lay, mortally wounding him. His magnificent valor in the face of possible self-destruction so inspired his men that they moved forward with overwhelming lust for revenge, completely wiping out the enemy position. Throughout this entire action Sergeant Fucy's display of outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Florence Fucy (Wife), 16844 Carrio Street, Detroit, Michigan.



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✓ Private First Class Rosendo Cardenas, 38057866, Infantry, Company "A", 103d Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Cardenas observed one platoon of his company pinned down by severe enemy mortar and machine gun fire. On his own initiative and with utter disregard for his life, he pressed into service two other comrades and skillfully crawled to a point of observation. Completely oblivious of the withering fire that swept his vicinity, he exposed himself to enemy fire and direct observation in order to efficiently direct covering automatic weapon fire for our machine gun elements. In the process of strategically placing his weapons in position private Cardenas was hit by a hail of enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. Throughout this entire action Private Cardenas' display of magnificent courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service and a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Simonton, Texas. Next of kin: Mr. Gaspar Cardenas (father) Simonton, Texas.

By command of Brigadier General PIERCE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,  
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Allyn N. Amundson, 3088825, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

✓ Private Joseph M. Cusimano, 34230176, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

✓ Private Dale B. Ride, 15131650, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Santa Monica, California.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade John H. Mook, 34496430, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Tucson, Arizona.

✓ Staff Sergeant John A. Baker, 17045908, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 December 1944. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

✓ Private Johnny O. Watson, 39929141, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Pocatello, Idaho.

✓ Private Carl W. Fordyce, Jr., 37739517, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

✓ Staff Sergeant Ralph T. McManus, 34465857, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Sanford, North Carolina.

✓ Private First Class Harloy Crano, 15043103, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Bedford, Indiana.

✓ Private First Class John R. Purdy, 36572408, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class Lee W. Albert, 6975636, Infantry, Company "B",  
411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: New York,  
New York.

Private Jerry Srow, 36421220, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry  
Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

First Sergeant Ralph F. Doran, 6666480, Infantry, Company "E", 411th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Charleston, West  
Virginia.

Private Manuel R. Rincon, 38359004, Infantry, Company "E", 411th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: San Antonio,  
Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles W. Griffey, 36643139, Field Artillery,  
Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 20 December  
1944. Residence: Forest Park, Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders  
Number 63, this Headquarters, dated 14 December 1944, as pertains to Private  
Hugh P. Prier, Jr., 33156700, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th  
Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individual:

Private Charles G. Johnston Jr., 37621011, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Johnston, medical aid man attached to Company "F", observed two civilians step on enemy mines apparently injuring them seriously. With utter disregard for his life and displaying magnificent courage he dashed into the mine-infested field to administer first aid. As he approached the wounded persons he observed that they had already succumbed to their injuries. He gallantly went forward to evacuate them, but in the process stepped on a mine, inflicting serious wounds. Private Johnston was last seen courageously advancing, despite his own excruciating pain, to the scene of the accident. Private Johnston has subsequently been reported as missing in action. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. Charles G. Johnston Sr., (Father) St. Louis, Missouri.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technical Sergeant John A. McCarthy, 12065180, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

Private First Class James L. Whitney, 36409875, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Private Delore W. Wellington, 36867888, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Quick, 37244821, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Sergeant Christopher E. Darcy, 31224471, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Boston, Massachusetts.

Private First Class James P. Steele, 36548291, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Fort Huron, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth C. Guthbert, 18070643, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Robert O. Northcott, 34495939, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Humboldt, Tennessee.

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Private First Class John W. Beck, 38494513, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Lawrence E. McCoy, 36412470, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Niles, Michigan.

Private First Class Fred W. Cleveland, 18003436, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

Private Bruce F. Kaufman, 36978513, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Bronson, Michigan.

Private Theodore S. Orzechowski, 31382321, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: New Britain, Connecticut.

Private First Class James W. DeLay, 39613528, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Glasgow, Montana.

Sergeant Jesse T. Scroggins, 38057341, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Garrison, Texas.

Private First Class Michael Vancko, 36549021, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Barton, Ohio.

Private First Class Charles W. Cramer, 39335301, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Ashland, Oregon.

Private First Class Ivan J. Reno, 37402416, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Marston, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Troy S. Kiefer, 37400536, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Perryville, Missouri.

Private First Class Arthur F. Whiteman, 33846657, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Private Aaron G. Owenby, 34898931, Infantry, Headquarters Company,  
Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944.  
Residence: Ocon, North Carolina.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

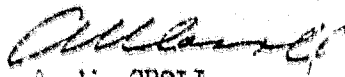
CAPTAIN OSBORN COOPER, 01299998, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Residence: Ronan, Montana.

Technical Sergeant John A. McCarthy, 12065180, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Whit L. Knight, 34450873, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Knight, a member of a task force in the attack, skillfully sighted, loaded and fired his three-inch gun single-handedly directly into approaching enemy forces. The area surrounding him was constantly blasted by intense enemy small arms and artillery fire but, with undaunted courage and with utter disregard for his life, he remained at his post. Realizing his gun was inadequate to impede the progress of the onrushing enemy, he dashed courageously to a nearby machine gun directing devastating fire into their midst. Private Knight's outstanding valor assisted immeasurably in forcing the enemy to withdraw, enabling our infantry to push forward successfully toward their objective. Residence: Kingston, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert W. Harris, 37376570, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Harris, a member of a task force in the attack, fully cognizant that his gun crews were running out of ammunition, brilliantly drove his truck over fire-swept roads to obtain vitally needed ammunition. When the truck was fully loaded with ammunition, he courageously drove forward toward his gun positions. About half way to his objective, he was stopped by the task force commander and informed that if he went farther he was certain to be hit by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life and displaying magnificent courage, he skillfully drove his vehicle to within 25 yards of his gun positions as intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire blasted his path. He unloaded the truck, uncased the ammunition boxes and valiantly carried the ammunition forward to each gun emplacement. Technician Harris' outstanding valor in the face of devastating enemy fire materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective successfully. Residence: Marcelline, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade James A. Perry, 34460951, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During

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the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Perry, a member of a task force in the attack, skillfully manned his gun from an exposed position in order to fire accurately and efficiently into enemy strongpoints. The area surrounding his position was constantly blasted by enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In the face of this withering action he continued to fire directly into enemy positions with utter disregard for his life. In addition to neutralizing ferocious enemy activity to his front, he brilliantly directed fire on an enemy machine gun nest close by, wiping it out. As a result of Technician Perry's magnificent courage, attacking infantry troops were materially assisted in advancing successfully to their objective. Residence: Louisburg, North Carolina.

Private Thomas C. McDaniel, 34321721, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, Private McDaniel was a member of a task force assigned the mission of capturing the town of \* \* \*, France. The platoon of which he was a member, moved into positions in open terrain exposed to intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Keenly observing enemy grenadiers attempting to outflank his section, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously manned a .30 caliber machine gun and successfully stopped their attack, inflicting several casualties. His heroic action, in the face of heavy enemy fire, materially assisted the accomplishment of the task force's mission. Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sergeant Dillard L. Booker, 32811587, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Booker, on his own initiative, brought his three-inch gun forward into an advantageous, but exposed position. Being in advance of our infantry lines, he and his crew was unable to obtain supporting fire, but disregarding personal safety advanced forward. He was afforded excellent observation of the enemy by placing his gun in an open field but it enabled strong enemy forces to lay down an intense artillery and small arms barrage around the gun position. Undaunted by these harassing conditions, he courageously carried out his mission and destroyed numerous enemy strongpoints. His heroic actions so disrupted the opposing forces that our infantry was able to deploy around the flanks of the enemy and overwhelmed them. This resulted in our forces successful advance and entry into \* \* \*, France. Residence: New York, New York.

Sergeant William L. Tabron, 34460307, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day of 14 December 1944, Sergeant Tabron was a member of a task force whose mission was to capture the town of \* \* \*, France. While approaching their objective the entire task force was pinned down by heavy small arms and artillery fire emanating from enemy pillboxes. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Sergeant Tabron, with his crew, went forward with their towed gun and set up in an open field exposed to hostile fire. With utter disregard for his life, he courageously manned his .50 caliber machine gun to protect his crew, some of which were wounded, from enemy grenadiers attempting to flank their position. Unnerved by the wounds received in this action, he remained at his post until the infantry successfully pressed forward its attack. His devotion to duty and self-sacrifice was an inspiration to all. Residence: Wilson, North Carolina.

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✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT FLOYD J. STALLINGS, 01824814, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT STALLINGS, as a member of a task force in the attack, observed his company commander lying in an exposed position, wounded, the victim of enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life he courageously dashed 100 yards over open terrain under a severe enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery concentration. Completely oblivious of the withering fire that raked his path, he succeeded in reaching his wounded commander's side. At great personal risk, he valiantly assisted his commanding officer to the nearest aid station. As a result of LIEUTENANT STALLINGS' display of magnificent courage, prompt and efficient medical attention was administered expeditiously. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Corporal Al Hockaday, Jr., 34459213, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Hockaday, a gun commander, successfully placed his gun in a forward position where excellent observation was available on the entrenched enemy forces. The enemy, realizing the serious threat facing them, laid down a murderous artillery barrage about him. This terrific onslaught of enemy fire knocked out a nearby gun crew. With utter disregard for his safety, he fearlessly began sighting and firing the nearby gun. Despite the severity of the enemy action about him he courageously manned both guns single-handedly and successfully disrupted the enemy forces to such an extent that our infantry was able to move forward and seize their objective. Residence: Roanoke, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul Warner, 33316456, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Warner, a member of a task force in the attack, observed his company commander lying in an exposed position wounded, the victim of enemy fire. Realizing that immediate evacuation was necessary, he dashed to his vehicle and sped across 75 yards of fire-swept terrain to rescue his commanding officer. As he maneuvered the vehicle out into open terrain, enemy small arms and artillery fire blasted his path but he continued on with undaunted courage and with utter disregard for his life. He remained under this devastating fire for over 15 minutes while he assisted in placing the officer in the vehicle. He again skillfully crossed the area of concentrated fire and reached the nearest aid station quickly. As a result of Technician Warner's outstanding valor in the face of intense enemy fire, medical attention was rendered expeditiously to his commanding officer. Residence: Crestmont, Pennsylvania.

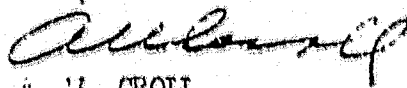
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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Leon Tobin, 34311075, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Tobin, a member of a task force in the attack, went into position in open terrain under severe enemy artillery and small arms fire to man a three-inch gun. Although his position was in direct line of enemy fire and full observation he brilliantly and skillfully directed fire into enemy strongpoints. The intensity of the fire became so severe that the area was blasted by hostile fire wounding and killing his comrades on all sides of him. In the face of certain self-destruction he gallantly stood at his post manning the gun with the assistance of one other comrade. He continued to pour fire into the enemy with utter disregard for his life, that they become confused. When his comrade was killed he remained at his post unassisted until he was overcome by direct fire suffering excruciating pain from severe wounds. Private Tobin's display of gallantry and superior calmness in the face of devastating fire materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective successfully. Residence: Monroe, Louisiana.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. MITCHELL, 01822712, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, LIEUTENANT MITCHELL as second in command of a tank destroyer platoon, with a task force attacking \* \* \*, France, took command of the platoon, when his platoon leader was wounded. Constantly exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortars and small arms fire, he magnificently and efficiently directed the fire of his guns against enemy positions. Numerous times, with utter disregard for his life, he moved from gun to gun supplementing the gun crews as the complement of gun positions were reduced by enemy action. In one instance LIEUTENANT MITCHELL gallantly manned a gun, loading, sighting and firing it single-handedly. He courageously exposed himself, to aid in the evacuation of the wounded from the front line to places of safety and many lives were saved by this action. LIEUTENANT MITCHELL'S display of coolness under fire and magnificent courage, was an inspiration to all and contributed to a large degree in the successful capture and occupation of \* \* \*, with a minimum of casualties to the task force. Residence: Gary, Indiana.

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II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

\* Corporal Peter Simmons, 34513288, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Simmons, a member of a task force in the attack, went into position in open terrain under severe enemy artillery and small arms fire to man a three-inch gun. Although his position was in direct line of enemy fire and in full observation, he brilliantly and skillfully directed fire into enemy strongpoints. The intensity of the fire became so severe that the area was blasted by hostile fire wounding and killing his comrades on all sides. In the face of certain self-destruction he gallantly stood at his post manning the gun with the assistance of one other comrade. He continued to pour fire into the enemy with such relentless furor and utter disregard for his life, that they became confused. An enemy bullet found its mark and Corporal Simmons fell mortally wounded. As a result of his display of outstanding gallantry and superior calmness in the face of devastating fire he materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective. Throughout this entire action Corporal Simmons' display of valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Silver Street, South Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Maneuia Simmons, (Mother), Route 1, Box 121, Silver Street, South Carolina.

\* Private First Class William H. Phipps, 34459324, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Phipps was seriously wounded while driving his quarter ton truck through an artillery barrage. Private Phipps, with utter disregard for his life, on his own initiative, drove his platoon leader to a gun position without revealing his bitter wounds. He courageously drove forward in face of the intense enemy artillery and bazooka fire, firing his weapon until he collapsed from his mortal wound. His valiant action assisted materially in the success of the infantry's mission. Private Phipps' outstanding valor and spirit of duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Littleton, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mr. Wiley Phipps, (Uncle), Route 2, Box 276, Littleton, North Carolina.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individuals:

Sergeant Allie L. Edmonson, 6968123, Chemical Warfare Service, Third Chemical Battalion, Motorized. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Edmonson, while on a forced march as a member of a task force observed our attacking forces impeded by an enemy road block. With his company commander he rushed fearlessly to the head of the column to ascertain the source of difficulty. As he approached the obstacle the enemy opened a barrage of fire forcing him to take cover. Quickly regaining his composure he courageously crawled forward seeking the source of enemy fire. He keenly observed the hostile forces entrenched in foxholes about 50 yards away. With utter disregard for his life, he boldly dashed to their position completely bewildering them and forcing them to surrender. As he lined them up, he was assaulted from the rear by another of the enemy but he quickly wheeled around, simultaneously crashing his rifle butt on the attacker's head. He left the prisoners in the custody of a guard and continued courageously on his mission. About 40 yards farther on he encountered a high fence which he was forced to crawl over for better observation. The first two men were wounded in their attempt, yet Sergeant Edmonson heedless of personal danger, braved intense enemy fire and successfully overcame the obstacle. Meeting his company commander once again they ascertained that the main source of fire was coming from an enemy held house. As they approached they were forced to take cover once again from a murderous concentration of hand grenades. Sergeant Edmonson skillfully and gallantly crawled from cover to a vantage point, where he joined in firing into the enemy held house while his company commander stormed the position. By his relentless fire and superior display of outstanding valor under the most hazardous of conditions, Sergeant Edmonson assisted in neutralizing two hostile strongpoints and in the capture of five of the enemy. Residence: Zebulon, Georgia.



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A'WARD OF SILVER STAR (Cont'd)

Staff Sergeant Bernard T. Pacholski, 36548982, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Pacholski and his company were held up in their advance by an enemy machine gun emplacement. Sergeant Pacholski, on his own initiative, courageously crawled through rain and treacherous woods to a position near the hostile emplacement. He fired two rifle grenades at the emplacement, momentarily confusing the enemy. Then, with utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Pacholski leaped from the ground and ferociously charged the hostile position with his rifle and captured the bewildered crew. As a result of his gallant action, the obstacle was removed and the company was able to continue the advance to its objective with a minimum of casualties. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

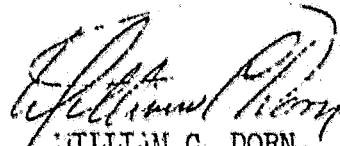
II -- A'WARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

Private First Class Bayard Dodge, Jr., 32976907, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Dodge and his squad were pinned to the ground by intense hostile automatic weapon fire as they advanced to the crest of a hill. Aware of the perilous position of his comrades, Private Dodge, with utter disregard for his life, courageously inched his way forward through the cold mud and rain. Heedless of the hail of enemy fire about him, he advanced to within ten yards of an enemy automatic weapon only to fall mortally wounded. His valiant action so inspired his comrades that they immediately carried on and overran the hostile positions to gain their objective. Private Dodge's outstanding gallantry was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bronx, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary B. Dodge (mother), American University, Beirut, Lebanon, Syria.

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I -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

Staff Sergeant Ralph E. Nelson, 36226946 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France on 12 December 1944. Prior to an attack on a village, a fellow soldier was attempting to cross a turbulent, flood-swollen mountain river when he stopped in deep water and was carried away by the rushing current. Sergeant Nelson immediately ran down-stream to a point ahead of his drowning comrade. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he courageously dived into the icy waters and swam safely to shore with his heavy burden. Although chilled from the icy water and rain he sought an aid man to care for his half-drowned comrade, while he reconnoitered the stream to find a footbridge where his comrades could safely cross. As a result of his heroic action, a comrade's life was saved and the safe crossing of his other comrades was assured. Residence: Gillett, Wisconsin.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

MAJOR BLAND WEST, O314671, General Staff Comps, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, MAJOR WEST, as Division G-2, while attempting to contact a Task Force Commander, was subjected to heavy and direct fire from enemy artillery, mortar, self-propelled guns, machine guns and small arms. With utter disregard for the danger from this concentration of fire he proceeded until he established contact with the Task Force Commander at an observation post. He was also under heavy fire. He accomplished his mission, but discovering that the task force was having difficulty in getting proper artillery preparation for an infantry attack on a town, he volunteered to undertake the direction of the preparatory artillery barrage. Again ignoring the danger to his life he advanced to a vantage point beyond the front lines where he might

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facilitate the accurate direction of the artillery. Utilizing his past experience as an artillery officer he directed the preparatory artillery barrage so skillfully that our infantry was able to attack closely behind it. MAJOR ESTES skill and personal bravery contributed materially to the success of the attack with a minimum of casualties. Residence: Norman, Oklahoma.

III -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

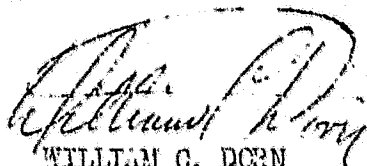
FIRST LIEUTENANT ALFRED T. LANDIS, O1171639, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in France. Residence: Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD A. GAMON, O1179861, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in France. Residence: East Saint Louis, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General PIERCE:

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Huston B. Cox, 34464873, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Lumberton, North Carolina.

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I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

✓ Private Durward E. Smith, 37245216, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Admire, Kansas.

✓ Private William C. Winter, 12209892, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 17 December 1944. Residence: Weehawken, New Jersey.

✓ Private First Class Hasten S. Woodby, 36553619, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Harrogate, Tennessee.

✓ Sergeant Herbert J. Cutler, Jr., 15360138, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

✓ Private First Class Corbett O. Privitt, 20756888, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: North Little Rock, Arkansas.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK A. GAINES, 0537856, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Bethesda, Maryland.

✓ Private First Class Ramon H. Lara, 38442650, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: La Union, New Mexico.

✓ Private George T. Walters, 36680387, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Forest Park, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class Iver J. Oberg, 37542301, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Ashby, Minnesota.

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✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK MILLER, 01290979, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana.

✓ Private First Class Edward A. Kozlowski, 36549255, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

✓ Private First Class Robert L. Blustin, 37548936, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

✓ Private Leonard Koch, 14117917, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

✓ Private Roland P. Smith, 36973584, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: East Alton, Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

✓ Private First Class Wilbert T. Tuttle, 34516235, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Dorchester, South Carolina.

✓ Private Leonard Koch, 14117917, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Roman T. Stelmore, Jr., 36672217, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Stelmore, a medical aid man attached to Company "K", was accompanying his unit in the attack, when an intense enemy artillery barrage opened up seriously wounding a comrade. Although artillery shells were bursting all about him, he courageously crawled to the wounded man. While administering first aid he also was wounded by the severity of the enemy fire, but, showing great devotion to duty, remained until his comrade had received all possible aid. Only then would he submit to aid himself. By his bravery under fire and utter disregard for his safety, the life of his seriously wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Wesley A. Keene, 36411311, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, two men were seriously wounded at an advance line position. Private Keene and a comrade, on their own initiative, started out with a litter to evacuate their wounded comrades. Private Keene and his comrade courageously advanced unswayed by the intense small arms and mortar fire and after crawling the last hundred yards over the rocky terrain, they succeeded in reaching the two wounded men. With utter disregard for his life, Private Keene courageously assisted carrying one casualty over the hundred yards of fire swept terrain, walking erect and cautiously so as not to increase the casualty's bitter pain. Successfully carrying their heavy burden to safety through the hostile fire, Private Keene and his comrade fearlessly went out again to successfully evacuate the second casualty. As a result of his magnificent valor, Private Keene assisted in assuring the lives of two wounded comrades. Residence: Spartanburg, Michigan.

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Private Arthur Baisley, 42067065, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, two men were seriously wounded at an advance line position. Private Baisley and a comrade, on their own initiative, started out with a litter to evacuate their wounded comrades. Private Baisley and his comrade courageously advanced unnerved by the intense small arms and mortar fire and after crawling the last hundred yards over the rocky terrain, they succeeded in reaching the two wounded men. With utter disregard for his life, Private Baisley courageously assisted carrying one casualty over the hundred yards of fire swept terrain, walking erect and cautiously so as not to increase the casualty's bitter pain. Successfully carrying their heavy burden to safety through the hostile fire, Private Baisley and his comrade fearlessly went out again to successfully evacuate the second casualty. As a result of his magnificent valor, Private Baisley assisted in assuring the lives of two wounded comrades. Residence: Peekskill, New York.

Private First Class Gordon L. Higgins, 31327710, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a call was received at the battalion aid station stating that several members of an assault company were wounded. Though it was known that the forward area was under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private Higgins on his own initiative, and showing little regard for his welfare, immediately drove a jeep forward. Harassing enemy action did not deter him as he relentlessly evacuated seriously wounded comrades from the front lines. On three occasions he courageously made the dangerous trip, while under direct enemy observation. Even when the litter bearer beside him was hit, he did not falter in his important work. His great devotion to duty while under extremely trying conditions contributed materially to the speedy evacuation of the wounded. Residence: Stratford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Eugene Coleman, 39184654, Infantry, Company "M", 41st Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Coleman, with his machine gun squad, observed our attacking troops pinned to the ground by an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Keenly sensing immediate protective fire was necessary, he assembled his crew and courageously led them forward to a vantage point for firing. In a concealed position he poured fire on the enemy to no avail, drawing more fire from enemy positions than previously. Keenly sighting a more strategic position in exposed terrain he superbly led his crew to the new location amid a hail of enemy fire. Although devastating fire raked his area, he calmly walked from gun to gun directing accurate fire on hostile positions. As a result of Sergeant Coleman's outstanding valor in the face of terrific enemy fire, an enemy strongpoint was reduced and the attacking troops were materially assisted in advancing toward their objective. Residence: Seattle, Washington.

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Technician Fifth Grade Le Roy E. Kingsbury, 36412993, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Kingsbury, medical aid man attached to Company "L", was pinned to the ground by severe enemy mortar and sniper fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade he left his place of cover, courageously crawling over 65 yards of fire-swept terrain to aid the injured man. Completely oblivious of the devastating enemy fire, he, with utter disregard for his life, braved the hail of fire and succeeded in reaching his comrade's side. He administered first aid efficiently and expeditiously although bullets raked the area where he stood. As a result of Technician Kingsbury's display of magnificent valor in the face of enemy fire, his wounded comrade's life was saved. Residence: Woodland, Michigan.

Corporal George R. Worden, 36548409, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the mountainous region near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Worden, a wireman with an artillery liaison officer, and another soldier were to lay a communication line to an artillery forward observer. When his comrade was delayed during a reconnaissance, on his own initiative, he began to lay the wire unassisted. Although an intense enemy mortar barrage was concentrated in this vicinity he courageously brought the line forward, succeeding in establishing the important communications. Later the severity of the enemy fire cut the line. Corporal Worden fearlessly, and with little regard for his welfare, went into the mortar infested area, found the break and successfully repaired the line. Because of his great devotion to duty while under harassing conditions, artillery fire was laid expeditiously in support of our troops withdrawal from an extremely dangerous position. Residence: East Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Louis I. Care, 12135677, Infantry, Company "G", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Care observed an attacking platoon pinned down by intense enemy small arms and anti-tank fire. Crawling forward, with utter disregard for his life, he discovered the source of enemy fire coming from a well fortified hostile strongpoint. Realizing this obstacle had to be neutralized immediately, he, on his own initiative, courageously dashed toward the emplacement shouting for them to surrender. As a result of Private Care's magnificent display of outstanding valor, three of the completely bewildered enemy surrendered to him. A fourth member of the hostile group, refusing to surrender, attacked him, but was instantly killed by Private Care's accurately aimed rifle fire. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

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Private First Class Walter E. Davis, 13135197, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Davis, a mortarman, on his own initiative worked unceasingly throughout the day and night to help evacuate wounded men over the flooded and mountainous terrain. With utter disregard for his life, he served as a litter bearer carrying at least eight casualties through the rain over difficult mountain trails. Although tired and exhausted he exposed himself to enemy artillery and sniper fire to carry a wounded comrade on his back for three miles. As a result of his magnificent valor and spirit of duty, the lives of many comrades were saved. Residence: Corry, Pennsylvania.

Private Mack Kennedy, 6574308, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Kennedy was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Observing a wounded comrade about 50 yards distant lying in an exposed position, he courageously left his sheltered position and dashed boldly to his side. As enemy fire raked his path, he, with utter disregard for his life, picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety. As a result of Private Kennedy's outstanding valor in the face of terrific hostile fire, a wounded comrade was carried to protection where medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Littlefield, Texas.

Sergeant Robert Main, 36716581, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Main, in the support platoon of an attack, advanced courageously with his machine gun in the face of terrific enemy mortar and small arms fire. Realizing it was necessary to crawl to a more advantageous position for firing, he, with utter disregard for his life, brilliantly dashed to an exposed position to place accurate fire on the enemy. In the course of his movement enemy fire blasted the machine gun from his shoulder forcing his crew to take cover. Oblivious of the impending danger that confronted him, he valiantly picked up the gun, placed it in a new position and continued firing. He remained at his post operating the gun single-handedly until the hostile strongpoint had been completely neutralized. As a result of Sergeant Main's magnificent valor in the face of devastating fire a dangerous enemy emplacement was reduced and the attacking troops were materially assisted in the successful completion of their mission. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant William T. Regan, 34024550, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the night of 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a one and one half ton truck full of ammunition caught fire. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Regan leaped on the truck and courageously assisted in removing the small arms and three inch shells to safety. Oblivious to the exploding ammunition and sweeping flames, he carried away the vitally needed ammunition until the truck was emptied. Unswerved by the

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danger about him he then braved the searing heat and flames to help extinguish the flames. As a result of his magnificent valor, Sergeant Regan saved the vitally needed truck and ammunition and the lives of the men about him. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Harry T. McCullough, 33696147, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private McCullough, medical aid man attached to Company "D", observed a wounded comrade in desperate need of medical attention lying in an exposed position under intense enemy artillery and sniper fire. Fully cognizant of the impending danger, he courageously crawled 85 yards over fire-swept terrain to aid his injured comrade. Although bullets raked his path he continued on with utter disregard for his life. He succeeded in reaching his comrade's side and administered aid efficiently and expeditiously. Realizing further professional attention was imperative, he carried the man through the devastating fire to the nearest aid station. As a result of Technician McCullough's magnificent valor the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Gordon A. Hendrickson, 37561765 (then Private), Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, an adjacent company was forced to withdraw from their positions when the enemy counter-attacked with self-propelled artillery and armored vehicles. With utter disregard for his life, Private Hendrickson, a gunner, courageously and single-handedly carried his machine gun through a hail of small arms and self-propelled artillery fire to an exposed position. Private Hendrickson poured a stream of fire into the surprised enemy and temporarily halted the hostile counter-attack until the other machine guns could be placed in position and completely repulse the attacking enemy. As a result of Private Hendrickson's magnificent valor, a hostile counter-attack was halted and an effective defense was formed while preparations were made to continue our advance. Residence: DeJou, Minnesota.

