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

Staff Sergeant Donald L. Brackett, 36411320, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, suffered heavy casualties during an attack and a subsequent strategic withdrawal. Although the remainder of his company was withdrawing, under orders, Sergeant Brackett, upon his own initiative and with utter disregard for his life, remained to check the battlefield for wounded men. Crawling over more than 150 yards of open, fire-swept terrain he checked his entire platoon area. Finding one seriously wounded soldier, Sergeant Brackett made his way to our lines, organized a litter team and arranged for the expeditious evacuation of the wounded man. As a result of Sergeant Brackett's heroic actions, the wounded man was successfully evacuated. Residence: Ewart, Michigan.

Private First Class George D. McCallum, 36804342, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private McCallum, machine gunner, while going forward in the attack with his section, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. Observing a wounded comrade lying helpless on the exposed terrain, he, without hesitation, dashed fearlessly to the injured man's side as bullets viciously raked his path. He quickly and efficiently administered first aid. Realizing it was imperative that the wounded man be removed from his precarious position, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously picked up his wounded comrade and carried him 50 yards over fire-swept terrain to a position of safety. Residence: Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Private First Class John H. Walker, 34581949, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, Company "L" and an adjacent company of the 411th Infantry advanced over flat terrain in an attack on \* \* \*, France when the enemy loosed an intense barrage of mortar, artillery, small arms and 20 millimeter machine gun fire. The devastating fire and stiff resistance from the dug-in enemy, necessitated the two companies to plan a withdrawal to a more favorable route of approach on the village. With communications disrupted, Private Walker, a Company "L" messenger, courageously made his way over 500 yards of fire-swept terrain to the adjacent company to coordinate plans of a withdrawal. Despite the intense hostile fire, Private Walker again crossed the open field to his company commander with the information. The two companies, aided by Private Walker's valorous action and utter disregard for his life, were able to move under a coordinated cover of fire to a more advantageous position. Residence: Highland Home, Alabama.

Private First Class Elmer R. Findow, 36553885, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 January 1945, the 411th Infantry Regiment, occupying a defensive position near \* \* \*, France, was subjected to constant and heavy enemy artillery fire. The only route available for the evacuation of wounded personnel was a heavily shelled road. Despite the hazard of using the road, Private Findow, driving a medical one-quarter ton truck, evacuated all casualties suffered by

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his battalion during the day. On one occasion he drove through an artillery concentration to successfully evacuate five wounded men from a pillbox. On another occasion, Private Pinnow drove alone to a house under artillery fire and, disregarding the fact that the effective enemy fire had forced other drivers to abandon vehicles, picked up several wounded men and evacuated them safely to the aid station. By his courageous devotion to duty, Private Pinnow materially assisted in the saving of many lives. Residence: Freeland, Michigan.

Private Daniel W. Spees, 36288633, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, during an attack by the 411th Infantry Regiment, near \* \* \*, France, Private Spees was a litter bearer attached to Company "B". During one phase of the attack, the necessity for making long litter hauls created a shortage of bearers and Private Spees, on his own initiative, went forward alone, to rescue a wounded man. The position of the casualty was an exposed one and Private Spees crossed 400 yards of terrain exposed to the direct machine gun fire of the enemy. Three times, during the evacuation, enemy machine gun fire forced Private Spees to crawl and drag his patient to the shelter of a building but on each occasion he courageously moved on until the casualty was safely evacuated. By his heroism and devotion to duty Private Spees saved the life of a wounded comrade. Residence: Lake Netagamon, Wisconsin.

II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded following named individual for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. TRISCOE, 0532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Decatur, Alabama.

III -- 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:

Technician Third Grade Cecil H. Coram, 34497388, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Morris J. Smith, 42144457, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Barker, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Walter R. Clark, 36413255, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES W. EASTON, O310619, Medical Corps, Headquarters  
103d Infantry Division, France, 15 November 1944. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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

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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 Sam Ciarmitaro, 36550645, (then Sergeant) Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Ciarmitaro was a member of a patrol with the mission of penetrating the enemy lines, taking prisoners and securing information. While about 50 yards from a concealed enemy position, his group was fired upon. He quickly led his group to cover and then crawled, alone, 75 yards to the rear of the enemy position where he surprised and captured two enemy riflemen. As a result of Sergeant Ciarmitaro's heroic action, the mission of the patrol was successfully accomplished, resulting in the securing of much needed information concerning disposition of enemy troops. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. McLinskey, 32594030, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. While enemy forces subjected the village of \* \* \*, France, to an intense barrage of mortar, artillery and small arms fire, during the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment was ordered to make a strategic withdrawal from the town. As the company column made its way through the devastating fire, Sergeant McLinskey noticed a wounded soldier who had dragged himself to the shelter of an abandoned house. Sergeant McLinskey, realizing the man was seriously injured and in danger of capture by the enemy, carried the helpless man over 1000 yards of shell-blasted terrain to the cover of a woods where his comrade could be carried by litter to the battalion aid station. As a result of Sergeant McLinskey's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, a fellow soldier was speedily evacuated to efficient medical attention. Residence: Dunellen, New Jersey.

Private First Class Loran D. Stone, 32935833, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours

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of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Stone, ammunition bearer, observed three wounded men, from the Third Battalion, lying helpless on exposed and fire-swept terrain. Without hesitation, Private Stone and one other comrade dashed fearlessly through a hail of enemy fire to the side of the wounded men. With the help of an improvised litter, they carefully placed one wounded man on it and then walked erect and cautiously through the withering enemy fire so as not to increase the casualty's pain. They courageously carried the wounded man to safety. Private Stone and his comrade braved the fire-swept terrain twice more to evacuate the other wounded men, and in each instance successfully carried them to safety. As a result of Private Stone's outstanding courage, and utter disregard for his life, three wounded comrades were speedily evacuated despite extremely hazardous conditions. Residence: Harpersville, New York.

Staff Sergeant Harold V. Kruse, 36410678, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack by the 411th Infantry Regiment near \* \* \*, France, on 22 November 1944, Sergeant Kruse was with an artillery forward observer. A nearby rifle company was forced to take cover from a barrage of 88 millimeter shells and Sergeant Kruse noticed that one soldier was wounded and lying in an exposed position. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Kruse left his place of cover and ran across 100 yards of open terrain, through constant enemy shellfire, to reach the wounded man. Disregarding the shells exploding in the area, he carried the casualty to a place of safety where medical treatment could be had. By his heroism, Sergeant Kruse saved the life of a wounded comrade. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert E. Wheeler, 33411018, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack by Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the communications sergeant was wounded, necessitating his evacuation. Private Wheeler undertook the duties of the wounded sergeant and shortly thereafter he, himself, was painfully wounded in the leg by a mortar shell fragment. Realizing the importance of maintaining continuous communications during the attack, Private Wheeler, with exemplary devotion to duty, refused to be evacuated. Despite his severe pain and the extreme difficulty he experienced in walking, he valorously accompanied his commanding officer in the face of heavy enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, performing his duties with great skill, until, many hours later, the attack pressed forward to a successful conclusion. Only then would he consent to evacuation. As a result of Private Wheeler's heroic actions, vital communications were maintained enabling the attack to proceed successfully. Residence: Waterford, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Cyril A. Oosterlinck, 36549213, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Oosterlinck, machine gunner, observed three wounded men of the Third Battalion, lying helpless on exposed and fire-swept terrain. Without hesitation, Private Oosterlinck

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and one other comrade dashed fearlessly through a hail of enemy fire to the side of the wounded men. With the help of an improvised litter, they carefully placed one wounded man on it and then walked erect and cautiously through the withering enemy fire so as not to increase the casualty gain. They courageously carried the wounded man to safety. Private Osterlinck and his comrade braved the fire-swept terrain twice more to evacuate the other wounded men and in each instance successfully carried them to safety. As a result of Private Osterlinck's outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, three wounded comrades were speedily evacuated despite extremely hazardous conditions. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Thomas F. Kane, 12216395, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, near \* \* \*, France, one platoon of Company "C" came under intense automatic weapon fire from a concealed enemy position. Private Kane, a machine gunner, worked his way forward to a point where he could fire on the area suspected of being the enemy position. Although his action immediately attracted hostile fire, Private Kane continued to fire until his weapon jammed. With complete disregard for his life, he raised himself to a position where he could repair the gun, thus exposing himself to the enemy fire. Repairing his weapon, Private Kane remained in his exposed position and directed accurate fire on the enemy position until it was reduced. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Private Kane materially assisted in the elimination of an enemy strongpoint, enabling his platoon to withdraw safely. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant Charles W. Orth, 37411347, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Orth, with the forward elements of a raiding party, met stiff enemy resistance as he approached a hostile observation post. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, Sergeant Orth quickly organized an assault team and led them forward through a hail of enemy small arms and machine gun fire, toward the observation post. His actions had to be executed rapidly and skillfully, for an ominous threat of an attack by enemy reinforcements existed in the area. He courageously dashed forward, in the lead of his men, and stormed the emplacement. The confused enemy was so unnerved by the swiftness and boldness of Sergeant Orth's actions that a hostile group of five surrendered to the assault team. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Herbert M. Hoddinott, 12220608, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Hoddinott, weapons platoon squad leader, observed his company pinned down in the attack by intense enemy anti-tank and machine gun fire. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, Sergeant Hoddinott, cautioned his men to take cover while he crawled forward to an exposed position to locate the two guns. Reaching a position he ascertained to be the logical one, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously and deliberately exposed himself to the enemy fire to make

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certain from which directions it was coming. He remained in this exposed position long enough to be sure of the enemy position and then he dashed to his company to relay this vital information to the artillery. As a result of Sergeant Wodzinott's heroic actions the two enemy emplacements were ultimately neutralized by our artillery and thus reduced to a minimum the number of casualties suffered in his company. Residence: Chatham, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant John R. Marek, 16175920, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the enemy loosed an intense barrage of mortar and heavy machine gun fire on the exposed troops of Company "A". One of his comrades fell helplessly wounded by a hostile shell burst, Sergeant Marek courageously made his way over 200 yards of shell-blasted terrain to his wounded comrade and then laboriously carried the casualty to safety where effective medical aid could be administered. Observing his squad still perilously exposed to the withering fire, he quickly returned to his men and led them to cover. As a result of Sergeant Marek's valorous action and utter disregard for his life, a wounded man was saved from further injury or death, and his exposed squad led to a place of safety from the persistent enemy fire. Residence: Royal Oak, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant George A. Gordon, 39327517, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Gordon was leading his squad on a daylight raid when an enemy machine gun opened fire, wounding one of his men, and pinning the squad to the ground. Realizing that his wounded comrade was exposed to further injury from heavy artillery and mortar fire which began to rake the area, Sergeant Gordon, with utter disregard for his life, left his covered position, and crawling to his comrade, he dragged him to a position from which the wounded man was later evacuated. He then skillfully reorganized his squad and, as they moved forward, he unleashed a murderous volley, killing the enemy machine gunner. He and his squad pressed on, completing its mission, and returned safely to our lines. As a result of Sergeant Gordon's heroic actions, a comrade's life was saved and a successful raid was made upon the enemy. Residence: Beaverton, Oregon.

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:

Corporal Louis G. San Martin, 38408018, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, under cover of a terrific artillery and mortar barrage, the enemy launched a tank attack upon the command post of Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. Corporal San Martin, a bazooka grenadier, immediately perceiving the ominous threat which the tanks presented, upon his own initiative dashed forward to intercept them. Headless of the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and of the fire from the advancing tanks,

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Corporal San Martin moved into position in front of our lines. "With exemplary fortitude and great skill he sent rocket after rocket crashing into the enemy tanks, with such effect that they withdrew, abandoning their mission and leaving the command post intact. In this engagement, he was mortally wounded. Corporal San Martin's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Houston, Texas. Next of kin: Mr. Flo San Martin (father), 7725 West Street, Houston, Texas.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

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~~Sergeant William R. Farnell, 14081858, (then Private), Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Tampa, Florida.~~

Sergeant Ted J. Hawrzyniak, 36453776, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade George J. Duncan, 36411093, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

Private Howard R. Koupal, 37481921, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

CAPTAIN HERBERT J. WISSEL, 01105277, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class Ladislav Lupeho, 33437166, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John Landolfi, 21384202, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Providence, Rhode Island.

Private First Class Jesse R. Tuller, 36713264, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Beloit, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Harold H. Ahrens, 36625291, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Lemont, Illinois.

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Private First Class Richard S. Preston, 36712015, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Philip L. Cala, 12074013, Infantry, anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Jamestown, New York.

Corporal George A. Young, 35790705, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Covington, Kentucky.

Private First Class Raymond M. Plunk, 34496168, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Jacks Creek, Tennessee.

Private First Class Edward T. Riffel, 3762678. Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 January 1945. Residence: Jennings, Missouri.

Sergeant Harold E. Schmechel, 36292826, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Anthony J. Ugolnik, 36162621, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Samuel J. Dudek, 36715421, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class John H. Lay, 35791903, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Camden, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Stanley S. Alkonis, 32294221, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Castleton, New York.

IV -- 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 following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private James C. Rost, 37661836, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of General Order's Number 41, this headquarters, dated 24 January 1945, as pertains to the following named enlisted men, is revoked:  
Private First Class Steinmetzer, Rodney W., 39616891, 410th Infantry Regiment.  
Private First Class Downs, Percy J., 35759173, 410th Infantry Regiment.

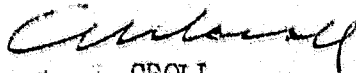
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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 28 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Technician Fifth Grade Hyle M. Adams, 36518795, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Technician Adams, aid man, courageously and efficiently administered aid to the wounded in the face of intense enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. In the process of this activity his fellow aid man was mortally wounded. Despite this severe handicap he carried on magnificently, skillfully doing his work. Time and again he, with utter disregard for his life, braved the fire-swept terrain to aid and comfort the wounded. Evacuation was not possible because of the intensity of the fire thus necessitating his constant attention to all the wounded in the vicinity. As a result of Technician Adams' heroic actions the lives of many of his comrades were saved and his courage served as a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Bayne, Michigan.

Corporal Benjamin A. Dewar, 36410651, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 183d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 25 January 1945, Corporal Dewar, member of an artillery liaison section, received word from his commanding officer that the enemy had launched a surprise attack and were surrounding the Second Battalion Command Post of the 410th Infantry Regiment and the liaison section, both located in \* \* \*, France. Realizing his section had already been cut off from the infantry command post and that quick action was imperative, Corporal Dewar took charge of the defense of their quarters and hurriedly placed a number of guards in the surrounding yard to hold the house. When the enemy troops threatened the position, Corporal Dewar held the hostile force with carbine fire as his comrades cautiously withdrew to the street. He rejoined his men, but found the group trapped by another enemy force attacking up the road from a different direction. He remained to stem the new attack, while his section fought its way to the battalion command post to join in the withdrawal from the town. Despite the ferocious hail of small arms and automatic weapon fire which killed

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one of his comrades, he continued to slow the enemy attack by personally killing two of the enemy and silencing an automatic weapon with accurate carbine fire. Satisfied that all his men had successfully reached the battalion command post, he quickly rejoined the liaison section and aided in the safe withdrawal from the village. As a result of Corporal Dewar's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, his section was able to withdraw from their trapped position. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond E. Schnell, 36288691, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 20-21 January 1945, Battery "B", was ordered to make a withdrawal from \* \* \* to \* \* \*, France. Snow and ice made full-track vehicles almost unmanageable on the hills. Technician Schnell was driving an M-5 Tractor and towing a 155 millimeter howitzer, more than 20 tons of equipment. The braking mechanism of the tractor was broken shortly after the start of the march when the tractor slid into a ditch. Although cognizant of the danger to himself if he attempted to drive the 20 tons of equipment down the treacherous slopes, Technician Schnell voluntarily brought his tractor and howitzer to ( ) destination. His only method of stopping on the hills was to deliberately run a tree or a house, exposing himself to great danger in order to avoid the risk of losing the equipment in a ditch. For his utter disregard for personal safety and his exemplary courage in remaining with his tractor under perilous circumstances, a tractor and a 155 millimeter howitzer were saved from capture. Residence: Superior, Wisconsin.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM L. HAUSHILD, O1314285, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT HAUSHILD's weapons platoon was in support of an infantry company which had been pinned to the ground by heavy fire from several enemy strongpoints. Realizing that further progress would be costly, if not impossible, unless the strongpoints were reduced, LIEUTENANT HAUSHILD, upon his own initiative, resolved to determine their locations. With utter disregard for his life, he advanced across open, fire-swept terrain, skillfully reconnoitering the enemy positions. Making his way back to our lines, he directed the emplacement of the weapons of his platoon, and, under his supervision, they directed intense fire upon the enemy strongpoints, neutralizing them. As a result of LIEUTENANT HAUSHILD's fortitude and efficiency, the infantry company was enabled to successfully push forward and take its objective. Residence: Rapid City, South Dakota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CURTIS O. SMITH, O1325791, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 January 1945, LIEUTENANT SMITH, brilliantly planned and executed a raid on the village of \* \* \*, France. Before staging the raid, he personally made a complete reconnaissance of the hostile area determining the exact location of each and every enemy strongpoint. When the raid took place he fearlessly led his group forward under intense enemy machine gun fire. His excellent prior planning resulted in the wounded being evacuated efficiently and expeditiously. He moved forward in the attack so calmly and coolly that his men were inspired to go forth with renewed vigor and accomplish their mission.

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As a result of LIEUTENANT SMITH'S outstanding leadership and superb operative ability, valuable information concerning the enemy was obtained and a skillful plan for subsequent raids was established. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

Private First Class Salvatore M. Carnival, 38007434, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Carnival, aid man quickly and skillfully assisted another comrade in establishing an aid station in a pillbox, a few yards from the enemy lines. Upon hearing cries for medical aid, Private Carnival courageously dashed forward over the fire-swept terrain to aid his wounded comrades. Intense enemy small arms and mortar fire blasted the area about him, but completely oblivious of the dangers confronting him, he continued his work in an efficient manner. He and his comrade heeded cries of help on six different occasions, each time braving a hail of enemy fire to carry the wounded men to their improvised aid station. For a period of three days Private Carnival and his comrade watched over the wounded men, as evacuation was impossible due to the precariousness of their position. When conditions warranted evacuation, Private Carnival and his comrade assisted in carrying their patients for 2500 yards over treacherous and mountainous terrain. As a result of Private Carnival's exemplary devotion to duty and heroic efforts many wounded were skillfully and expeditiously treated. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. STEVENSON, 02000746, (then Technical Sergeant) Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, heavy fighting was in progress. Our troops were temporarily pinned down by intense enemy artillery and small arms fire when Sergeant Stevenson observed a 19 man enemy patrol attempting a maneuver against our flank. Realizing the threat that this patrol represented, he seized a machine gun, and with utter disregard for his life, crossed open terrain through a hail of fire and set up the weapon. Directing a murderous stream of fire upon the surprised enemy patrol, he pinned them to the ground. As a result of Sergeant Stevenson's heroic act, the dangerous enemy flanking movement was neutralized. Residence: Fenaville, Michigan.

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Private First Class Donald Harkowitz, 12013141, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Harkowitz, aid man, quickly and skillfully assisted another comrade in establishing an aid station in a pillbox, a few yards from the enemy lines. Upon hearing cries for medical aid, Private Harkowitz courageously dashed forward over the fire-swept terrain to aid his wounded comrades. Intense enemy small arms and mortar fire blasted the area about him, but completely oblivious of the dangers confronting him, he continued his work in an efficient manner. He and his comrade heeded cries of help on six different occasions, each time braving a hail of enemy fire to carry the wounded men to their improvised aid station. For a period of three days Private Harkowitz and his comrade watched over the wounded men as evacuation was impossible due to the precariousness of their position. When conditions warranted evacuation,

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Private Herkowitz and his comrade assisted in carrying their patients for 2500 yards over treacherous and mountainous terrain. As a result of Private Herkowitz's exemplary devotion to duty and heroic efforts many wounded were skillfully and expeditiously treated. Residence: Albany, New York.

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEONARD G. MORGAN, O1290109, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. In the early morning hours of 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT MORGAN led a five man patrol into an enemy-held town on a reconnaissance mission. Taking one man with him, leaving one man posted as getaway man and instructing the remaining two men to reconnoiter another portion of the town, LIEUTENANT MORGAN skillfully moved forward. As he and his companion were investigating a house in the town, the enemy opened fire upon them with automatic weapons and small arms. As LIEUTENANT MORGAN valorously engaged the enemy, the other section of the patrol was enabled to ascertain the strength of the enemy and their positions. Under cover of LIEUTENANT MORGAN'S fire, this section and the getaway man successfully withdrew to our lines with the information. LIEUTENANT MORGAN was last seen fiercely fighting against overwhelming odds. As a result of his heroic actions, vital information as to the strength and disposition of the enemy was obtained. Residence: Newton Highlands, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Oressa D. Morgan (Mother) 2 Miller Court, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.

III -- 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:

Technician Fourth Grade Eugene C. Larsen, 3-713722, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, met intense enemy machine gun and 20 millimeter fire, as well as anti-tank and mortar fire. Throughout this action, Technician Larsen, a company medical aid man, without regard for his personal safety, moved from one wounded man to another, administering first aid. While he was aiding one of the casualties, he was painfully wounded in the shoulder, but remained on the field to find and aid the casualties until he was ordered to the rear. As he made his way back over the fire-swept ground, he, despite his weakened condition, assisted in evacuating a seriously wounded soldier from an area under shellfire. By his heroic devotion to duty, all the casualties of his platoon were properly treated without delay and a seriously wounded man was successfully evacuated. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

IV -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

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Sergeant Leo F. Bartha, 36624611, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 28 November 1944, in an attack on " \* ", France, the First Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment was halted by intense hostile machine gun fire from concealed positions in the wooded hills. Company "C" was ordered to withdraw 800 yards to a more strategic position. Despite the withering enemy fire, Sergeant Bartha remained behind to aid a comrade who had suffered severe leg wounds and was unable to move. Sergeant Bartha courageously and laboriously carried the injured man over 800 yards of fire-swept terrain to his company's new position from where he was successfully evacuated to professional medical attention. As a result of Sergeant Bartha's valorous action, a comrade was saved from death or further injury. The complete disregard of his personal safety, and prompt action, in the face of extreme danger, demonstrated by Sergeant Bartha were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Sergeant Bartha was subsequently reported killed in action in a later action. Residence: West Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Muriel Bartha (Wife) 309 Church Street, West Chicago, Illinois.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. Section I, General Orders Number 44, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, dated 28 January 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to certain named individuals as reads "FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR J. E. YONKERS, 0172349" is amended to read "FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR J. E. YONKERS, 01172349".

VI -- 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 B. Fourez, 38783589, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Muncie, Illinois.

Private First Class Howard A. Snyder, 36973578, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 January 1945. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

Sergeant James H. Baker, 36587695, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Clinton, Michigan.

VII -- 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 following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant William B. Farnell, 14081858, (then Private), Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Tampa, Florida.

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VIII -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. ✓ So much of Section III, General Orders Number 50, this headquarters, dated 2 February 1945, as pertains to Sergeant William R. Farnull, 14081858, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, is revoked.

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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 Floyd A. LaPoint, 31403715, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the enemy launched a counterattack in great strength under the cover of intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, necessitating a withdrawal by our troops. When the machine gunner whose weapon was protecting the left flank of Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment was struck by enemy fire, Private LaPoint, assistant gunner, immediately took over the weapon. With utter disregard for his life, he maintained his position in the face of the enemy fire, directing a withering stream of fire from his own weapon upon the advancing hostile forces, temporarily disorganizing them. While thus engaging the enemy, Private LaPoint was himself wounded, but with exemplary fortitude and devotion to duty, he remained at his gun, despite his injury, covering our troops as they moved to more advantageous positions. As a result of Private LaPoint's gallant actions, the ominous threat to the company's flank was frustrated, and a successful withdrawal was effected. Residence: Bradford, Vermont.

MAJOR LESTER L. LAMPERT, JR., 022100, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. At 250430 January 1945, the enemy launched a sudden, fierce attack from several directions on the town of \* \* \*, France. In addition to MAJOR LAMPERT's Command Post, elements of other infantry and tank destroyer units were located in the town. The hostile force, later identified as a battalion of SS Troops, were equipped largely with automatic weapons and were dressed in white clothing, making them almost invisible against the snow. The handicap of darkness and the fact that the enemy troops were shouting in English made identification of our own men possible only by recognition of voices. Quickly realizing that a determined resistance by our own small, scattered and heterogeneous forces would result in heavy casualties and capture, MAJOR LAMPERT placed himself in command of all the troops he could gather and organized them into a fighting unit to bring about their orderly withdrawal and to delay the enemy attack. Exposing himself constantly to the close range automatic fire, and calmly issuing his orders, he inspired the confidence of the men about him who fiercely

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resisted the attack, enabling others to withdraw. He finally assembled his force on a line of defense outside of town after having fearlessly directed delaying action from five successive positions. He then rapidly organized his diverse forces into a closely knit defense. By his fearlessness displayed in the face of the enemy's direct fire, and by his superb leadership and organizational ability, MAJOR LAMFERT executed an efficient and orderly withdrawal. Numerous casualties were prevented by his gallant actions. Residence: El Paso, Texas.

II -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4<sup>e</sup>, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Joseph J. Licaletti, 16170139, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company, France, 9 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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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 Darwin K. Kyle, 6987590, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the early morning hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Kyle, was subjected to intense enemy small arms, mortar, artillery and 20 millimeter automatic weapon fire. Private Kyle, observing that six of our supporting tanks had been disabled by the direct fire of the enemy, quickly grabbed a rocket launcher and crawled toward the enemy emplacement. From an advantageous position he commanded direct observation on the hostile strongpoint. He accurately fired three rounds into the enemy emplacement, knocking out the gun and killing the crew. As a result of this action, tanks were able to enter the town and the company was materially assisted in its subsequent withdrawal. Private Kyle's exemplary fortitude and gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dawes, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Bernard Snelnick, 3140981, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the strongly entrenched enemy inflicted severe casualties upon our troops as the attack pressed forward. Technician Snelnick, an aid man, with utter disregard for his life, crawled from one wounded man to another administering first aid. As he was dressing the wounds of a comrade, he, himself, received a severe head wound. Against his protests he was carried from the battle field and his wound was dressed. He then attempted to return to the aid of the wounded men, but as he made his way forward his wound caused him to lose consciousness. Revived, he was persuaded to withdraw to the aid station. As he moved across the fire-swept terrain, he saw a wounded soldier directly exposed to the enemy fire. In spite of his own weakened condition, he struggled to his comrade, administered first aid and, summoning a soldier to assist him, evacuated the man to the aid station. Technician Snelnick's ex-

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emplary devotion to duty, was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Haven, Connecticut.

Private First Class Charles W. Oates, 33926501, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During a withdrawal by Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment from the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 19 January 1945, the company's flank was threatened and several casualties were inflicted by an enemy anti-tank gun. Private Oates, an ammunition bearer for a machine gun squad, having located the position of the enemy weapon and realizing the threat it presented, resolved, upon his own initiative, to neutralize it. Seizing a machine gun, he crawled to a position only 150 yards from the anti-tank gun, set up his weapon and unleashed a murderous blast, killing the crew. As the enemy attempted to re-man the gun, or remove it to another position, Private Oates, with utter disregard for his life, remained at his post raking the enemy position with accurate fire, nullifying every enemy attempt to make further use of the weapon. When his comrades had reached safety, he made a successful withdrawal, evacuating his weapon. Private Oates' gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Linesville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Francis F. Daly, 17069226, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 18 January 1945, Company "C" of the 410th Infantry Regiment was in the attack near \* \* \*, France. The objective of the attack was a railroad line and while one platoon was crossing an open field it was pinned down by intense fire from two enemy machine guns. Private Daly, automatic-rifleman, realizing that the fire of the two machine guns made the position of his platoon a precarious one, heroically moved forward through the withering fire. Gaining an advantageous position, he opened fire and killed the crews of the two enemy machine guns. His gallant action, performed with complete disregard for his life, was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Sergeant Ernest Clark, 6871683, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Clark, in the face of withering enemy fire, courageously remained in a forward position to cover his company during a withdrawal. Enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire blasted the area about him, but heedless of the devastating fire, he gallantly parried every enemy thrust. Armed only with an M-1 rifle, he delivered direct and accurate fire into a dangerous enemy machine gun emplacement, completely neutralizing it. When he was assured that all members of his company had withdrawn to a covered position, then, he, himself, withdrew. While moving to the rear he observed a wounded comrade from his company lying helpless in the exposed and fire-swept terrain. He dashed to the injured man's side, picked him up and carried him for 500 yards to a place of safety. Here his wounded comrade's wounds were dressed and he was speedily evacuated to an aid station. Sergeant Clark's magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York.

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II -- 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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT SIDNEY FIGMON, 01998096, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 18 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT FIGMON was leading his platoon in the attack on a railroad line when he encountered fierce enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. As he dashed forward he was struck in the shoulder and leg by enemy machine gun fire, knocking him to the ground. Momentarily stunned, LIEUTENANT FIGMON struggled to his feet, quickly regained his stability and, despite his painful wounds, relentlessly pushed on rallying the men about him. As a result of LIEUTENANT FIGMON's exemplary fortitude and gallant actions, the men about him were so inspired they pushed forward with renewed vigor, capturing the objective. He was last seen advancing courageously over the fire-swept terrain in the direction of the objective. LIEUTENANT FIGMON has subsequently been reported missing in action. Throughout the entire action, LIEUTENANT FIGMON's outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Neon, Kentucky. Next of kin: Mr. Charlie Tolliver (Brother), Neon, Kentucky.

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

Private First Class Ardell G. Campbell, 33700535, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 2 January 1945. While one of Private Campbell's comrades was cleaning immersion heaters, a bucket of gasoline which the man was carrying became ignited. As the flames reached the soldier's hands, he dropped the bucket which caused the flaming gasoline to splash upon and ignite his clothing. Seeing his comrade's plight, Private Campbell called upon him to roll on the ground, but the man, confused and in great pain, failed to hear the call and began to run. Private Campbell, cognizant of the inherent danger of the situation, ran after his comrade, overtook him, and brought him to the earth with a flying tackle. With great presence of mind, he rolled the man over and over in the snow, using his own body to smother the flames, and pulled off the smoldering clothing. As a result of Private Campbell's quick thinking, his effective actions and his fortitude, a comrade's life was saved. Residence: Richmond, Virginia.