Private First Class John P. Reeff, 37483596, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Reeff, assistant machine gunner, observed two companies pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Realizing that immediate supporting fire was imperative he grabbed his machine gun after his gunner had been wounded, and single-handedly carried it over a foot bridge across the \* \* \* River to an open position in full view of the enemy. Braving a hail of devastating enemy fire he carefully and courageously placed his gun into position, with utter disregard for his life, enabling him to pour fire directly into enemy positions. As a result of Private Reeff's outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, an enemy strongpoint was neutralized and the attacking companies were materially assisted in advancing toward their objectives. Residence: Grunville, Iowa.

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Private Winston E. Douglas, 38700604, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Douglas, a messenger, took over the responsibility of the company communications in the absence of the communication sergeant. Untiringly throughout the night he, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to the persistent artillery and mortar fire to repair and check the communication lines to battalion and an outpost. On his third check of the lines he was struck by shrapnel in the knee, still he courageously made two more checks that night over the steep and rough terrain. As a result of his magnificent valor and devotion to duty, Private Douglas kept the company in contact throughout the night and thus assisted materially in repulsing seven enemy counter-attacks. Residence: Commerce, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Phillip G. Carr, 36676154, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Carr's company was in acute need of water for its large number of wounded, tired, and exhausted men. Knowing water could not be carried from the rear, through the mountainous and enemy shelled terrain, Private Carr, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire as he dashed to a three hundred yard distant well. He courageously helped carry a three gallon container and several canteens of water to a captured pillbox that protected the many wounded men. Unnerved by the hostile fire, he carried the remainder of the water to his exhausted and thirsty comrades. As a result of the water obtained by his heroic action the treatment of his wounded comrades was greatly facilitated. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Frederick E. Bolitho, 36549466, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Bolitho was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while assisting in the unloading of ammunition vehicles. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the catastrophic results that would ensue should one of the vehicles be hit, he courageously drove one of the exposed vehicles to safety. Again braving the devastating barrage with utter disregard for his life, he succeeded in driving another vehicle to safety. As a result of Private Bolitho's outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, vitally needed ammunition was saved and the great danger confronting the surrounding troops was substantially alleviated. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Eugene B. Browning, 36714982, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Browning was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while assisting in the unloading of ammunition vehicles. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the catastrophic results that would ensue should one of the vehicles be hit, he courageously drove one of the exposed vehicles to safety. Again braving the devastating barrage with utter disregard for his life, he

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succeeded in driving one other vehicle to safety. As a result of Private Browning's outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, vitally needed ammunition was saved and the great danger confronting the surrounding troops was substantially alleviated. Residence: Morris City, Illinois.

Sergeant Richard A. Parris, 37447676, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Parris, with his company, was supporting our attack against strong enemy forces when he learned that a section of his company was isolated from their source of food and ammunition. Fearlessly he exposed himself to the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and directed a sorely needed supply vehicle to the isolated troops. Although the area through which he had to travel was swept by constant enemy fire, he, without regard for his safety, successfully guided the vehicle forward. Twice enemy artillery fire forced him to seek cover. In one instance shell fragments shattered the windshield, but despite these harassing conditions, he brought the badly needed supplies forward. As a result of Sergeant Parris' heroic actions the section was supplied with food and ammunition which materially assisted them in the successful completion of their mission. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class Samuel E. Price, 11080466, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Price, radio operator, was informed that communication between a mortar observation post and the gun emplacements had been severed by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Fully cognizant that communication was vitally needed, he, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his life attempted to brave 200 yards of open fire-strut terrain to reach his objective. He was forced back on three occasions by terrific and devastating concentrations of hostile fire. Entirely oblivious of the impending danger that confronted him he tried courageously once again and succeeded in accomplishing his mission. In the process of his advance he was wounded by shrapnel but continued to remain at his post despite his own injury. He stayed in position relaying vital information until an enemy shell struck his radio completely demolishing it. As a result of Private Price's magnificent valor vital communications were established ultimately assisting materially in the neutralization of an important enemy strongpoint. Residence: Poughkeepsie, New York.

Private Emerson D. Williams, 39903892, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the cold and rainy day of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Williams, accompanying a forward observer, was driving a vehicle equipped with a radio when they approached an area heavily mined and under enemy mortar fire. Stopping the truck and dismounting, the forward observer proceeded to the battalion command post. Without awaiting the return of the observer, and despite the fact that two vehicles had been disabled by mines, Private Williams skillfully maneuvered his

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truck along the mined road and successfully reached his officer. Because of the prompt arrival of the radio important artillery missions were relayed to the fire direction center, enabling our artillery to successfully repulse an enemy tank assault. Residence: Kanarraville, Utah.

Private First Class Jack V. Walker, 3641604, Field Artillery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the cold and rainy night of 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Walker was laying wire between his battalion's observation post and the infantry when a murderous enemy mortar concentration plined him down. Despite the intensity of the enemy fire, he, realizing the importance of his mission, left cover and courageously advanced forward with the vital line. Enemy mortar shells were falling all about him as he rushed across a 300 yard valley. Nevertheless, he fearlessly continued and successfully accomplished his task. Because of his deep devotion to duty, while under extremely harassing conditions, vital communications were installed and our forces were able to press forward the attack. Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan.

First Sergeant William S. Sillery, 3294155, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a motorized convoy were unknowingly misdirected in a confusing network of roads encountering heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his life Sergeant Sillery dashed to the head of the convoy to ascertain the difficulty and then directed the vehicles to cover. Sergeant Sillery courageously exposed himself again to the intense artillery fire to locate the battalion command post. After orienting his proper route on the map, he rejoined his convoy and led them to their destination. As a result of his valorous actions, Sergeant Sillery relieved the convoy from a perilous position without the loss of a vehicle. Residence: Remseler, New York.

Sergeant Shirley L. Pragg, 36409883, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a motorized convoy were unknowingly misdirected in a confusing network of roads encountering heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire. Realizing the perilous position of the convoy, Sergeant Pragg, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to enemy artillery fire as he reconnoitered over unknown terrain to locate the battalion command post. Successfully orienting the proper route on a map, he returned to the waiting convoy and led them to their destination. As a result of his valorous action, he led his convoy to its destination without loss of a vehicle. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Sergeant Henry W. Collins, 34574618, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. During the night of 30 November 1944, in the mountainous and wooded region near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Collins, an artillery liaison sergeant, with his section, was maintaining a radio relay station during the assault on the village. Being in close



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proximity to the enemy lines, hostile patrols were known to be active in the area. Shortly after the infantry advanced past their position an enemy patrol of ten men came within thirty yards of their post and another hostile patrol opened fire. Due to his expert firing the patrol was forced to withdraw. Despite the danger constantly confronting him in the forward position, he, showing great devotion to duty, stayed at his post so that important artillery fire missions could be relayed to the fire direction center. Residence: Collins, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Linden L. Whitmore, 37250484, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 362d Field Artillery Battalion. During the night of 30 November 1944, in the mountainous and wooded region near \* \* \*, France, Technician Whitmore, a radio operator in a forward observer section, was maintaining a radio relay station during the assault on the village. Being in close proximity to the enemy lines, hostile patrols were known to be active in the area. Shortly after the infantry advanced passed their position an enemy patrol of ten men came within thirty yards of their post and another hostile patrol opened fire. Due to his expert firing the patrol was forced to withdraw. Despite the danger constantly confronting him in this forward position, he, showing great devotion to duty, stayed at his post so that important artillery fire missions could be relayed to the fire direction center. Residence: Clearfield, Iowa.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class William H. Maltbie, Jr., 33719506, Infantry, Company "D", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Maltbie observed his company pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Realizing that mortar ammunition in his company was being expended rapidly and could not last through the activity as a covering fire, he, of his own initiative dashed to the rear to bring forward the vitally needed supply. With utter disregard for his life, he braved a hail of devastating enemy fire as he proceeded to the supply point. Private Maltbie succeeded in filling his ammunition bag with the desperately needed ammunition and was last seen courageously going forward over the fire-swept terrain to accomplish his mission. Private Maltbie has subsequently been reported as missing in action. Throughout this entire activity Private Maltbie's display of outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service and served as a source of inspiration to all his comrades. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy S. Maltbie (mother), 307 South Dunstons Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ Corporal Vern E. Hobber, 36412579, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 362d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 30 November 1944, in the mountainous and wooded area near \* \* \*, France, Corporal Hobber was leading his wire crew forward through

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unfamiliar and enemy occupied territory to a newly established observation post. Due to the hazardous terrain the wire truck had to be left behind necessitating bringing up the wire by hand. On one occasion while advancing through this dangerous area he, and his crew, encountered an enemy patrol which they successfully repulsed. Undaunted by the harassing conditions confronting him he courageously continued forward. When the wire had been brought to within 400 yards of the observation post they were confronted by another hostile patrol. In the face of this extreme danger he courageously, with utter disregard for his safety, fought the enemy. Throughout this entire action his conduct was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Corporal Webber has subsequently been reported missing in action. Residence: Niles, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Dorothy Webber, (Mother), 1648 Maple Street, Niles, Michigan.

*OK* III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 24, this headquarters, dated 26 December 1944, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Russel Fuccy, 36549266, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, as reads "24 November 1944", is amended to read "22 November 1944".

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Corporal Kenneth L. Krueger, 36412510, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: New Buffalo, Michigan.

Private Edward W. Havens, Jr., 36715515, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Rockford, Illinois.

Private First Class Hubert A. Thornton, 34496231, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Toone, Tennessee.

Private Raymond T. Harvey, 36737564, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Edwin A. Brown, 20756529, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Marianna, Arkansas.

Private First Class Robert M. Johnson, 38693437, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Jay, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Boyd, 20429383, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 December 1944. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES W. DAVIS, 01300135, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Ruston, Louisiana.

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Private First Class Ernest Di Lorenzo, 36714935, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Dale C. Grubel, 17071617, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Sioux City, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Edward L. French, 11054553, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 December 1944. Residence: Winchester, Massachusetts.

Corporal Walter N. Lefler, 34255214, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 December 1944. Residence: Albemarle, North Carolina.

Private Oliver P. Cain, Jr., 35096106, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Shirley, Indiana.

Private Joseph N. Parks, 18231841, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 December 1944. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Corporal Harold E. Miller, 36713607, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Vaughn N. Carrier, 15083721, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Evansville, Indiana.

Private Henry A. Tucker, 34789256, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Homeland, Florida.

Private First Class Coy M. Corley, 38602205, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Paris, Arkansas.

Private First Class Arthur J. Therrien, 31297436, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 December 1944. Residence: Lynn, Massachusetts.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Stephen B. Dembinski, 36549729, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth N. Pfeffer, 37542056, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Milton, North Dakota.

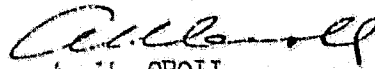
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II  
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION . . . . . III

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

✓ Private Victor Valinote, 20263623, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Valinote observed a comrade wounded during an intense mortar barrage. With utter disregard for his life, Private Valinote crawled a 100 yards through heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire to administer aid to his comrade. Observing his comrade seriously wounded in the chest, he returned to locate the litter bearers. Finding no litter bearers available at the time and realizing the necessity of professional medical attention for his comrade, he again crawled over the fire-swept and shell-blasted terrain to successfully carry his injured comrade to an aid station. As a result of Private Valinote's valorous act, prompt medical attention was given and the life of his comrade was saved. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LELAND C. GEAR, 01311386, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT GEAR, with his platoon continuously and efficiently maneuvered forward under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to surround a hostile strong point. Fully cognizant that the emplacement was heavily fortified by automatic weapons, he fearlessly led his platoon forward to assault the enemy position. His boldness so completely bewildered the enemy that the strongpoint was neutralized, and leaving one group in charge of the captured strongpoint he assembled the remainder of his platoon and assaulted a second hostile emplacement nearby. His boldness in the face of heavy fire again surprised the enemy and forced them to withdraw in complete rout. As a result of LIEUTENANT GEAR'S outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, two dangerous strongpoints were neutralized and the attacking troops were materially assisted in the advance toward their objective. Residence: Trenton, Missouri.

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Private First Class Albert H. Rouse, 38530342, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Rouse was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms and mortar fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade and observing no medical aid men in the vicinity, he dashed boldly from his position of cover to the wounded man's side. Oblivious of the withering fire that raked the area, he carefully and efficiently rendered first aid. Realizing his aid inadequate he boldly picked up the injured man and dashed back through the hail of enemy fire to the battalion aid station. As a result of Private Rouse's outstanding courage in the face of enemy fire the life of his wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Mesquite, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALFRED J. POLTA, 0545595, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT POLTA, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Observing a member of his platoon lying wounded in an exposed position, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed courageously over 30 yards of fire-swept terrain to reach the injured man. Heedless of the withering fire that raked his path he picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety. As a result of LIEUTENANT POLTA'S outstanding courage in the face of enemy fire professional medical attention was administered efficiently and expeditiously to the wounded man. Residence: New Ulm, Minnesota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT NILES E. McPHILLIPS, 01287737, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT McPHILLIPS, on duty as a military police officer, received a call that a truck loaded with ammunition was burning in the vicinity. He immediately set forth to give all possible assistance. On arriving at the scene of the fire and observing that no action had been taken he fearlessly jumped upon the truck and with the assistance of one of his men began unloading the truck. Even though some of the burning cases of ammunition were exploding, he, with utter disregard for his life continued his task courageously. After the flaming cargo had been removed he boldly leaped upon the truck once again and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. As a result of LIEUTENANT McPHILLIPS' outstanding courage in the face of extreme danger, a truck was saved from destruction and the perilous circumstances confronting the nearby personnel was greatly alleviated. Residence: Longmont, Colorado.

CAPTAIN GEORGE D. TURNER, JR., 01171396, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 926th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN TURNER, Liaison Officer, accompanied by his section, was advancing with the front line infantry troops, when subjected to an intense concentration of enemy mortar fire. Observing a forward observer hit by shrapnel he dashed courageously from his place of safety to the injured man's side, administering first aid. Oblivious of the withering fire that devastated the area he efficiently and expeditiously rendered aid to his wounded comrade even though shrapnel pierced his coat. CAPTAIN TURNER'S display of outstanding valor in the face of enemy fire was a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Portsmouth, Virginia.



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II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, ~~posthumously~~, to the following named individual:

✓ Private First Class John J. Purdy, 16175092, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Purdy, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced to a firing position on top of a hill, and began to fire on an enemy machine gun nest. Despite the knowledge of enemy observation on himself, Private Purdy coolly continued to fire until he fell mortally wounded, the victim of enemy machine gun fire. Throughout this entire action Private Purdy's display of self-sacrifice and magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mr. John J. Purdy, (Father), 4469 North Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.

*De'* III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 47, this headquarters, dated 9 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class John J. Purdy, 16175092, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Bradley L. Norman, 34459357, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Roper, North Carolina.

✓ Sergeant Avery V. Williams, 33006973, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Washington, D. C.

1 Private Horace L. Whitfield, 34304715, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina.

1 Staff Sergeant Lurwood J. Brown, 34465811, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant Outher Lotson, 6987457, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Jeffrey, West Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS SEMASCHKO, JR., 01307580, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Jamaica, New York.

Private First Class Robert S. Grogan, Jr., 16116573, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: West Bend, Wisconsin.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE D. HENRY, JR., 01296030, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Reading, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Thomas B. Molder, Jr., 38568742, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant Leo A. Bisch, 36289041, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Walter B. Vander Vuer, 15314880, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Westfield, New Jersey.

Private James A. Franklin, 34702358, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Residence: Collinsville, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Waldon H. Mallette, 18072998, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Houston, Texas.

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Private First Class Andrew Crossie, 38491455, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Lafayette, Louisiana.

Private Harrell O. Burns, 38700788, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Andrew F. Karnos, 6879472, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Olean, New York.

Private First Class Richard J. Ambrose, 36840100, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: De Pere, Wisconsin.

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\*Technical Sergeant Harry M. Kruse, Jr., 16143759, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

Private Fred J. Startz, 37326999, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Ely, Minnesota.

Private William C. Short, 34739388, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

Private First Class John Kulicki, 39689870, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Barlier, California.

Private First Class Anthony Lucili, 36567440, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Norman T. Stearns, Jr., 36672217, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Robert E. Sutton, 36956801, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Charmin A. Sprague, 37356138, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Clinton, Iowa.

Technical Fifth Grade Paul J. Chabotsky, 32813762, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 December 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Private First Class Robert J. Clark, 33498705, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Genesee, Pennsylvania.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT CLYMER C. COOPER, 01586386, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 21 December 1944. Residence: Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Private Wilfred L. Salyers, 37489072, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 December 1944. Residence: Neligh, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil T. Coldiron, 35806553, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Hamilton, Ohio.

Private First Class Paul K. Hiser, 36575368, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 December 1944. Residence: Petersburg, Michigan.

Private William L. Herder, 37510250, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Residence: Arkansas City, Kansas.

Private First Class Frank F. Giltner, Jr., 37529973, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Residence: Joplin, Missouri.

Private First Class Lawrence S. Davis, 32968007, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Private Dewey A. Casey, 38700652, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Residence: Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Private First Class John R. Durrance, 34543882, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 December 1944. Residence: Gainesville, Florida.

Private First Class Roy E. Williams, 37465419, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Superior, Colorado.

Private First Class Theodore O. Tollefson, 17157291, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sergeant Lawrence H. Ketel, 37327306, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 31 December 1944. Residence: Bellflower, California.

Technician Fifth Grade James J. Ryan, 37326315, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Farmington, Minnesota.

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Corporal John A. Cregg, 36713224, Corps of Engineers, Company "B",  
328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 30 December 1944. Residence:  
Rockford, Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provi-  
sions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze  
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named in-  
dividuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technical Sergeant Austin H. DeLaughter, 6284318, Infantry, Company "E",  
409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Texarkana,  
Texas.

By command of Brigadier General PIERCE:

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals.

Technician Fifth Grade Joe D. Ramirez, 34789216, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Ramirez, aid man attached to Company "E", worked tirelessly day and night in order to render aid and evacuate the wounded. The area in which he worked was under constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, but he continued on completely oblivious of the withering fire. With utter disregard for his life, he braved the fire-swept terrain again and again to attend his wounded comrades. Even though it was necessary in one instance to cross an icy stream he pushed on relentlessly. Technician Ramirez's heroic efforts were instrumental in saving the lives of many of his comrades and rendering first aid to innumerable others. Residence: Day Harbor, Florida.

Private First Class Matthew P. Anderson, 31316521, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* \*, Germany, Private Anderson, with one other comrade, went forward on his own initiative, to capture an enemy strongpoint which was holding up his company's advance. This mission had to be accomplished in direct observation of the enemy who were fully aware of the impending assault. His path was swept by a murderous barrage of enemy small arms and mortar fire but he courageously and boldly continued on his mission undeterred. Because of the immense size of the fortification he carried a 20 pound pole charge of TNT to assist him in blasting the position. Although protective cover was available he disregarded it entirely and pushed relentlessly toward the accomplishment of his mission. In the face of devastating fire he and his comrade skillfully placed the charge, resulting in the complete destruction of the enemy enclosure. As the smoke cleared from the blast, 15 of the enemy dashed from the enclosure and surrendered. As a result of Private Anderson's outstanding valor and utter disregard for his life, the attacking troops were able to advance successfully toward their objective. Residence: West Haven, Connecticut.

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Private Alvin Golbe, 12192667, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 19th to 20th December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* \*, Germany, Private Golbe, medical aid man attached to the Second Battalion, braved withering enemy fire night and day to render aid and assist in the evacuation of the wounded. On many occasions it was necessary to carry the wounded down a steep mountain slope on his back as the use of litters was impossible. He worked tirelessly and efficiently rendering all possible aid until he dropped from sheer exhaustion. Refusing evacuation, he rested but a few moments and again went courageously forward to be of assistance wherever it was deemed necessary. In one instance he administered blood plasma to a seriously wounded comrade under intense enemy fire and in complete blackout. Private Golbe's devotion to duty and utter disregard for his life, resulted in his saving the lives of many of his comrades and served as a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class John J. Killilea, 31254552, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* \*, France, Private Killilea, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Observing his platoon sergeant lying wounded in an exposed position, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed from his place of safety over 200 yards of fire-swept terrain to the side of the wounded man. Although withering fire raked the area where he stood, he carefully tied the wounded man's hands together, placed them around his neck and dragged him to safety. As a result of Private Killilea's outstanding courage his injured comrade was removed from an extremely dangerous position and professional medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Fallston, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Donald O. Baslander, 36411790, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Baslander, with his platoon in the attack was warned of an impending counter-attack by enemy tanks. He quickly and skillfully deployed his platoon as a covering force while he fearlessly went forward with his bazooka. Lurking in the shadows of a nearby house he observed a tank approaching on the road. When the tank was approximately 40 yards from him he opened fire forcing it from the road with a direct hit. Despite the fact that the tank continued firing on his position he exposed himself to signal his platoon to open fire, resulting in the tank's complete neutralization due to the superbly directed cross-fire. Observing a second tank approaching from behind, he again skillfully directed fire on it with his bazooka forcing it to stop. This brilliant delaying action enabled a tank destroyer group to come forward, ultimately repulsing the counter-attack and forcing the enemy tanks to withdraw. Residence: Halesville, Michigan.

Sergeant Gordon F. Robinson, 36548763, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the moonlight night of 20 November 1944, in the village of \* \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Robinson, and his company were attacking the village when a comrade fell seriously wounded

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by enemy small arms fire. Although the area in which his injured comrade was lying, was subjected to intense enemy fire, he, and another comrade, fearlessly advanced forward to aid the wounded soldier. Disregarding the bullets that raked his path he courageously continued on and successfully reached his wounded comrade, and succeeded in moving him to the safety of a sheltered doorway. Sergeant Robinson's display of outstanding courage in the face of severe enemy fire was an inspiration to all. Residence: Plymouth, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert M. Ord, 39467039, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the moonlight night of 26 November 1944, in the village of \* \* \*, France, Private Ord, and his company were attacking the village when a comrade fell seriously wounded by enemy small arms fire. Although the area in which his injured comrade was lying, was subjected to intense enemy fire, he, and another comrade, fearlessly advanced forward to aid the wounded soldier. Disregarding the bullets that raked his path he courageously continued on and successfully reached his wounded comrade, and succeeded in moving him to the safety of a sheltered doorway. Private Ord's display of outstanding courage in the face of severe enemy fire was an inspiration to all. Residence: Baker, Oregon.

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\*Private First Class ~~Francis T. Connelly, 37420156~~ <sup>37420156</sup> Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Connelly, with one other comrade, went forward on his own initiative, to capture an enemy strongpoint which was holding up his company's advance. This mission had to be accomplished in direct observation of the enemy who were fully aware of the impending assault. His path was swept by a murderous barrage of enemy small arms and mortar fire but he courageously and boldly continued on his mission undeterred. Because of the immense size of the fortification he carried a 20 pound pole charge of TNT to assist him in blasting the position. Although protective cover was available he disregarded it entirely and pushed relentlessly toward the accomplishment of his mission. In the face of devastating fire he and his comrade skillfully placed the charge, resulting in the complete destruction of the enemy embrasure. As the smoke cleared from the blast, 15 of the enemy dashed from the enclosure and surrendered. As a result of Private Connelly's outstanding valor and utter disregard for his life the attacking troops were able to advance successfully toward their objective. Residence: Garber, Iowa.

Corporal Francis X. Bosch, 32486545, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Bosch, observed several wounded men lying in an exposed position on a hill in direct line of enemy fire. Realizing the precarious position of his wounded comrades, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed fearlessly up the fire-swept hill to give aid and assistance. He braved the devastating fire many times rushing up and down the hill carrying the men to shelter. In one instance a shell landed nearby, striking the man whom he was carrying. This did not deter him a moment as he pushed relentlessly on. As a result of Corporal

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Boscht's magnificent valor the lives of many of his comrades were saved.  
Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

Private Roy J. Williams, 38495296, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Williams an aid man, was advancing through open terrain with Company "L", when they were subjected to a murderous concentration of enemy artillery fire. Observing a comrade severely wounded and unable to reach cover, Private Williams, with utter disregard for his safety, fearlessly advanced through shell-raked terrain to the side of his injured comrade. Despite the harassing conditions about him he coolly and expeditiously rendered first aid. So severe was the enemy barrage that his comrade was wounded a second time as he prepared to evacuate him. Unsurpassed by this action he successfully brought the wounded man from his exposed position to safety. Residence: Walker, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant Sigmond M. Cieszkowski, 36549230, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Cieszkowski, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire. Observing his company commander lying wounded in an exposed position, he, with utter disregard for his life, dashed to the side of the injured man. While bullets raked the area where he stood, he efficiently and expeditiously administered first aid. When all possible aid had been rendered he boldly picked up the injured man and carried him across the fire-swept terrain to safety. As a result of Sergeant Cieszkowski's outstanding courage the wounded man was removed from a precarious position and professional medical attention was made possible. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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\*Private First Class Conrad A. Herrmann, 32963711, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Herrmann, observed a driver forced to abandon his vehicle due to a terrific enemy artillery barrage falling in the immediate area. Realizing the valuable vehicle would suffer a direct hit unless immediate action was taken, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed boldly from his place of safety to rescue the exposed vehicle. Fully cognizant of the extreme danger confronting him, he jumped into the vehicle amid a hail of devastating fire and drove it to safety. Residence: Glendale, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Urban J. Henning, 37326692, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Henning was in charge of a wire crew laying wire for the regimental command post to the regimental observation post when he and his men were caught in an intense enemy barrage of mortar and small arms fire. Quickly rushing back to his vehicle, he, with utter disregard for his life, boldly drove through the hail of enemy fire, stringing the wire as he drove. Unfazed by the fact that mine sweepers had not cleared the road, he drove courageously on for three miles although hostile fire raked his path for half

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the way. As a result of his valorous act, Technician Henning not only enabled his command post to know when the leading elements of attack crossed into Germany, but also enabled his regiment to keep uninterrupted contact with the forward companies. Residence: Belgrade, Minnesota.