IV -- 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 Alfred L. Corradi, 42143220, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 January 1945, during the action in the woods near \* \* \*, France, a squad of enemy infantry attempted to place a machine gun and other automatic

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weapons in a concealed position in front of Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. Private Corradi, being the only one in position to see the attempt, warned his squad and then opened fire with his automatic rifle. Throughout the fire fight that followed, Private Corradi, with complete disregard for his safety, continued his attempt to dislodge the enemy. After expending all his automatic rifle ammunition, he resorted to a carbine and then a machine gun, killing three of the enemy, wounding four and routing the remainder. Private Corradi's heroism was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cliffside, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Walter F. Hitz, 37242291, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the evening hours of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Hitz, mortar platoon squad leader, went forward in the attack as a rifleman, when the conditions of the movement prevented the use of his mortars. When contact became disrupted with an adjacent platoon, Sergeant Hitz fearlessly led a patrol in search of the beleaguered group as enemy small arms fire raked the area. As he skillfully maneuvered his way across the fire-swept terrain he was wounded by enemy fire. Despite his wounds he relentlessly pushed on, finally reaching his goal and reestablishing contact with the isolated platoon. Sergeant Hitz's outstanding courage and exemplary devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hudson, Kansas.

Private First Class Michael Vancko, 36549021, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the action in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, on 22 December 1944, several of our men were wounded. Working continuously for more than 36 hours, Private Vancko, an aid man, made his way repeatedly over more than a mile of mountainous terrain evacuating the wounded. Headless of the intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire which fell on all sides, and of his extreme fatigue, he successfully evacuated six of his wounded comrades. Private Vancko's fortitude and exemplary devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Parton, Ohio.

Private First Class Ira T. McClure, 35813078, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 January 1945, during the action near \* \* \*, France, Private McClure was an automatic-rifleman with a platoon on the left flank of Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the advancing company, Private McClure, with complete disregard for his safety, worked his way forward and covered his platoon with automatic rifle fire so that the platoon could neutralize the enemy gun threatening the company. Then, on the following day, it became necessary to withdraw before a counterattack by a superior force, Private McClure remained behind to cover the withdrawal, directing effective fire at the enemy while his company withdrew. His heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Litchfield, Kentucky.

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CAPTAIN CURTIS C. NEELY, O1296408, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, in \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN NEELY, leading his company in the attack, encountered ferocious enemy machine gun fire coming from well concealed emplacements. Quickly discovering the source of the enemy fire, CAPTAIN NEELY deployed a bazooka grenadier into a strategic position for firing on the enemy strongpoints. As CAPTAIN NEELY dashed to the gun position in order to direct the accuracy of its fire, a hitherto undisclosed enemy machine gun opened fire painfully wounding him in the leg. Despite his wound, he courageously continued to direct fire on the enemy, neutralizing several machine gun nests, killing or capturing the crews. He constantly exposed himself to enemy fire, spurning cover, in order to maintain a more advantageous position for observation. CAPTAIN NEELY's outstanding courage and brilliant leadership were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Hazewall, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RALPH D. MCCORQUODALE, O1319302, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT MCCORQUODALE, during an attack, was ordered to assist another company, which at the time was engaged in a vicious fire fight with the enemy. Without hesitation, LIEUTENANT MCCORQUODALE, heroically led his men to the aid of the battle engaged company. Upon the successful completion of this mission he found that, in the heat of battle, his company had been surrounded. With great skill, and utter disregard for his life, he courageously directed the successful withdrawal of his company from their precarious position. This move necessitated traversing over 1000 yards of enemy observed territory, carrying the wounded, and engaging the enemy the entire distance. The heroic actions and brilliant leadership of LIEUTENANT MCCORQUODALE were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Diego, California.

Private First Class Charles F. Newman, 36538237, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 2 December to 4 December 1944, while his battalion was attacking in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Newman evacuated wounded from an advanced aid station which came under the artillery fire of the enemy. Working tirelessly night and day, oblivious to physical exhaustion, Private Newman carried out his duties as a medical aid man with exemplary courage and fortitude. He repeatedly drove over an area which was under enemy shellfire and, undeterred by shrapnel hits on his vehicle, evacuated many of the wounded to safety. Private Newman's heroic efforts and devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ogishaw, Michigan.

V -- 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 WILLIAM C. HOLLOMAN, O2000696, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of

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26 January 1945, in the attack on \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT HOLLOWAY and his platoon encountered severe and intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. In the process of this activity the company commander was wounded and, without hesitation, LIEUTENANT HOLLOWAY took command of the company. In addition to his own company, he took command of an adjacent platoon of tanks and brilliantly led both groups into the town, capturing the objective. He then fearlessly directed the clearing of the town, constantly exposing himself to enemy machine gun and sniper fire. LIEUTENANT HOLLOWAY's magnificent valor and outstanding leadership were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Corsicana, Texas.

VI -- 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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT RALPH D. MCCORQUODALE, 01319302, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: San Diego, California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. RYERSON, 01308382, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Residence: Paterson, New Jersey.

Corporal Raymond J. Fountain, 36410381, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 4 February 1945. Residence: Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Private First Class Clarence H. Wessler, 36553839, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 4 February 1945. Residence: Birch Run, Michigan.

Private First Class Edward Kendra, 36288892, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Residence: Gilman, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Earl L. Sorenson, 36713837, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Bellwood, Illinois.

Private First Class William G. Harrison, 38137394, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Kennard, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Merle E. Marshall, 37400231, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Bakersfield, Missouri.



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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 Anthony G. Hillerman, 38563601, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the early morning hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Hillerman, mortar gunner, was with his company in the attack when a severe enemy counter-attack was launched on the company's right flank. The concentration of enemy small arms and mortar fire was so severe Private Hillerman's mortar was knocked out of action in the initial phase of the hostile attack. Realizing the imminent danger confronting his company if the enemy broke through his position, he, with utter disregard for his life, gallantly remained at his post, armed only with a pistol and hand grenades. He fearlessly stood up in the face of enemy fire, simultaneously shooting his pistol and throwing hand grenades into the midst of the onrushing foe. His gallantry and accuracy of fire resulted in four enemy dead and the complete disorganization of the hostile attack. Private Hillerman's magnificent courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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 individuals:

Corporal Walter M. Scholl, 33674151, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Scholl, bazooka grenadier, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire. Realizing that immediate action was imperative, he dashed forward to an advantageous position for firing. In the process of the move, he was wounded in the chest by enemy fire but, despite his wound, relentlessly pushed on to his new position. He fired directly into the enemy strongpoint, wounding one of the crew. The fire from his weapon exposed his position and immediately attracted a vicious barrage of enemy machine gun fire, mortally wounding him. His courageous action so diverted the attention of the enemy machine gunner that the remainder of his

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company was able to rush forth and neutralize the hostile strongpoint. Throughout the entire action, Corporal Scholl's display of magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tarentum, Pennsylvania. Next of kin: Mrs. Irene Scholl (mother), 400 Ross Street, Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Edgar L. Flunk, 34496061, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, France, the heavily entrenched enemy directed intense fire upon our troops. Sergeant Flunk's platoon was pinned down by an enemy machine gun, which barred the further progress of the platoon toward the town. Realizing the importance of his platoon's mission, Sergeant Flunk, with utter disregard for his life, bravely left his covered position and advanced alone upon the machine gun. Firing with deadly accuracy, he knocked out the enemy crew, neutralizing the strongpoint, when he fell, mortally wounded. His magnificent fortitude in the face of danger so inspired his men that they pressed forward with redoubled vigor, clearing the approaches to the town, and enabling the remainder of the company to enter and take the town. Sergeant Flunk's gallant actions and exemplary devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Leapwood, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mr. Ervin A. Flunk (Father), Leapwood, Tennessee.

III -- 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 Valdeen W. Luckfeldt, 37466250, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, after it had taken a railroad track near \* \* \*, France, was attacked by a superior enemy force. Outnumbered and in need of ammunition, the company was forced to withdraw. Sergeant Luckfeldt, a squad leader, fully cognizant of the tactical situation and the risk involved, kept one of the machine guns and remained behind to cover the withdrawal of the company. He assisted in holding off the enemy force while his company successfully withdrew to prepared positions. Sergeant Luckfeldt's heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lockport, Illinois.

Private First Class Laverne W. Oxenrider, 6835143, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 13 January 1945, Company "C" of the 410th Infantry Regiment attacked through woods near \* \* \*, France, to seize a section of the railroad tracks leading into the village. As the company neared its objective, the men were pinned to the ground by intense machine gun fire from an enemy emplacement well camouflaged in the snow. Private Oxenrider, automatic-rifleman, exposed himself to the enemy in order to determine the source of the hostile fire. When the emplacement was disclosed by another blast of machine gun fire, Private Oxenrider courageously made his way to a position near the emplacement, where he directed a devastating burst of automatic fire on the strongpoint, killing the enemy crew and neutralizing the position. Private Oxenrider's display of magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Homer, Michigan.

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IV -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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, posthumously, to following named individual:

Technician Fourth Grade Fred E. Lacy, 17175146, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 1 December 1944, as the company, to which Technician Lacy was attached as aid man, moved into the attack near \* \* \*, France, one of the men of the point squad was seriously wounded in the leg by enemy machine gun fire. Hearing the cry for an aid man, Technician Lacy, heedless of his personal safety, dashed through the fire-swept area to his comrade and carried him to safety. Immediate evacuation being impossible, Technician Lacy skillfully applied a tourniquet to the injured man's leg and then remained with his patient throughout the night adjusting the tourniquet whenever required. Upon the wounded man's evacuation the following day, it was found that Technician Lacy's skill and devotion to duty had saved his comrade's life. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Overland Park, Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty J. Lacy, (Wife), 322 First Street, Lenexa, Kansas.

V -- 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 Robert A. Lixler, 35089834, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 February 1945. Residence: Ficus, Ohio.

Private George G. Maddox, 13114242, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 2 February 1945. Residence: Highland Park, New Jersey.

Private First Class Lester Chestain, 35151888, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 2 February 1945. Residence: Mitchell, Indiana.

Private Patrick Mulknier, Jr., 35575926, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 2 February 1945. Residence: East Chicago, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Harlon E. Chaffee, 36287782, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 2 February 1945. Residence: Rebins, Iowa.

Private Everett Cologrove, 35445018, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 2 February 1945. Residence: Grayson, Kentucky.

Corporal Edward V. Veach, 37542266, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 February 1945. Residence: Linton, North Dakota.

Private Henry D. Hains, 34918255, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: Grove Oak, Alabama.

Private Walter N. Redvik, 13142301, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: Stone Ridge, New York.

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Private First Class Anthony Drago, 18073817, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: Fort Arthur, Texas.

SECONd LIEUTENANT WALTER E. KUNZE, JR., 01328049, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Francis H. Chipp, 38182177, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: Vinsco, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Warren G. Hayden, 35486455, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Winslow, Indiana.

by command of Major General MacULIFFE:

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I -- 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 First Class Donald J. Philpott, 35247114, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the enemy launched a counterattack in great strength, under cover of intense fire, necessitating a withdrawal by our troops. Private Philpott, a machine gunner, realizing that his was the only machine gun in action, elected to cover the withdrawal. With utter disregard for his life, he maintained his position, directing heavy fire upon the advancing enemy which destroyed one hostile machine gun and temporarily disorganized them. Under cover of Private Philpott's fire, our forces were able to withdraw without serious loss. When last seen, Private Philpott, caught in severe cross-fire, was valiantly engaging the enemy. He has been subsequently reported missing in action. Private Philpott's fortitude and exemplary devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Canton, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Fenelope G. Philpott, (Wife) 2418 14th Street NE, Canton, Ohio.

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 First Class Ralph W. Johnson, 36713591, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the morning of 25 January 1945, approximately 300 enemy troops launched an attack on the town of \* \* \*, France, in which the Second Battalion Command Post was located. Private Johnson, on his own initiative, placed himself in a vantage point and began firing upon the hostile troops which had overrun the command post. His accurate fire resulted in the enemy being temporarily halted until all the command post personnel had withdrawn to safety. Despite a painful wound, he remained at his post, firing upon the enemy until he was fatally wounded. His gallant stand which saved his comrades from possible capture was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Lorraine Johnson (Wife), 4530 N. Malden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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III -- 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 John Bastuck, 36411926, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the morning hours of 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Bastuck, Company "D" aid man, made his way through a concentration of small arms and machine gun fire to the side of a wounded comrade. Although riflemen were withdrawing from the area, he continued to dress the man's wounds. With the help of two men, Private Bastuck assisted in the evacuation of his comrade. Despite an artillery barrage blasting their path, Private Bastuck and the two men carried the casualty 200 yards through the woods to safety where litter bearers could be summoned. His valorous action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Coleman, Michigan.

Corporal Frank J. Meyer, 36303015, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Meyer, wireman, braved enemy mortar and artillery fire to repair numerous breaks in vital communication lines between his company and higher headquarters. In one instance Corporal Meyer crawled over the crest of a hill in full view of the hostile forces in order to mend a break in the vital line. Unhunted by the extreme dangers confronting him, Corporal Meyer successfully accomplished his mission and communication was reestablished between the company and higher headquarters. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Quincy, Illinois.

Private Lee V. Maddux, 34021775, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack on \* \* \*, France, on 25 January 1945, Private Maddux, an aid man, although under continual enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire, fearlessly made his way from one wounded man to another, rendering effective aid. When the aid man of another platoon was wounded, he assumed his wounded comrade's duties as well as his own. When the company eventually withdrew, Private Maddux, with utter disregard for his life, remained in front of our lines until each wounded man was safely evacuated. His exemplary skill and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Falkville, Alabama.

Corporal Edward Vetsch, 37542266, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During an attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 15 December 1944, numerous casualties were incurred by our forces. The available roads from the battle field to the aid station were subjected to heavy enemy fire and were obstructed by road blocks, making evacuation by litter vehicle impossible. Realizing the urgent necessity of caring for the wounded, Corporal Vetsch, a medical technician, immediately organized an aid station with the assistance of two aid men. Working tirelessly for more than 24 hours without rest or relief, he administered effective aid to the wounded until the roads were cleared up they could be safely evacuated. Corporal Vetsch's intrepidity and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Linton, North Dakota.

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Private First Class Joseph J. Powaga, Jr., 36548108, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 December 1944, the company to which Private Powaga was attached as aid man, crossed a small foot bridge in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, under intense enemy fire, suffering several casualties. Headless of his personal safety, Private Powaga moved across the fire-swept terrain, administering aid to the wounded when he was struck in the leg by shrapnel. Refusing treatment, he completed his ministrations, and then evacuated all of the wounded to safety. Private Powaga's exemplary fortitude and devotion to duty exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Corporal Maunsell W. Brousseau, Jr., 34291330, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Brousseau, attached to Company "C" as mortar observer, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Private Brousseau alternately crawled and ran a distance of 75 yards over exposed terrain to an observation post, to direct fire missions on the enemy positions. While in the observation post, he observed the enemy massing in an assembly area, preparatory to a counterattack. Once again, with utter disregard for his life, he dashed a distance of 125 yards to a better observation point and skillfully directed artillery fire into the enemy assembly area, inflicting heavy casualties and damaging much enemy materiel. Private Brousseau's outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Sergeant James E. Rigby, 33777528, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, our troops executed a withdrawal under intense enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire. Sergeant Rigby, a heavy machine gun squad leader, his weapon out of action, with utter disregard for his life, remained to cover the withdrawal with his M-1 rifle. He fired round after round into the advancing enemy until his rifle failed to function. He then destroyed his machine gun and joined his men. Throughout this entire action, Sergeant Rigby's fortitude and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Freeport, New York.

Private First Class Tom J. Harrington, 38232996, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 26 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, our troops were advancing in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Seeing several enemy strongpoints which were impeding the advance, Private Harrington, a machine gunner, with utter disregard for his life, moved his weapon to a commanding position under direct observation of the enemy. He then laid accurate fire upon the enemy, protecting our forces in their advance and subsequently breaking up an attempted counterattack. Private Harrington's exemplary fortitude and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Zephyr, Texas.

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IV -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RUFUS K. STRICKLAND, O1113005, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Jacksonville, Florida.

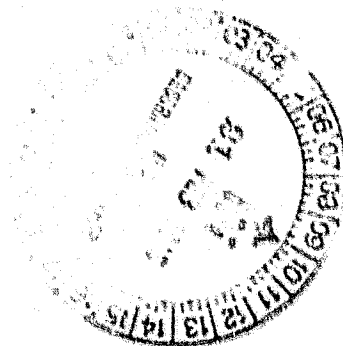
Technician Fifth Grade Leonard J. Ficouch, 36549110, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 6 February 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1942, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to following named individuals:

✓ CAPTAIN ROBERT J. BUTLER, 0435264, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN BUTLER, liaison officer, went forward with the attacking infantrymen as the need for an additional forward observer became acute. Under intense enemy small arms, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire he directed artillery barrages into enemy emplacements less than 50 yards away. After knocking out a threatening enemy machine gun nest which had pinned our assault troops to the ground, he abandoned this position as he observed our attacking forces pressing forward. After this series of actions, CAPTAIN BUTLER called three infantrymen, organized a patrol and under intense enemy cross fire raced over an open field, and climbed a sniper who had been harassing our troops. He then returned to direct artillery fire upon the enemy. Throughout this action, CAPTAIN BUTLER's gallantry was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bayard, Nebraska.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Rene A. DeBusschere, 36549663, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician DeBusschere, aid man, was caring for the wounded in the basement of a house, when it suffered a direct hit by enemy artillery fire. In this action Technician DeBusschere received a shell fragment puncture of the right lung. He refused evacuation and, despite his own pain, directed the men about him to prop him against the wall where he efficiently supervised the administering of aid to his wounded comrades. Technician DeBusschere's gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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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:

✓ CAPTAIN SAINT E. RICKERSON, JR., 0385095, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 29 November 1944, CAPTAIN RICKERSON successfully led his attacking company into \* \* \*, France, blocking all exits from the town before the enemy was aware of the company's presence. Under CAPTAIN RICKERSON's brilliant direction the town was quickly occupied without a casualty and 150 of the enemy were taken prisoner. Late that night the enemy launched a counterattack in great force using automatic weapons, flak wagons, and small arms. CAPTAIN RICKERSON quickly assembled his fighting force and placed them in strategic positions of defense. Completely oblivious of the intense fire of the enemy he ran from group to group encouraging and rallying his men. The counterattack was successfully repulsed under the outstanding leadership of CAPTAIN RICKERSON, and 214 of the enemy were taken prisoner, 25 were killed, and 24 vehicles destroyed or captured. CAPTAIN RICKERSON's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. CAPTAIN RICKERSON has been reported as killed in action in a later engagement. Residence: Griffin, Georgia. Next of kin: Mrs. S. E. Rickerson, Jr., ("Ike"), 326 South 8th Street, Griffin, Georgia.

III -- 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 following named individuals:

Private First Class David L. Overcash, 34591994, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 14 December 1944, Private Overcash worked continuously assisting in the evacuation of casualties, suffered by a task force in the attack near \* \* \*, France. Evacuation of the wounded involved crossing more than 1000 yards of heavily wooded and mountainous terrain under continual enemy shell fire. In another action, on 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Overcash worked through the night and next morning, evacuating wounded 1000 yards to an aid station over mountainous terrain and under constant mortar and machine gun fire. His valorous actions and exemplary devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lenoir, North Carolina.

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS E. STAGG, JR., 0446480, Infantry, Company "W", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT STAGG in search of a company with which contact had been lost, successfully maneuvered his vehicle through an area where hostile troops had been by-passed due to the swiftness of our attack. LIEUTENANT STAGG cautiously directed his vehicle to the outskirts of \* \* \*, dismounted, ordered his driver to return to the battalion and then walked into the town, as he reached a house, a hitherto

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undisclosed enemy opened fire, painfully wounding him. He crawled to a barn and successfully concealed himself from the searching enemy. After several hours, he left his place of concealment, questioned civilians in the area and found the lost company had passed through the town. Despite his wounds he walked two and one-half miles to his battalion command post, gave the location of the company to the battalion commander, and then submitted to evacuation. LITTLEWAMP SNAPE'S heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Greysport, Louisiana.

Private First Class George O. Goulson, 38622513, (then Private), Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Goulson while going forward in the attack as platoon scout, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun and automatic weapon fire. From his position of danger he observed an enemy patrol of 20 men advancing toward his company in a flanking movement. Fully cognizant of the impending danger, he crawled under intense fire to secure a more advantageous position for firing into the oncoming hostile forces. He gained his position, engaged the enemy patrol, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing its withdrawal. Private Goulson's heroic efforts enabled his company to press forward, knock out harassing frontal fire and continue successfully to its objective. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hvalde, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Dominick Gruczeki, 36412312, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Gruczeki, machine gun section sergeant, heroically crawled from gun to gun directing fire on a counterattacking enemy force. Under intense enemy fire he checked and rechecked the operation of the guns, continually exposing himself to extreme danger. When his squad was ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Gruczeki remained behind, covering his squad's withdrawal with an M-1 rifle. His devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Standish, Michigan.

Private First Class James C. Strange, 34516391, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 10th Division Artillery. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Strange, crew leader of a wire team, fearlessly crawled a dangerous fire-swept road to assist in laying vital communication lines from a proposed Italian command post. His wire vehicle attracted a barrage of enemy artillery fire but he braved the dangers confronting him, he continued to lay wire and supervised the successful completion of the circuit. Private Strange's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Center, North Carolina.

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IV -- 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RALPH LAMB, O1312748, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the afternoon of 14 December 1944, while our troops were attacking \* \* \*, France, radio communications between our mortar section and the company commander failed at a critical time when the battalion commander directed our mortar fire be shifted so that troops could enter the town. LIEUTENANT LAMB went forward from the battalion observation post to the mortar observers, braving intense enemy fire, and succeeded in shifting our fire. This mission was undertaken with full knowledge of the danger and also the necessity for reaching the mortar observers. Prior to being fatally wounded he succeeded in his mission. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Butte Falls, Oregon. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret M. Lamb, (mother), Box 44, Butte Falls, Oregon.

V -- 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:

Technician Fifth Grade George P. Addington, 36411294, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Addington was informed of the plight of a wounded comrade lying in a draw under intense enemy fire. Without hesitation, Technician Addington raced across the fire-swept terrain, reached his comrade and efficiently administered first aid. Technician Addington's heroic action in saving the life of a comrade was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Reed City, Michigan.

VI -- 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 JOSEPH C. BOYER, O2000758, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 29 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES B. SOCLICK, O1180331, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 December 1944 to 29 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

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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:

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Coble, 13129890, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 20 January 1945, as Sergeant Coble was spearheading an attack for his assault team on \* \* \*, France, they were pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. The team was ordered to withdraw from their precarious position and Sergeant Coble, cognizant of the extreme danger confronting his men, remained in an advanced position deliberately drawing fire from the enemy. Although wounded in the neck, he continued to engage the enemy until the last man reached safety, then he, himself, withdrew. Sergeant Coble's gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant David H. Forrester, 36715488, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For gallantry in action. During the evening hours of 28 January 1945, Sergeant Forrester led a seven man assault team on an enemy occupied house in \* \* \*, France, with the mission of capturing the enemy occupants. When the group reached the house Sergeant Forrester quickly deployed his men in positions surrounding the house. He boldly kicked open the front door and saw several of the enemy and commanded them to surrender. As they jumped toward him, Sergeant Forrester sprayed the group with vicious fire, killing all but one, who was taken captive. Sergeant Forrester's gallant action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Rockford, Illinois.

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 following named individuals:

MAJOR JOHN E. RHEA, 0454402, General Staff Corps (Cavalry), Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 14 January to 4 February 1945 in France. Residence: Corpus Christi, Texas.

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CAPTAIN FAUL C. KUEBER, O1171636, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 25 to 26 November 1944 in France. Residence: Evansville, Indiana.

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE J. QUINLAN, O1165438, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 25 to 26 November 1944 in France. Residence: Jacksonville, Illinois.

Private First Class Dewillyn C. Ford, 36410640, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 21 December 1944 with the First Battalion in the attack against fortified positions near \* \* \*, Germany, Private Ford was assigned as a guard of the company command post. The enemy counterattacked with intense small arms and machine gun fire, but Private Ford remained at his post and aided in the successful repulsion of the counterattack. Communications being out, he was then sent as a messenger to warn the aid station to be prepared to evacuate their positions. As he rushed across the exposed terrain he received a lung wound. Despite the pain he continued on his mission, delivered the message and returned to his company. Only then would he submit to medical attention. His heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Sergeant James W. Slocumb, 36713349, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 3 February 1945, Sergeant Slocumb was painfully wounded during a raid on \* \* \*, France. Knowing his company's strength had been reduced by heavy casualties, he refused evacuation and led his squad through a fire-fight. His squad, inspired by his courageous leadership, successfully completed its part of the operations. Sergeant Slocumb's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Carmi, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Gordon E. Smith, 16144109, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 3 February 1945, Sergeant Smith spearheaded an assault team's attack on \* \* \*, France. As he approached the first enemy outpost he observed a guard standing watch. Fully cognizant that a shot would rouse enemy forces, he quickly disposed of the sentry with the butt of his rifle. He motioned the assault team to move forward, and as they approached an enemy occupied house, mortar and machine gun fire raked their path. Sergeant Smith, without hesitation, crawled beneath a window of the house, threw a hand grenade inside, and with the aid of his team, captured four of the enemy. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Maywood, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER P. FRIDINGER, O1319615, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, as Company "A" was forcing a river crossing, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT FRIDINGER observed the forward assault



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bridge for the use of patrols and outposts. Although the site was under enemy observation and mortar fire, Sergeant Alkonis proceeded to prepare a site and gather the materials for construction. In spite of warnings from nearby infantrymen, Sergeant Alkonis led his crew through the construction of the bridge and, although he was wounded by a shell fragment, remained until it was completed. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Castleton, New York.

Staff Sergeant Weldon B. Mallette, 18072998, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 January 1945, Sergeant Mallette led a reconnaissance patrol into the enemy held town of \* \* \*, France, in search of vitally needed information. He skillfully maneuvered his patrol through enemy minefields and past sentries, undetected. While searching the town they were challenged by the enemy, as they attempted to enter a house. Acting quickly, Sergeant Mallette led his patrol out of town, as the enemy approached from many directions. Sergeant Mallette's heroic actions, in obtaining the necessary information, were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Houston, Texas.

Staff Sergeant William E. Zwetsch, 36716251, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid on 3 February 1945, in \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Zwetsch and his squad were stopped by intense automatic weapon fire from a well-prepared enemy position. As he deployed his men, the squad's automatic rifle developed a stoppage which the gunner was unable to clear. Oblivious to the hostile fire, Sergeant Zwetsch ran to the weapon and soon had it functioning. He then took a rocket launcher, made his way far to the flank of his squad where the rocket flash would not draw fire on his men, and fired four rockets into the enemy position. The fire from the hostile strongpoint was reduced and the raiding squad was able to proceed on its mission. Sergeant Zwetsch's valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Willis J. Hadley, 31392416, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, Private Hadley, a scout, moved out in advance of his platoon to check a house which was between his men and their objective. As he rounded a corner of the house, he suddenly came face to face with two of the enemy. Reacting with great celerity and aggressiveness, he knocked one of them to the ground with his rifle, spun around covering the other and demanded their surrender. As a result of his quick thinking and fortitude, two prisoners were taken, and the possible ambush of his platoon was averted. Private Hadley's heroic conduct reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Blackstone, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Kenneth O. Short, 38562394, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, our forces were temporarily halted by intense grazing fire from an enemy machine gun. Realizing that further progress without heavy casualties was impossible unless the enemy gun was

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platoons pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire. LIEUTENANT FRIDINGER quickly executed a flanking movement with his platoon under intense fire, succeeded in knocking out two enemy machine gun emplacements, and captured seven of the enemy. He observed several other enemy emplacements from his vantage point and crawled to the company observation post and reported this valuable information to his company commander. LIEUTENANT FRIDINGER's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: South Portland, Maine.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Szramek, 36713688, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Szramek, aid man, observed a wounded man lying helpless under intense enemy mortar fire. Without hesitation, Technician Szramek dashed across 500 yards of fire-swept terrain, reached his wounded comrade and efficiently rendered first aid. Quickly determining the man's injuries to be serious, Technician Szramek again braved the enemy fire, secured a litter team, led them to the wounded man, and supervised his evacuation. His heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant George H. Norstrand, 19131672, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, Sergeant Norstrand leading an assault team in an attack on an enemy occupied house in \* \* \*, France, met severe machine gun fire. He quickly dispersed his men, as mortar fire added to the dangers confronting them, and then fearlessly entered the house, capturing four of the enemy and killing one. Observing machine gun fire coming from a nearby window, he returned the fire and succeeded in silencing the hostile machine gun. Sergeant Norstrand's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Beverly Hills, California.

Private First Class William R. Mayland, 38602889, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945, during a withdrawal from \* \* \*, France, when two of our aid men were wounded and no other was available Private Mayland, seeing one of his comrades wounded and helpless, carried him to safety. After carrying his comrade across more than 1000 yards of open, fire-swept terrain, Private Mayland, with utter disregard for his life, returned to bring another wounded man to safety. As a result of his heroic actions, two of his comrades were evacuated promptly and received effective medical treatment. Private Mayland's outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pineville, Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant Stanley S. Alkonis, 32294221, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 24 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Alkonis was in charge of a crew with the mission of constructing a

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eliminated, Private Short, an automatic-rifleman, deliberately set out to destroy the threat. Moving toward the gun, he fired burst after burst from his weapon, and, as he got closer, threw several grenades. The ferocity of his attack neutralized the weapon and caused the enemy to withdraw from the position. Private Short's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

First Sergeant Frank L. Emly, 37275195, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, intense enemy mortar and artillery fire caused continual breaks in the communications wire between Company "C"'s command post and battalion. Realizing the importance of maintaining uninterrupted communications, Sergeant Emly, on his own initiative, twice crawled more than 200 yards over the fire-swept terrain to repair the broken wire and restore communications. His conduct was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brookings, South Dakota.