Private First Class Edward F. Shepard, Jr., 33789415, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Shepard, medical aid man attached to Company "F", worked tirelessly throughout the day to render aid and evacuate the wounded. Reportedly he exposed himself to the devastating and concentrated fire of the enemy. He aided his company until all wounded men had been evacuated and then, on his own initiative, assisted an adjacent unit in need of medical help. With utter disregard for his life he courageously carried many of his wounded comrades to safety in the face of withering enemy fire. As a result of Private Shepard's indefatigable efforts and outstanding courage the lives of many of his comrades were saved. Residence: Chester, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Herbert Y. Gill, 38468487, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Gill, automatic rifleman, was painfully wounded while assisting in the repulsion of an enemy counter-attack. Having observed the source of enemy fire he directed his assistant to take over his gun and crawled back in search of his platoon leader to give him the vital information. With utter disregard for his life and despite his excruciating pain he courageously crawled over the hilly terrain in the face of enemy fire. Having located his platoon leader he divulged the location of the enemy position and not until he was assured that the plans had been formulated for its neutralization would he submit to evacuation. Residence: Poteau, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Edward P. Levonian, 19205440, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a heavy machine gun was placed in a position to protect the flank of the battalion from enemy grazing fire. Private Levonian stayed at his exposed position throughout the day to return intense enemy small arms fire without the protection of supporting riflemen. He pinned the enemy down by a hail of fire thus preventing the enemy from setting up their mortars. Private Levonian's effective fire held the enemy down until artillery fire neutralized the hostile emplacements. Later in the day, he again laid a cover of fire enabling a friendly patrol to escape from an isolated house to safety. As a result of his valor, the battalion was secure and a friendly patrol safely returned to its lines. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Private Henry A. Tucker, 34789256, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Tucker and his company were pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms fire from a hostile pill-box. Observing heavy casualties being inflicted on his comrades,



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he advanced forward with his bazooka, and, with utter disregard for his life, crawled to an exposed position with 40 yards of the hostile emplacement. He fired his bazooka scoring a direct hit which greatly reduced the fire emanating from the enemy strongpoint. Unswerved by the hail of fire about him, he advanced to a machine gun nest on which he again skillfully scored a direct hit, to completely wipe it out. As a result of his valorous actions, two enemy positions were neutralized, thus preventing heavier casualties among his comrades. Residence: Hazeland, Florida.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert J. Caskey, 6292905, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Caskey, a medical aid man, volunteered to reconnoiter a mountainous and hazardous area for a vitally needed evacuation route. In addition to intense enemy artillery fire, blackout conditions made his mission extremely difficult. Although enemy artillery shells were dropping all around him, he did not once seek cover, but relentlessly continued his reconnaissance. He skillfully discovered the desired route and began the evacuation of the serious litter cases from the top of a mountain. His display of courage and deep devotion to duty while under the most dangerous of conditions enabled the speedy evacuation of his seriously wounded comrades to medical aid. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Technician Third Grade Lawrence E. Dorsey, 36715089, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 December 1944 in the village of \* \* \*, Germany, enemy artillery made a direct hit on a building near a howitzer position, injuring several of the gun crew. The building, which contained small arms ammunition adjoining an artillery ammunition camp, burst into flames. Realizing the danger of exploding small arms ammunition and nearby howitzer projectiles, Technician Dorsey, fearlessly entered a building immediately adjacent to the burning structure, coolly administered first aid and removed a seriously injured soldier to safety. Residence: Freeport, Illinois.

Private First Class Stanley L. Myers, 31298592, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Myers and his platoon had moved around the right flank and silenced an enemy machine gun nest, when a murderous, hostile artillery and mortar barrage was concentrated on them. Several of his comrades were wounded by this fire and the platoon was ordered to withdraw. Private Myers, together with two comrades, chose to remain behind with the wounded and give aid and protection to them. Despite the terrific enemy fire which lasted several hours, he remained with his wounded comrades until darkness fell, at which time they were successfully evacuated. Residence: Newton, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Paul E. Roberts, 31374062, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* \* \*, France, Private Roberts,

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was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Hearing the cries of a wounded comrade, he dashed from his sheltered position across the fire-swept terrain to the injured man's side. Oblivious of the devastating fire that raked his path he carefully hooked his belt under the injured comrade's shoulders, and slowly and laboriously dragged him to safety. Private Roberts' display of outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, resulted in first aid being rendered efficiently and expeditiously to the wounded man. Residence: Berlin, New Hampshire.

Sergeant Arthur R. Williams, 18220956, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Williams, machine gunner, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire. Observing his assistant machine gunner lying wounded and exposed to withering fire, he, with utter disregard for his life, dashed to the side of his wounded comrade. Completely oblivious of the devastating fire that raked the area he flung himself along side of his companion to protect him from further danger. Unable to administer aid because of the ferocity of the fire he courageously dragged his comrade to safety. As a result of Sergeant Williams' outstanding valor medical attention was administered expeditiously, thus saving the life of his comrade. Residence: Fort Wingate, New Mexico.

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Henriksen, 39086295, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Henriksen with a patrol, skillfully located and occupied a key position in order to render protective fire cover for a tank destroyer group in the attack. This hazardous duty necessitated his crawling to an open position under intensive enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. Sergeant Henriksen was forced to send half of his patrol for aid men, and the remaining men of the patrol to the rear with prisoners. Single-handedly he maintained his position, courageously and with utter disregard for his life. Observing an enemy machine gun about to open fire, he quickly and skillfully fired into their position, completely neutralizing it. As a result of Sergeant Henriksen's magnificent valor the tank destroyer unit was able to proceed successfully toward its objective. Residence: Maryville, California.

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\*Private First Class Harold E. Robinson, 35595925, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private <sup>Robinson</sup> ~~Williams~~, a messenger, observed a comrade wounded by enemy small arms fire. All aid men being preoccupied, he, on his own initiative fearlessly advanced forward under the enemy fire and successfully reached the injured man. Bullets raked his path as he expeditiously carried his comrade to safety. Because of Private Robinson's courageous actions while under fire, his injured comrade was able to receive prompt medical attention. Residence: Steubenville, Ohio.



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Private William J. Stach, 37591325, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, the enemy counter-attacked Private Stach's company and threatened to break through a vulnerable part of his company's defensive positions. Realizing the perilous position of his comrades should the hostile forces break through, Private Stach stayed in his exposed position laying an intense cover of fire while his company organized to hold its line. He was struck in the shoulder and head by enemy fire but stayed at his position courageously determined to stop the advancing enemy. Despite his pain, he stayed at his position until he was certain that an effective defense had been established. Only then would he submit to medical attention. As a result of his valorous act, the company remained intact and successfully repulsed the enemy assault. Residence: Wolverton, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade George J. Suppes, 38110204, Infantry, Company " ", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Suppes tirelessly maintained communications throughout the day between a mortar observation post and the gun emplacement. The area was under intense and concentrated enemy small arms and artillery fire, but completely oblivious of the withering fire he fearlessly checked, repaired and rechecked the line in order to insure uninterrupted communication. On one occasion, during a terrible barrage, the line was severed and Technician Suppes courageously left his place of safety to crawl out and check the line. In the process he was painfully wounded by shrapnel but he continued on relentlessly, despite his injury. He located the break, speedily repaired it and then had his wound dressed. Refusing evacuation, he again crawled forward to the observation post to lend further assistance. By his heroic actions vital communications were restored and an enemy strong point was reduced. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

Private Orval E. Boyer, 33767109, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Boyer's company was pinned down by an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage. Observing a wounded comrade lying helpless, Private Boyer, with utter disregard for his life crossed an exposed and open field, administered first aid and evacuated the injured man to safety. As a result of his valor, the life of a comrade was saved. Residence: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Corporal John N. Waters, 39202061, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, fire from an enemy pillbox raked a machine gun nest, which protected Company "D"'s flank, killing the gunner and forcing the remainder of the squad to hastily withdraw to cover. Realizing the vital need of the unmanned machine gun, Corporal Waters, with utter disregard for his life, cautiously crawled over the fire-swept terrain to the emplacement. With the hail of enemy fire missing him only by inches, he realized that he would not be able to dash with a heavy weapon through the

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gauntlet of fire. Lying on the ground beside the weapon, he tied a piece of wire to the tripod and then slowly crawled backward pulling the machine gun with him. He courageously inched his way over the ground dragging the weapon, stopping every few feet as enemy fire streamed over. Unswerved from his painstaking task, he carried on until he reached safety. As a result of his valor and ingenuity, a desperately needed heavy machine gun was saved from loss. Residence: Vancouver, Washington.

Staff Sergeant Willard P. Topar, 7024265, (then private) Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Topar with the lead platoon in the attack, suddenly encountered enemy machine gun and anti-tank fire emanating from a strongly fortified position. The intensity of the enemy fire wounded Sergeant Topar and momentarily stunned the remainder of the platoon. Regaining his composure immediately, he courageously assisted his platoon leader in setting up an effective base of fire. When this operation was completed, he, with utter disregard for his life and despite his painful wounds braved the enemy fire to dash back to the Battalion command post to report the company situation to them. By Sergeant Topar's display of outstanding courage and superb operative ability the battalion was materially assisted in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Residence: Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Warren D. Wilkinson, 37466444, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in an attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a communication line was vitally needed from the battalion command post to a forward company. Technician Wilkinson, carrying all the signal equipment, set forth stringing wire along trails, over extremely mountainous terrain. Caught in an intense enemy mortar barrage, he continued on, realizing the great need of the vital communication. He climbed courageously to the attacking company unharmed by the hail of sniper fire that often raked his path. As a result of his valorous act, the company was in continuous contact with the battalion as it advanced to its objective. Residence: Alexandria, Nebraska.

Private First Class Michael S. Podielski, 31239499, Medical Department, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private First Class Podielski, member of a litter squad, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Hearing the cries of a wounded comrade, he with his squad, dashed forward to administer aid and evacuate him if necessary. On the move forward he encountered a swift, swollen stream with only a three inch pipe foot bridge, spanning it. He skillfully crossed the bridge, searching the area until the injured man was located. After all possible aid had been rendered, he, with the other members of the squad, heedless of the devastating fire that swept the area, carefully placed the man on a litter. Unable to carry the patient back across the river he displayed a remarkable degree of ingenuity by assisting to construct a temporary bridge. By Private First Class Podielski's display of magnificent valor and utter disregard for

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his life, the wounded man was speedily evacuated to professional medical attention. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Private Bernard L. Cottam, 37466462, Medical Department, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Cottam, member of a litter squad, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade, he with his squad, dashed forward to administer aid and evacuate him if necessary. On the move forward he encountered a swift, swollen stream with only a three inch pipe foot bridge, spanning it. He skillfully crossed the bridge, searching the area until the injured man was located. After all possible aid had been rendered, he, with the other members of the squad, heedless of the devastating fire that swept the area, carefully placed the man on a litter. Unable to carry the patient back across the river he displayed a remarkable degree of ingenuity by assisting to construct a temporary bridge. By Private Cottam's display of magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, the wounded man was speedily evacuated to professional medical attention. Residence: Hubbell, Nebraska.

Private First Class Donald Jones, 33670997, Medical Department, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Jones, member of a litter squad, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade, he with his squad, dashed forward to administer aid and evacuate him if necessary. On the move forward he encountered a swift, swollen stream with only a three inch pipe foot bridge, spanning it. He skillfully crossed the bridge, searching the area until the injured man was located. After all possible aid had been rendered, he, with the other members of the squad, heedless of the devastating fire that swept the area, carefully placed the man on a litter. Unable to carry the patient back across the river he displayed a remarkable degree of ingenuity by assisting to construct a temporary bridge. By Private Jones' display of magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, the wounded man was speedily evacuated to professional medical attention. Residence: Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank A. Ross, 38233096, Medical Department, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Ross, member of a litter squad, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade, he with his squad, dashed forward to administer aid and evacuate him if necessary. On the move forward he encountered a swift, swollen stream with only a three inch pipe foot bridge, spanning it. He skillfully crossed the bridge, searching the area until the injured man was located. After all possible aid had been rendered, he, with the other members of the squad, heedless of the devastating fire that swept the area, carefully placed the man on a litter. Unable to carry the patient back across the river he displayed a remarkable degree of ingenuity by assisting to construct a temporary bridge. By Technician Ross'

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display of magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, the wounded man was speedily evacuated to professional medical attention. Residence: McGehee, Arkansas.

II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Robert G. Downey, 15359694, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Downey's company was pinned to a trench by a concealed machine gun which could not be located. Realizing the peril to his comrades, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously crawled forward through the woods in the direction he believed the hostile position to be located. Oblivious to the hail of fire about him, he crawled on and was last seen advancing through the woods to find the hostile emplacement. As a result of his courageous act, the enemy machine gun revealed its location and the company was able to neutralize it. His valorous action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Homewood, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Jennie Downey (mother) 1826 Cedar Road, Homewood, Illinois.

Private First Class Christian V. Ericksen, 19095617, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Ericksen, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. The action was so severe the Company was ordered to withdraw because of the casualties it had suffered. Private Ericksen, on his own initiative, with utter disregard for his life, stayed with his wounded companions to protect them from falling into enemy hands, while the remainder of the company withdrew. He remained with the wounded men protecting them until darkness fell and then assisted in their evacuation. As a result of Private Ericksen's outstanding valor many of the wounded were saved from enemy capture and medical aid was able to be rendered expeditiously. Private Ericksen has subsequently been reported as missing in action. Throughout this entire activity Private Ericksen's display of magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Enumclau, Washington. Next of kin: Mrs. Anne M. Ericksen (Mother) Route 2, Box 195, Enumclau, Washington.

Sergeant Rudolph C. Trapp, 37321381, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Trapp and his company were attacking through fortified hills when the enemy, from concealed and fortified emplacements, counter-attacked the company's exposed flank. Immediately cognizant of the peril to his comrades should they be cut off, Sergeant Trapp ordered his machine gun section into positions. Crawling forward to an exposed position, he opened fire on the advancing enemy. With utter disregard for his life, he courageously stayed at his position and held the attacking enemy to the ground until his machine gun section and the riflemen

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could maneuver into position. As a result of his quick and effective action, his company maneuvered to the flank and successfully drove the enemy back. When last seen, Sergeant Trapp was courageously firing at the attacking enemy. His valorous act was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Danube, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucie Trapp (Mother) Route 1, Danube, Minnesota.

Private First Class Anthony J. Vaccaro, 31428599, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Vaccaro, lead scout, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the entire company was in extreme danger, he, on his own initiative, skillfully crawled forward to ascertain the location of the hidden emplacement. Unable to locate the position, he, with utter disregard for his life, deliberately exposed himself to the enemy in order to draw fire. Private Vaccaro was last seen courageously advancing toward the enemy strongpoint. By his valorous action, the company was able to locate the hostile strongpoint ultimately wiping it out. Private Vaccaro has subsequently been reported as missing in action. Throughout this entire action Private Vaccaro's outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Allston, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Jennie M. Vaccaro, (Mother) 16 Smith Street, Allston, Massachusetts.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individuals:

Private Henry Gaynor, 32961334, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Gaynor was a member of the leading squad in the attack, when pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Realizing that unless immediate action was taken to ascertain enemy positions, severe casualties would ensue, he, with utter disregard for his life, crawled cautiously forward. Fully cognizant that any slight movement of the body would draw enemy fire he pushed courageously on completely oblivious of the impending danger. As he approached the strongpoint preparing for an assault single-handedly, enemy machine guns opened fire mortally wounding him. Private Gaynor's outstanding courage in the face of withering fire so inspired his comrades that they plunged headlong in the face of extreme danger, ultimately neutralizing the strongpoint. Throughout this entire action Private Gaynor's magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Julius Ginsberg (Father) 1307 East Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant Frank Caraccio, Jr., 36551830, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Caraccio, squad leader, was assigned the task of protecting his company's right flank during



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an attack. Observing a platoon pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire, he, on his own initiative, skillfully maneuvered his squad to a vantage point in order to alleviate the difficulty confronting the pinned down platoon. With utter disregard for his life and displaying superb coolness under fire, he courageously crawled forward and single-handedly set up his automatic weapon. Before he could pour fire on the enemy strongpoint a hitherto undisclosed enemy machine gun opened fire mortally wounding him. Throughout this entire action, Sergeant Caraccio's display of outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Centerville, Iowa. Next of kin: Mr. Frank Caraccio (father); Route 2, Centerville, Iowa.

IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Charles J. Bossett, 36547845, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Bossett, wireman, assisted in establishing vital communication lines between the forward observation post and battalion command post. Completely oblivious of the devastating fire that swept the area he worked diligently and tirelessly laying the necessary wire. In one instance during a concentrated barrage, he observed one of his crew killed by shrapnel, but with great courage and utter disregard for his life he pushed on relentlessly. Braving the withering fire again and again he finally completed the communication line and fearlessly remained at his post in case the line became severed. As a result of Private Bossett's display of outstanding valor, vital communications were established and maintained, assisting materially in the efficiency of the tactical operation. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Paul Maki, 36549450, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Maki set forth to reconnoiter an important tactical route of advance for the battalion vehicles. While pursuing his mission he observed a patrol of enemy soldiers completely surrounding him. With rapidity of judgment he quickly jumped into a concealed position directing his weapon on them. He shouted for them to surrender and lay down their arms. Complying with his orders he then commanded them to assemble in a column. When he was certain no more of the enemy lurked in the vicinity, he boldly marched them across open terrain back to his command post. This courageous act accomplished, he once more set forth on his original mission successfully locating a tactical route of advance for the battalion vehicles. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Jere N. Cooper, 34496239, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Whiteville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Ignacio M. Esparza, 39274474, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Private Hobert H. Morrison, 6929800, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Santa Barbara, California.

Technical Sergeant Ottis W. Jacobs, 34575386, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 November 1944. Residence: Savannah, Georgia.

Sergeant Charles A. Dorner, 36716280, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 December 1944. Residence: Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

Private First Class Fredorick J. Markhardt, 37553787, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 November 1944. Residence: White Lake, South Dakota.

Private Ray K. Fike, 33691239, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Verno E. Heusfeld, 36715964, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class Harold A. Fornell, 39692214, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Fresno, California.

Private First Class Frederick W. Kleiner, 32773585, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: North Bergen, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Eugene J. Burkart, 36712003, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Rudolph W. Collins, 34495946, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Medon, Tennessee.

CAPTAIN HOWARD T. MILPOLE, 0416042, Infantry, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: New Holland, Georgia.

Private Ditzler H. Jones, 38562082, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 December 1944. Residence: Ovaldo, Texas.

Private First Class Milton T. Belec, 16020210, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technical Sergeant Richard W. Moyer, 16143722, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Edward G. Guidziejko, 32923085, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Kearny, New Jersey

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. STONE, JR., 0520908, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EARL H. SPRACKLEN, 01298944, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 December 1944. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Henry A. Tucker, 34789256, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 December 1944. Residence: Homeland, Florida.

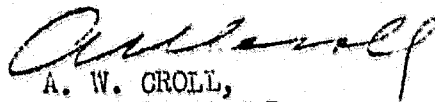
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II  
AWARD OF AIR MEDAL . . . . . III

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. PULTZ, O1165436, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, CAPTAIN PULTZ was the artillery observer with a task force whose mission was to capture and hold the village of \* \* \*, France. The enemy strongly defended the village, subjecting the task force to heavy direct fire from artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms. Despite the intense enemy fire, and with utter disregard for his life, he proceeded to an observation post forward of the front lines. From this exposed vantage point he skillfully directed the artillery to lay down a rolling barrage, which enabled our troops to advance with a minimum of casualties. CAPTAIN PULTZ'S skill and heroic action contributed materially to the success of the attack. Residence: Boundbrook, New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. STONE, JR., O520908, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, in an attack on an enemy-held village, LIEUTENANT STONE'S company suffered many casualties from an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage. Hearing the cries for help from one of his men, LIEUTENANT STONE, with utter disregard for his life, crawled fifty yards over the crest of a hill in the face of intense enemy small arms fire in order to reach the wounded man. Oblivious to the hail of hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, LIEUTENANT STONE administered aid and then courageously carried the helpless man over the crest of the hill, shielding the casualty as best he could. As a result of his valorous act, a wounded man was expeditiously evacuated and given proper medical attention. Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT D. MONLUX, O435280, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT MONLUX worked indefatigably and skillfully day and night in order to render medical attention to the

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wounded. Completely oblivious of the withering fire that swept the area, he hastily set up an aid station in a small building directly behind the front lines. Regardless of physical exhaustion he worked with renewed vigor on the casualties. He courageously remained at his station with utter disregard for his life, refusing to take shelter, as the intensity of the bombardment greatly endangered his position. Not until all the wounded were efficiently treated would he cease his activity. As a result of LIEUTENANT MONLUX'S magnificent courage many lives were saved and the wounded were brilliantly attended. Residence: Algona, Iowa.

CHAPLAIN (FIRST LIEUTENANT) LEON J. DAVIS, 0546034, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. From 14 to 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CHAPLAIN DAVIS served with the Second Battalion to give spiritual and moral guidance to his men. Running over the mountainous terrain from foxhole to foxhole as enemy mortar and artillery fire blasted about him, he comforted and assisted the men of all faiths and creeds. Later, in an attack on a village, CHAPLAIN DAVIS, with utter disregard for his life, courageously dashed from house to house through intense sniper fire to conduct services and prayers for the men. Frequently during the attack, CHAPLAIN DAVIS was by the side of the wounded giving comfort and aid while medical treatment was being administered. The untiring and valorous efforts of CHAPLAIN DAVIS were an inspiration to the men and were greatly responsible for the high degree of morale throughout the battalion. Residence: West Tulsa, Oklahoma.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. GAIN, 0543225, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT GAIN, with the Battalion adjutant, volunteered to assist in supplying the battalion with ammunition, food, and water which had been urgently requested by radio. The supply route was jammed with vehicles mired in the mud, and the party proceeded on foot to reconnoiter a by-pass despite knowledge that the area was subjected to heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire, and that mines had not been removed. In order to determine whether the by-pass was suitable for the passage of vehicles, LIEUTENANT GAIN, with utter disregard for his life, volunteered to return, obtain a vehicle, and complete the reconnaissance. While proceeding forward, the vehicle struck a mine, LIEUTENANT GAIN sustaining severe lacerations of the face and a leg wound which necessitated amputation. As a result of this heroic action it was possible to get needed supplies forward, and the battalion was able to continue the attack. Residence: Springfield, Illinois.

CAPTAIN STEVE F. HEMIG, 01296032, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, CAPTAIN HEMIG, acting as battalion executive officer, on his own initiative, led one of his companies over extremely difficult terrain into an advance position. This hazardous movement was accomplished in extreme darkness and necessitated the company passing within 50 yards of an enemy strongpoint over a mine-infested area. During the course of the action enemy small arms opened fire adding immeasurably to the precariousness of his position. With utter disregard for his life, he courage-

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ously led the men forward to the safety of their new position. Arriving at their objective he discovered one platoon of the company was missing. Instantaneously he heroically retraced his steps and found the lost platoon in the vicinity of the enemy emplacement. He led them to the new company command post without the loss of a single man. As a result of CAPTAIN HEMIC'S outstanding valor under the most trying of conditions, the company advanced to its new position without a casualty and succeeded ultimately in repulsing an enemy counter-attack. Residence: Bridenville, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN CHESTER C. ACHER, 0339423, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN ACHER, while leading his company in an attack, keenly observed four enemy tanks approaching in the distance. He quickly deployed his company into strategic positions of protective cover, simultaneously grabbing a rifle from a nearby soldier. He courageously went forward to a vantage point, from which he fired directly into the oncoming tanks. Realizing this fire to be ineffective he rushed back to bring up a bazooka team. When he found none available he seized a bazooka, dashed forward despite intense enemy fire and fired his bazooka into a tank, scoring a direct hit. As a result of his accurate fire the enemy tank was neutralized and the occupants taken prisoner. By CAPTAIN ACHER'S display of magnificent valor the efficiency of the bazooka's fire power so impressed the men of his company that they rushed forward with renewed vigor completely destroying the remainder of the tanks. Residence: Fort Dodge, Iowa.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEE E. ENGEN, 0545582, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Batt. Hon, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a heavily mined and blocked road had to be cleared so that tanks and tank destroyers could take part in a dawn attack. Cognizant of the importance of clearing the road and the risk of his personal safety, LIEUTENANT ENGEN organized a group of volunteers to clear the road. He not only supervised the work, but also wielded a saw and axe to expedite the removal of the roadblocks. He courageously worked for two hours removing the deadly mines, until a booby-trap wounded him and killed another man. He reorganized and checked his men for further casualties and then permitted himself to be taken 1000 yards for medical treatment. After aid had been administered, he learned that a group of engineers had arrived to assist in clearing the road. Despite his painful wound, he insisted on returning to the road block where he rendered valuable assistance in removing the mines. As a result of his magnificent valor, armored troops and infantry successfully advanced to their objective. Residence: Brookings, South Dakota.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individual:

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALBERT J. FOLTA, 0545595, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28

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II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT POLTA, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire. Observing a wounded soldier lying in open terrain he, with utter disregard for his life, cautiously crawled over the fire-swept area to reach the injured man's side. The severity of enemy fire made it impossible to render aid in this exposed position. Realizing medical attention was imperative, he courageously picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety. As a result of LIEUTENANT POLTA'S outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, medical aid was administered efficiently and expeditiously to the wounded soldier. Residence: New Ulm, Minnesota.

III -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BEISCOE, 0532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 November 1944 to 23 December 1944, in France, 1 mission; aircraft, 1 Liberator.

FIRST LIEUTENANT [Name], [Rank], [Service Number], Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 November 1944 to 26 December 1944, in France, 1 mission; aircraft, 1 Liberator.

By command of Major General HATNER:

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver star is awarded following named individual:

Private First Class Charles E. Autry, 38161282, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. In the dawn of 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Autry, advancing with his company, found it necessary to cross a swift, turbulent stream, in order to reach the company objective. As a bridge was not available he skillfully made his way to the opposite bank by swimming across. When he reached safety he heard a cry of distress from a drowning comrade. With utter disregard for his life, he plunged into the icy waters, fighting a vicious current, to reach his comrade's side. He succeeded in pulling the drowning soldier to safety. Courageously he remained in the frigid water until he was assured that all members of the leading platoon had reached the security of the opposite bank. This valorous deed accomplished, he observed a soldier of another platoon struggling for his life after he had been swept from his feet by the swift current. Once again he gallantly plunged into the stream and rescued the drowning man. He remained in the water until he was certain that all members of the last platoon had successfully crossed the stream. As a result of Private Autry's display of outstanding courage two comrades lives were saved and many others were materially assisted in their crossing. Residence: Houston, Texas.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

Corporal Gordon K. Bentson, 37542021, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Bentson, squad leader in the leading assault platoon, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar and automatic weapon fire. The assigned route of the attacking squad necessitated Corporal Bentson's maneuvering them over 500 yards of fire-swept terrain in full view of the enemy. He gallantly preceded his squad, with utter disregard for his life, seeking out the enemy as he courageously advanced. When he had advanced approximately 100 yards he was painfully wounded by enemy small arms fire.

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Despite these injuries he pushed relentlessly on, heedless of the devastating fire that swept his path. Advancing but a few yards farther, he was wounded again, this time by enemy mortar fire. He dragged himself to a nearby doorway and from this vantage point, brilliantly directed his squad in the attack which ultimately resulted in their forcing the enemy to withdraw. Corporal Benson subsequently died of the wounds received in this action. Throughout this entire activity Corporal Benson's display of magnificent courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Gwendolyn O. Benson (wife), 3628 Bartmouth, Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class Elmo E. Gross, 37402352, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action during the night of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, it was imperative that a heavily mined and blocked road be cleared in order that a task force of infantry and tanks could begin a dawn attack. Realizing that the small group of engineers could not clear the road in time for the early morning attack, Private Gross, on his own initiative, assisted the engineers in removing deadly mines from four road blocks. In addition to the danger of removing the booby trapped mines in the dark there was also the possibility of the noise of the digging attracting the alert enemy. Despite this danger he worked on, with utter disregard for his life, until a hostile mine exploded, mortally wounding him. As a result of Private Gross' heroic action, the task force was able to advance along the cleared road to successfully capture its objective. His gallantry was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Jessie M. Gross (wife), 4705 Thrush Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

By command of Major General HOFFNER:

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . III

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private Alfred A. Jones, 16151867, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Richard D. Carlson, 17123330, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 December 1944. Residence: Gothenburg, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Harry M. Knarr, Jr., 16143759, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 1, this Headquarters, dated 1 January 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Harry M. Knarr, Jr., 16143759, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

III - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technical Sergeant Harry M. Knarr, Jr., 16143759, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

Private First Class Donald W. Siles, 18132983, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

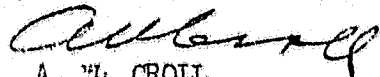
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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Francis H. Benoit, 38490726, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Church Point, Louisiana.

Private First Class Thomas M. VanEck, 33777633, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private Harry C. Schwed, 35247570, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 December 1944. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant John F. Yagerhofer, 33827089, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Coplay, Pennsylvania.