Private First Class Roland Rapposelli, 33896571, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, intense enemy artillery and mortar fire inflicted severe casualties on our troops. When his battalion executive officer asked for volunteers to assist in evacuating the wounded men of an adjacent company, Private Rapposelli responded. Working without rest or relief, in the face of heavy enemy fire, he made repeated trips across more than 1000 yards of open terrain, each time having to cross a stream 18 feet wide and neck deep. His fortitude and devotion to duty under these trying conditions resulted in numerous wounded men being safely evacuated, and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Perrysville, Maryland.

Sergeant Harlie W. Ervin, 34496064, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Ervin, a machine gunner, and his platoon, supporting other troops, were pinned down on an exposed road by a barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire while trying to take a wooded area. The enemy continued to shell their position heavily and under cover of the intense fire, began to mass for a counterattack. Realizing the danger existing because of the exposed position, Sergeant Ervin seized his machine gun, and with utter disregard for his life, advanced along the road toward the enemy, set up his weapon and directed intense and accurate fire into them, inflicting heavy casualties and repulsing the counterattack. His heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Finger, Tennessee.

III -- 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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

SECOND LIEUTENANT WALTER J. CHRISTIANCY, 02000656, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in

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action. During a raid on \* \* \*, France, the night of 3 February 1945, LIEUTENANT CHRISTIANCY worked tirelessly in maintaining communications from the battalion command post to the attacking companies. On numerous occasions he went forward, under intense enemy artillery fire, to check and repair breaks in the line. In one instance when communication was completely disrupted with one of the attacking companies, LIEUTENANT CHRISTIANCY went forward and personally contacted the company commander briefing him as to the location of adjacent units. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Strang, Nebraska.

Private First Class Hjalmar M. Engeland, 37541978, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire inflicted several casualties on our attacking troops. Private Engeland, a litter bearer, after carrying four of the wounded to safety was struck in the back by shrapnel. Refusing treatment or evacuation, he then began to treat the wounded at an emergency aid station which had been set up, and subsequently assisted in carrying a litter to the battalion aid station, more than 1000 yards distant, under intense enemy fire. Not until he had rendered all possible aid to his comrades would he allow his own wound to be treated. Private Engeland's devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baarton, North Dakota.

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL J. TIGHT, 0547496, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 9 February 1945. Residence: Pontiac, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade John E. Altonen, 36411223, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 9 February 1945. Residence: Traverse City, Michigan.

Private First Class Vincent L. Jack, 37641276, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 January 1945. Residence: Glover, Missouri.

Private First Class William R. Kochovar, 37566576, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 January 1945. Residence: Buhl, Minnesota.

Private First Class George P. Vinson, 35920021, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 January 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES N. GLENN, 01328027, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 February 1945. Residence: Clemson, South Carolina.

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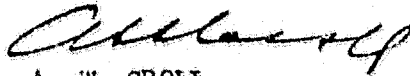
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Technical Sergeant Arlie W. Avery, 36714784, Infantry, Company "K",  
409th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 February 1945. Residence: West Frankfort,  
Illinois.

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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 to following named individuals:

✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH L. KEEBY, 01823168, Field Artillery, First Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On the night of 4 February 1945, LIEUTENANT KEEBY was in command of a raiding party whose mission was to capture the enemy located in a mill between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France. LIEUTENANT KEEBY brilliantly planned and executed the raid, maintaining the enthusiasm of the raiding party throughout the entire action. He led his patrol to the mill and was with the initial assault elements when they entered the enemy strongpoint. In the fight that followed, LIEUTENANT KEEBY quickly disposed of one of the enemy by a well placed hand grenade. His resourcefulness materially assisted in capturing six of the enemy and in obtaining valuable information. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class Henry Weaver, 33199728, Field Artillery, Second Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 4 February 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Weaver was a member of an assault group whose mission was to enter an enemy held building on the outskirts of town and capture the occupants. As they approached the objective, enemy automatic rifle fire was directed at them. Private Weaver, quickly observing the source of fire, killed the enemy rifleman before he was able to inflict casualties upon the group. As a result of this raid, six enemy prisoners were taken and valuable information obtained. Private Weaver's heroic action in this engagement was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ Private First Class Thomas Ingram, 18213303, Field Artillery, First Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During a raid by our forces in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 4 February 1945, Private Ingram was assigned to a security group with the mission of protecting the assault group. As the men moved out, the enemy opened fire with

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✓ FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH L. KEEBY, O18.3168, Field Artillery, First Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On the night of 4 February 1945, LIEUTENANT KEEBY was in command of a raiding party whose mission was to capture the enemy located in a mill between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France. LIEUTENANT KEEBY brilliantly planned and executed the raid, maintaining the enthusiasm of the raiding party throughout the entire action. He led his patrol to the mill and was with the initial assault elements when they entered the enemy strongpoint. In the fight that followed, LIEUTENANT KEEBY quickly disposed of one of the enemy by a well placed hand grenade. His resourcefulness materially assisted in capturing six of the enemy and in obtaining valuable information. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

✓ Private First Class Henry Weaver, 33199728, Field Artillery, Second Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 4 February 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Weaver was a member of an assault group whose mission was to enter an enemy held building on the outskirts of town and capture the occupants. As they approached the objective, enemy automatic rifle fire was directed at them. Private Weaver, quickly observing the source of fire, killed the enemy rifleman before he was able to inflict casualties upon the group. As a result of this raid, six enemy prisoners were taken and valuable information obtained. Private Weaver's heroic action in this engagement was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

✓ Private First Class Thomas Ingram, 18213303, Field Artillery, First Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During a raid by our forces in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 4 February 1945, Private Ingram was assigned to a security group with the mission of protecting the assault group. As the men moved out, the enemy opened fire with

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a machine gun temporarily halting further progress. Firing with deadly accuracy, Private Ingram killed the enemy machine gunner, allowing the assault group to proceed. As a result of the raid, six enemy prisoners were taken and valuable information obtained. Private Ingram's heroic action in this engagement was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

Private Leo Greer, 38137617, Field Artillery, Second Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During a raid by our forces in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 4 February 1945, Private Greer was assigned to a security group with the mission of protecting the assault group. As he moved forward to his position, he discovered a machine gun nest manned by two of the enemy about to open fire on the assault group. He attacked the machine gun position, killed the two enemy soldiers and moved on to his assigned post. As a result of this raid, six enemy prisoners were taken and valuable information obtained. Private Greer's heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Augustine, Texas.

Private George Bass, 14019371, Field Artillery, First Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During a raid by our forces in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 4 February 1945, Private Bass was a member of a six man assault group whose mission was to enter a building occupied by the enemy, and either kill or capture them. Bravely preceding his group into the building, Private Bass sprayed the room with fire from his automatic rifle, creating an element of surprise and pinning down the enemy. The assault group proceeded to successfully accomplish its mission and as a result of the raid six of the enemy were taken prisoner and valuable information obtained. Private Bass' action in this engagement was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Columbus, Georgia.

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

Private First Class Lavern B. Geiger, 36964874, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Ubyly, Michigan.

Private First Class Leon Butansky, 32767175, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

Private First Class John J. Boland, 32193652, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Long Island, New York.

Private Laurence P. Doffing, 37595601, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Hampton, Minnesota.



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Private Glennis E. "urr, 37691437, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Carroll, Iowa.

Corporal Donald R. DeLaura, 36578856, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Jesse A. Zicafoose, Jr., 15116168, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 February 1945. Residence: Asbury, West Virginia.

Private First Class Rudolph Popper, 32019996, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 February 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Robert A. Moore, 31185653, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 February 1945. Residence: Uxbridge, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Harry B. Phelps, Jr., 33890204, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 February 1945. Residence: Cambridge, Maryland.

Private First Class James L. "ade, 36955353, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 February 1945. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

Private First Class Borje E. Olsen, 33889999, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 February 1945. Residence: Hagerstown, Maryland.

Private First Class Wallace Fowler, 38700558, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 February 1945. Residence: Ada, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Jack D. Emmons, 36546148, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Gerald M. Allen, 37446980, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Sewal, Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry Faiva, 20014484, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 February 1945. Residence: Hilo, Hawaii.

Sergeant Martin J. O'Grady, 36547497, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 February 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLARD W. HEBERT, 01301299, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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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 Theodore Lovato, 37362330, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, Private Lovato with elements of his platoon, occupied a house in the town of \* \* \*, France, but were unable to progress further because of intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire coming from an adjacent house. Private Lovato, on his own initiative, dashed to the front of the enemy occupied house, hurled two hand grenades in a collar window and forced 18 of the enemy to surrender, enabling his platoon to advance. Private Lovato's gallant actions were a source of inspiration to all his comrades and in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Center, Colorado.

Private First Class Howard Robertson, 34590992, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Robertson, aid man, himself wounded, voluntarily returned to an emergency aid station in a house, where four severely wounded men were left when his company was forced to withdraw. Later he braved enemy fire to move another wounded man to the house. He remained in the house in advance of our lines, tending the wounded and moving them to the basement as heavy and direct enemy fire blasted the roof of the house. He remained with the injured men until morning when they were located by a friendly litter team. He then assisted in the evacuation of the wounded to the aid station. His gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Moberly, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Lionel N. R. Fricc, 36288406, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, in

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the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the progress of Sergeant Price's platoon was halted by hidden enemy snipers and machine guns. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Price left his covered position and deliberately walked out into the open in order to draw fire and establish the location of the enemy. As the enemy opened intense fire upon him, Sergeant Price fell wounded, nevertheless, with exemplary fortitude, he called out fire directions to a supporting tank, which blasted the enemy positions, and our troops were then enabled to continue on their mission. Sergeant Price's courage and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Plain, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Albert J. Bury, 37541341, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 23 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Bury, in command of an isolated squad protecting a flank of his Company was attacked by a platoon of SS troops. In the intense fire fight that followed the squad was pinned to the ground and communication with the rest of the Company was cut. Sergeant Bury alone braved the withering enemy fire using his rifle and when his ammunition was exhausted threw hand grenades and fired anti-tank grenades eventually stopping the enemy attack as it reached a point about 15 yards from his position. Sergeant Bury then single-handedly pursued the retreating enemy throwing hand grenades. His action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Harry E. Boyer, 33433496, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 24 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, approximately 75 of the enemy attacked and captured a position occupied by Sergeant Boyer's squad. Leading the remainder of his squad in a drive to recapture the ground, Sergeant Boyer, charged across 125 yards of open, fire-swept terrain firing an automatic weapon. The ferocity of his attack resulted in the destruction of an enemy automatic weapon. He personally killed one of the enemy, wounded a second and took a third prisoner. Consolidating with the light machine gun section he continued the attack and, although wounded, he and his men regained the position. Sergeant Boyer's gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hampum, Pennsylvania.

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT SIDNEY A. FERIE, 01045884, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 24 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT FERIE's company was defending high ground when the enemy launched a heavy counterattack supported by tanks and preceded by intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Numerous casualties were suffered by his company, and consolidation and redistribution of the remaining men was imperative to a successful defense. In the face of the enemy's fire, LIEUTENANT FERIE left the cover of his foxhole and moved his men to

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positions from which they successfully repulsed the counterattack. In this engagement, LIEUTENANT PETRIE was mortally wounded. His gallant devotion to duty and fortitude reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Park Rapids, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Eva N. Petrie ("Life"), 604 North 2d Street, Park Rapids, Minnesota.

III -- 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 following named individuals:

CAPTAIN FREDERICK D. DUFAND, O1030654, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 19 to 20 January 1945 in France. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class Daniel A. Sobozak, 36865934, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, severe enemy artillery and mortar fire inflicted numerous casualties on our troops, wounding Private Sobozak's squad leader and necessitating his evacuation. More than half of his squad was under fire for the first time, and Private Sobozak had been acting as assistant squad leader. Rallying and reorganizing his shaken squad, Private Sobozak, with exemplary skill and leadership, moved them forward and took over the mission of an adjacent unit which was pinned down. His efficiency and fortitude inspired his men to successfully accomplish their mission, and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Philip J. Dalton, 37446381, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 January 1945, Sergeant Dalton and his platoon spearheaded an attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, under severe enemy mortar and small arms fire which pinned them to the ground. Sergeant Dalton crawled through the hostile fire to report the situation to his company commander and was ordered to withdraw. He rejoined his platoon, established a base of fire as a covering force for his platoon's withdrawal and led them from the area. His superior leadership and knowledge of terrain enabled the platoon to execute this movement with only one casualty. His valorous action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Merle D. Brown, 37250426, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 January 1945, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment was attacking in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when the enemy loosed a barrage of artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire on the troops. Observing a comrade fall wounded in the snow, Technician Brown, medical aid man, made his way 50 yards over mountainous terrain to the wounded man's side. Despite fire directed on him from an enemy machine gun, he administered aid to his comrade. Technician Brown's magnificent valor and utter disregard for

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His life were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Delmar, Iowa.

Private First Class Jacob Baranson, 32959665, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 January 1945, when the Third Battalion staged an attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Baranson accompanied the initial assault elements with a fellow litter bearer. The attacking forces met stiff resistance and were forced to withdraw. In the process of the withdrawal, Private Baranson and his companion observed several wounded lying on the open and fire-swept terrain. Unable to use a litter because of the intensity of the enemy fire, Private Baranson and his comrade placed the wounded on blankets and raincoats dragging them a distance of 300 yards to safety. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Eldon E. Jones, 37250395, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, Technician Jones, aid man, was accompanying a raiding party in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when numerous casualties were inflicted on our troops. Without hesitation, Technician Jones rushed through heavy mortar, artillery, small arms and machine gun fire and succeeded in rendering aid and evacuating the wounded. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sharpsburg, Iowa.

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\*Private First Class Curtis P. Schaeffer, 37400500, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 January 1945, when the Third Battalion staged an attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Schaeffer accompanied the initial assault elements with a fellow litter bearer. The attacking forces met stiff resistance and were forced to withdraw. In the process of the withdrawal, Private Schaeffer and his companion observed several wounded lying on the open and fire-swept terrain. Unable to use a litter because of the intensity of the enemy fire, Private Schaeffer and his comrade placed the wounded on blankets and raincoats, dragging them a distance of 300 yards to safety. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class Robert R. Jones, 17083425, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the evening hours of 24 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Jones, radio operator, on his own initiative, carried his radio across an enemy observed foot bridge after all communication lines had been severed between the third platoon of his company, who at the time was outposting the company's main line of resistance, and the company command post. Despite heavy enemy mortar fire he reached the isolated platoon and remained at his post throughout the night relaying fire directions to our artillery. His heroic actions enabled the isolated platoon to withdraw before a numerically superior enemy

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and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Washington, Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS E. BLACK, JR., O387442, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 4 February 1945, LIEUTENANT BLACK led advance elements of his company in a raid on \* \* \*, France. As he and his men were entering the town, they were subjected to intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. LIEUTENANT BLACK was wounded in the elbow by machine gun fire from a building 25 yards away, knocking him to the ground, but spurning evacuation he led his men forward until their mission was accomplished. His personal bravery, displayed despite his painful wounds, was a source of inspiration to all the men about him. LIEUTENANT BLACK's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Eagle Pass, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Henry F. White, 38047757, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, when his company was withdrawing across open terrain under the intense fire of enemy machine gun, anti-tank and 20 millimeter automatic weapons, Sergeant White picked up a wounded comrade and carried him 200 yards through enemy fire to the safety of a building. Within a few minutes, Sergeant White, with complete disregard for his safety, picked up another wounded man and carried him 1000 yards over exposed and fire-swept terrain. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Alex J. Banashak, 17001621, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, Sergeant Banashak, member of a group covering the withdrawal of the Third Battalion from \* \* \*, France, observed an enemy machine gun inflicting casualties on his company. Sergeant Banashak directed fire on the hostile position until his company and the covering force completed the withdrawal. As he was rejoining his men, Sergeant Banashak found a wounded man in an open field. He carried the casualty through the hostile fire for 500 yards to the comparative safety of a woods where he dressed the man's wounds and then summoned a litter squad to evacuate the man to an aid station. His magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wells, Minnesota.