Technician Grade Elton R. Jacobson, 37542290, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer C Battalion, France, 2 January 1945. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private Dayman W. Gray, 35810078, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Private Warren J. Theiss, 42061057, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Yonkers, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade James E. McInvale, 17008734, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 December 1944. Residence: Melvin, Arkansas.

Private Joseph F. Crastara, 42088189, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 December 1944. Residence: North Bergen, New Jersey.

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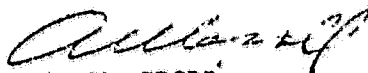
II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

\* Private Jesus M. Caballero, 39864599, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Phoenix, Arizona.

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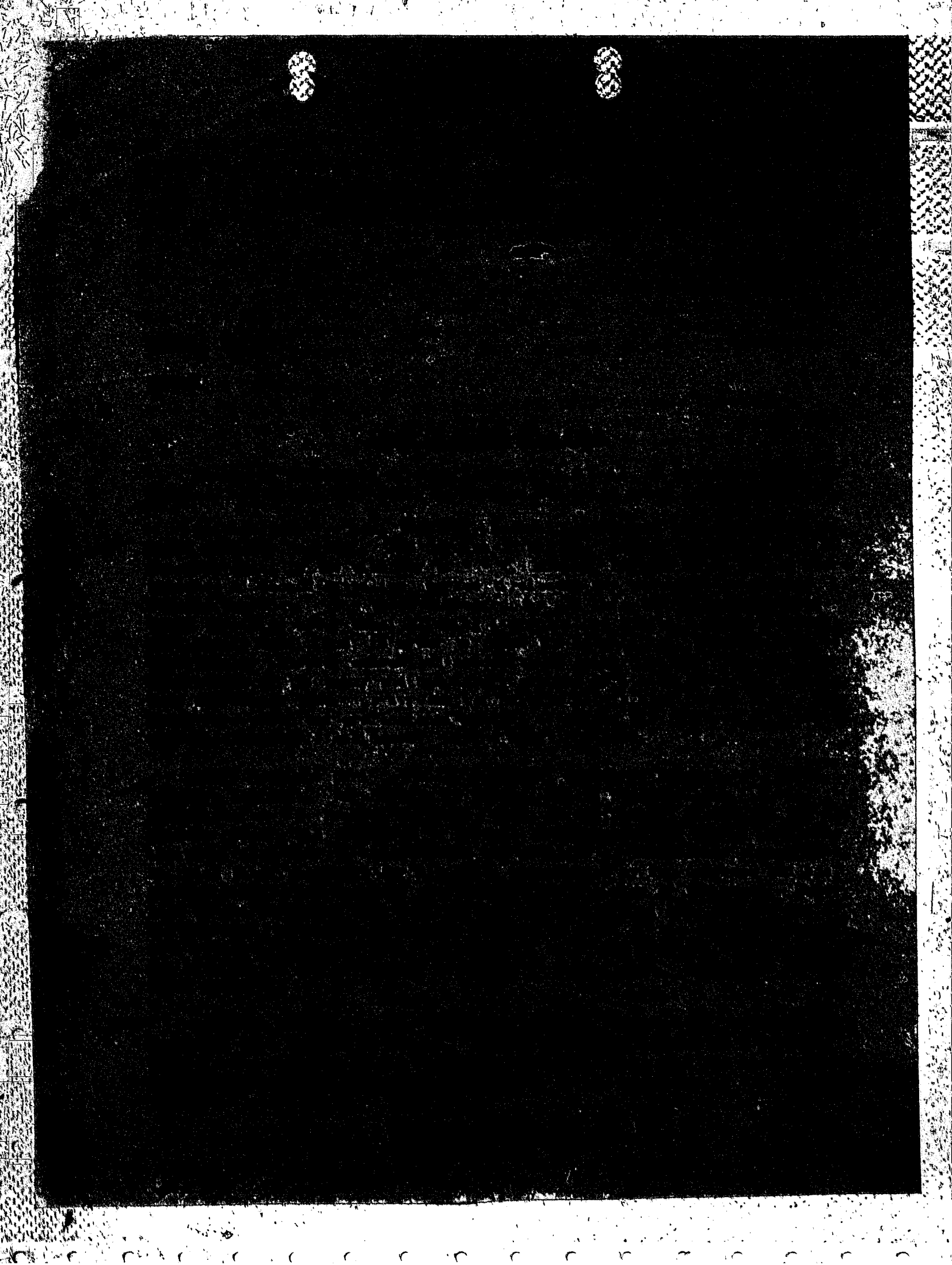
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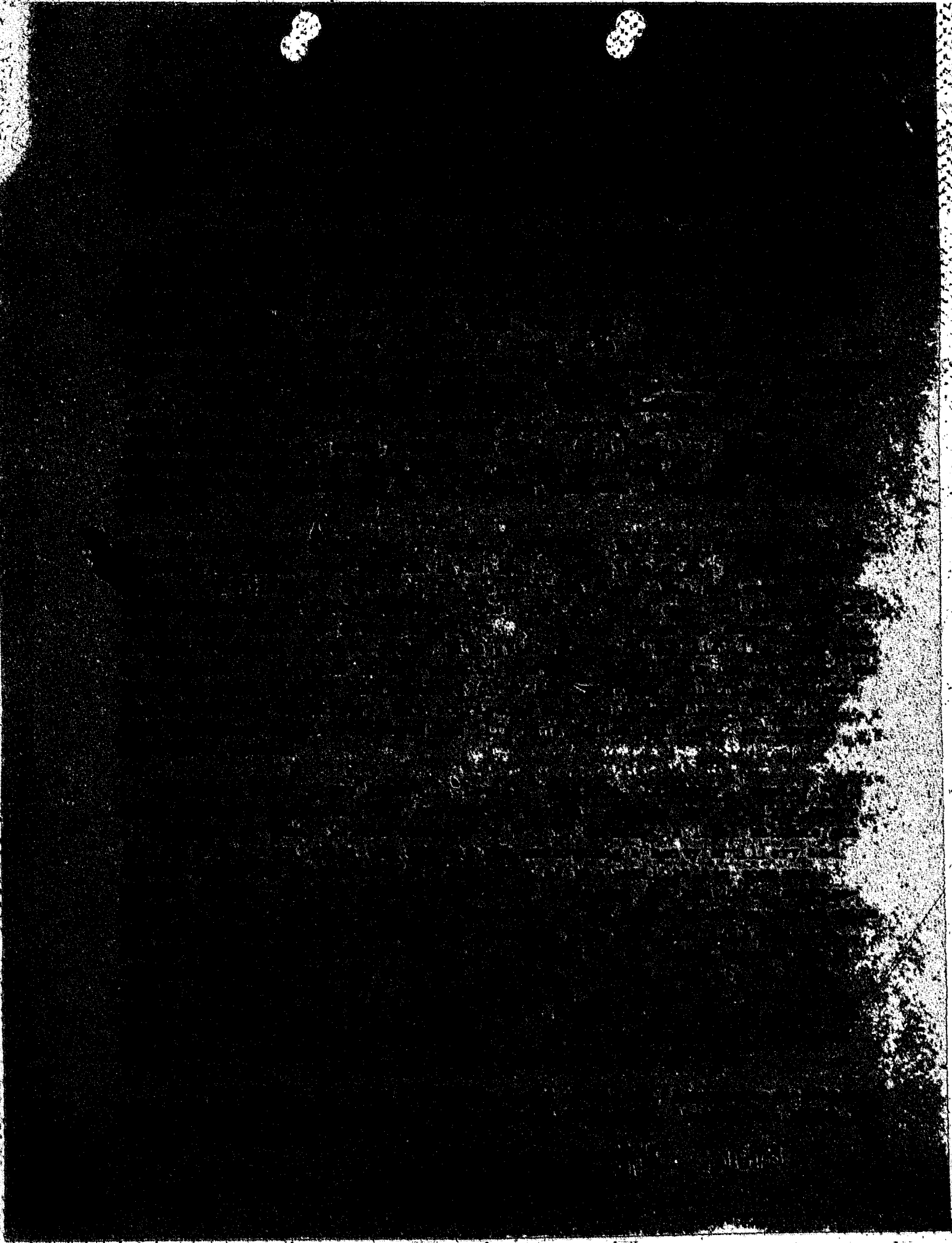
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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Virgil A. Gallion, 17175027, Infantry, Service Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the morning of 16 December 1944, Sergeant Gallion, a battalion supply sergeant, on his own initiative, began the dangerous mission of delivering rations and ammunition over fire-swept terrain to the front line troops fighting near \* \* \*, Germany. Because our troops had advanced swiftly, a considerable distance lay between the supply point and the troops, with no direct route available. Sergeant Gallion reconnoitered the area and found a feasible, though fire-swept, route. Realizing the importance of his mission, he disregarded warning of those around him, and proceeded forward, although at one time he passed under direct enemy observation and was subjected to intense shelling. He successfully directed his vehicle as close to the troops as possible and then swiftly organized hand-carrying parties. While in this forward position, he learned that a nearby village was to be bombed shortly, but remained so that he could evacuate any casualties. Having successfully evacuated the sole casualty of the bombing, he returned to the supply point. Sergeant Gallion skillfully continued his important work throughout the following two days by supplying forward troops with rations and ammunition, which were of material aid in their advance. Residence: Atchison, Kansas.

Private First Class Harold E. Robinson, 35595925, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Robinson, a messenger, observed a comrade wounded by enemy small arms fire. All aid men being preoccupied, he, on his own initiative fearlessly advanced forward under the enemy fire and successfully reached the injured man. Bullets raked his path as he expeditiously carried his comrade to safety. Because of Private Robinson's courageous actions while under fire, his injured comrade was able to receive prompt medical attention. Residence: Stow, Ohio.

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Private First Class Charles E. Widas, 38496876, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the vital necessity of ascertaining the location of the hostile strongpoint, Private Widas, with utter disregard for his life, courageously accompanied his platoon leader and two comrades who were going forward in full view of the enemy. Heedless of the withering fire that blasted the area, knowing one of his comrades had been killed and another wounded, he heroically pushed forward to locate the enemy emplacement. As a result of Private Widas' magnificent valor the position of the hostile gun was located and ultimately destroyed by mortar fire. Residence: Roseland, Louisiana.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individual:

Sergeant Willis M. Gartrell, 34497242, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, the position of Company "G" was threatened by an enemy counter-attack. Sergeant Gartrell, with utter disregard for his life, crawled from his trench numerous times in order to fire more effectively. On numerous occasions he stood upright exposing himself, firing with devastating accuracy on the attacking enemy. Although he was in the mortar section, he courageously joined the riflemen in their counter-drive to repulse the severe hostile attack. Sergeant Gartrell advanced toward the enemy forces, firing as he moved, and was last seen driving forward over the hostile area. Sergeant Gartrell's magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Memphis, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Emma O. Smith (Mother), 1519 Gaither Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individuals:

Private Robert J. Doris, 32960552, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Doris, machine gunner, while under severe enemy shelling, courageously remained at his post despite the withering fire that blasted the area. When one gunner was killed by enemy fire, he, with utter disregard for his life, single-handedly moved the gun and directed accurate and effective fire on the hostile troops. The accuracy of his fire was so severe that the opposing forces were compelled to withdraw in a disorganized retreat. In the process of this heroic action he was struck by hostile fire, falling mortally wounded. Throughout this entire action Private Doris' display of magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the

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III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

military service. Residence: Newark, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mr. Archibald Doris (Father), 197 Barclay Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Private First Class Allen L. Blackman, 36548178, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the vital necessity of ascertaining the location of the hostile strongpoint, Private Blackman, with utter disregard for his life, courageously accompanied his platoon leader and two comrades, who were going forward in full view of the enemy. Heedless of the withering fire that blasted the area, Private Blackman heroically pushed forward until cut down by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. His outstanding courage materially assisted in locating the position of the hostile gun which was ultimately destroyed by mortar fire. Throughout this entire action, Private Blackman's display of magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: La Salle, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Edna Blackman (Mother), RFD #1, La Salle, Michigan.

Sergeant J. C. Gentry, 34497640, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Gentry, machine gun squad leader, courageously deployed his squad into strategic positions while under intense artillery fire. He directed accurate and effective fire on an enemy strongpoint while in full view of the hostile forces. In order to locate a more advantageous position, he, with utter disregard for his life, skillfully crawled forward, completely oblivious of the devastating fire that blasted the area about him. In the process of his move forward he was struck by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. Throughout this entire action, Sergeant Gentry's display of outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Shady Valley, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida Gentry (Mother), Route 1, Shady Valley, Tennessee.

Private First Class Donald E. Hudson, 38509704, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Hudson, machine gunner, while under severe enemy shelling, courageously remained at his post despite the withering fire that blasted the area. He effectively placed fire on hostile forces moving forward in a counter-attack, with such accuracy that the enemy were forced to withdraw in a hasty retreat, suffering numerous casualties. Heroically, he picked up his gun, dashed forward on the heels of the fleeing enemy, firing on them as they withdrew, and continued firing until he was struck by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. Throughout this entire action Private Hudson's display of magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Little Rock, Arkansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Bernice E. Hudson (Mother), 3405 West 13th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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III -- AWARDED, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

Private First Class Lincoln Ng, 32901529, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Ng and his company were subjected to murderous enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire, during a hostile counter-attack. During this severe concentration of hostile fire a fellow machine gunner was wounded. With utter disregard for his life, Private Ng unhesitatingly braved this withering fire and fearlessly carried the machine gun to a more advantageous position. From this vantage point, he skillfully and courageously directed devastating fire into the enemy ranks, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing the enemy to withdraw. Private Ng, during this valorous act was fatally wounded by enemy fire. Throughout this entire action, his display of self-sacrifice and magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Residence: New York, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Wing Ng (Father), 61 Chryptic Street, New York, New York.

Private Edward V. Ciricillo, 42002871, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Ciricillo's company established a bridgehead across an enemy-held river. His company was pinned to the open terrain by an intense barrage of mortar and machine gun fire. Realizing his comrades were cut off on the hostile side of the river, Private Ciricillo, with utter disregard for his life, courageously crawled forward under a fierce hail of hostile fire toward an enemy machine gun emplacement. Taking advantage of the little cover that the exposed bridgehead offered, he crawled forward to within a few yards of the hostile emplacement, when struck by a blast of hostile fire, falling mortally wounded. The men, inspired by Private Ciricillo's courageous act, moved forward driving the enemy back. His magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newark, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Madeline Ciricillo (Mother), 23d Sixth Street, Newark, New Jersey.

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~~\* Private First Class Frank J. Horjes, 3671 2851, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Horjes, machine gunner, while under severe enemy shelling, courageously remained at his post, despite the withering fire that blasted the area. He placed fire on enemy positions with such deadly accuracy and effectiveness that they were forced to withdraw in disorganized retreat. His heroic efforts materially assisted artillery observers to successfully relay vital information to their fire direction center, which ultimately brought devastating fire on the retreating enemy. In the course of this activity Private Horjes was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Throughout this entire action Private Horjes' display of outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Agnes Horjes (Mother), 5107 South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.~~

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IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individual:

Private First Class Conrad A. Herrmann, 32963711, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Herrmann, observed a driver forced to abandon his vehicle due to a terrific enemy artillery barrage falling in the immediate area. Realizing the valuable vehicle would suffer a direct hit unless immediate action was taken, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed boldly from his place of safety to rescue the exposed vehicle. Fully cognizant of the extreme danger confronting him, he jumped into the vehicle amid a hail of devastating fire and drove it to safety. Residence: Glendale, New York.

JK } V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 2, this Headquarters, dated 1 January 1945, as reads "Private First Class Marcus T. Connelly, 37420155", is amended to read "Private First Class Marcus J. Connelly, 37420156".

VI -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 2, this Headquarters, dated 1 January 1945, as pertains to following named individuals, is revoked:

OK } Private First Class Conrad A. Herrmann, 32963711, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment.

Private First Class Harold E. Robinson, 35595925 (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment.

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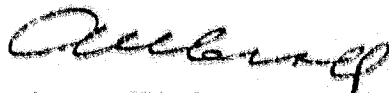
Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individual:

Private First Class Gerald H. Wilks, 16105925, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, when his machine gun jammed during a strong tank-supported enemy counter-attack, Private Wilks voluntarily remained by his gun and continued to fire single shots at advancing enemy foot troops and tank fire directors, while his squad successfully withdrew. Disregarding the heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire that was immediately brought to bear on his position, Private Wilks continued to fire while enemy troops advanced to within 20 yards of his position in an unsuccessful attempt to dislodge him. By his gallant action, performed with complete disregard for his safety, Private Wilks halted the advance of the enemy until our troops repulsed the attack. Residence: Dayton, Ohio.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
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I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fourth Grade Leonard J. Radjewski, 36549277, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. McDermott, 37446033, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Boone, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Owen W. Davenport, 17203254, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Medora, Kansas.

Private Alfred T. Wootton, 35841076, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Marion, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Leroy W. Blohm, 37446134, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 13 December 1944. Residence: Clinton, Iowa.

Sergeant Edwin J. Wallen, 39216781, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Lake Bay, Washington.

Private First Class John M. Hughes, 15315336, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JERRY L. SUDIN, 01322967, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RAYMOND D. WRIGHT, 01052272, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 January 1945. Residence: Barton, Ohio.

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II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Arthur H. Tanner, 36342338, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Kenosha, Wisconsin.

By command of Brigadier General FIERCE:

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Otto Lenz, Jr., 36414495, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

Sergeant Francis X. Mosch, 32486545, (then Corporal), Infantry, Company "B", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

Sergeant Joe H. Harris, 38103783, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, Company "B", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, 27 December 1944. Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. O'HARA, 61396411, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

Corporal Merritt Kochan, 36543101, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class Duitt G. Gilbert, 37692734, Infantry, Company "A", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Private First Class Donald W. Boy, 19132669, Infantry, Company "D", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Private First Class Theodore J. Zowarth, 36501416, Infantry, Company "C", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Stanley Rutkowski, 36626137, Infantry, Company "A", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Meyer Schulman, 32614978, Infantry, Company "I", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

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Private First Class John M. Holden, 16088686, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 December 1944. Residence: Augusta, Michigan.

Sergeant Hollis W. Tutler, 37447984, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Denton, Iowa.

Sergeant James Woods, 36732907, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Christopher, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH T. BARBER, 01310205, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Trenton, New Jersey.

Corporal Clarence A. Jennings, 37536760, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Spearville, Kansas.

Private First Class Allan D. Galston, 36288794, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 November 1944. Residence: Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Private Marvin E. Williams, 14161604, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Lookout Mountain, Tennessee.

Private First Class Paul F. Insetta, 3635984, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Wayne G. Messett, 37447504, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

First Sergeant Alex Ardrey, 33025347, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Parkersburg, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Wendell F. Puffer, 31026834, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Northfield, Vermont.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Gerald D. Bailey, 38020998, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Bailey, a medical aid man attached to the Second Battalion, repeatedly braved enemy artillery and mortar fire to single-handedly evacuate wounded men to the aid station, a distance of 4000 y-rds. For more than eleven hours, Sergeant Bailey courageously craved the intense shell-fire to evacuate the wounded. When the aid station was shelled, Sergeant Bailey refused to take cover and continued to treat the wounded, until all had been safely evacuated. On another occasion, during the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Bailey displayed heroic devotion to duty when he repeatedly crossed 1000 yards of mountainous terrain, through intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire, to single-handedly evacuate wounded men. Refusing to accept relief, Sergeant Bailey heroically continued to cross the hazardous terrain until all wounded had been evacuated. As a result of his courageous acts many lives were saved. Residence: Clinton, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles M. Roberts, 38104489, Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 December 1944, Technician Roberts was driving a truck containing military personnel and vitally needed communication wire and ammunition enroute between \* \* \*, Germany and \* \* \*, France, three rounds of rocket launcher ammunition became dislodged and wedged on the drive shaft, igniting the ammunition cases. Smelling the smoke, and realizing the impending danger, Technician Roberts stopped his vehicle, and with utter disregard for his life, removed the burning cases of ammunition. He then carried them a safe distance away from the truck and extinguished the fire before the rounds could explode. Technician Roberts' alertness, and his immediate and effective action, in the presence of imminent danger, saved the truck, its personnel, and its valuable contents from destruction. Residence: Canon City, Colorado.

Technical Sergeant Lloyd L. Hefner, 18005152, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Hefner, skillfully directed his platoon toward a hostile pill-box in the face of intense enemy small arms, grenade and mortar fire. Encountering stubborn resistance from the entrenched enemy, Sergeant Hefner displaying superb operative ability, maneuvered his way forward to as-

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certain enemy strength and exact locations of the strongpoints. Despite the withering fire that blasted his path he pushed courageously on with utter disregard for his life. Having discerned the location of the pill-box, he deliberately exposed himself to full view of the enemy and coolly directed his various squads through a net-work of trenches until the strongpoint was captured. As a result of Sergeant Hoffman's outstanding valor and excellent leadership his platoon captured an important enemy emplacement, killed 25 of the enemy, and took three of the enemy prisoner, with a minimum of losses to our troops. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class Calvin C. Hoffmaster, 33733392, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Hoffmaster, messenger, heroically assisted overburdened first aid men in the evacuation of wounded under terrific enemy small arms and mortar fire. On three occasions, Private Hoffmaster, with utter disregard for his life, courageously braved enemy fire, in crossing 300 yards of fire-swept terrain to carry his wounded comrades to safety. Completely oblivious of physical exhaustion he worked tirelessly in his efforts to ascertain that each wounded man was properly attended. As a result of Private Hoffmaster's outstanding valor the lives of three wounded comrades were saved. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert M. Stelter, 36102238, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Stelter was assigned as a radio operator with the forward artillery observer of the Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. The observation point was a house in the area where an enemy counterattack was expected. Radio reception being poor inside the building, Technician Stelter voluntarily moved his radio set from the protection of the building to an exposed position outside. During the fire-mission the enemy shelled the area with mortars and artillery, and shell fragments continually struck the building behind Technician Stelter. With complete disregard for his safety, Technician Stelter heroically remained at his post, enabling the observer to complete his mission. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant David L. Feiser, 37245366, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the afternoon of 4 January 1945, Sergeant Feiser, with three other soldiers, was moving forward on the left flank of Company "E", when enemy machine gun and small arms fire swept the area, seriously wounding one man. Sergeant Feiser, hearing the cries of the wounded man, crawled 50 yards over open and snow-covered terrain to reach his injured comrade. Dragging him to the safety of a trench, Sergeant Feiser administered first aid. Realizing that the wounded man was in need of immediate professional treatment, Sergeant Feiser, dragging the wounded soldier, courageously crawled 200 yards to the aid station. By his heroic action, performed with complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Feiser saved the life of his wounded comrade. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Corporal Gifford F. Ties, 32025133, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the

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dawn of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Tiss, an anti-tank gunner was preparing a dug-in position for his gun when he observed an enemy mortar position in a cellar of a nearby farm house. After further exploration in the vicinity of the house, he realized that an attack on the strongpoint would endanger the lives of civilians inside. Corporal Tiss skillfully selected a position covering all exits from the cellar. He then instructed a civilian interpreter to deliver a message to the hostile group demanding that they surrender as they were completely surrounded. As a result of Corporal Tiss' valorous act, an enemy outpost of eight men surrendered, and a dangerous hostile strongpoint was neutralized, without a shot being fired. Residence: Carthage, New York.

Sergeant Joe E. Harris, 38103783, (Then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment was surrounded during an enemy counterattack and the communication lines were severed by the hostile mortar fire, isolating the company from outside contact. Sergeant Harris, with one comrade, voluntarily attempted to establish communication with the battalion command post. While proceeding through the darkness, Sergeant Harris was detected by the enemy forces who immediately used flares enabling them to direct small arms fire upon him. He quickly fell to the ground and courageously crawled on, following and repairing the wire. Sergeant Harris successfully followed the wire to his battalion command post and informed the battalion commander of the precarious position of his company. As a result of his valorous act, aid was brought to the surrounded company and the hostile counterattack was repulsed. Residence: Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Private Bruce F. Kaufman, 36978513, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Kaufman's company was advancing up a steep hill when the enemy threw grenades down the slope, from a strongly fortified pill-box, causing heavy casualties among his comrades. With utter disregard for his life, he exposed himself to enemy mortar and grenade fire, attempting to neutralize the hostile emplacement. Private Kaufman was firing on the enemy pill-box when wounded by a burst of mortar fire. Despite his wounds, he refused to be evacuated. He quickly regained his composure and resumed firing at the emplacement with renewed ferocity until his company was ordered to withdraw. Private Kaufman's heroic action reduced the enemy's fire to a minimum, preventing more casualties from occurring among his comrades. Residence: Bronson, Michigan.

Private First Class Leroy T. Deal, 16167586, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Deal was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire. The action was so severe the company was ordered to withdraw because of the casualties it had suffered. Private Deal, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his life, stayed with his wounded companions to protect them from falling into enemy hands, while the remainder of the company withdrew. He remained with the wounded men protecting them until darkness fell and then assisted in their evacuation. As a result of



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Private Deal's outstanding valor many of the wounded were saved from capture by the enemy and medical aid was rendered expeditiously. Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth H. Hutfliz, 36553812, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Hutfliz, a medical aid man, was attached to a unit whose mission was to draw enemy machine gun fire so that the position of the hostile guns would be disclosed. Being advised that a comrade was wounded by the violent enemy fire which ensued, Technician Hutfliz, without hesitation, and with utter disregard for his life, started to the aid of the wounded man. He crawled approximately 100 yards across fire-swept open terrain, reached the wounded soldier, who was bleeding profusely and administered first aid. With the assistance of a comrade, Technician Hutfliz placed the wounded man on a raincoat and brought him safely through a hail of enemy fire to a point from which the second soldier was evacuated. Technician Hutfliz's skill in administering first aid and his courage in the face of great danger resulted in the saving of a wounded comrade's life. Residence: Merrill, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Eugene G. Barron, 37402370, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, after the First Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment had captured the town of \* \* \*, France, the enemy launched a counterattack with four self-propelled guns and tank supported. Sergeant Barron, squad leader of the anti-tank platoon, saw the enemy guns entering the town and our own Tank Destroyers entering from another direction, which would have brought them under the direct fire of the enemy self-propelled guns. Ordering his driver to bring the gun into position to fire, Sergeant Barron engaged the enemy. Returning the fire from the enemy's 88mm gun and one three inch gun, Sergeant Barron scored a direct hit on the enemy tank, killing three of the crew and causing the remainder to be taken prisoner. By his heroic action, performed with complete disregard for his life, Sergeant Barron drew the enemy's fire, winning our Tank Destroyers of the enemy's approach and materially being in the successful repulse of their counterattack. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class Dominic Sallitto, 32648083, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 13 December 1944, Private Sallitto drove his battalion executive officer to \* \* \*, France, where a bridge, destroyed by enemy artillery fire, was holding up the progress of the Third Battalion. During the construction of a temporary bridge, the area was swept by an enemy artillery barrage. Noting that a group of five one quarter ton trucks was in an exposed position, and realizing that the vehicles had attracted the fire, Private Sallitto left his cover and with complete disregard for his safety, saved each vehicle out of the enemy's sight. As a result of his heroic action, enemy fire ceased and construction of the bridge was safely resumed. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class Henry W. Phillips, Jr., 18073571, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Phillips advancing in a forward position, with his company, was pinned to the ground by well concealed enemy machine gun fire. Not knowing the location of the hostile gun, Private Phillips fired on the possible location of the enemy position and immediately received a burst of hostile machine gun fire which painfully wounded him in the hand. Despite his wounds and the accuracy of the enemy fire, he, with utter disregard for his life courageously exchanged fire with the hostile position although the bursts of enemy fire twice sent his helmet spinning to the ground. Determining the location of the enemy weapon, he withdrew in the direction of his platoon leader and in the process was struck in the back by hostile fire. Undeterred, he crawled on with his information, reaching his platoon leader. As a result of Private Phillips' magnificent valor, the company informed of the location, brought mortar fire to bear on the hostile position successfully destroying it. Residence: Texarkana, Texas.