Private First Class Lester E. Moshier, 36412339, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, was subjected to heavy fire from enemy machine guns, anti-tank and 20 millimeter guns, forcing the company to withdraw over open and exposed terrain. Private Moshier picked up a wounded man, carried him 150 yards to the safety of a house and after treating his wounds, carried the wounded man 1000 yards through enemy fire to safety. His heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

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Private First Class Tony J. Ernst, 37595631, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. At dawn on 19 January 1945, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment was counterattacked by the enemy and was forced to withdraw from the wooded area near \* \* \*, France. During the process of the move, an officer was severely wounded, and due to the intensity of the enemy shelling and machine gun fire, he could not be evacuated. When the shelling had partially subsided, Private Ernst and a comrade made their way over the field and carried the wounded officer to comparative safety where medical aid could be administered. Private Ernst's outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ploverville, Minnesota.

Private Frank S. Monett, 31306199, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. At dawn on 19 January 1945, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment was counterattacked by the enemy and was forced to withdraw from the wooded area near \* \* \*, France. During the process of the move, an officer was severely wounded, and due to the intensity of the enemy shelling and machine gun fire, he could not be evacuated. When the shelling had partially subsided, Private Monett and a comrade made their way over the field and carried the wounded officer to comparative safety where medical aid could be administered. Private Monett's outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade William F. Klemmer, 36716167, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Klemmer, aid man, went forward under intense enemy small arms and artillery fire to render aid to a wounded comrade after several previous attempts by aid men had been frustrated due to the intensity of the fire. In the process of rendering aid he, himself, was wounded. Nevertheless he continued his efforts and efficiently treated the injured man. Returning to the command post he once again administered aid to an injured man and then submitted to evacuation. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Edward T. Smith, Jr., 18124985, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Smith, with his platoon, was subjected to an intense barrage of mortar fire. Sergeant Smith quickly deployed his men as he observed the enemy grouping for an impending counterattack. He assembled three men, led them forward and met the proposed counterattack before it could be successfully launched. He directed his men to continue firing their weapons and throwing grenades until he could return and bring up a machine gun. He succeeded in getting the machine gun into an advantageous position and directed accurate fire into the enemy. Although Sergeant Smith was wounded in this action he remained at his post aiding in the successful repulsion of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Vernon, Texas.



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Technician Fifth Grade Gerald J. Dougherty, 39564263, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 3 February 1945, during a raid on \* \* \*, France, Technician Dougherty, machine gunner, was pinned down by severe enemy machine gun and automatic rifle fire while acting as a covering force for his platoon's attack. As his squad leader and ammunition bearer were wounded in the initial phase of the attack, Technician Dougherty deliberately crawled forward alone, under intense enemy fire to a position less than 50 yards from the enemy strongpoint. Completely oblivious of the dangers confronting him he continued firing into the enemy emplacement until it was reduced to a point where his platoon was able to advance and neutralize it completely. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Long Beach, California.

Sergeant Robert L. Schroeder, 37542288, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 to 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Schroeder, wireman, continually exposed himself to intense enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire to maintain efficient communications between adjacent units and Company "G", which was defending the main line of resistance. His untiring efforts under hazardous and trying conditions of weather and terrain were a source of inspiration to his entire company. Sergeant Schroeder's exemplary devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Evansville, Minnesota.

Sergeant Homer B. Norris, Jr., 18073833, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Norris and his squad were pinned down by enemy automatic weapon and machine gun fire as they attempted to storm an enemy held house. Sergeant Norris cautiously crawled to a position away from his squad and opened fire with his automatic weapon in order to draw the enemy's fire upon himself. This fearless act enabled his squad to rush forward, overrun the strongpoint, and capture three of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlotte, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade James W. Brown, 16170257, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, Technician Brown, aid man, accompanied initial elements of assault forces on a raid on \* \* \*, France. Technician Brown observed casualties being inflicted on an adjacent platoon, and upon receiving permission to leave his protective cover, he dashed 150 yards across an open field swept by intense enemy fire, rendered effective aid to the wounded and assisted in their evacuation. His heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Zanesville, Ohio.

Private First Class Lawrence A. DuBois, 16120675, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, Private DuBois, acting communications servant, accompanied initial assault elements in a raid on \* \* \*, France. During a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire, all communication lines between Company "G" and batta-

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lion headquarters were severed, leaving the radio as the only means of communication. When Private DuBois observed the company radio operator struck by shrapnel, he dashed to his side, cut the radio from the injured man's back and maintained communication with battalion headquarters. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cobden, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade John J. Narkus, 36548909, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, Technician Narkus, aid man, accompanied assault elements in a raid on \* \* \*, France. Inside the town the platoon adjacent to Technician Narkus' suffered several casualties and without regard for his life, he dashed across a fire-swept street, heading a cry for medical aid. He tended the wounded man, supervised his evacuation and then recrossed the street under intense fire to rejoin his platoon. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

IV -- 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:

Sergeant James B. Earley, 39288861, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when his squad was pinned down by enemy fire, Sergeant Earley managed to crawl clear of the enemy fire and contact elements of his company to bring relief to his squad. Returning close to the enemy positions, he threw hand grenades into their emplacements until he was fatally wounded by an enemy grenade. As a result of his heroic actions five of the enemy were taken prisoner and four were killed. Sergeant Earley's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Holdenville, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Earley, (Mother), 699 East 5th Street, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

V -- 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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN H. KIRBY, 01324423, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 24 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT KIRBY, in command of a rifle platoon whose mission was to outpost the main line of resistance, observed approximately 75 of the enemy deploying to attack his position and cut off the route of escape. He placed his men into position, allowed the enemy to approach within 30 yards and then ordered his men to open fire, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. Before the enemy regained their composure, LIEUTENANT KIRBY ordered one squad to escape and set up a base of fire to cover the other two squads in their withdrawal. LIEUTENANT KIRBY's outstanding leadership enabled the platoon to withdraw without a casualty and was in

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accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Ashton W. Weaver, 37246614, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 to 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Weaver, wireman, continually exposed himself to intense enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire to maintain efficient communications between his company and adjacent units. His untiring efforts under hazardous and trying conditions of weather and terrain were a source of inspiration to the entire command. Private Weaver's exemplary devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Phelps City, Missouri.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS F. CRUSINBERRY, 0545576, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 February 1945. Residence: Brookings, South Dakota.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL TEAL THERRELL, 0354062, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 February 1945. Residence: Bennettsville, South Carolina.

VII -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. Section I, General Orders Number 51, this headquarters, dated 4 February 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to certain named individual as reads "Private First Class Donald Herkowitz, 12013141, 409th Infantry Regiment", is amended to read "Private First Class Donald Herkowits, 12013141, 409th Infantry Regiment".

VIII -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, AMENDMENT. So much of General Orders Number 79, this headquarters, dated 22 December 1944, as pertains to Private First Class John Kvak, 33078485, 410th Infantry Regiment, as reads "29 November 1944" is amended to read "10 December 1944".

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

G. S. MELOV, JR.,  
Colonel, G.S.G.,  
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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 to following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Elmer C. Shephard, 20157353, Infantry, Company "B", 781st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Shephard, tank commander, was informed that a nearby infantry platoon was pinned to the ground and in need of a covering force. Without hesitation, he maneuvered his tank across a stream bed, reached the beleaguered group, assembled them behind his tank for protection and led them back to safety. On the move back he stood up in the turret of his tank, completely exposed to enemy observation, and fired round after round into suspected locations of enemy emplacements. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Boston, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT AVEL O. HENNEKE, 0547560, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid by Company "G", on 8 February 1945, on \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT HENNEKE with his platoon was temporarily delayed by enemy automatic fire. He fearlessly advanced alone and eliminated the hostile strongpoint with several well placed hand grenades. This bold stroke enabled his platoon to continue to advance and successfully accomplish its mission in an expeditious manner. His actions materially assisted the company in fulfilling its mission and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Drummond, Oklahoma.

CAPTAIN ROGER H. CRADDOCK, 01296327, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, CAPTAIN CRADDOCK, brilliantly planned and executed a raid on the village of \* \* \*, France. His thorough reconnaissance from the air and a forward observation post, prior to the raid, divulged the location of enemy troops and possible strongpoints. CAPTAIN CRADDOCK's forethought and outstanding leadership resulted in nine of the enemy taken captive and valuable information being obtained. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Winnsboro, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Ludovic P. Cogozzo, 36714107, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, Sergeant Cogozzo participated in a raid on \* \* \*, France. When his

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platoon commander and platoon sergeant were wounded in the advance, Sergeant Cogozzo immediately assumed command of the platoon, displaying superb judgment and outstanding leadership. Through his efforts the successful completion of the platoon's mission was expeditiously accomplished. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Earl E. Sprague, 31466854, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, Private Sprague participated in a raid, with his company, on \* \* \*, France. As the company commander called for searchlights to be played on the town, a hostile machine gun opened fire on Private Sprague and his platoon. He located the source of fire and sprayed the strongpoint with his automatic weapon as he advanced toward the enemy. He succeeded in destroying the machine gun nest, materially assisting his platoon in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Private Sprague's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Machias, Maine.

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 following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant Bryan B. Kirby, 38437576, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 February 1945. Residence: Seagoville, Texas.

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

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

Staff Sergeant Chester L. Bailey, 38030535, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, Sergeant Bailey and his squad, riding tanks, went forward to raid a house in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. After the tanks had advanced as far as practicable, the squad dismounted and, as they approached within 200 yards of their objective, the enemy pinned them to the ground with machine gun fire. Sergeant Bailey jumped from his position and unable to signal the nearby tanks went to the tank positions and led them forward. Informed that the road was mined, Sergeant Bailey advanced under fire to within 35 yards of the enemy, located the mines and removed them by hand. Sergeant Bailey then rejoined his squad, led them forward, and captured four of the enemy. His gallant actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Nico, Texas.

II -- 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 to following named individual:

Private First Class Frank C. Nonnamaker, 18107323, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, after a successful raid in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Nonnamaker and his squad were withdrawing to a covered position, when he observed a wounded comrade lying in an enemy mine field. He voluntarily entered the mine field to give aid to his wounded comrade, lying less than 100 yards from an enemy machine gun nest. Private Nonnamaker was last seen going forward to administer first aid to the injured man. His self-sacrifice reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ponca City, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mr. Floyd F. Nonnamaker, 333 South Elm, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

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III -- 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 Roscoe W. Fry, 37527353, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the night of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Fry, member of an outpost squad, was guarding a foot bridge in front of the main line of resistance when attacked by a superior enemy force. While his squad withdrew to safety, Private Fry remained to hold back the hostile force. Although wounded by a grenade, he continued to hold off the enemy with his weapon until it jammed. Resorting to hand grenades he valiantly held his position until struck by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spickard, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. Herman Fry, (Father), Route 4, Spickard, Missouri.

IV -- 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 following named individuals:

Private First Class John Fedosuk, 35602435, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 25 January 1945, during a counterattack by Company "A" on \* \* \*, France, the company was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire which inflicted casualties on one of the platoons and pinned it down. Realizing the wounded were in need of immediate evacuation, Private Fedosuk, driver of a medical vehicle, voluntarily drove forward, carried the wounded to the vehicle, and, oblivious to the hostile fire, brought them over the exposed terrain to safety. Private Fedosuk's valorous actions served as a source of inspiration to all and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class Carl A. Anderson, 39465221, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, Private Anderson, aid man, accompanied Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment in an attack on Hill \* \* \* in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. In the process of the advance, intense enemy artillery and automatic weapon fire was directed on the group, inflicting casualties. Notified of the plight of two wounded men, lying in an exposed position, Private Anderson rushed to their side, through intense fire, and speedily administered first aid. Determining the wounds to be serious, he twice more braved the hostile fire and carried them to safety, where they were quickly evacuated. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dayton, Washington.

V -- 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:

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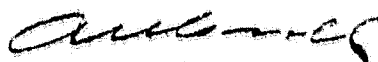
FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KREBS, O1182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 December 1944 to 3 February 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. CLARK, JR., O554185, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

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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 Joseph D. Murphy, 33614461, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Danville, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Charles E. Thompson, 36715901, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Paul B. Birdsong, 34788002, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Miami, Florida.

Sergeant LeRoy E. Ham, 34573120, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Marietta, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Willard J. Mason, 36411895, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Midland, Michigan.

Private First Class Warren H. Lund, 37400479, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Leasburg, Missouri.

Private First Class John W. Holloway, Jr., 11110143, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Private First Class Norman M. McKinley, 36400939, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sergeant Robert A. Haldeman, 36711484, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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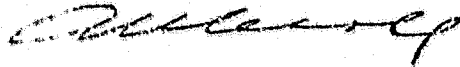
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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . .	I
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . .	V

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

Private Henry J. Czajka, 32932495, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the morning of 8 February 1945, in a raid by Company "G" on \* \* \*, France, four men of Private Czajka's squad were trapped by hostile machine gun fire during a fire-fight. Private Czajka made his way through the enemy fire close to the emplacement and threw grenades into the position, completely neutralizing it. Private Czajka then attracted the attention of one of his trapped comrades, pointed out a route of escape and, as the four men withdrew, he covered them until they had reached safety. His gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

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

Technical Sergeant Willard A. Springborn, 17156664, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, Sergeant Springborn was leading his platoon in a raid on \* \* \*, France, when they encountered intense enemy automatic weapon fire. He dispersed his platoon beside a house for protection, and boldly walked into the street toward the source of fire. He rapidly determined the position of the emplacement and with several accurately placed hand grenades succeeded in silencing it. Sergeant Springborn's gallant actions enabled his platoon to successfully accomplish its mission and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

III -- 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 following named individuals:

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

Private First Class William J. Freise, 33940936, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, Private Freise was a member of a holding force blocking off a section of town in a raid on \* \* \*, France. After two assault teams had withdrawn, Private Freise himself, ordered to withdraw, observed six of the enemy pursuing the withdrawing platoons. He quickly seized a nearby sub-machine gun to increase his fire power and with the aid of hand grenades rendered the enemy incapable of further fire. He successfully covered the withdrawal and was the last man to leave town. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John C. Jex, 16152021, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid by the First Battalion on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, Sergeant Jex and his platoon were assigned the mission of evacuating wounded. Sergeant Jex, working without rest or relief, repeatedly crossed more than 1000 yards of enemy observed, fire-swept, terrain to rescue the wounded. Although shrapnel tore his field jacket and each trip necessitated crossing a stream 18 feet wide and neck deep, Sergeant Jex pursued his tasks heedless of personal danger. His actions saved the lives of many men and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Huron, Michigan.

Private First Class Milton W. McCrory, 33582446, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 4-5 February 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the need for additional telephone wire became acute and no new wire was available. Private McCrory, assistant wireman, and his communication sergeant voluntarily made a search and located usable wire within 150 yards of the enemy. That night, despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire which fell about them, they secured the wire and made the necessary installations, traversing more than 2500 yards laterally along our lines, while within 150 yards of the enemy. Private McCrory's resourceful and heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant George B. Hippen, 36289074, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 4-5 February 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the need for additional telephone wire became acute and no new wire was available. Sergeant Hippen, communication sergeant, and an assistant wireman voluntarily made a search and located usable wire within 150 yards of the enemy. That night, despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire which fell about them, they secured the wire and made the necessary installations, traversing more than 2500 yards laterally along our lines, while within 150 yards of the enemy. Sergeant Hippen's resourceful and heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

IV -- AWARD OF ONE-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights:

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IV - AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MAIL (Cont'd)

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BRISCOE, 0532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Decatur, Alabama.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, 0184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 December 1944 to 2 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Seminole, Oklahoma.

V -- 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 Robert D. Hickman, 20754885, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 February 1945. Residence: Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Private First Class Doy A. Burnett, 35247978, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 February 1945. Residence: Fabicon, West Virginia.

Private Hayden J. Land, 34592568, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Residence: Schulls Mills, North Carolina.

Private First Class Thomas J. Egan, 37149088, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 February 1945. Residence: Jusk, Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant Albert Peckler, 37243626, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 February 1945. Residence: St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class Carl J. Julius, 39467110, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Residence: Yakima, Washington.

Private First Class David S. Loermann, 37447723, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Sergeant William A. Ramsey, 34495766, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Clinesboro, Tennessee.

Private Albert F. Birnbauer, 36956618, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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V - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Technician Fifth Grade John A. Faulson, 37541934, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Kathryn, North Dakota.

Private First Class Richard E. Baile, 16143575, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Davenport, Iowa.

Private First Class Kenneth E. Blanchard, 37447891, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Nashua, Iowa.

Private First Class Roy A. Bjork, 33419356, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Huron, South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul F. Childers, 36624850, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas C. Duvall, 34574442, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Toccoa, Georgia.

Private First Class William H. Fortune, 20737859, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 19 February 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Arnold B. Coulson, 37541147, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Benson, Minnesota.

Private Joseph W. Karmul, 36545887, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Holland V. Robinson, 37446300, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Private Dean A. Sampert, 19134869, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class L. June Wilson, 18218400, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Ft. Worth, Texas.

Private Martin Vishnevsky, 11094799, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Hartford, Connecticut.

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V - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Technician Fifth Grade James T. Young, 37244761, Corps of Engineers,  
Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Resi-  
dence: Maosho, Missouri.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . 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 to following named individuals:

CAPTAIN RAY L. ROSENSTEELE, 01173057, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On the night of 25 January 1945, CAPTAIN ROSENSTEELE, artillery liaison officer attached to the Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, and his men were forced to withdraw with members of the command post when the enemy launched an attack on \* \* \*, France. During the withdrawal, CAPTAIN ROSENSTEELE observed that two of his men were missing. After locating one of them, he returned to the town, heedless of the presence of enemy troops and of automatic weapon fire raking the streets, in search of the other man. He rejoined his group only after a thorough search and making certain that the missing man was not there. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES E. HEALEY, JR., 02007006 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 13 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Healey, with a detail, was assigned the mission of clearing a path through a mine field in order to place anti-tank guns in position. Successfully removing the first row of mines, Sergeant Healey was continuing his reconnaissance when he heard an explosion, turned and saw two of his comrades lying wounded in the mine field. Although warned that the field was booby-trapped, he twice entered it to bring the injured men to a vehicle and then drove them to an aid station. Sergeant Healey's heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Maywood, Illinois.

Private First Class Harold E. Saunders, Jr., 12102620, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Saunders, a messenger, and his anti-tank platoon were pinned down in their foxholes by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Seeing a wounded rifleman in an exposed position, Private Saunders, on his own initiative ran to his one-quarter ton truck, drove over 400 yards of fire-swept terrain to the wounded man and evacuated him to an aid station. Returning to his gun position, he and his platoon were again

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forced to seek cover by the enemy fire. When another rifleman fell wounded in front of his position, Private Saunders again went forward and evacuated him to the aid station. His heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Swissvale, Pennsylvania.

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

Private First Class Robert E. Broden, 18073893, Infantry, Company 1  
410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Medford,  
Iowa.

III -- 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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private Leroy Davis, 37246397, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th  
Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Clay Center,  
Kansas.

Private Raymond N. Ottey, 32579972, Corps of Engineers, Company "C",  
328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Phila-  
delphia, Pennsylvania.

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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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technical Sergeant Walter J. Farton, 6927011, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 February 1945. Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sergeant Henry W. Busch, 37447860, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Allison, Iowa.

Private Richard E. Barnett, 32704536, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 November 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Joe Radosta, 36776986, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Lloyd A. Lawrence, 38430684, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Residence: Garner, Texas.

Private First Class Frederick W. Faynter, 36412385, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

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

Sergeant Lester D. Moore, 15106288, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Danville, Illinois.

Private George Carvey, Jr., 34496207, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Whiteville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Albert H. Reitsman, 35531125, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 February 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class Walter G. Kalas, 31428664, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 February 1945. Residence: Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Robert Armstrong, 39468376, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 February 1945. Residence: Spokane, Washington.

Sergeant Frederick I. Letourneau, 36554758, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 February 1945. Residence: River Row, Michigan.

Private First Class Jeanne M. Burnham, 36867526, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: St. Johns, Michigan.

Private First Class Daniel R. Street, Jr., 38402459, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Raymond F. Duvall, 15043659, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Montone, Indiana.

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Private Robert W. Bluhm, 42095296, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Fairport, New York.

Corporal Ignatius J. Shusda, 36545834, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

First Sergeant Eli D. Hart, 18030935, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Grapeland, Texas.

Private First Class Tom P. Irby, 34572665, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Avera, Georgia.

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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:

CAPTAIN ALFRED J. TORRANCE, O1296118, Infantry, Company "G"; 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the period 23-24 January 1945, the enemy launched repeated strong attacks against Company "G" near \* \* \*, France. CAPTAIN TORRANCE, informed that an approximate 400 yard gap existed between adjacent units and his company, dashed under fire into the enemy occupied town, located isolated elements of his company who were engaged with the enemy and led them back to his position across an open slope. He then personally shifted his men to close the dangerous gap. His men, inspired by his cool fearlessness under fire, held their position against a determined enemy, who during the action attempted to blast them out with direct fire from 12 self-propelled guns. CAPTAIN TORRANCE's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Easton, Pennsylvania.

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 First Class Dennis D. Bellmore, 37567424, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, the machine gun of Private Bellmore's squad jammed when the attacking enemy approached to within 50 yards of their position. Wounded by hostile fire, he ordered the gun crew to seek safety as he covered their withdrawal with pistol fire. Remaining alone and lying in an exposed position he succeeded in holding off the enemy, until he was fatally wounded by hostile automatic weapon fire. Private Bellmore's action, which enabled his squad to escape, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Moorhead, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Hazel Bellmore, (Mother), Orono, Minnesota.

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

Technician Fourth Grade Martin B. Berkland, 37125016, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism displayed near \* \* \*, France, on 19 December 1944. During the early morning hours an explosion set fire to a barn housing Company "E"'s kitchen personnel. Technician Berkland, on the outside of the barn, seeing a cook emerge from the building with his clothes aflame, tackled the man and succeeded in extinguishing the flames by rolling him on the ground. Despite serious burns received by this action, Technician Berkland ran into the flaming barn, aroused the other men, and then assisted in putting out the fire. Only then would he submit to medical attention. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ringstead, Iowa.

IV -- 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 Wesley V. Egner, 36287817, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 22 January to 31 January 1945, Sergeant Egner, machine gun squad leader, displayed exemplary devotion to duty and outstanding perseverance in successfully maintaining a machine gun position 300 yards from the enemy in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. His position, covering a natural approach to Company "G", was constantly subjected to intense enemy sniper, automatic weapon, mortar, artillery, tank and self-propelled gun fire. At one time his position suffered four direct hits from enemy artillery fire, destroying rifles and equipment. Sergeant Egner's heroic stand frustrated all enemy attempts through his position and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Elk Horn, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Edward L. Meyers, 36186644, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France; communication lines between the heavy machine gun section of Company "H" and the Command Post of Company "F" were severed by an intense concentration of enemy artillery. Private Meyers, ammunition bearer, realizing the vital necessity of uninterrupted communication, voluntarily worked his way a hundred yards under intense enemy sniper, and artillery fire successfully repairing a number of breaks along the line. Private Meyers' actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

CAPTAIN EARL C. HERTFSTEIN, JR., 01171589, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in France. Residence: Versailles, Indiana.

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CAPTAIN JOHN M. GUTHRY, 01296022, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 11 January 1945, a numerically superior enemy launched a strong attack supported by mortars against Company "E", whose mission was to secure the town of \* \* \*, France. CAPTAIN GUTHRY quickly and skillfully deployed his men into defensive positions on the outskirts of the town. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, CAPTAIN GUTHRY exposed himself and moved from position to position encouraging his men and firing with them. His personal bravery, a source of inspiration to his entire command, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Sergeant Glenn J. Slatky, 16106493, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 25 December 1944, during his patrol's withdrawal from \* \* \*, France, Private Slatky, on his own initiative, remained behind to cover the withdrawal. When the enemy attempted to cut off the patrol, Private Slatky directed heavy and accurate fire into the hostile forces, repulsing them, and enabling the patrol to return safely. His heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. BURNS, 01295750, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN BURNS, with his company, was moving forward with the Third Battalion in the attack, when severe enemy machine gun fire directed on the rear of the column separated him and a few of his men from the remainder of the company. He organized his group, and directed accurate fire on the enemy emplacement, neutralizing it. He then reorganized his men into a covering force, enabling adjacent companies to rejoin the battalion. Locating his company, he led them forward and materially assisted in eliminating enemy resistance. His heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Crookston, Minnesota.

Sergeant Eugene A. McClurg, 20910345, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a raid by Company "G" on the night of 8 February 1945 on \* \* \*, France, Sergeant McClurg and his platoon were stopped by enemy machine gun fire as they approached the outskirts of town. Sergeant McClurg went forward alone, creeping and crawling 40 yards to a building from which the fire was coming. He approached a window, detected the enemy, and threw a hand grenade inside, knocking out the gun and killing the crew. His actions enabled the platoon to go forward to successfully complete its mission and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Laton, California.

Private First Class George R. Siegrist, Jr., 37491567, (then Private), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 23 November 1944, the First Battalion, attacking \* \* \*, France, received intense enemy automatic weapon fire and was ordered to withdraw to form new lines. Private Siegrist, scout, 800 yards in advance of his

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battalion did not receive the order and was pinned down by the intense fire. As he crawled past a stone wall on his return to the company, one of the enemy jumped toward him. With a quick thrust of his bayonet, Private Siegrist disposed of him. As he continued his withdrawal, he observed wounded comrade lying in an exposed position. He dragged the wounded man over 300 yards to the safety of his company. Private Siegrist's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hutchinson, Kansas.

V -- 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:

Staff Sergeant Marion F. Weiskopf, 37057728, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 28 November 1944, Sergeant Weiskopf led a four man patrol to locate a hard surfaced road and a house in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. When he reached a point 50 yards from the house he was challenged by an enemy guard. As he ordered his men to seek cover, Sergeant Weiskopf was wounded and fell into a ditch where he exchanged fire with the enemy simultaneously shouting to his men to keep covered and withdraw. His heroic actions enabled his men to withdraw safely and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Labadie, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Carrie Weiskopf, (Mother), Labadie, Missouri.

VI -- 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 Ira V. Knighton, 35552234, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19-20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Knighton, litter bearer, worked diligently and indefatigably in evacuating the wounded, over 1000 yards of mountainous and fire-swept terrain to the aid station. Dropping from sheer physical exhaustion after working for many hours, Private Knighton spurned rest or relief until all casualties had been evacuated. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Holland, Ohio.

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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 John A. Stats, 36829275, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 18-19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Stats' platoon was given the mission of holding an area important to his company's defensive position. During a period of 14 hours, the enemy launched repeated counterattacks against the platoon, preceded by intense mortar and grenade barrages. As the enemy tried to move through Private Stats' isolated flank position, in an attempt to split the platoon, he stubbornly held his ground and beat off the repeated assaults with accurate fire. His valorous actions enabled the platoon to accomplish its mission and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL C. STEINRAUF, 01031762, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For gallantry in action. During the night of 18 February 1945, LIEUTENANT STEINRAUF led a combat patrol into enemy held territory in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, with the mission of laying an ambush. When the patrol had advanced about 700 yards beyond the friendly outpost line it was pinned down by intense enemy cross fire from four machine guns. As LIEUTENANT STEINRAUF issued withdrawal orders, an intense mortar barrage blasted the area, seriously wounding him. Refusing to be evacuated he remained in an exposed position directing the withdrawal of his men until mortally wounded by enemy fire. LIEUTENANT STEINRAUF's self-sacrifice in saving the lives

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of members of his patrol reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Topeka, Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Marjorie M. Steinrauf, (Wife), 619 Lindenwood Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

III -- 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 following named individual:

Private George Grunberg, 6934205, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 February 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Grunberg, aid man, accompanied a combat patrol behind the enemy lines. In the course of the patrol's operations, several casualties were suffered. Without regard for his safety, Private Grunberg exposed himself to the enemy's fire, rendering efficient aid to the wounded men. He then made two trips along the hazardous route back to our lines, conducting the evacuation by litter of his more seriously wounded comrades. Private Grunberg's exemplary devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

IV -- 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 Fifth Grade Alfred J. Barnes, 36715424, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For heroism in action. During the night of 18 February 1945, Technician Barnes, member of a combat patrol, advanced into enemy held territory with the mission of laying an ambush. Technician Barnes acting as left flank guard was pinned to the ground by cross fire from four enemy machine guns as he advanced 700 yards past friendly outpost lines. Ordered to withdraw, Technician Barnes observing that the hostile fire was impeding the withdrawal, remained in position to engage the enemy. Intense enemy fire mortally wounded him as he fearlessly protected his comrades. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Catherine Barnes, (Mother), 13219 Hudson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE F. ERYSON, 0531827, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 303d Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 December 1944 to 14 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Shreveport, Louisiana.

VI -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES B. SCOLLICK, 01180331, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 January to 14 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

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

Sergeant Jimmie Workman, 34658740, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Cheraw, South Carolina.

VIII -- 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 Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant Henry G. Flesch, Jr., 32868280, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: Jamaica, New York.