Private First Class Lucien R. Rene, 11036092, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment was surrounded during an enemy counterattack and the communication lines were broken by the hostile mortar fire, isolating the company from outside contact. Private Rene, with one comrade voluntarily attempted to establish communication with the battalion command post. While proceeding through the darkness, Private Rene was detected by the enemy forces who immediately used flares enabling them to direct small arms fire upon him. He quickly fell to the ground and courageously crawled on, following and repairing the wire. Private Rene successfully followed the wire to his battalion command post and informed the battalion commander of the precarious position of his company. As a result of his valorous act, aid was brought to the surrounded company and the hostile counterattack was repulsed. Residence: Manchester, New Hampshire.

Private First Class Edward S. Dayon, 37541295, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Dayon observed a crew unloading ammunition driven to cover by an intense enemy artillery barrage. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the disastrous results that would ensue should one of the vehicles be hit, he courageously drove one of the exposed vehicles to safety. Again braving the devastating barrage with utter disregard for his life, he succeeded in driving one other vehicle to safety. As a result of Private Dayon's outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, vitally needed ammunition was saved and the great danger confronting the surrounding troops was substantially alleviated. Residence: Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN D. GLOGHEGAN, 02000698 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 and 21 December 1944, LIEUTENANT GLOGHEGAN was the acting platoon leader of the second platoon of Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment and was ordered to hold his position against enemy counterattacks near \* \* \*, Germany.

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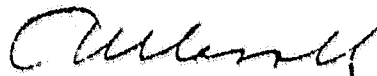
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On each of the two days the enemy launched counterattacks with tanks, artillery, mortars, flak wagons, a flame thrower and foot troops, in an attempt to dislodge his platoon. On one occasion, during the two days of bitter fighting, LIEUTENANT GEOGHEGAN directed the fire of two battalions of artillery on two different targets simultaneously, directing a total of 500 rounds against enemy concentrations of personnel and vehicles that were massing for attack. On another occasion, when an enemy flame thrower had advanced to within 60 yards of his position, LIEUTENANT GEOGHEGAN left his cover and with fragmentation grenades met the attack and defeated it. When one counterattack carried the enemy to our position, LIEUTENANT GEOGHEGAN, displaying outstanding leadership and courage, rallied his men and repulsed the attack. By his accurate direction of artillery fire and his outstanding ability to command and lead, without regard for personal risk, LIEUTENANT GEOGHEGAN succeeded in destroying considerable enemy material and personnel and holding his vital position. Residence: Baraboo, Wisconsin.

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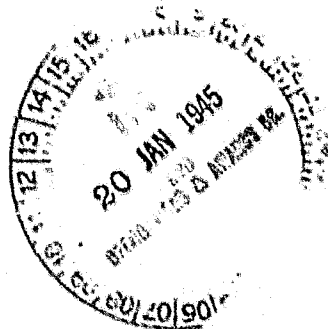
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Corporal Alan F. Byrnes, 36550380, Field Artillery, Battery "G", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Roy B. Jones, 38668404, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Adona, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Bruce A. Allen, 13156702, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Cletus V. Effle, 37565726, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN L. TANNER, 0385768, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 December 1944. Residence: Redfield, South Dakota.

Private First Class Thomas A. Seeburger, 19119284, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Clovis, California.

Private First Class Tommie C. Waters, 34687529, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 December 1944. Residence: Tonnille, Georgia.

Technician Third Grade Joseph E. Vitt, 37181835, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance Company, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Salisbury, Missouri.

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II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant Kenneth W. Hetzki, 37482020, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

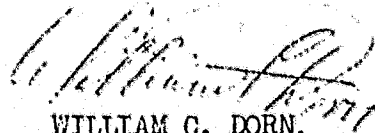
Technician Third Grade Edward W. Copeland, 36414697, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class Paul P. Insetta, 32235984, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Sergeant Raymond D. Reichow, 32156602, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, Sergeant Reichow was attached as a forward observer to an infantry battalion advancing through the drizzling rain to \* \* \*, France. As the infantry column approached the town, it was pinned down on the side of a road by an intense barrage of enemy mortar and small arms fire directed from concealed positions in the wooded hills. Cognizant of the precarious position of the infantry troops, Sergeant Reichow, with utter disregard for his life, set up his radio in an exposed position to direct artillery fire on the hostile emplacements. The exposed radio drew enemy fire on him with a renewed ferocity, nevertheless, he fearlessly remained at his post to adjust artillery fire on the enemy forces. Sergeant Reichow's cool and courageous direction of the artillery mission silenced the hostile emplacements and the infantry successfully resumed its advance toward its objective. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Lee E. Giernett, 37565965, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, while the First Battalion was attacking in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, communication with a forward company was delayed when wiremen were driven back by intense enemy fire and others were relieved because of exhaustion. Private Giernett, a switchboard operator, voluntarily attempted to lay wire to the forward company. Fully aware that the route had not been reconnoitered, Private Giernett worked all through the night laying wire over the treacherous and mountainous terrain. Because of his heroic perseverance and his disregard for safety, Private Giernett succeeded in laying the wire through an intense artillery, mortar and sniper fire of the enemy, maintaining communication between the battalion and the forward company, materially contributing to the success of the operation. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class Hugh W. Maddox, 34575179, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 27 November 1944, in the village



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of \* \* \*, France, several vehicles of ammunition were being unloaded near the regimental command post when the enemy laid a heavy barrage of artillery on the village street. Cognizant of the peril to his comrades and to the regimental command post should the ammunition explode, he, with utter disregard for his life, dashed to a vehicle of explosives, and courageously drove the vehicle to cover. Although the hostile artillery fire was falling near the vehicles, Private Maddox continued to disperse the vehicles until he was wounded by a shell burst from the enemy artillery. As a result of his valorous action, all the vehicles of badly needed ammunition were saved, preventing a heavy loss of life and property. Residence: Griffin, Georgia.

Private Roy Z. Hill, 38564975, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Hill, wireman, courageously drove his wire vehicle over artillery swept roads to install and repair vital communication lines between his company and attacking troops. In one instance, during a severe artillery barrage, the lines were severed. Acting instantaneously, without regard for his life, he quickly jumped into his vehicle, and drove forward to locate the break in the wire. While enroute, Private Hill was twice forced to abandon his vehicle and seek shelter due to the severity of fire. Completely oblivious of the danger confronting him, he drove courageously on until the break was located and repaired. By this valorous act, communication was re-established and effective fire support was rendered to the attacking forces. Residence: Euid, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Calvin D. Lash, 37669540, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Lash, while on patrol, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine-gun fire coming from a well concealed emplacement. Realizing the immediate necessity of the patrol seeking cover, he, with utter disregard for his life, remained in a forward position to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. Single-handedly, he fired continuously into the hostile strongpoint, drawing a hail of fire from the enemy with each shot he directed toward them. In the process of the skirmish Private Lash was painfully wounded in the neck. Despite this injury he refused to withdraw or seek protection until he was assured that all members of the patrol had reached safety. Private Lash's heroic action enabled the patrol to reorganize and saved them from enemy encirclement and possible capture. Residence: Indianola, Iowa.

Private First Class Joseph P. LaBudda, 36288536, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment was supporting a forward battalion in the attack. Private LaBudda, a motor messenger, while attempting to establish liaison with the battalion command post, encountered an enemy roadblock. Realizing the importance of his mission, he sought a clear route forward. Cognizant of the fact that the route he selected was through enemy territory, he proceeded forward, however, was later driven back by heavy enemy fire. Undeterred, he again drove forward

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and this time succeeded in reaching his platoon leader. Private LaRudda's courage and total disregard for personal safety made liaison possible between the forward observer and the guns, which materially aided in the successful attack of the battalion. Residence: Lauston, Wisconsin.

COLONEL GUY S. MELOY, JR., 016892, General Staff Corps (Infantry), Headquarters, 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 November 1944 to 8 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lanham, Maryland.

CAPTAIN JOHN T. MELKO, 01284363 (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "A", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "A", 409<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the vital necessity of ascertaining the location of the hostile strongpoint, CAPTAIN MELKO, accompanied by three riflemen, courageously advanced in full view of the enemy. Heedless of the withering fire that blasted the area, he heroically pushed forward until he located the hostile emplacement. CAPTAIN MELKO and his men again crossed the open terrain to rejoin the company, despite the hail of hostile machine gun fire that killed one man and wounded another. His outstanding courage assisted in locating the position of the hostile gun which was ultimately destroyed by mortar fire. Residence: Fresno, California.

CAPTAIN KENNETH J. MERRILL, JR., 01105026, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 28<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. During the period 9 November to 14 December 1944, in the drive through the Vosges Mountains, CAPTAIN MERRILL tirelessly and courageously reconnoitered forward routes of approach for the advance of his company in close support of infantry elements. His keen insight in formulating plans for the removal of enemy obstacles was invaluable. Many of his missions were performed in advance of infantry troops over mine-infested roads, with enemy fire raking his path almost continuously. His thorough knowledge of engineering principles and operations and the clarity with which he formulated his plans into ultimate successes, materially assisted the infantry in the successful and expeditious accomplishment of their missions. During one phase of a reconnaissance, CAPTAIN MERRILL was seriously wounded when the vehicle in which he was riding struck a mine. His courage and valorous conduct in the face of extreme danger served as an inspiration to those about him. Residence: Newtonville, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Stephen J. Chvastek, 3295650, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 33<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During an attack by our infantry on 2 December 1944 Private Chvastek was a member of a wire team whose mission was to install a line from \* \* \*, France, to an infantry regiment other than their regularly assigned combat team. Knowing that the area in which the wire would be laid was subjected to heavy enemy fire, and having been given the opportunity to run in behind, Private Chvastek, with utter disregard for his life, courageously went forward to assist in the mission. The wire team successfully laid the wire in the face of continuous

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mortar and small arms fire, and, during the day, repaired numerous breaks caused by enemy fire. Private Chvastek's heroic devotion to duty in these operations enabled his battalion to effectively carry out its mission of direct support to the infantry. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Private First Class John M. Repp, 37404223 (then Private), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 202d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Repp, wireman, courageously and tirelessly laid vital communication lines to a forward observer who was directing artillery fire in support of an infantry attack. His route of approach necessitated going across an open and fire-swept field, but heedless of the danger confronting him, he pushed on with utter disregard for his life. Throughout the night Private Repp constantly checked, rechecked and repaired the vital lines in order to assure uninterrupted communication. As a result of Private Repp's magnificent valor and untiring efforts the infantry was materially assisted in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Residence: Jennings, Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. O'HARA, 01296411, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the action in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on the night of 1 December 1944, two rifle companies of the Second Battalion were moving into the town when water-logged radio sets failed and enemy mortar fire severed communication lines. As the enemy counter-action increased in intensity, information as to the exact positions of all units was urgently required. LIEUTENANT O'HARA, without regard for his own safety, continually braved heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to act as liaison between forward elements and battalion headquarters. He located supporting Tank Destroyers and, under black-out conditions, guided them to positions where they could place effective fire on enemy defenses. By his heroic action LIEUTENANT O'HARA relieved a precarious situation and contributed materially to the success of the action. Residence: New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold E. Deschner, 36287810 (then Private First Class), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Deschner, wireman, courageously and tirelessly laid vital communication lines to a forward observer who was directing artillery fire in support of an infantry attack. His route of approach necessitated going across an open and fire-swept field but heedless of the danger confronting him, he pushed on with utter disregard for his life. Throughout the night Technician Deschner constantly checked, rechecked and repaired the vital lines in order to assure uninterrupted communication. As a result of Technician Deschner's magnificent valor and untiring efforts the infantry was materially assisted in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Residence: Delavan, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade James B. Fowle, 30412762, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Tech-

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nician Fowle was given the mission of maintaining wire communications with a forward liaison officer. In order to bring his wire to the designated forward point, it was necessary for Technician Fowle to carry the wire around an enemy roadblock and to traverse extremely difficult terrain in total darkness and in heavy rain. Knowing that the enemy was present on all sides, Technician Fowle, with utter disregard for his life, relentlessly pushed forward and completed his mission. His heroic actions enabled the liaison officer to coordinate fire for the successful infantry attack that ensued. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Emil J. Gabor, 36807293, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Gabor, wireman, courageously and tirelessly laid vital communication lines to a forward observer who was directing artillery fire in support of an infantry attack. His route of approach necessitated going across an open and fire-swept field but heedless of the danger confronting him, he pushed on with utter disregard for his life. Throughout the night Technician Gabor constantly checked, rechecked and repaired the vital lines in order to assure uninterrupted communication. As a result of Technician Gabor's magnificent valor and untiring efforts the infantry was materially assisted in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Residence: Rosholt, Wisconsin.

Corporal Clarence E. Meisenheimer, 36714496, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Meisenheimer, wireman, worked courageously and tirelessly in maintaining vital communication lines to his liaison officer located in a forward observation post. The line was severed repeatedly by heavy mortar fire and in each instance, he, with utter disregard for his life, checked, rechecked, and repaired the lines, heedless of the withering fire that blasted his path. Oblivious of physical exhaustion he carried on magnificently, maintaining the lines without interruption. As a result of Corporal Meisenheimer's outstanding courage in keeping the vital communication lines open, effective artillery fire was placed on the enemy, materially assisting the attacking infantry troops in their advance. Residence: Carbonate, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Edwin A. Gustafson, 37441970, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, Technician Gustafson, a radio operator with the artillery forward observer, was accompanying the infantry in an attack on the town of \* \* \*, France. Suddenly, a tremendous burst of enemy mortar and small arms fire pinned the column to the ground. Technician Gustafson and his radio immediately became primary targets and severe enemy fire was concentrated upon him. With utter disregard for his life, he further exposed himself by elevating his aerial and skillfully established communications with his artillery unit. As a result of Technician Gustafson's heroic action, our artillery effectively silenced the enemy's fire and the infantry was enabled to proceed on its mission. Residence: Harlow, North Dakota.

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Technician Fifth Grade Lewis W. Dobbs, 36723109, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 923d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, enemy forces directed an intense barrage of artillery and mortar fire on Technician Dobbs' observation post and the nearby infantry troops, causing many casualties. Technician Dobbs immediately contacted his battalion by radio for counter-battery fire to be directed on the enemy guns. He remained at the observation post, despite the heavy barrage which wounded the liaison officer and the forward observer. Throughout this entire action, Technician Dobbs remained at his radio and maintained constant contact with his battalion. As a result of his heroic action, effective fire was adjusted on the hostile batteries, silencing the source of devastating fire on our troops. Residence: Dix, Illinois.

Private First Class Thomas O. Miller, 33643232 (then Private), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During an attack by our infantry on 2 December 1944 Private Miller was a member of a wire team whose mission was to install a line from \* \* \*, France, to an infantry regiment other than their regularly assigned combat team. Knowing that the area in which the wire would be laid was subjected to heavy enemy fire, and having been given the opportunity to remain behind, Private Miller, with utter disregard for his life, courageously went forward to assist in the mission. The wire team successfully laid the wire in the face of continuous mortar and small arms fire, and, during the day, repaired numerous breaks caused by enemy fire. Private Miller's heroic devotion to duty in these operations enabled his battalion to effectively carry out its mission of direct support to the infantry. Residence: Norfolk, Virginia.

Corporal John F. Horn, 30543280, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 2d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 7 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Horn was given the mission of maintaining wire communication with a forward liaison officer. In order to reach his objective, it was necessary for Corporal Horn to wade through the icy waters of a swollen river under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his life, Corporal Horn surmounted these obstacles and brought the wire forward. Later the same night he skillfully and valorously repaired several breaks in the wire caused by enemy fire so that vital communication could be maintained without interruption. The heroic actions of Corporal Horn enabled infantry and artillery to coordinate successfully in pressing the attack and repulsing the enemy counterattack that ensued. Residence: River Rouge, Michigan.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

Private First Class Loudon G. Doney, III, 18061510, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. While the Third Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment was in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on the night of 3 January 1945, the battalion S-2 learned



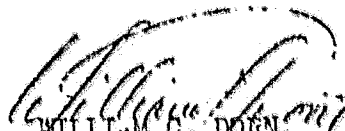
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that the enemy was sending nightly patrols into the town. Hearing that a patrol had been organized to intercept and capture the enemy patrol, Private Doney requested and was granted permission to participate in the action. As the Third Battalion patrol entered the town, moving from house to house, Private Doney, on his own initiative, assumed the position of lead scout. As the patrol moved through the town, the enemy in ambush opened fire on Private Doney. Without pausing to take cover, he turned and warned the patrol behind him, falling mortally wounded as the enemy fired again. By his fearless action, performed with complete disregard for his life, Private Doney saved the lives of his comrades, enabling them to accomplish their mission without further casualties. Throughout the entire action, his display of outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service; Residence: Houston, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary G. Doney (Mother), 3203 Southmore, Houston, Texas.

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Technician Fifth Grade Roland W. Langlais, 31076957, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance Company. For heroism in action. On 24 November 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a Task Force made up of units of the 103d Infantry Division was halted when an armored car, the point vehicle of the column, struck a land mine. The armored car was disabled and blocked the road. Technician Langlais and his assistant driver drove a 4-ton wrecker to the front of the column, turned the wrecker, hooked on to and removed the armored car, all while exposed to constant and heavy small arms and mortar fire. This courageous act performed under extremely difficult conditions of terrain cleared the way for the Task Force to continue its mission. Residence: Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Benjamin A. Terry, 34303029, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance Company. For heroism in action. On 24 November 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a Task Force made up of units of the 103d Infantry Division was halted when an armored car, the point vehicle of the column, struck a land mine. The armored car was disabled and blocked the road. Technician Terry, acting as assistant driver, proceeded to the front of the column with a 4-ton wrecker, turned the wrecker, hooked on to and removed the armored car, all while exposed to constant and heavy small arms and mortar fire. This courageous act performed under extremely difficult conditions of terrain cleared the way for the Task Force to continue its mission. Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina.

Private First Class Francis L. Joho, 36715351, (then Private), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, elements of the 103d Infantry Division were forcing a crossing of the \* \* \* River. It was tactically imperative that a bridge approach be kept clear and that traffic be kept moving. Private Joho, having been assigned this task, despite a concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire on this key point, bravely and coolly remained at his post throughout the day and efficiently discharged his mission. A soldier standing but a few yards away from his position was killed by enemy fire, but this failed to unnerve

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Private Joho or interrupt his skillful control of the situation. His coolness and good judgment while under heavy fire materially contributed to the success of the combat mission. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

Corporal Eugene S. Knox, 36643119, (then Private First Class), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, elements of the 103d Infantry Division were forcing a crossing of the \* \* \* River. It was tactically imperative that a bridge approach be kept clear and that traffic be kept moving. Corporal Knox, having been assigned to this task, despite a concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire on this key point, brave and coolly remained at his post throughout the day and efficiently discharged his mission. A soldier standing but a few yards away from his position was killed by enemy fire, but this failed to unnerve Corporal Knox or interrupt his skillful control of the situation. His coolness and good judgment while under heavy fire materially contributed to the success of the combat mission. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Randolph L. Strickland, 34209792, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, enemy forces fired a devastating concentration of rockets in the Battery "B" area. The rockets injured four men of a gun crew and set fire to a building with a truck inside containing gasoline and small arms ammunition. Sergeant Strickland quickly secured a fire hose from the local fire-fighting equipment and sprayed water on the flaming truck. The wind-swept flames quickly spread to a nearby building which sheltered 60 rounds of 105 millimeter ammunition. Realizing the disastrous results if the shells should explode, he courageously dragged the hose to within 10 yards of the explosives and directed a stream of water on the heated ammunition, causing a cloud of hot steam to rise from the cased shells. Despite the exploding small arms ammunition across the street and the danger from a burning powder dump which had also ignited from the sweeping flames, he remained in his dangerous position for two hours until the flames were extinguished. Sergeant Strickland's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, materially assisted in saving the urgently needed ammunition and assured the lives of his comrades. Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida.

MAJOR SAMUEL B. YOY, 0353573, Infantry, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During our advance in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, 13 December 1944, two platoons of 57 millimeter anti-tank guns, one platoon of tanks and one platoon of tank destroyers were supporting the Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. It was necessary for the supporting units to enter \* \* \* over a temporary bridge and on a road mined and blocked at numerous points, conditions which made it difficult for our support to stay within effective operating distance of our troops. MAJOR YOY, Battalion Executive Officer, rode on the front of a one-quarter ton truck, probed for mines, cleared traffic over the bridge and along the road beyond, and then led the supporting units into the town. When the battalion established another bridgehead across the stream, MAJOR YOY reconnoitered and found a crossing which, with repairs, would enable supporting

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units to cross. After he had supervised the necessary repairs and directed traffic across, enemy artillery opened fire on the area. With complete disregard for his life, MAJOR YOY directed and dispersed traffic through the barrage and after all vehicles had cleared the area, drove an abandoned vehicle to safety. As a result of MAJOR YOY'S aggressive initiative and leadership, the battalion was able to secure a bridgehead and the regiment was able to continue the advance on the following day. Residence: Athens, Georgia.

Private First Class Aaron L. Cooper, 34581366, (then Private), Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, enemy forces fired a devastating concentration of rockets in the Battery "B" area. The rockets set fire to a building with a truck inside containing gasoline and small arms ammunition. Realizing his nearby howitzer was endangered, Private Cooper courageously assisted in march-ordering the piece, despite the new threat from a burning building sheltering 105 millimeter ammunition and a burning powder dump which had ignited from the wind-swept flames. Private Cooper's valorous action and utter disregard for his life materially assisted in saving the howitzer from destruction. Residence: Haleyville, Alabama.

Sergeant Dominic Venturato, 36414695, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, enemy forces fired a devastating concentration of rockets in the Battery "B" area. The rockets injured four men of a gun crew and set fire to a building with a truck inside containing gasoline and small arms ammunition. Sergeant Venturato quickly secured a fire hose from the local fire-fighting equipment and sprayed water on the flaming truck. The wind-swept flames quickly spread to a nearby building which sheltered 60 rounds of 105 millimeter ammunition. Realizing the flames near the ammunition dump were even more serious, he courageously dragged the hose to within a few feet of the ammunition and directed a stream of water on the flaming building while his comrades carried the explosives to safety. Despite the exploding small arms ammunition and the danger from the heated 105 millimeter ammunition, he remained at his position fighting the flames for two hours until the flames were extinguished. Sergeant Venturato's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, materially assisted in saving the urgently needed ammunition and assured the lives of his comrades. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Mike J. Krozovich, 36411967, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, enemy forces fired a devastating concentration of rockets in the Battery "B" area. The rockets set fire to a building with a truck inside, containing gasoline and small arms ammunition. Technician Krozovich, realizing a nearby howitzer was endangered, dashed to ask for the aid of a truck to remove the piece to safety. Despite the new threat from a burning powder dump and a flaming building sheltering 105 millimeter ammunition, he returned to assist in march-ordering the piece. Technician Krozovich's valorous action and utter

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disregard for his life, materially assisted in saving the howitzer from destruction. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

Sergeant Weldon D. Osborne, 20513767, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, enemy forces fired a devastating concentration of rockets in the Battery "B" area. The rockets injured four men of a gun crew and set fire to a building and to a truck inside containing small arms ammunition and gasoline. Sergeant Osborne courageously unloaded the gasoline from the truck amid the hail of exploding ammunition. The wind-swept flames spread to a building sheltering 105 millimeter ammunition and to a powder dump which endangered a nearby howitzer. He assisted in the movement of the piece and then dashed to the 105 millimeter ammunition dump and removed a burning tarpaulin and packing cases from the heated ammunition. Sergeant Osborne's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, materially assisted in saving the urgently needed ammunition and assured the lives of his comrades. Residence: Zanesville, Ohio.

Private Rufus L. Yossett, 38337325, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, enemy forces fired a devastating concentration of rockets in the Battery "B" area. The rockets set fire to a building with a truck inside containing gasoline and small arms ammunition and injured four men of a gun crew. Realizing the danger to the nearby howitzer, Private Yossett assisted in march-ordering the piece. He courageously towed the howitzer to safety with his truck, despite the new threat from a burning powder dump, exploding small arms ammunition, and a flaming building sheltering 105 millimeter ammunition. Private Yossett's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life materially assisted in saving the artillery piece from destruction. Residence: Monroe, Louisiana.


II -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

CAPTAIN EUGENE E. JOHNSON, 01174604, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 18 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, in Eastern France and Germany. Residence: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private Winston E. Douglas, 38700604, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: Sapaw, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Alex J. Panshak, 17001621, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Wells, Minnesota.

Private First Class Robert L. Nunes, 39048664, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph V. Purzynski, 31212526, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 December 1944. Residence: Westfield, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Robert D. Johnson, 18073755, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 December 1944. Residence: Ottawa, Kansas.

Private First Class Lindsay J. Walker, 32908290, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 December 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class John M. McCormick, 36698493, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 31 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant Earl H. Bushong, Jr., 33563037, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 December 1944. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

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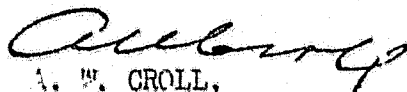
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Private First Class George Braunstein, 32994838, Infantry, Company "F",  
409th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Bronx, New  
York.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant Willard A. Springborn, 17156664, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, when Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, was attacking in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, our advance was stopped by a strategically located enemy pillbox, heavily protected by small arms and mortars, which had inflicted heavy losses on our troops. Sergeant Springborn, taking 20 pounds of TNT, with two men similarly equipped, crossed 75 yards of open ground to a safe position adjacent to the pillbox. Detecting the maneuver, the enemy concentrated on preventing the assault team from reaching its objective. Relieving his men of their explosives, Sergeant Springborn, with complete disregard for his life, worked his way to the pillbox, placed and detonated the charge. Sergeant Springborn's gallant action resulted in the neutralizing of a serious menace, the taking of 16 prisoners and the attainment of a position from which we were able to effectively attack enemy artillery positions. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Ofic D. Perkins, 20545663, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Perkins, in a defensive position, courageously remained at his post in the face of severe enemy counterattacks. The defensive position consisted of three pillboxes manned by elements of Company "B", and Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. Sergeant Perkins, in the heat of battle, keenly observed the enemy storming one of the defensive pillboxes on his right flank with flame throwers. As a result of the intensity of enemy pressure many of our troops were forced from their emplacements. Realizing that disastrous results would ensue if instantaneous action was not taken, Sergeant Perkins, with utter disregard for his life, dashed forth into a hail of enemy fire, rallied his retreating comrades and reorganized them. He gallantly led his reorganized group against the attacking enemy who were threatening a second pillbox. He pushed forward with such vigor and ferocity that the enemy was forced to withdraw in complete rout. By his outstanding gallantry in the face of devastating enemy fire, one platoon was saved from enemy capture and the stability of our defensive positions was assured. Residence: Weston, West Virginia.

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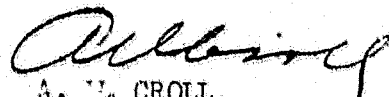
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Phillip J. Starr, 36296501, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 November 1944. Residence: Madison, Wisconsin.

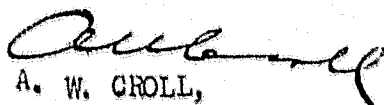
SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE V. McVICKER, 0548543, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Private First Class Warren Kerrigan, 32680350, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 5 December 1944. Residence: Richmond Hill, New York.

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10 January 1945

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NUMBER - 24)

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

CAPTAIN WILLIE W. J. BARRIOS, 0129598L, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, CAPTAIN BARRIOS exposed himself continually to enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire as he led his troops close behind a cover of friendly artillery fire in the attack on \* \* \*, France. When stiff enemy resistance threatened to force one of his platoons to withdraw, CAPTAIN BARRIOS took charge of the platoon and skillfully led a flanking movement to the crest of a hill overlooking the enemy's right flank and established a base of fire on the hostile forces. The remainder of his men, inspired by his courage and utter disregard for his life, moved forward swiftly in the attack on the strongly fortified town. CAPTAIN BARRIOS' magnificent valor and outstanding leadership assisted materially in the rout of a large concentration of armor supported enemy forces, and the successful seizure of the town. Residence: Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Technical Sergeant Ben Frizley, 6213973, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Frizley was the rear guard of his company as it advanced through the rain and darkness to a forward assembly area. As the column moved along the road, Sergeant Frizley keenly observed an enemy patrol in the adjacent woods. Immediately realizing the ominous threat presented to his company, Sergeant Frizley, with utter disregard for his life, opened fire on the patrol and also directed the fire of the men near him. Three of the enemy were killed by his accurate fire, and his efficient direction of his comrades' fire contributed in great measure to the killing or wounding of the entire enemy patrol, which consisted of 24 men. Sergeant Frizley's valorous actions prevented the enemy from inflicting serious losses on his company and resulted in the destruction of a large enemy patrol. Residence: Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Private First Class William H. Haul, 37609999, (Then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, an assault company to which Private Haul was attached as a medical aid man, was pinned down by a sudden enemy barrage. In order to reach the nearest of several casualties, it was necessary for Private Haul to cross 700 yards of open and level terrain in full view of the enemy. With complete disregard for his life, Private Haul crossed the open area, and in

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spite of the mortar and artillery fire of the enemy, dressed the wounds of an injured man and assisted in carrying him to the rear. After safely evacuating the patient, Private Haul returned to join his organization. By his heroic devotion to duty Private Haul materially assisted in saving the life of a wounded soldier. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class Wallace H. Jagusch, 17157201, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Jagusch, with his battalion, was forced to use an unknown road when terrific enemy artillery blocked their proposed route of attack. This change in plan necessitated constant communication with higher headquarters to enable them to coordinate the attack with another column approaching from a different direction. The loss of wire by enemy fire made it necessary to procure additional communication wire from the rear. Private Jagusch on his own initiative, with utter disregard for his life, courageously dashed to the wire supply point, amid a hail of enemy fire, despite the fact he had seen several comrades struck down by enemy shrapnel in the same attempt. He successfully reached the supply point and while he was hand-carrying the vital communication wire to the battalion he was wounded by enemy fire. As a result of Private Jagusch's heroic efforts the men about him were so inspired they dashed forth with renewed vigor, and vital communications were ultimately established. Residence: Red Wing, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant George P. Mamer, 36550775, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Mamer, communication sergeant, with two comrades, courageously drove over mine-infested roads to lay vital communication lines between Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment and the Battalion Headquarters. The lines were unable to be repaired because of constant enemy shelling which disrupted communications for a period of 14 hours. It was tactically imperative that a new line be laid without delay. His mission was accomplished in extreme blackout conditions and mine detection was impossible. The enemy was known to be in the immediate vicinity of the approach, but heedless of the dangers confronting him he pushed relentlessly on. When Sergeant Mamer observed that the wire on hand would be insufficient to reach the objective, he, with his comrades, returned over the mine-infested roads to procure additional wire. Sergeant Mamer was on the road for over five hours, working tirelessly and fearlessly, with enemy lurking about him. Through his untiring efforts and devotion to duty, communication was restored between Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment and the Battalion, materially assisting in the success of the tactical operation. Residence: Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Private First Class Gene H. Cundiff, 37246178, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Cundiff, with two comrades, courageously drove over mine-infested roads to lay vital communication lines between Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment and the Battalion Headquarters. The lines were unable to be repaired because of constant enemy shelling which disrupted communications for a period of 14 hours. It was tactically imperative that a new line be laid without delay. His mission

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Private First Class Leon A. Kipping, 37604976, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Kipping, with two comrades, courageously drove over mine-infested roads to lay vital communication lines between Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment and the Battalion Headquarters. The lines were unable to be repaired because of constant enemy shelling which disrupted communications for a period of 14 hours. It was tactically imperative that a new line be laid without delay. His mission was accomplished in extreme blackout conditions and mine detection was impossible. The enemy was known to be in the immediate vicinity of the approach, but heedless of the dangers confronting him he pushed relentlessly on. When Private Kipping observed that the wire on hand would be insufficient to reach the objective, he, with his comrades, returned over the mine-infested roads to procure additional wire. Private Kipping was on the road for over five hours, working tirelessly and fearlessly, with enemy lurking about him. Through his untiring efforts and devotion to duty, communication was restored between Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment and the Battalion, materially assisting in the success of the tactical operation. Residence: East St. Louis, Illinois.

Private First Class Arthur W. Kochler, 36643187, (then Private), Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Kochler was assigned the task of regulating the flow of traffic through the town which was not entirely cleared of the enemy. Throughout the action Private Kochler was under direct observation of an enemy artillery observer and enemy artillery continually bombarded the area around his post. With complete disregard for his safety, Private Kochler remained at his post and continued to direct traffic, thus preventing a traffic jam which would have seriously disrupted our attack. His devotion to duty and cool judgment under fire materially aided in maintaining the momentum of the attack being made by our units. Residence: Blue Island, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Francis J. Schwendeman, 37430948, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters Battery, 534th AAA (A7) Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 September 1943 to 21 December 1944, in Italy and France. Residence: Fort Dodge, Iowa.

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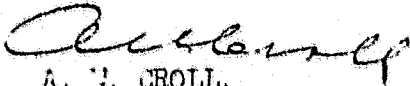
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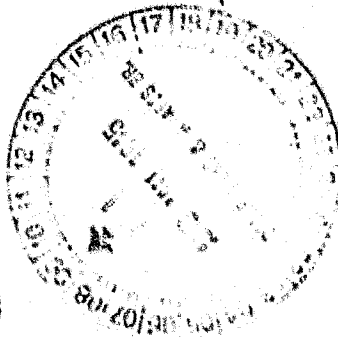
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Robert S. Akers, 37465392, Corps of Engineers, Company "F", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 9 January 1945. Residence: Aurora, Colorado. . . .

Private First Class Herman E. Dail, 34464208, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 9 January 1945. Residence: Kinston, North Carolina.

MAJOR JOHN E. RHEA, 0454402, Cavalry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sergeant Thomas E. Shoup, 36402728, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Theodore J. Optie, 36716659, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Holliday, 19048706, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Long Beach, California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK GATEWOOD, 01826045, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 January 1945. Residence: Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

Private First Class Leonard P. Juozunas, 36547853, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Lucien J. Cayer, 31400497, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Rumford, Maine.

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I - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private Lawrence L. Lowe, 33321859, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Ryan, Virginia.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 27 September 1943, as amended, the bronze oak leaf cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Poyd, 20429383, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended; the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant Marlin Combs, 6888496, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Combs, skillfully and courageously maneuvered a four man patrol into enemy territory to ascertain the exact location of hostile emplacements. Several previous patrols had been turned back as a result of the intense fire that was directed upon them as they approached the enemy strongpoints. Fully cognizant of these facts and realizing the imminent danger confronting him, he, with utter disregard for his life, led his men forward in the face of withering fire. He purposely exposed himself to enemy observation in order to draw fire from the hostile emplacements. His boldness so confused the enemy they were forced to reveal their hidden emplacements hitherto undisclosed. After all the necessary information had been obtained, he skillfully withdrew his patrol to safety, without a casualty. As a result of Sergeant Combs' outstanding courage invaluable information relative to enemy defenses was reported to the tactical officers planning an attack, ultimately assisting greatly in the successful accomplishment of their mission. Residence: Bath, Kentucky.

Sergeant Lyndon Wasdin, 34682526, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, Sergeant Wasdin assisted in clearing enemy snipers from houses on the outskirts of \* \* \*, France, when he keenly observed an enemy flak wagon approaching. Sergeant Wasdin quickly stepped into the shadow of a building and waited until the hostile vehicle turned the corner near him. He courageously and boldly opened fire on the flak wagon at point blank range, confusing the crew. Despite the blast of 20 millimeter machine gun fire about him, Sergeant Wasdin continued to fire ferociously from his exposed position until he killed the vehicle commander. The hostile crew, completely bewildered and unnerved by this action, withdrew the flak wagon and fled from the area. Sergeant Wasdin's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, saved his comrades from a surprise attack by an armored vehicle, thus preventing casualties. Residence: Screven, Georgia.

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- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. . . . . III

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended; the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant Marlin Combs, 6388476, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 17 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Combs, skillfully and courageously maneuvered a four man patrol into enemy territory to ascertain the exact location of hostile emplacements. Several previous patrols had been turned back as a result of the intense fire that was directed upon them as they approached the enemy strongpoints. Fully cognizant of these facts and realizing the imminent dangers confronting him, he, with utter disregard for his life, led his men forward in the face of withering fire. He purposely exposed himself to enemy observation in order to draw fire from the hostile emplacements. His boldness so confused the enemy they were forced to reveal their hidden emplacements hitherto undisclosed. After all the necessary information had been obtained, he skillfully withdrew his patrol to safety, without a casualty. As a result of Sergeant Combs' outstanding courage invaluable information relative to enemy defenses was reported to the tactical officers planning an attack, ultimately assisting greatly in the successful accomplishment of their mission. Residence: Bath, Kentucky.

Sergeant Lyndon Wasdin, 34682576 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, Sergeant Wasdin assisted in clearing enemy snipers from houses on the outskirts of \* \* \*, France, when he keenly observed an enemy flak wagon approaching. Sergeant Wasdin quickly stepped into the shadow of a building and waited until the hostile vehicle turned the corner near him. He courageously and boldly opened fire on the flak wagon at point blank range, confusing the crew. Despite the blast of 20 millimeter machine gun fire about him, Sergeant Wasdin continued to fire ferociously from his exposed position until he killed the vehicle commander. The hostile crew, completely bewildered and unnerved by this action, withdrew the flak wagon and fled from the area. Sergeant Wasdin's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, saved his comrades from a surprise attack by an armored vehicle, thus preventing casualties. Residence: Screven, Georgia.

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I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

Corporal Merritt Kochan, 36543101, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 November 1944, during the action in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, it was imperative that a message be delivered to the rapidly advancing Third Battalion notifying the commanding officer of a change in plans and ordering him to hold in the \* \* \* area. Corporal Kochan was sent forward in a one-quarter ton truck to deliver the message. Halted by an enemy road block, Corporal Kochan left his vehicle and completed his mission on foot, a distance of five miles, through an area in which the enemy was still active. Locating the Battalion Command Post in \* \* \*, Corporal Kochan entered the town and reached his destination despite enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. By his heroic devotion to duty, performed with complete disregard for his safety, Corporal Kochan successfully delivered his message, materially assisting in the success of our operation. Residence: Saeleau, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Orla E. Williams, 20212844, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Williams was in command of a machine gun section supporting an infantry company in the attack. The infantry company at this point was located in pill boxes when the enemy launched a strong counterattack supported with flame-throwers. Sergeant Williams observing that immediate action was imperative, turned over his section to an assistant and dashed forth courageously, armed with hand grenades. He jumped into a trench in front of our infantry and boldly threw grenades in the midst of the attacking enemy. His rapidity of judgment and utter disregard for his life in the face of an onrushing enemy materially assisted the infantry troops in throwing the enemy into a complete rout. Residence: Ordenburg, New York.

Private First Class Ernest M. Morris, 37402237, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Morris' company was defending high ground against an expected enemy counterattack. Private Morris, a machine gunner, keenly observed the first elements of the enemy forces approaching. He immediately put his weapon into action and placed accurate and devastating fire upon the enemy. He then turned his weapon over to his assistant, and summoned the supporting riflemen. With utter disregard for his life, he led them into position and established an effective base of fire. Private Morris' heroic actions, performed in the face of heavy mortar and small arms fire, resulted in the rout of the enemy counterattack and in the retention of vital terrain by our forces. Residence: Neelyville, Missouri.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individuals:

Private First Class Charles H. Rowland, 38548093, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Rowland, ad-

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II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF PROMIE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

ancing with the forward elements of his company, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Hearing the cries of a wounded comrade, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed forth from his place of safety to aid the injured man. Realizing further injuries would be inflicted on his comrade if instantaneous action was not taken, he courageously placed the wounded man on a blanket for fear of exposing him further to the direct fire that was raking the area, and cautiously dragged him to safety. As a result of Private Rowland's magnificent valor in the face of withering fire, the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Private Rowland has subsequently been reported as killed in action. Throughout this entire activity Private Rowland's outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Nederland, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Vera L. Rowland (Mother) Box 525, Nederland, Texas.

Private First Class Frank J. Horejs, Jr., 36712851, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Horejs, machine gunner, while under severe enemy shelling, courageously remained at his post, despite the withering fire that blasted the area. He placed fire on enemy positions with such deadly accuracy and effectiveness that they were forced to withdraw in disorganized retreat. His heroic efforts materially assisted artillery observers to successfully relay vital information to their fire direction center, which ultimately brought devastating fire on the retreating enemy. In the course of this activity Private Horejs was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Throughout this entire action Private Horejs' display of outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Arnes Horejs (Mother) 5207 South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

III -- AWARD OF PROMIE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 12, this headquarters, dtd 5 January 1945, as pertaining to Private First Class Frank J. Horejs, 36712851, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . I  
AWARD OF AIR MEDAL . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individual:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT P. ATKINSON, O1306531, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 20 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT ATKINSON, skillfully led his company against four well fortified enemy pillboxes. The enemy was dug-in around the emplacements in addition to occupying the pillboxes which increased the difficulty of assault. Under severe hostile artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire, he courageously stormed the fortification in a lead position with his company. The ferocity and boldness of his attack forced the enemy to withdraw. He immediately prepared a defense position to stabilize his company for any counterattacks that might ensue. Throughout the day and night LIEUTENANT ATKINSON brilliantly directed the repulsion of 10 fierce enemy counterattacks. During the heat of battle he personally dashed to each of his platoons directing their fire. He constantly exposed himself to the withering fire that blasted the area in order to be assured that his plans were being efficiently carried out. As a result of LIEUTENANT ATKINSON'S display of magnificent courage heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and a vital defensive position was secured. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

SECOND LIEUTENANT F. EDWARD SMITH, O1185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 1 December 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Western France and Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

By command of Brigadier General MAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Joseph Metz, 37595638, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Niel E. Classon, 20709903, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Fargo, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant John S. Sierminski, 36401492, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Clayton E. Thomas, 37533328, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Residence: Topeka, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl R. Bellomy, 15065647, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HOWARD L. McCLOSKEY, 01825554, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technical Sergeant Torbet E. Jennings, 34494094, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Parsons, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant Earl J. Halo, 18231629, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Markham, Texas.

Private First Class John J. Arondarczyk, 36625688, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Mike Yacinich, 37454981, (then Private), Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 November 1944. Residence: Lovilia, Iowa.

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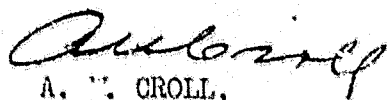
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Private First Class Marion J. "ojdan, 36544986, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945.  
Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant Harlie W. Ervin, 34496064, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 November 1944. Residence: Finger, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE O. THOMAS, 02000677, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Residence: Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Private First Class Calvin D. Lash, 37669940, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Indianola, Iowa.

Private First Class William W. Victor, 36634562, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Tuscola, Illinois.

Private First Class Paul R. Cole, 35244824, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Residence: Cortland, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant James D. Isenberg, 20323532, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Private Michael L. Hampton, 38018137, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private Albert G. Swanson, Jr., 36412817, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 284th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the morning of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Swanson, in company with another soldier, was detailed to lay wire to a forward artillery observation post. In spite of heavy enemy mortar fire Private Swanson succeeded in reaching his destination with the wire. During the afternoon of the same day, while on a similar mission, enemy mortar fire destroyed his vehicle. Despite this serious handicap Private Swanson assisted in completing the task of laying the wire and then carrying the radio to the forward observer's position. On the following night, Private Swanson was detailed to establish communication between Division Artillery Headquarters and an advanced field artillery battalion. In spite of the darkness, rugged terrain and the fact that enemy patrols were known to be in the area, Private Swanson assisted in maintaining communication. By his devotion to duty and complete disregard for his safety, communication was maintained at a critical time, thus materially contributing to the success of the operation. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Edmond H. Harleman, 36287811, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Harleman, on his own initiative, went forth fearlessly to assist in clearing a road block known to be booby-trapped. The success of the tactical operation depended on the removal of the road block in order that tanks, tank destroyers, and anti-tank guns could move forward as a flank protection. Fully cognizant of the impending dangers confronting him, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously pursued his task. During the progress of the removal, a booby-trap exploded, killing an enlisted man and wounding an officer. Despite this serious handicap he worked diligently and tirelessly until the mission was accomplished. As a result of Private Harleman's outstanding devotion to duty the supporting elements of the attack were able to proceed forward in an expeditious manner. Residence: Rockville, Missouri.

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Sergeant Cecil C. Knight, 20834157, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. From 19 November through 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Knight worked tirelessly and valorously maintaining liaison wire communications. Notwithstanding his extreme fatigue and despite the severe enemy shellfire to which he was subjected during this time, Sergeant Knight, with exemplary devotion to duty, efficiently directed his section and successfully performed his missions. On one occasion, in darkness and rain, he penetrated the enemy lines under artillery, mortar and small arms fire and established a communications line between his battalion and a battalion of our infiltrating infantry. As a result of Sergeant Knight's heroic achievements, communications were maintained continuously between infantry elements and the artillery. Residence: Roff, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Robert G. L. Harris, 13186001, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in \* \* \*, France, Private Harris, automatic rifleman, and his company were fighting from house-to-house when one of his comrades was seriously wounded. Private Harris immediately ran to the casualty and found the man suffering from severe chest wounds necessitating immediate aid before he could be moved. Despite his exposed position near a window and a shell-blasted wall, he skillfully and expeditiously administered aid to the injured man. Oblivious to the withering hostile small arms fire, Private Harris then assisted in evacuating his comrade to safety. As a result of Private Harris' valorous action, the life of an injured man was saved. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

CAPTAIN THOMAS F. WHITE, JR., 0461531, (Then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN WHITE, with his company in the attack, was pinned to the ground by a sudden and intense barrage of enemy artillery and machine gun fire. The company being in open terrain was unable to find cover from the devastating enemy fire. Realizing immediate action was imperative, CAPTAIN WHITE, with utter disregard for his life, dashed forward to the head of his company. In full view of the enemy he ran to each of his platoon leaders, directed the successful deployment of their platoons and maneuvered them into strategic positions. Despite the withering fire that blasted the area, he courageously continued on his mission. As a result of CAPTAIN WHITE'S outstanding leadership an enemy counterattack was repulsed and the company continued successfully to its objective. Residence: Greenville, South Carolina.

Technical Sergeant John L. Robbins, 37435427, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 54th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the morning of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Robbins, in company with another soldier, was detailed to lay communication lines to a forward artillery observation post. In spite of heavy enemy mortar fire, Technician Robbins succeeded in reaching his destination with the wire. During the afternoon of the same day, while on a similar mission, enemy mortar fire destroyed his vehicle. Despite this serious handicap, Technician Robbins assisted in completing the task of laying the wire

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and then removed the radio from the wrecked vehicle and carried it to the forward observer's position. On the following night, Technician Robbins was detailed to establish communication between Division Artillery Headquarters and an advanced field artillery battalion. In spite of the darkness, rugged terrain and the fact that enemy patrols were known to be in the area, Technician Robbins assisted in maintaining communication. By his devotion to duty and complete disregard for safety, communication was maintained at a critical time, thus materially contributing to the success of the operation. Residence: Canton, South Dakota.

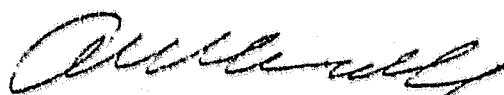
II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individual:

CAPTAIN DANIEL J. LEVENSON, O1296051, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN LEVENSON with his company, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing the seriousness of their plight and the necessity of an immediate withdrawal, CAPTAIN LEVENSON dispatched messengers to each of his platoon leaders with a plan devised for their withdrawal. When the messengers were unable to carry out their mission because of the withering fire, CAPTAIN LEVENSON, with utter disregard for his life, dashed forward amid a hail of enemy fire and personally contacted each of his platoon leaders. He courageously remained in an exposed position until the last member of the company had reached safety and then supervised and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. By his display of superb operative ability, his company was relieved from a dangerous position and the wounded were evacuated in an expeditious manner. Residence: Bronx, New York.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Corporal Leslie L. Galbraith, 37245539, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Cross Timbers, Missouri.

Private First Class Sidney W. Tyler, 20939633, Infantry, Company " ", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Green River, Wyoming.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ERNEST H. POOL, JR., 0540993, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 November 1944. Residence: Ottawa, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Edwin C. Dodds, 18059622, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward C. Howard, 37203128, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 13 January 1945. Residence: Phillipsburg, Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. MITCHELL, 01822712, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Gary, Indiana.

Private Herman Senn, 37656704, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Melvin, Iowa.

Private First Class Neal Ross, 39616449, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Belgrade, Montana.

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II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

SECOND LIEUTENANT ERNEST H. POOL, JR., 0540993, Infantry, Anti-tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Ottawa, Illinois

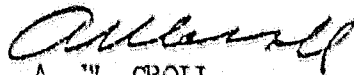
Private First Class Mitchell L. Gogola, 36867910, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Quick, 37244821, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

*\** LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT L. DONIGAN, O2636311, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters 534th AAA (AW) Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 August to 22 December 1944, in Southern and Eastern France. Residence: Evanston, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil T. Coldiron, 35806553, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period of 20 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Coldiron, litter bearer, fearlessly assisted in establishing a first aid station less than 100 yards from enemy positions. Hostile artillery and mortar fire raked the area constantly. Completely oblivious of the danger confronting him, Technician Coldiron worked courageously and indefatigably for over 36 hours to aid and comfort the wounded. He supervised the removal of the wounded from the battlefield to the aid station, constantly exposing himself to the withering fire of the enemy. Heedless of physical exhaustion, he worked with untiring efforts until the last wounded man was attended. As a result of Technician Coldiron's heroic actions the lives of two comrades were saved, the wounded were attended and many more were evacuated efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Hamilton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Emiel J. Put, 36572118, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Put, surgical technician, was moving forward when the battalion to which he was assigned became involved in a violent fire-fight. Technician Put was informed that litter bearer teams a short distance away had been fired upon and wounded by the enemy. Heedless of the withering fire that blasted the area he dashed fearlessly forward to the area where the injured men were located. Braving the constant hostile fire he carefully devised a plan to evacuate the wounded men and assisted in carrying one of them to safety. As a result of Technician Put's outstanding courage in the face of imminent danger, the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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Technician Fourth Grade Walter R. Clark, 36413255, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, enemy forces loosed a ferocious barrage of machine gun fire on the flank platoon of Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, pinning the platoon to the ground and cutting it off from the rest of the company. Observing several men of the flank platoon lying helplessly wounded, Technician Clark courageously crawled through the hail of hostile cross fire to each man and administered aid. Despite the withdrawal of the platoon to covered positions, Technician Clark remained to tend the wounds of his comrades until litter bearers were able to evacuate the men under the cover of darkness. As a result of Technician Clark's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, his wounded comrades were given expeditious and skillful medical attention until the men could be carried to the battalion aid station. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Edward A. Kozlowski, 36549255, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the evening of 14 December 1944, the Second Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment had advanced beyond \* \* \*, France, and had suffered numerous casualties from the enemy mortar and small arms fire. A medical vehicle was put out of action and it was necessary to evacuate many of the seriously wounded by litter. Private Kozlowski, a battalion headquarters driver, fully aware that the road was heavily mined and under the direct fire of the enemy, twice drove over three miles of road to evacuate two seriously wounded men. By his heroic devotion to duty, performed with complete disregard for his safety, Private Kozlowski saved the lives of the two wounded men. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Walter J. Sternberger, 37704452, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the advance on \* \* \*, France, 29 and 30 November 1944, Private Sternberger, company radio operator, was moving forward with his commanding officer when his commander was wounded and evacuated to the rear. Without further orders, Private Sternberger worked his way to the executive officer and continued on. For a period of 36 hours, during which time the executive officer and the officer next in command were wounded, Private Sternberger, on each occasion, braved the intense enemy shell fire and sought out the officer assuming command. For 36 hours he remained by his radio and maintained constant communication between his commanders and battalion headquarters. For twelve hours, during this period, Private Sternberger acted as sentry and on another occasion went forward with an artillery observer to transmit fire control orders against an enemy counter-attack. As a result of his heroic devotion to duty and his complete disregard for safety, the company maintained essential communication with battalion headquarters and an enemy counter-attack was repulsed. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

Private First Class Matthew J. Dunay, 31149365, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Dunay, medical technician worked courageously and tirelessly throughout the day evacuating the wounded. In one instance he was informed that a wounded man was lying in open terrain exposed to severe enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life, Private Dunay fearlessly rushed to the injured man's side and carried him to safety. On another occasion he waded across a half submerged foot bridge over the \* \* \* River to evacuate another comrade lying seriously wounded. Private Dunay was under constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire throughout the entire day but not once did he falter in relentlessly pursuing his heroic tasks. Through Private Dunay's display of outstanding courage, prompt medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously to two wounded comrades. Residence: Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant Grady W. Cheek, 34573158 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "H", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the evening of 28 November 1944, during the attack on \* \* \*, France, Company "H" was in support of the lead company. On the outskirts of the city, an undiscovered German strongpoint, equipped with an anti-tank gun, opened fire at point-blank range, momentarily halting the attack. Sergeant Cheek was forced to crawl 50 yards along a street that was being raked by enemy machine gun fire in order to reach his machine gun section. Deliberately exposing himself to the intense machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy, Sergeant Cheek reorganized his section, effectively returning the fire. By his devotion to duty and his disregard for safety, Sergeant Cheek contributed materially to the destruction of a dangerous enemy strongpoint that had slowed the progress of the battalion. Residence: Canon, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur L. Barker, 27275738, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Barker, fearlessly braved withering enemy fire in order to reestablish contact with his battalion. The battalion had been out of communication with higher headquarters for several hours necessitating vital communication lines to be laid with the least practicable delay. Sergeant Barker personally laid wire over two miles of road despite the fact that intense enemy artillery and mortar fire raked his path. He established a listening post on the fire-swept road but still unable to contact his battalion he jumped on a passing vehicle and proceeded forward. Upon reaching the edge of a town where he thought the battalion might possibly be located, he directed his vehicle to cover and advanced into town, as the town was still partially occupied by the enemy. Mortar and artillery shells were falling in the street as he went forward. He boldly went from house to house finally locating the battalion command post. As a result of Sergeant Barker's magnificent valor, communication was reestablished between his battalion and higher headquarters which ultimately assisted materially in the success of his battalion's mission. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

Staff Sergeant David J. Sloane, 33037457, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Germany, a rifle company encountered stern opposition while attacking enemy fortified positions. Evacuation of the many wounded men by litter was slow because of the withering fire from the hostile pillboxes. Realizing the injured men were in need of immediate medical attention, Sergeant Sloane secured bottles of plasma and medical supplies and courageously crawled over the fire-swept terrain to each wounded man to render aid. Sergeant Sloane then directed the evacuation of the casualties, despite the ferocious automatic and artillery fire about him. Although he was wounded in two places and unable to move, he refused to be evacuated until all the other wounded men were carried to safety. As a result of Sergeant Sloane's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, the wounded men were given prompt and expeditious medical attention and evacuated to a battalion aid station for professional medical treatment. Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Class Anthony A. Bravata, 32111524, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Bravata, member of an assault team, crawled fearlessly toward an observation post, known to contain an undisclosed number of the enemy. Upon reaching the observation post, which was located in a house, he encountered heavy enemy fire coming from two windows. As one of his comrades threw a grenade into one room he courageously jumped through a window into the adjacent room in order to take the prisoners without firing a shot. His boldness and daring so stupefied the confused enemy they readily surrendered. As a result of Private Bravata's outstanding courage three of the enemy were captured single-handedly and the assault team successfully accomplished their mission. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal Thomas McManemy, 37400799 (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 and 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Germany, Corporal McManemy, a litter bearer, worked tirelessly and heroically for 36 successive hours without sleep or rest evacuating his wounded comrades. With utter disregard for his life, Corporal McManemy advanced five times through heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to bring five seriously wounded patients to an aid station two miles to the rear. Corporal McManemy's heroic actions, his fortitude and his exemplary devotion to duty in the face of imminent danger resulted in the administering of effective medical aid to the seriously wounded comrades. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

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1 -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

Private Edward J. Northrup, 37542305, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Northrup, a member of a litter bearer squad, was searching the battlefield for wounded. A sudden burst of enemy artillery and mortar fire wounded one of his comrades and forced Private Northrup and the other members of the squad to seek cover. Seeing his comrade fall, Private Northrup and another member of the squad fearlessly abandoned their shelter and crawled to the aid of the injured man. They administered first aid and started to evacuate their comrade when another violent burst of fire wounded Private Northrup's arm so severely that amputation was subsequently required. In spite of his wound, Private Northrup valorously continued to assist in the evacuation of his comrade. Not until his patient had been brought to safety did Private Northrup consent to his own evacuation. His heroic devotion to duty and his exemplary fortitude saved the life of his comrade. Residence: Sobby, Minnesota.

Private First Class William R. Kochevar, 37566576, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the evening of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, while his unit was attacking a German strongpoint, Private Kochevar was with his squad in the attack on a German observation post. He keenly observed two hand grenades coming over the top of a house and saw them fall close to his squad leader who was lying prone. With complete disregard for his life, Private Kochevar threw himself on top of his leader as the grenades exploded. One grenade exploded only four yards from them, wounding Private Kochevar in the back. Private Kochevar did not report his injury until after the platoon had attained its objective. By his heroism, in the face of almost certain death, Private Kochevar saved the life of his squad leader. Residence: Buhl, Minnesota.

Private First Class James H. Hardy, 39037932, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Hardy, a member of a litter squad, was searching the battlefield for wounded. A sudden burst of enemy artillery and mortar fire wounded one of his comrades and forced Private Hardy and other members of his squad to seek cover. Seeing his comrade fall, Private Hardy and another member of his squad fearlessly abandoned their shelter and crawled to the aid of the injured man. They administered first aid and started to evacuate their comrade, when another violent burst of fire seriously wounded the soldier who was assisting Private Hardy. Despite his increased burden, Private Hardy valiantly moved onward until both his wounded comrades were brought to safety. His heroic devotion to duty and his exemplary fortitude saved the life of a comrade. Residence: Santa Cruz, California.

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Private First Class John M. Sawyer, 15301868, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Sawyer, a surgical technician, was driving a vehicle toward the forward medical aid station when suddenly a heavy enemy artillery barrage raked the area, wounding several of our men. Private Sawyer, immediately perceiving the exigencies of the situation, set up an emergency aid station, constructed an improvised Red Cross and removed the casualties to the shelter of a demolished house nearby. He then contacted a litter squad, and, after rendering first aid to the wounded, directed their evacuation to the rear. As a result of Private Sawyer's initiative and his expeditious improvisation under difficult circumstances, many wounded men were effectively evacuated and given prompt medical attention. Residence: Middletown, Ohio.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

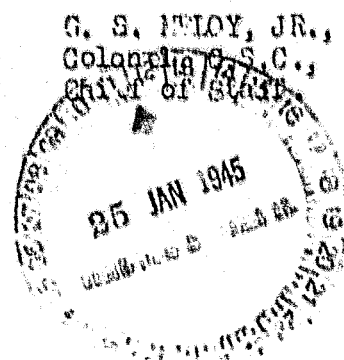
Private First Class William F. James, 36715113, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private James, with his company, was pinned to the ground for over 14 hours by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Observing many casualties ensuing as a result of this withering fire, he, with two other comrades, crawled fearlessly toward the known enemy strongpoint, attempting to flank it. Fully cognizant that any movement of his body would draw fire, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously set up an automatic weapon covering the hostile emplacement. Before his weapon could be put into action he was struck by a burst of machine gun fire, from a hitherto undisclosed point, mortally wounding him. His valorous actions so inspired the men about him that they increased their activity with renewed vigor and both enemy strongpoints were neutralized. Throughout this entire action, Private James' display of outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Metropolis, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Lena M. James (Mother), 319 Ophia Street, Metropolis, Illinois.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Carl C. Luedcke, 35788867, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Reading, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Elmer L. Anderson, 36625711, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Marlin E. Noll, 33169935, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Lemoyne, Pennsylvania.


Private Edward J. Hausmann, Jr., 33169704, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank L. Romano, 36964591, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: East St. Louis, Illinois.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Robert E. Lawhead, 3773 5755, (then Private), Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Lawhead and his heavy machine gun platoon was attached to a rifle company that was attacking an enemy-held mountain. The advancing company was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, pinning the men to the mountain side. Observing a comrade seriously wounded, Private Lawhead, with utter disregard for his life, courageously crawled 50 yards through a hail of small arms fire to his fallen comrade and then carried the helpless man over the fire-swept terrain to cover. As a result of Private Lawhead's valorous action, a wounded comrade was evacuated to safety, where medical aid could be administered expeditiously. Residence: Kearney, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony J. Balsamo, 36715010, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the afternoon of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Balsamo, while driving his battalion commander on an important mission, found the road mined. The battalion commander proceeded on foot, detecting mines, and Technician Balsamo skillfully and valorously brought the vehicle safely through the mined area. On numerous other occasions, he, with utter disregard for his life, drove his battalion commander on reconnaissance missions over mined roads and through artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His exemplary devotion to duty and his efficiency have greatly expedited successful coordination by his battalion commander between the artillery and the infantry. Residence: Freeport, Illinois.

Sergeant Walter J. Vollmer, 36553774, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action. On the night of 16 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, it became necessary to clear the road forward of mines, obstacles and booby traps to enable supporting armor and other vehicles to move up. Sergeant Vollmer, with his squad, was assigned the task of clearing the road. He personally made a reconnaissance



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of the road to determine the location of mines and, in addition, personally removed the more dangerous types of mines. Upon reaching the \* \* \* River, the squad came within a few yards of an enemy outpost. Sergeant Vollmer quickly dispersed his squad and then contacted each man in the darkness and ordered him to withdraw until the squad had escaped undetected. By his outstanding technical efficiency and qualities of leadership, Sergeant Vollmer succeeded in performing his mission without loss or injury to personnel and made it possible for tanks and infantry to advance, destroy the outpost and force a crossing of the river. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS O. ROSE, 01284402, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT ROSE, commanding Company "C", brilliantly led one platoon in a skillfully planned flanking movement to secure a route of approach for his Battalion. In securing the route of approach he strategically deployed one squad as a base of fire, placed two squads in a position of safety while he personally led the forward squad into a heavily wooded area, concealing a well fortified enemy emplacement. The exactness of his plan resulted in a swiftly executed movement so stupifying the enemy that they were forced to withdraw. He again moved rapidly forward, reestablished his base of fire, courageously led his squad ahead and cleared the high ground approaching the town of \* \* \*. Once more he dashed forward fearlessly with his squad and captured a bridge, which was set for demolition, before it could be destroyed. This entire action was accomplished in less than 30 minutes covering over 1,300 yards of enemy held territory. As a result of LIEUTENANT ROSE'S outstanding leadership the Battalion was able to move forward in an expeditious manner and captured the town without loss of personnel. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Private First Class Clarence J. Van Zomeren, 39668726, (then Private), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the action in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, 17 December 1944, Private Van Zomeren's squad reconnoitered Hill \* \* \* for an artillery observation post, arriving at the base of the Hill, they detected the presence of the enemy in unknown strength on the crest. Private Van Zomeren covered the withdrawal of the squad as the enemy, approximately 20 men, started down the Hill. Private Van Zomeren met the enemy at a sharp turn on the trail and opened fire, killing the leader and causing the others to disperse. Private Van Zomeren's rifle jammed twice, but on both occasions he held his position, repaired his rifle and continued firing until his squad leader ordered him to withdraw. As a result of his heroic act, performed with complete disregard for his life, the lives of his comrades were saved and they were able to continue and successfully complete their reconnaissance. Residence: Okaloosa, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. KASPER, 01314921, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT KASPER led a platoon under cover of a rolling barrage of friendly artillery fire in a raid on enemy lines to secure prisoners. LIEUTENANT KASPER skillfully led his men through an intense hail of hostile machine gun fire to a sector of the enemy

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lines and successfully killed five and captured six of the enemy. Observing hostile fire from a nearby village directed on his group as fifteen enemy soldiers attempted a flanking movement, he courageously moved to an exposed position to hold off the attack while his men withdrew to protective cover. Despite the heavy rifle and machine gun fire, LIEUTENANT KASPER held the enemy until the last man crawled to safety before he rejoined his platoon. LIEUTENANT KASPER'S valorous action and utter disregard for his life enabled his platoon command post to interrogate the prisoners and to prepare for an attack. Residence: New Bedford, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER W. HOFFMAN, JR., 01296376, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of ... France, the 411th Infantry Regiment was in a defensive position on one flank when the enemy launched a counter-attack against Company "I". LIEUTENANT HOFFMAN, in command, faced a force that outnumbered his rifle company and displayed a heavier fire power. An artillery barrage preceding the attack caused some casualties. There was little cover and the ground was covered with water. The company was scattered and exposed as the counter-attack developed. LIEUTENANT HOFFMAN, with complete disregard for his safety, moved over the flooded terrain and despite enemy shells and small arms fire directed at him, succeeded in contacting and encouraging every man in his command. His reorganized and inspired men successfully repulsed the enemy attack. Because of his outstanding leadership and heroism, Company "I" held its ground and protected our flank from further enemy counterattacks. Residence: Danville, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARVEY A. SCHWEIKERT, JR., 02005977, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of ... France, LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT, leader of a four man assault team, under intense enemy small arms and grenade fire, skillfully led his men forward to a house known to be occupied by the enemy. Upon reaching the house the assault group was subjected to severe hostile rifle fire coming from the edge of a wooded area less than 100 yards distant. Fully cognizant that instantaneous action was imperative, LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT, with utter disregard for his life, dashed amid a hail of withering fire to a shed approximately 15 yards from the house. Luck occurred vicariously to less than 200 yards resulting in the assault patrol's covering force being unable to discern the forward activities. LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT boldly and courageously exposed himself to the enemy in order to draw fire away from his men. Oblivious of the continuous fire concentrated on him he valiantly remained at his post to cover his group. As a result of LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT'S outstanding courage the assault patrol successfully accomplished its mission capturing five of the enemy. Residence: North Arlington, New Jersey.

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- AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I
- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individual:

Staff Sergeant Calvin D. Baldwin, 36547280 (then Private First Class) Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the evening of 28 November 1944, the Second Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment was attacking \* \* \*, France, when a well concealed anti-tank gun opened fire at close range, forcing personnel to cover and holding up the advance of the battalion. Realizing that further advance of the battalion was impossible until the enemy gun was destroyed, Sergeant Baldwin courageously crawled under withering fire for 20 yards along a street until he reached the company's heavy machine guns. Taking one of the guns in his arms he laboriously crawled back to an advantageous position from which he could fire directly into the enemy position. His accurate fire succeeded in knocking out the enemy anti-tank gun. By his gallant act, performed with complete disregard for his safety, Sergeant Baldwin eliminated a serious obstacle and the battalion was able to move forward to its objective. Residence: Crosswell, Michigan.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN C. SHEEHAN, JR., 0546876, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN and his platoon were given the mission of clearing a heavily defended wooded area which was impeding the advance of the 411th Infantry Regiment. To reach the woods, it was necessary to traverse an open area of approximately 200 yards which was subjected to terrific enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN promptly and expeditiously devised a plan of movement which he imparted to his squad leaders. He then, with utter disregard for his life, preceded his men across the open area, skillfully directing their progress. Moving through the hail of fire to a creek, which was an intermediate objective, LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN regrouped his platoon and was again moving forward when he was struck by

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enemy fire falling mortally wounded. His men, inspired by LIEUTENANT SHELLAN'S courage, moved forward and took their objective. Throughout this entire action, LIEUTENANT SHELLAN'S magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Macon, Georgia. Next of kin: Mrs. John C. Sheehan (Mother) 109 Culver Street, Macon, Georgia.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Donald R. Kleen, 37326967, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Sebeka, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade William O. Bernhart, 33247222, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 308th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 7 January 1945. Residence: Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Private Gifford J. Menthorne, 37577675, Infantry, Company "F", 469th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

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~~\*Private Floyd W. Brown, 39460435, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Yakima, Washington.~~

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze oak leaf cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private Edward W. Havens, Jr., 36715515, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 14 January 1945. Residence: Rockford, Illinois.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant LeRoy W. Blohm, 37446134, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, while Company "C" was moving forward against heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Blohm noticed a man fall wounded in open terrain where he was exposed to further injury and possible capture. From his position of cover, Sergeant Blohm courageously exposed himself to the intense automatic fire of the enemy to crawl 75 yards over open and snow covered ground to the wounded soldier. He then carried the wounded man back to a place of safety where medical aid could be administered. Isolated from his company, Sergeant Blohm remained with the medical aid men and their patients throughout an enemy counterattack that followed, during which he was wounded. By his devotion to duty and utter disregard for safety, Sergeant Blohm rescued a wounded comrade and prevented his capture by the enemy. Residence: Clinton, Iowa.

Corporal Kenneth Kohn, 35551395, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Kohn, a machine gunner, and his squad were in support of an advancing infantry unit. As Corporal Kohn and his squad moved forward to a new position from which effective fire could be placed upon a dangerous enemy strongpoint, a heavy barrage of enemy mortar and machine gun fire knocked the machine gun from Corporal Kohn's shoulder and forced his squad to seek cover. Realizing the necessity of eliminating the enemy's strongpoint, Corporal Kohn, with utter disregard for his life, again shouldered the gun and bravely pushed forward alone. Making his way through a hail of enemy fire, he established an effective position, and, operating the machine gun single-handedly neutralized the enemy strongpoint. Corporal Kohn's fortitude and devotion to duty enabled the infantry to advance successfully. Residence: Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class George F. Taylor, 39620012 (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Taylor and a group of medical aid men were following closely behind front line companies to establish a forward aid station when the exposed men were pinned to the ground by an intense barrage of heavy artillery, mortar,

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machine gun, and rifle fire. Hearing a cry for assistance from a wounded comrade, Private Taylor, courageously crawled over 50 yards of shell-blasted terrain to the injured comrade. He skillfully and expeditiously administered aid and then laboriously crawled over the fire-swept terrain, dragging the helpless soldier to safety. In another action, during the twilight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a rifle company and attached tank and tank destroyer units sustained severe casualties when enemy forces loosed a heavy barrage of artillery, mortar, and small arms fire on the attacking troops. Private Taylor, as a litter bearer, exposed himself to the hostile fire as he repeatedly crossed the difficult and mountainous terrain, assisting in the evacuation of the many casualties. With great devotion to duty and utter disregard for his life, he worked untiringly far into the night for eleven hours carrying the helpless soldiers to the battalion aid station. Private Taylor's valorous acts saved the lives of many of the wounded and enabled all the casualties to receive prompt and professional medical treatment. Residence: Big Sandy, Montana.

Staff Sergeant Jerry G. Howard, 37400620, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Howard with his company occupied a strategic position while a heavy mist limited visibility to a marked degree. As the mist lifted the position proved to be in direct observation of the enemy. Hostile forces immediately opened fire with heavy machine guns and rifle fire from the right flank forcing the company to seek cover. Fully cognizant of the impending dangers confronting them, Sergeant Howard with utter disregard for his life, assembled his squad and led them fearlessly to the right flank to protect the company in its withdrawal. With no cover available Sergeant Howard deployed his men so skillfully it enabled them to fire effectively and accurately into enemy positions. He remained at his post until the last man in the company had reached safety and single-handedly held off the enemy until each member of his squad withdrew. Not until he was assured that every man had reached protection would he, himself, withdraw. As a result of Sergeant Howard's display of magnificent valor the entire company was able to withdraw from a precarious position without a casualty. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant Lawrence H. Ketel, 37327306, Corps of Engineers, Company "G", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action. During the period 19 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* and \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Ketel, tank commander of a tankdozer, constantly exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to expedite movement of tanks and infantry. On 19 December he courageously moved forward under intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire to fill in a cratered culvert 25 feet wide. Infantry units had been unable to advance because of the intensity of fire, thus roads had to be made available for tank movements. On 20 December Sergeant Ketel again went forward under intense enemy fire to reconnoiter an anti-tank ditch 25 feet wide which was impeding our progress. He skillfully directed his crew in overcoming the obstacle while constantly exposed to enemy observation. As a result of Sergeant Ketel's outstanding courage and fearless devotion to duty two difficult obstacles were

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removed and our tanks and infantry were able to advance in an expeditious manner. Residence: Bigelow, Minnesota.

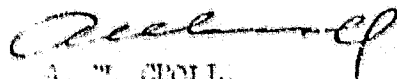
Technician Fifth Grade Arthur D. Alexander, 36714992, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Alexander was the leader of a litter squad, operating in advance of infantry elements, administering aid and evacuating the wounded. An intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage pinned infantry and medical aid men to the ground and inflicted several casualties. With utter disregard for his life, Technician Alexander led his squad through a hail of mortar, artillery and sniper fire in search of the wounded. He repeatedly aided and evacuated wounded men from an area swept by the withering fire of the enemy until he was wounded himself. As a result of Technician Alexander's heroism, many lives were saved and professional medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Harrisburg, Illinois.

Private First Class Israel H. Chilcott, 16169168 (then Private), Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Chilcott, member of a litter squad, worked untiringly night and day assisting battalion aid men in the evacuation of wounded men under intense artillery and mortar fire. He repeatedly crossed the shell-blasted terrain courageously carrying the injured man to safety. Oblivious of physical exhaustion he did not cease until all the wounded had been carried to safety. On one occasion he dashed forward to administer aid to one of his fallen comrades, despite the hostile fire and the warnings of the nearby men. Private Chilcott's valorous acts saved the lives of many wounded and enabled them to receive prompt and professional medical treatment. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Henry A. Cieslak, 13186233, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 26 November 1944, Private Cieslak's heavy machine gun platoon was supporting a rifle company in the attack on \* \* \*, France, when the enemy loosed an intense artillery and mortar barrage on the advancing troops. Despite the five wounds which he received in his hands, back, and chest from devastating tree bursts, he refused to be evacuated and continued in the successful attack on the village. Throughout the night and the following day, he manned his machine gun against persistent hostile counterattacks and consented to evacuation only after the enemy attempts had ceased. Private Cieslak's magnificent valor and spirit of duty assisted materially in killing approximately 100 of the enemy and was a source of inspiration to all his comrades. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Esbie R. Black, 34593050, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Black, member of a four man litter team, courageously maneuvered his way through enemy lines in search of wounded comrades. While searching the area diligently, he observed two of the enemy advancing toward him. Private Black displaying keen emotional stability and undaunted courage, quickly ordered his team to withdraw to positions of safety and went forward to meet the enemy. He engaged one of them in conversation, cleverly pointing to the red cross on his helmet and gesturing in such a manner as to imply that a large body of troops was immediately behind him. The enemy officer to whom he was speaking suggested they continue on their respective missions. Private Black again assembled his litter team and they continued on their mission unshaken by this incident. His magnificent valor saved his three comrades from capture enabling them to thoroughly search the area and successfully evacuate many wounded comrades. Residence: Windsor, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Cleveland L. Windes, 37400689, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment.

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For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, to which Technician Windes was attached, as medical aid man, was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire. Informed that one of the men had been wounded, Technician Windes went forward and examined the soldier, whom he found to be mortally wounded. While he was examining the first casualty, another soldier nearby was wounded. Technician Windes, ignoring the extreme danger and with utter disregard for his life, moved to the second casualty, administered first aid and successfully evacuated the man to safety. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Technician Windes saved the life of a comrade. Residence: West Alton, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold F. Bausch, 36288100, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the infantry platoon, to which Technician Bausch was attached as aid man, suffered several casualties as it pushed forward against heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Notwithstanding the devastating enemy fire, Technician Bausch valorously moved from one wounded man to another rendering aid. When the aid man of an adjacent platoon became a casualty, Technician Bausch took over the duties of his fallen comrade. With utter disregard for his life, he traversed the sector of both platoons, a distance of more than 500 yards, seeking the wounded and administering aid to them. As a result of Technician Bausch's exemplary devotion to duty and his efficiency in the face of imminent peril, many of his comrades' lives were saved. Residence: Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Edward G. Gandy, 18047788, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the dawn and daylight hours of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Gandy observed a counterattack pending on the left flank of his company. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, as his company was withdrawing to a more strategic position, Sergeant Gandy quickly assembled a squad and deployed them for direct fire on the enemy positions. Protective cover was not available, and despite the small arms and mortar fire that blasted the area, Sergeant Gandy, dashed from man to man in order to be assured that effective and accurate fire was being placed on the hostile forces. His boldness and aggressive actions performed with utter disregard for his life repulsed the enemy counterattack forcing the hostile group to withdraw to their trenches. As a result of Sergeant Gandy's courageous actions his company was saved from being cut off and was materially assisted in their successful withdrawal. Residence: Cameron, Texas.

II - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

Technician Fourth Grade Fred E. Lacy, 17175146, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During

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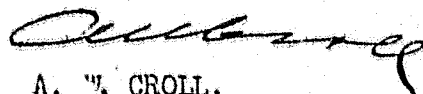
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the action preceding the entry of our troops into the town of \* \* \*, France, on 23 November 1944, four men of Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, were wounded. Technician Lacy, in spite of the intense machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy, repeatedly crossed the fire-swept terrain to rescue the four wounded until all had been safely evacuated. When our troops entered the town, Technician Lacy, in the absence of a medical officer, organized an aid station, supervised and administered aid to the wounded until relief arrived in the afternoon. Because of his heroism and devotion to duty, many lives were saved and medical aid was administered efficiently and expeditiously. Technician Lacy was subsequently reported killed in action in a later engagement. Throughout this entire activity his actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Overland Park, Kansas. Next of kin: Mr. Everett E. Lacy, (Father), 8017 Proctor, Overland Park, Kansas.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION . . . . . III

I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private James E. McGeary, 33949230, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Herman E. Dailey, 37542090, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Residence: Waterville, Minnesota.

Private Arleigh E. Bullis, 32854603, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Residence: Ausable Forks, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade James W. Brown, 16170257, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Zanesville, Ohio.

Private First Class Russell H. Campbell, 36896416, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Marvin McCart, 34581010, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Phenix City, Alabama.

Private First Class David Grabstein, 22423730, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Sergeant Kent Horne, 39580323, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Tucson, Arizona.

Private First Class William H. Kinsley, 18059643, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Alameda, California.



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II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

CAPTAIN WILLIE W. J. BARRICKS, 01295981, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 37, this headquarters, dated 20 January 1945, as pertains to Private Floyd W. Brown, 39460435, 411th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

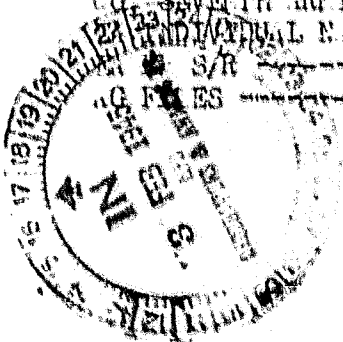
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Rodney W. Steinmetzer, 39616891, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Residence: Kalispell, Montana.

Private First Class Percy J. Downs, 35759173, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Residence: Hundred, West Virginia.

Private First Class Irre J. Darnell, 38397499, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Residence: Temple, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Kornasiewicz, 36549302, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.


SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES K. LUCK, JR., 0546869, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Americus, Georgia.

CAPTAIN CURTIS G. NEELY, 01296408, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Newtazewell, Tennessee.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . III  
AWARD OF 2nd OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . IV

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private William B. Foreman, 20756847, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the dawn of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Foreman, anti-tank gunner was preparing a dug-in position for his gun when he observed an enemy mortar position in a cellar of a nearby farm house. After further exploration in the vicinity of the house, he realized that an attack on the strongpoint would endanger the lives of civilians inside. Private Foreman skillfully selected a position covering all exits from the cellar. He then boldly called to the enemy to surrender. The enemy stunned by his fearless action surrendered without firing a shot. As a result of Private Foreman's outstanding courage an enemy outpost of eight men surrendered and a sizeable amount of material was captured. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RALPH F. DORAN, 02000653, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT DORAN with his patrol, was pinned to the side of a hill by intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. LIEUTENANT DORAN fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, quickly directed his patrol to cover and fearlessly dashed forward to a more advantageous position for observation on enemy emplacements. He courageously braved a hail of withering fire as he quickly made a rough overlay of enemy positions. When this feat was accomplished LIEUTENANT DORAN skillfully crawled over 300 yards of snow covered terrain to locate his artillery observer. The artillery observer immediately relayed information to the fire direction center and our artillery loosed a terrific barrage neutralizing the enemy strongpoint. LIEUTENANT DORAN reorganized his squad and moved toward the town of \* \* \*, France. He dispersed his patrol on the outskirts of town and made a personal reconnaissance of the area. Finding a portion of the town weakly defended he quickly moved his men forward and remained in position until the remainder of his company reached the objective. As a result of LIEUTENANT DORAN'S courageous actions and outstanding leadership an enemy strongpoint was reduced and the patrol accomplished its mission successfully and expeditiously. Residence: Charleston, West Virginia.

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Sergeant Dave F. Farmer, 18014003, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 November 1944, in the rough terrain near \* \* \*, France, the First Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment was pinned to the ground by intense enemy sniper and artillery fire. Observing the hostile small arms fire coming from a well fortified enemy artillery observation post that commanded the valley below, Private Farmer cautiously crawled 60 yards through the hail of hostile fire and then leaped to his feet and courageously charged the strong point, firing his rifle as he ran. Despite the fact that he had emptied his clip of eight rounds, Private Farmer's bold charge so unnerved the nine confused enemy that they immediately surrendered. Private Farmer's valorous act and utter disregard for his life, neutralized the source of hostile fire and enabled the battalion to proceed to its objective. Residence: Drumright, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Robert W. Frost, 11117589, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the enemy lashed forth with a terrific 120 millimeter mortar barrage, which severed the lines of communication between the command post of Company "E" and battalion headquarters. Realizing the urgent necessity for reestablishing communications, Sergeant Frost, communications chief, with utter disregard for his life, undertook the mission of finding and repairing the break. Moving across the open, snow-covered terrain in full view of the enemy, oblivious to the incessant enemy fire, Sergeant Frost expertly and expeditiously effected the repairs. As a result of Sergeant Frost's heroic actions, the vital communications line was reestablished. Residence: Concord, Massachusetts.

Technician Third Grade Robert L. Christianson, 32280840, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, in the rough terrain near \* \* \*, France, the enemy loosed an intense barrage of small arms and artillery fire on Company "D" of the 411th Infantry Regiment and pinned the troops to the ground. Hearing a cry for assistance from a wounded comrade, Technician Christianson, medical aid man, crawled 50 yards over the fire-swept terrain to administer aid to the helpless man. He quickly applied a tourniquet to stop the profuse flow of blood and then carried the casualty over the exposed terrain to a place of safety. Technician Christianson's valorous action and utter disregard for his life saved his comrade from further injury or death and enabled the litter bearers to evacuate the man to the battalion aid station where professional medical treatment could be administered. Residence: Clarence, New York.

Private First Class David H. Brown, 34525557, (then Private), Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, one platoon of Company "A" came under the intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Noticing one man who was wounded as the platoon took cover, Private Brown courageously paced across 60 yards of fire-swept terrain to reach his wounded

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comrade. He dragged the wounded man to safety and summoned a medical aid man. While the medical aid man successfully evacuated the casualty, Private Brown, with complete disregard for his safety, remained to return the fire of the enemy, killing two who were still firing at the wounded man. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Private Brown materially assisted in the rescue of a wounded man and saved the life of a medical aid man. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT STAFFORD A. PATTERSON, 02005973, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, near \* \* \*, Germany, Company "C" of the 409th Infantry Regiment was in position on Hill \* \*. Sergeant Patterson was acting as Company "D" liaison sergeant from a mortar section with Company "C" during two unsuccessful counterattacks of the enemy. Anticipating a heavier assault, Sergeant Patterson, at great personal risk, made a reconnaissance of hostile territory to determine the assembly area and routes of approach being used by the enemy. Aided by the information which Sergeant Patterson had secured, our 81 millimeter mortars were able to disrupt all attempts to storm our position and inflict heavy losses in men and material on the enemy. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Sergeant Patterson vitally assisted in the repulse of the enemy. Residence: Wilson, North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. CALL, JR., 01296319, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT CALL, with the First Battalion, advanced over a mountain trail in readiness for a surprise attack on the town of \* \* \*, France. All roads leading to the town were discovered to be impassable and the Battalion was cut off from its route of supply. Realizing immediate action was imperative, LIEUTENANT CALL volunteered to reconnoiter a new mountain trail over which supplies could be hauled. LIEUTENANT CALL fearlessly preceded the motor column on foot to probe for mines. As the necessity for supplies became more acute he jumped on the front bumper of his one-quarter ton truck continually searching and probing for the hidden mines. In the process of the move forward the vehicle struck a concealed mine, seriously injuring LIEUTENANT CALL. His heroic action in the face of imminent danger contributed materially in the clearing of an emergency route for the Battalion. Residence: Richmond, Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Marcus W. Hansen, 39042468, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Hansen, radio operator, was advancing with his company when they encountered stiff enemy resistance. Technician Hansen, carrying his radio, fearlessly remained with his company commander, as it was imperative that communication be maintained with higher headquarters. In order to carry the radio Technician Hansen was forced to drop his weapon and go forward unarmed. Enemy small arms, mortar, and machine gun fire constantly swept the area, but completely oblivious of the withering fire he remained with his commanding officer. On one

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occasion the company was ordered to withdraw to an advantageous position as the company commander advanced to an observation post to locate enemy positions. Technician Hansen, given the opportunity to withdraw, spurned the opportunity and accompanied his commanding officer to the forward position. As a result of Technician Hansen's heroic efforts the positions of important enemy installations were relayed to higher headquarters and these positions were ultimately neutralized by our artillery. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technician Fourth Grade Gordon E. Sokolik, 37541328, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Sokolik, a radio operator, and an officer were acting as a forward observer party for an infantry battalion. Their observation post was subjected to a heavy barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire which wounded the officer, necessitating his evacuation. Realizing the vital importance of continued observation, Technician Sokolik, although without previous experience, undertook the duties of his fallen officer. Oblivious to the intense enemy fire, he skillfully and successfully directed and adjusted the fire of his battalion upon the enemy's observation post and upon other strategic targets. As a result of Technician Sokolik's initiative, efficiency and exemplary devotion to duty our artillery was enabled to neutralize the effective enemy fire. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

II -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. RANDALL, O1176773, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 December 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: New Castle, Pennsylvania.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Julian F. Castaneda, 39708460, Cavalry, Troop "B", 106th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squad (Incs), Germany, 1 January 1945. Residence: Garden Grove, California.

Technician Fifth Grade James E. Gilmore, 37446409, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Missouri Valley, Iowa.

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Private First Class James J. Hickley, 32708244, Infantry, Company "M",  
411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Bronx, New  
York.

Staff Sergeant La Verne R. Puckhahn, 16143788, Infantry, Company "L",  
411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Elgin, Illinois.

Private First Class Walter V. Smith, 39209618, Infantry, Company "K",  
411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Sacramento,  
California.

Staff Sergeant Peter M. Courts, 6580870, Infantry, Company "E", 409th  
Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Beardslcy, Minne-  
sota.

Private First Class Keith B. Palm, 36955261, Infantry, Company "A",  
409th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Chicago,  
Illinois.

Private First Class George H. Bosch, 36361701, Infantry, Company "E",  
409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Chicago,  
Illinois.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES G. ROBISON, 0331685, Infantry, Detached Service,  
attached 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence:  
Columbia, South Carolina.

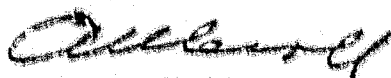
Private First Class Howard Robertson, 34580992, Medical Department,  
Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Resi-  
dence: Taverly, Alabama.

IV -- AWARD OF 2nd OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART: Under the provi-  
sions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the 2nd  
Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named in-  
dividuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY M. KNARR, JR., 02005957, (then Technical Ser-  
geant), Infantry, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Residence:  
Joliet, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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I -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

Private First Class George E. Amar, 34509802, (then Private) Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 22 November 1944. While two litter bearers were carrying a wounded man across a footbridge which spanned a turbulent, swollen river, one of them lost his balance and fell into the icy waters. He obtained a precarious hold on the side of the bridge, but, being unable to swim, he was in imminent danger of drowning as the swift current destroyed his tenuous grasp. Hearing the litter bearer's cries for help, Private Amar, with utter disregard for his own life, plunged to the rescue. Seizing the edge of the bridge with one hand and his struggling comrade with the other, Private Amar fought to keep his comrade's head above water. Although numbed by the icy waters and in constant danger of being swept under the bridge, Private Amar resolutely sustained his comrade until assistance arrived. As a result of Private Amar's heroic action, a comrade's life was saved. Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD G. SELEMS, 01322813, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, progress of our tanks and tank destroyers was delayed by four enemy road blocks, heavily mined and booby trapped. Knowing that these vehicles were needed to protect our flanks, LIEUTENANT SELEMS voluntarily assisted in neutralizing the mines and booby traps. During the destruction of the road blocks a booby trap exploded, killing one enlisted man, wounding an officer and stunning LIEUTENANT SELEMS. After the other officer had been treated, LIEUTENANT SELEMS consented to leave the area for medical observation. After being dismissed from the aid station he fearlessly returned to the task of clearing the road. By his devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety, LIEUTENANT SELEMS vitally as-

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sisted in the task of clearing the blocked road thereby enabling supporting tanks and tank destroyers to reach their forward positions. Residence: Franklin, New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES L. PEPPER, O1300075, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. Throughout the day and night of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT PEPPER brilliantly and courageously directed the activities of his company while under concentrated machine gun and mortar fire. He led his company to an assigned position in the clouded mists of dawn. As the mist lifted all contact with adjacent units on both flanks was cut off by enemy fire leaving LIEUTENANT PEPPER and his company in an isolated and exposed position. Enemy machine guns on both flanks, hitherto undisclosed because of limited visibility, opened fire, plunging the company to the ground in the terrific cross-fire. LIEUTENANT PEPPER fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, fearlessly dashed from platoon to platoon imparting a plan of withdrawal. He, then personally led two platoons through a hail of withering fire to protection. When he was assured that the two platoons were in comparative safety, he again boldly braved the fire-swept terrain to rescue the remainder of his company. As he was skillfully leading the remainder of his group to cover, a flank enemy counterattack was launched. LIEUTENANT PEPPER quickly organized a holding force and brilliantly repulsed the enemy, forcing them to withdraw to their trenches. The entire company, reorganized, began withdrawing to a more strategic position when another counterattack was launched on the left flank. LIEUTENANT PEPPER once again displaying superb operative ability set up a base of fire and again repulsed the hostile action. As a result of LIEUTENANT PEPPER'S aggressiveness and outstanding leadership, two violent enemy counterattacks were repulsed and his company was able to successfully withdraw from a precarious position with a minimum of casualties. Residence: Bloomfield, Missouri.

III - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT TILLMAN J. OXFORD, JR., O554205, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 8 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Lakeland, Florida.

IV - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. KASPER, O1314921, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Residence: New Bedford, Massachusetts.

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Private Andrew J. Furda, 37762325, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Hindala, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Hilton W. Woodke, 37665462, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Schaller, Iowa.

Private First Class Frank Sullivan, 31364960, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Corporal Render M. D. Spencer, 14118295, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 23 December 1944. Residence: St. Augustine, Florida.

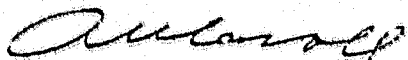
V - AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Elton R. Jacobson, 37542290, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II

I — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT DALE C. GRUBEL, 02000700, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT GRUBEL was leading his platoon in the attack on an enemy emplacement when it was subjected to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. In spite of the imminent dangers confronting him he secured the enemy position and then fearlessly crawled several hundred yards over snow-covered terrain with bullets raking his path to report the situation to his company commander. Given orders to withdraw his platoon from this precarious position, LIEUTENANT GRUBEL once more braved the fire-swept area and on his move forward was struck in the leg by hostile fire rendering it useless. Despite the severity of his wound LIEUTENANT GRUBEL pushed courageously forward until he reached his platoon and then led them back to safety. As a result of LIEUTENANT GRUBEL'S outstanding leadership and courageous action his platoon was relieved from a dangerous position and saved from annihilation. Residence: Sioux City, Iowa.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM F. GANNAWAY, 01115263, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 16 December 1944 LIEUTENANT GANNAWAY was given a platoon mission of constructing a 50 foot fixed bridge over the \* \* \* River, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Working in darkness and bitter cold, with materials not readily accessible, and in the face of enemy small arms and mortar fire, LIEUTENANT GANNAWAY demonstrated exemplary courage, resourcefulness and efficiency. His heroic actions so inspired his men that the bridge was completed before daybreak, thus enabling vital supplies to move rapidly to our forward elements. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR J. E. YONKERS, 0172349, Field Artillery, Reinforced Assault Gun Platoon, 781st Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Coffeyville, Kansas.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM M. KASPER, 023210, (then MAJOR), Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Staunton, Virginia.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. KEHS, 01169190, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. BURTON, 01171475, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Cleburne, Texas.

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE L. McDONALD, 0318710, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois.

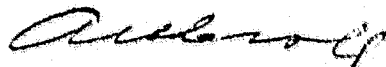
II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individual:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES F. ROBERTS, 021920, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I - AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

Private Alexander W. Schimsa, 37402318, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment met stiff opposition from enemy troop shelters and pillboxes as the company attacked an enemy-held mountain. Observing a soldier lying helplessly wounded on the exposed and fire swept mountain side, Private Schimsa, medical aid man, alternately crawled and ran through a hail of small arms, mortar fire and rolling grenades to the injured man's side. Quickly determining the casualty was paralyzed from a serious wound in the back and in need of urgent medical attention, Private Schimsa oblivious to the hostile fire and falling grenades, courageously dragged and carried his comrade 100 yards up the precipitous slope to the safety of a troop shelter where he administered skillful and expeditious aid. Private Schimsa's gallantry and utter disregard for his life saved a wounded comrade from certain death and assisted in the treatment and evacuation of 10 more of his wounded comrades. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

CAPTAIN JACK R. FREEMAN, 01292682, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN FREEMAN was in the fore of the lead platoon of his company as it advanced on the strongly entrenched enemy. The mission of CAPTAIN FREEMAN'S company in this, its initial engagement, was to seize a wooded area on the far side of a valley. Other companies had previously assaulted this salient but had been driven back by the intense enemy fire. Realizing that the advance of his regiment was predicated upon the success of his company's mission, CAPTAIN FREEMAN carefully and skillfully deployed his men for the attack. As the company moved forward, the enemy unleashed a terrific barrage of small arms, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, severely wounding CAPTAIN FREEMAN in the leg. Notwithstanding the severity of his injury, he pushed relentlessly forward directing and encouraging his men. The company, inspired by his magnificent valor, drove forward to the woods. Refusing to halt for medical aid, CAPTAIN FREEMAN reorganized

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the company and personally directed the clearing of the woods until all enemy resistance was overcome. As a result of CAPTAIN FREEMAN'S exemplary leadership an important objective was taken and his bravery continues to be a source of inspiration to his men. Residence: Cheyenne, Wyoming.

II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Chester N. Joziorski, 36870166, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOE D. MURPHY, JR., 0544559, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Residence: Halifax, Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES F. LASALLE, JR., 01170049, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Private First Class William H. Haul, 37609999, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Samuel L. Busial, 36715280, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

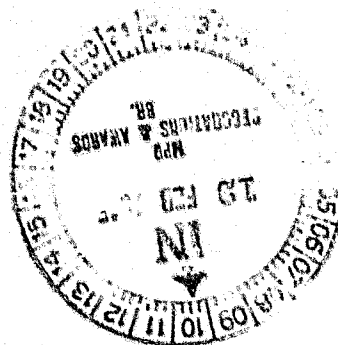
Sergeant George A. Olson, Jr., 36715163, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Residence: Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

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- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . IV

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Hjalmar M. Engeland, 37541978, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Engeland, with his litter squad, was ordered to evacuate five wounded enlisted men from an enemy-held town. Under cover of darkness, Private Engeland led his squad one mile forward through an area being swept by enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in reaching the casualties. While returning to our lines with two of the wounded men, the litter squad came under a heavy enemy artillery barrage that wounded one man and forced the rest to the shelter of a pillbox. Private Engeland courageously made his way through hostile shellfire to rescue the wounded man and bring him to the safety of the pillbox. After successfully evacuating the three wounded men, Private Engeland again led his squad forward to evacuate the remainder of the casualties. By his heroism and devotion to duty, six wounded men were evacuated from enemy-held territory to the safety of our lines where medical aid could be efficiently administered. Residence: Baarton, North Dakota.

Private First Class Carl Belcher, Jr., 35655053, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Belcher moved forward with the leading elements of his company in the attack on an enemy strongpoint. The advance was made under terrific enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In the process of the move Private Belcher, keenly observed a wounded comrade lying helpless in the open terrain, 100 yards to his right, completely exposed to the withering enemy fire. Without hesitation, Private Belcher courageously crawled the entire distance to the side of his wounded comrade, as enemy fire raked his path. He quickly and efficiently administered first aid and on completion of this task realized evacuation from this precarious position was imperative. He picked up the wounded man and fearlessly carried him 150 yards over the fire-swept terrain to a position of cover. When he was certain his comrade was in a position of safety, he dashed to the forward elements of his company and continued the attack. Residence: POCO, West Virginia.

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Private First Class Frank M. Hansen, 36288293, (then Private) Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 and 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, many of our men were wounded by intense enemy fire. Realizing the necessity of promptly evacuating the men, Private Hansen, a litter bearer, worked continuously without rest or relief to bring them to the aid station. With utter disregard for his life, he repeatedly traversed more than 1000 yards of difficult, mountainous terrain in the face of heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to carry out his mission. As a result of Private Hansen's exemplary devotion to duty, notwithstanding his extreme fatigue and the imminent danger confronting him, the lives of several wounded men were saved. Residence: Niagara, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Eugene C. Yackel, 37569151, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945 our troops were engaged in a strategic withdrawal in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. As his company, under intense enemy fire, moved past the outskirts of the town, Private Yackel discovered four wounded members of his company in the cellar of a house. Realizing the plight of these men, Private Yackel stationed himself to guard them. When two enemy soldiers rushed into the house, he engaged them in a fire fight, and although he was wounded in the arm, Private Yackel succeeded in killing both of the enemy soldiers with his accurate fire. Despite his wound, Private Yackel valorously remained on guard until help was secured and the wounded men were evacuated. As a result of his heroic actions, his four wounded comrades were saved from capture, and evacuated to the safety of our lines where medical aid was expeditiously administered. Residence: Sanborn, Minnesota.

Private First Class Richard A. Wagner, 13173446, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Wagner learned that some of our wounded were in the cellar of a house in an enemy-held town. In order to reach them it was necessary to cross 2000 yards of open terrain covered by enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Private Wagner, with complete disregard for his safety, twice worked his way across the fire-swept area to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. By his efforts and devotion to duty, five soldiers, in dire need of medical attention, were saved from capture and safely evacuated to our lines where medical aid was administered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

Private First Class Milton L. Moreland, Jr., 42084243, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945, during a strategic withdrawal by our troops from the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, severe enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire prevented the immediate evacuation of five of our wounded. Shortly after midnight, the litter squad of which Private Moreland was a member, moved across more than a mile of open terrain through intense enemy fire to evacuate their

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comrades from the town, which was then in enemy hands. With utter disregard for his life, and with exemplary devotion to duty, Private Moreland assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men until he, himself, was wounded by a shell fragment. As a result of Private Moreland's heroic action, five wounded men were saved from capture and removed to the safety of our lines where effective medical aid was administered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Riverton, New Jersey.

Private First Class Richard T. Lamey, 37545138, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Lamey, acting as a member of a covering force for his company during a strategic withdrawal, observed a wounded comrade lying helpless in the snow. When it became necessary for him to withdraw to a position of safety he spurned cover and dashed fearlessly to the side of his wounded comrade. Despite the withering fire that raked his path, he courageously picked up the wounded soldier, placed him on his back and carried him over 1000 yards, in full view of the enemy, to the shelter of a wooded area. As a result of Private Lamey's outstanding courage a wounded comrade was saved from enemy capture and medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously to the injured man. Residence: Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

MAJOR SAMUEL G. SWISHER, C1042964, Coast Artillery Corps, Operations Officer, Headquarters 534th AAA (AW) Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 July 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Southern France. Residence: Elko, Nevada.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert L. Shepherd, 35223986, Infantry, Company "C", 781st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. During the morning hours of 17 January 1945, Technician Shepherd, artillery mechanic, was on guard duty near the company command post in \* \* \*, France, when an enemy artillery shell struck in a courtyard adjacent to a truck containing kitchen equipment and small arms and rocket launcher ammunition which was parked in a barn. Due to the concussion from the explosion, the stove on the truck overturned and set fire to the vehicle. Realizing the imminent danger to his comrades and the command post should the ammunition explode, Technician Shepherd dashed to the truck and courageously drove it down the street, away from the troops and the surrounding buildings. As he took cover, the ammunition, enveloped in flames, exploded and demolished the vehicle. As a result of Technician Shepherd's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, the threat to the nearby troops and the adjacent buildings was eliminated. Residence: Bethesda, Ohio.

Private First Class Harold A. Wente, 37447033, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, supported by a heavy machine gun platoon of Company "H", was subjected to intense hostile fire as the enemy prepared to launch a counter attack. Private Wente, machine gunner, immediately noted a position



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some 30 yards distant from which more effective machine gun fire could be delivered upon the enemy. Without hesitation, he picked up his weapon and a box of ammunition and dashed over the fire-swept terrain to his new position. From this vantage point, he unleashed a fierce barrage of flanking fire upon the enemy. Private Lenth's initiative and fortitude in the face of imminent danger contributed materially to the repulsion of the enemy counterattack. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Dois L. Brown, 6284676, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Brown, with his machine gun platoon, observed the attacking elements of the First Battalion pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Sergeant Brown keenly observed the enemy fire coming from a wooded area directly in front of our attacking forces. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, he, with utter disregard for his life, dashed fearlessly forward to locate an advantageous position for his guns. The position located, he courageously returned to his platoon and led them forward to his newly found positions. Despite the withering fire that constantly raked the area he brilliantly placed his guns and then ran from gun to gun directing effective and accurate fire on the enemy. His well directed fire was so effective, the enemy fire was reduced to a minimum, allowing one company of the battalion to sally forth in a flanking movement, capturing 100 of the enemy. Residence: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

Private Halmer M. Eichten, 37310406, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 14 December 1944, Private Eichten, driver of a two and a half ton truck, was transporting foot troops of a task force en route to attack \* \* \*, France. Several times heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrages made it necessary for the men to detruck and seek cover. During a particularly heavy barrage, Private Eichten, at the order of his truck officer, supervised the detrucking of the foot troops, and then found cover. Realizing that the intense enemy shelling would probably result in the destruction of his vehicle, Private Eichten, with utter disregard for his life, determined to move the truck to a position of safety. Leaving his sheltered position, he valorously succeeded in driving the truck to a less exposed area when a burst of enemy fire mortally wounded him. Private Eichten's display of outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wanda, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Eichten (Mother) Wanda, Minnesota.

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III -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY BETTONEY, O1166667, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Stoughton, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. POWELL, O1180666, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 December 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LLOYD D. HUSKINS, O1171606, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 December 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Boonford, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LARRY G. GENEBAUGH, O541227, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE V. McVIGHER, O548543, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Grove, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. REINSCH, O1180023, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Geneva, Nebraska.

IV -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Earl J. Roche, 36712899, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Paul J. Schuko, 36288288, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 January 1945. Residence: Marinette, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Infred A. Gore, 6271776, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 21 January 1945. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Wiley W. Durham, 36549334, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Corporal Duane E. Wingard, 36548254, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Norman E. Neyer, 37246192, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Sergeant Allen E. McCoy, 36289085, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Harley C. Wynn, 37327278, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Menasha, Wisconsin.

Private First Class John F. Lawlor, 36548616, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan.

Private Raymond N. Devoc, 31099467, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Eagle Lake, Maine.

Staff Sergeant Arthur G. Thomann, 35391821, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Neeling, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl D. Musgrave, 37244833, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Norton, Missouri.

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Technician Fourth Grade Leslie D. Fierce, 30103483, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Caldesac, Idaho.

Technical Sergeant August J. Bialicki, 37400663, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individuals:

Technician Fifth Grade Marcus W. Hansen, 39042468, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Hansen, in the process of a strategic withdrawal with his company, was subjected to a terrific barrage of enemy automatic weapon and machine gun fire. From his precarious position he observed a wounded comrade lying on the fire-swept, exposed terrain in full view of the enemy. Without hesitation, Technician Hansen, gallantly dashed over 500 yards to the side of the injured man, completely oblivious of the withering fire that blasted the area about him. In full view of the hostile forces he courageously picked up the wounded man and carried him 500 yards to the comparative safety of a nearby wooded area, as bullets raked his path. At the edge of the woods he met a litter team and turned his wounded comrade over to them for evacuation and then returned to a foxhole near the edge of the woods. Observing another wounded soldier in an open field 300 yards to his front, he once again braved enemy fire and gallantly dashed to the injured man's side. With complete disregard for his life, he boldly picked up the injured man and through a hail of fire carried him to the safety of the woods. There his comrades' wounds were dressed and he was speedily evacuated. As a result of Technician Hansen's outstanding courage and gallant actions two wounded soldiers were saved from enemy capture and professional medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Sergeant John T. Scannell, 36548056, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the day and night of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Scannell and his mortar platoon were in support of Company "I" during an attack, when they met severe enemy resistance. Enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire swept the area making the position of the company extremely dangerous. Because of the severity of the hostile fire the company was ordered to withdraw. In the process of the withdrawal Sergeant Scannell keenly observed six wounded comrades lying helpless on the exposed and fire-swept terrain. Without hesitation, he, with utter disregard for his life, gallantly braved the withering fire that once again braved to evacuate each of the six injured men to the safety of

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nearby building. After each man had been removed from his position of extreme danger, Sergeant Connally courageously remained with them for a period of over four hours administering efficient first aid and comforting his suffering comrades. As darkness fell he fearlessly returned to friendly lines under the constant threat of hostile action, organized a litter team and skillfully led them back to the place of security where his wounded comrades were located. This movement required a great deal of skill and courage as the territory in which they were traveling was still enemy-held. He then led the litter team, with the wounded, back to friendly territory. As a result of Sergeant Connally's magnificent courage and gallant actions the lives of two comrades were saved and the entire group of six received prompt and efficient professional medical attention. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class James Diamond, 37550945, (then Private), Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Diamond, radio operator with a forward observer team, was advancing with front line infantry elements in the attack, when severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire began to rake the area about him. In the course of the hostile activity, the forward observer was seriously wounded necessitating his immediate evacuation. A few minutes later an urgent call came over Private Diamond's radio requesting an observer to direct fire on an enemy observation post. Without hesitation, Private Diamond accepted the request, and, although rain made observation extremely difficult, skillfully made a precise adjustment on the emplacement, effecting several direct hits, ultimately neutralizing the hostile observation post. His coolness while under intense enemy fire, and his display of technical skill enabled our infantry to successfully push forward the attack without the serious threat of enemy observation. Residence: Minot, North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Jool R. Fleming, 34496220, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the twilight hours of 20 December 1944, battalion wire communications to "B" and "C" Companies on Hill \* \*, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, were severed by hostile patrols and enemy shell fire. The company radios had been damaged during the attack on the hill, isolating the companies from all outside contact. That night and the following day, attempts to re-establish a line to the two companies in the captured pill-boxes failed when the wire teams met stiff resistance from active enemy patrols and snipers. On the night of 21 December, Technician Fleming voluntarily accompanied four comrades in another attempt to reach the isolated companies. Despite hostile artillery and mortar fire which several times forced the team to take cover, Technician Fleming and his comrades continued on over the rough and wooded terrain until they had completed the lines to the forward companies. As a result of Technician Fleming's outstanding valor and utter disregard for his life, vital communication lines were reestablished between the battalion command post and the two companies, enabling the battalion to plan a coordinated attack. Residence: Hornsby, Tennessee.

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Private First Class Frederick W. Parker, 33304973, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the twilight hours of 20 December 1944, battalion wire communications to "B" and "C" Companies entrenched on Hill # 3, in the vicinity of # # #, Germany, were severed by hostile patrols and enemy shell fire. The company radios had been damaged during the attack on the hill, isolating the companies from all outside contact. That night and the following day, attempts to reestablish a line to the two companies in the captured pill-boxes failed when the wire teams met stiff resistance from active enemy patrols and snipers. On the night of 21 December, Private Parker voluntarily accompanied four comrades in another attempt to reach the isolated companies. Despite intense hostile artillery and mortar fire which several times forced the team to take cover, Private Parker and his comrades continued on over the rough and wooded terrain until they had completed the lines to the forward companies. As a result of Private Parker's outstanding valor and utter disregard for his life, vital communication lines were reestablished between the battalion command post and the two companies, enabling the battalion to plan a coordinated attack. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade John G. Ducky, 32059586, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of # # #, Germany, while Technician Ducky was laying a communication line from Regimental Headquarters to the regimental observation post, he came under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, he continued on until he had reached his destination. Shortly after reaching the observation post, Technician Ducky courageously worked his way back through the fire-swept area to repair a break caused by the enemy barrage. Due to his heroic devotion to duty, communication between the two points was maintained at a critical time and the observation post was able to warn the regimental command post of a threatened attack by enemy armor. Residence: Fairview, New Jersey.

Private First Class Donald M. Walker, 34809743, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of # # #, France, Private Walker, rifleman, was accompanying his organization in a strategic withdrawal when he alone observed one of our supporting machine gun crews, acting as a covering force, knocked out by enemy action. Sensing the imminent danger confronting the group unless immediate action was taken, Private Walker, without hesitation, fearlessly crawled to the gun position through a hail of devastating enemy fire. Oblivious of the withering fire that swept the area he coolly and efficiently directed his machine gun on the enemy loosing a terrific hail of fire into the midst of the hostile forces. He remained at his newly assumed post until his last round of ammunition was expended. When he was assured that every member of his company had reached safety, he, himself, withdrew. As a result of Private Walker's magnificent courage two of the enemy were killed, a large group of them pinned down, a counterattack broken up and his own company was able to successfully withdraw to a position of safety. Residence: Hazelton, Indiana.

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