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

Private Wilson Pearson, 34400774, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Jacksonville, Florida.

Sergeant Yucca E. Easley, 38584133 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Hugo, Oklahoma.

Private First Class David C. Sales, 42120458 (then Private), Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Troy, New York.

Sergeant Ervin P. Safka, 36288454, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Roy A. Cluka, 37589151 (then Private), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 December 1944. Residence: Fargo, North Dakota.

Sergeant Jack Kaiser, 33050565, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant Cornelius J. Muilenburg, 37446155, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Melvin, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Norbert R. Kuecker, 37400149 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class Morito Moreno, 37541946, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Oslo, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Adam A. Auck, 6271854, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 November 1944. Residence: Arcadia, Texas.

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~~Technician Fourth Grade Paul T. Campbell, 1/188410, Infantry, Service~~  
Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 February 1945. Residence:  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class Thomas J. Naves, 31430106 (then Private), Infantry,  
Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 December 1944. Residence:  
Marlboro, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Ervin C. Hartman, 36288867, Infantry, Headquarters  
Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 December 1944.  
Residence: Madford, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Burdette W. Sandberg, 36712986, Field Artillery,  
Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 25 February 1945.  
Residence: Miami, Florida.

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

Staff Sergeant Laverne Carlisle, 38522071, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the night of 18 December 1944 near \* \* \*, Germany, the progress of Company "G", assigned the mission of securing the regiment's left flank, was impeded by heavy fire. Under intense enemy fire, Sergeant Carlisle crawled twenty yards, killed two enemy snipers, continued on, took over an abandoned enemy machine gun and directed fire on hostile positions, enabling the company to accomplish its mission. Sergeant Carlisle's valorous actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mansfield, Louisiana.

SECOND LIEUTENANT SEBASTIAN R. GENOVESE, 0470274, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the night of 18 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "C" was cut off and surrounded by the enemy. In the fierce fighting that ensued, casualties mounted and ammunition ran low. LIEUTENANT GENOVESE, second in command, cognizant of the emergency, skillfully maneuvered his way through the enemy lines four times during the night, evacuating the wounded safely through the enemy fire to the battalion aid station and returning to his company with vitally needed ammunition. On his fourth return trip he was seriously wounded. LIEUTENANT GENOVESE's exemplary devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bronx, New York.

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 following named individuals:

Corporal Earl H. Byrd, 34671823, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 18 and the morning of 19 December 1944, during an attack by Company "G", near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Byrd voluntarily took over the duties of an aid man.

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Throughout this period, despite small arms and mortar fire, Corporal Byrd moved from one captured pillbox to another then being used as temporary collecting stations, to treat the wounded, and move them to safety. Corporal Byrd's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dunn, North Carolina.

Private First Class Thomas N. Horton, Jr., 19187030, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, Private Horton accompanied the first assault squad whose mission was to secure two buildings in the company's right sector. As the group approached the building they were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Private Horton, fully cognizant that the building had to be cleared for the successful advance of his company, dashed through the enemy fire and threw hand grenades through a window of the building. He succeeded in killing one of the enemy and clearing the hostile street-point of the remainder. Private Horton's heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Oakland, California.

Staff Sergeant Edgar M. Crowe, 34169526, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945 Company "C" suffered heavy casualties as an enemy artillery concentration blasted the area. Sergeant Crowe, squad leader, took over the duties of his wounded platoon sergeant, and led the depleted platoon in an attack upon a barn containing 10 heavily armed enemy. In the fierce hand to hand engagement that followed he personally bayoneted two of the enemy and assisted in the capturing of four. Although wounded, Sergeant Crowe displayed outstanding valor in neutralizing an enemy strongpoint and his actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Prattville, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant John W. Van Horn, 35221745, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, in a raid on \* \* \*, France, intense fire from an enemy automatic weapon halted the progress of Sergeant Van Horn's company. Realizing that protecting buildings prevented reaching the weapon from the flanks, Sergeant Van Horn, in the face of the enemy fire, skillfully made his way into a building 30 yards from the enemy position and although in full view of the enemy, he leaned from a window and neutralized the hostile weapon with a rifle grenade. Sergeant Van Horn's action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Conover, Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT STANLEY K. SIEGENTHALER, 01061859, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 12 January 1945, LIEUTENANT SIEGENTHALER, Battalion S-2, led a four man patrol into \* \* \*, France, seeking vital information which previous patrols had failed to obtain. Overcoming wire obstacles enroute, he reached the town, divided his patrol and personally led two of his men through the local houses. Detected and fired upon by the enemy, LIEUTENANT SIEGENTHALER ordered his patrol to withdraw and the men safely returned with vital information upon

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which a future successful operation was based. LIEUTENANT SIEGENTHALER was found wounded and in a semi-conscious state the next morning in the midst of an enemy mine field and although unable to speak successfully directed his own evacuation. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spokane, Washington.

Private First Class Marvin W. Champine, 36548543, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, Private Champine, litter bearer, accompanied attacking infantry elements in an assault on \* \* \*, France. Initial elements met stiff enemy resistance and a severe concentration of hostile machine gun and mortar fire, inflicted heavy casualties. Private Champine, observing the wounded lying in positions exposed to further enemy fire, repeatedly crossed the fire-swept terrain and carried the wounded to safety. Private Champine's heroic actions inspired the men about him and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

III -- 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 the bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individual:

Staff sergeant John T. Shaefer, 6938924, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, Sergeant Shaefer, litter section leader, accompanied attacking infantry elements in an assault on \* \* \*, France. As the assault group approached the town it was pinned down by intense enemy cross-fire, suffering many casualties. Sergeant Shaefer, cognizant that the condition of the casualties, lying in deep snow, necessitated immediate evacuation, drove his litter vehicle repeatedly into the fire-swept area to evacuate the wounded. Sergeant Shaefer's heroic actions saved the lives of many wounded comrades and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Redwood City, California.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 60, this headquarters, dated 16 February 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Curtis R. Schaeffer, 37500500, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, as reads "award of bronze star medal", is amended to read "award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to bronze star medal".

by command of Major General McAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Lloyd G. Carter, 34042558, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Morristown, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Buford E. Dalberg, 36288919, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Excelsior, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Chester D. Clawson, 37183611, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Karl M. Schliepp, 35535989, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert V. Weller, 32699124, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Woodhaven, New York.

Staff Sergeant Edward P. Paliszowski, 36548637, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph E. Gibson, 17157331, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: LeSueur, Minnesota.

Private George W. Phelps, 36713386, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Keensburg, Illinois.

Private First Class Earl J. Roth, 37514675, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Galva, Kansas.

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Sergeant William V. Dunn, 31201838, (then Corporal), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Medford, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES L. WHITE, 01321358, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 February 1945. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Ervin M. Yokley, Jr., 34600463, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: High Point, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Leslie A. Wheeler, 39053099, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 February 1945. Residence: Hannibal, Missouri.

Private First Class William K. McGinnis, 35749845, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 January 1945. Residence: Fairmont, West Virginia.

Private First Class Wayne F. Wilson, 31368173, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Red Oak, Iowa.

Private First Class Aram Kludjian, 39087549, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 December 1944. Residence: Fresno, California.

Private First Class Edward F. Gay, 33834776, (then Private), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-40, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class William O. Vedoe, 31369607, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Quincy, Massachusetts.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . 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 to following named individuals:

✓ Technical Sergeant Lloyd D. Laidlaw, 36547365, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 2 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Laidlaw, on his own initiative, maintained contact by foot between his company and the battalion command post when enemy fire severed communication lines beyond repair. He made frequent trips across 1500 yards of open, fire-swept terrain in full view of the enemy. Sergeant Laidlaw's exemplary devotion to duty maintained contact between his company and battalion headquarters during a critical phase of the attack and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Keego Harbor, Michigan.

✓ Staff Sergeant John H. Borgen, 37542230, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 18 February 1945 after Sergeant Borgen's company had established an outpost line of resistance in the village of \* \* \*, France, the enemy unleashed a terrific barrage of rocket, mortar and tank fire. When the intense barrage severed vital communication lines between the outpost and the company and battalion command posts Sergeant Borgen, without hesitation, went forward under the intense fire to repair the breaks. Despite painful wounds suffered in this action he continued his task and successfully reestablished communications. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

✓ Sergeant Wesley E. Whitten, 34494857, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 3 February 1945 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Whitten's squad was assigned the mission of constructing a foot bridge across the \* \* \* Flyer for attacking infantry elements. Cognizant that the bridge would take time to construct and the need was immediate, Sergeant Whitten left his squad in the assembly area and went forward under intense enemy automatic weapon and artillery fire locating two heretofore undiscovered foot

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bridges. Under fire he carefully checked the bridges for mines and demolition charges to assure himself the infantry could pass across safely. Sergeant Whitten's heroic actions enabled infantry elements to advance rapidly and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Waynesboro, Tennessee.

Sergeant Alexander I. Buczkowski, 36546519, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During a night raid on \* \* \*, France, on 3 February 1945, Sergeant Buczkowski and his squad were given the mission of constructing a foot bridge across the \* \* \* River. A 25 foot bridge having been previously constructed, Sergeant Buczkowski preceded his squad, and, under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, reconnoitered the bridge site, and found the width of the river at that point to be 35 feet. Under enemy observation and fire, using improvised materials, he alone constructed an additional 10 feet of bridge and joined it to the bridge brought up by his squad. His initiative and courage were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Elmo O. Badder, 36410953, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Badder, litter squad leader, was accompanying infantry assault elements when the enemy lobbed a terrific barrage of small arms, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, inflicting numerous casualties. Technician Badder worked tirelessly throughout the day and night, constantly exposing himself to severe enemy fire to treat and evacuate the wounded. On occasions he crawled within 50 yards of enemy lines to reach the wounded and then carried them back over 1000 yards of hazardous terrain to safety. His heroic efforts accomplished under the most trying of conditions saved the lives of many men and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Carson City, Michigan.

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

Corporal Alwin S. Christopherson, 36287608, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

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AWARD OF AIR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL . . . . . II

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

Technician Third Grade Stanley J. Kopp, 37018839, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Lurdock, Minnesota.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT F. EDWARD SMITH, 01185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KREBS, 01182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. CLARK, JR., 0554185, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . 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 to following named individuals:

Technician Fifth Grade Roy G. Lawson, 17169468, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the afternoon of 17 November 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, an intense enemy mortar barrage forced a convoy to halt, and drove the personnel to cover. Technician Lawson, Chaplain's Assistant, observing a wounded comrade lying helpless, crawled fifty yards over extremely mountainous terrain, and disregarding the mortar bursts around him, administered first aid and then carried the wounded man to safety. Technician Lawson's actions in saving the life of a comrade were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Burton A. Mills, 36807964, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, heavy enemy pressure forced the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment to withdraw over open terrain. Sergeant Mills, acting platoon sergeant, issued his orders and then remained behind to cover the withdrawal by engaging several enemy machine gun nests. Observing that his men had reached safety, Sergeant Mills withdrew and on his way discovered a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position. Disregarding heavy enemy fire he dressed the man's wounds and moved him to a place of safety. Sergeant Mills' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Beloit, Wisconsin.

Corporal Charles A. Shields, 18097130, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Shields braved intense enemy fire to lay a vitally needed communication line from a position in Company "G"'s area to a new observation post of his platoon. This task accomplished within 75 yards of the enemy enabled fire missions to be directed on enemy emplacements which had inflicted several casualties upon adjacent infantry elements. When mortar shells severed the line in two places,

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Corporal Shields went forward under the intense fire and repaired the breaks. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wagner, Arizona.

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

CAPTAIN BEAUREGARD KING, 0412501, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 6 February 1945. Residence: Gaffney, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant L. G. Henley, 34222943, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 6 February 1945. Residence: Moultrie, Georgia.

Private First Class Jay E. Elder, 37445940, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 February 1945. Residence: Dubuque, Iowa.

Private First Class Kennen W. Hootman, 16170228, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 11 February 1945. Residence: Manhattan, Illinois.

Private Grady L. Baker, 34581007, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 February 1945. Residence: East Tallassee, Alabama.

Private First Class John L. Faggett, 34670136, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 February 1945. Residence: Smithfield, North Carolina.

CAPTAIN EDWARD P. DENTZER, 01293217, Infantry, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 March 1945. Residence: Kirkwood, Missouri.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL . . . . . 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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Roy Z. Hill, 38564975 (then Private), Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Enid, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Francis L. Miller, 20446360, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Linden, Louisiana.

Private Benjamin Rothenberg, 32517549, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 February 1945. Residence: New York, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Roby A. Devore, 37402354, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private Francis J. Bobel, 33940735, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Robert A. Shepherd, Jr., 18202189, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Houston, Texas.

Private Monroe P. Maass, 38677669, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 December 1944. Residence: Giddings, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade William F. Shotton, 36038478, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Residence: Kincaid, Illinois.

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II -- AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-68, 4 May 1943, as amended, and with the concurrence of the Headquarters Commandant, the Good Conduct Medal is awarded to following named enlisted men, 103d Military Police Platoon, for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

Private First Class	Alterizio, Philip	20221854
Private First Class	Cily, John F	12133471
Private First Class	Dascomb, Myron C	42025021
Private	Davis, Melvin S	42049016
Private	DePerri, John J	32947379
Private First Class	Delaney, William E	30340877
Private	Dill, Harry A	33541714
Private First Class	Ditzel, Chester "	42018769
Private First Class	Dolan, Patrick J	36889234
Private	Dutzal, Harvey	36884164
Private	Eggers, Joseph W	35776376
Private First Class	Eller, Raymond	33657764
Private	Emerick, Lester S	33706162
Private First Class	Engel, Clarence D, Jr	32027078
Private	Fink, Matthew T	33706312
Private First Class	Gerity, George A	42018503
Private	Godhardt, William A	36836306
Private First Class	Gorman, Frank W	35871528
Private First Class	Jackson, Lloyd	34793087
Private	Janelle, Raymond L	31275894
Private	Jones, James M	38412442
Private First Class	Falcewski, Frank W	36643018
Private	Shipley, Otis L	39694727
Private	Stuart, James "	37744641
Private	Thomas, Chester R	39211335
Private First Class	Triplett, Charles M	37521319
Sergeant	Weddum, Earl "	37436485
Private	Stagg, Russell R	6985150
Private First Class	Reedy, Henry G, Jr	35896034
Private	Tomeroy, Hubert H	37671789

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . 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 to following named individuals:

Technician Fifth Grade Berger L. Johnson, 31193559, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. During a dawn attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 19 January 1945, the tank, of which Technician Johnson was the driver, received a direct turret hit from an enemy self-propelled gun, wounding the tank commander who fell to the ground. Technician Johnson, disregarding the heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, dismounted and assisted in placing the wounded man on the front slope plate of the tank. He then reentered the tank, turned it around and drove to friendly territory, where the tank commander received immediate medical attention. Technician Johnson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Norwich, Connecticut.

Corporal John J. Black, 13125875, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. During a dawn attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 19 January 1945, the tank, of which Corporal Black was a gunner, received a direct turret hit from an enemy self-propelled gun, wounding the tank commander who fell to the ground. Corporal Black, disregarding heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, dismounted and assisted in placing the wounded man on the front slope plate of the tank. He then aided in holding the injured man in place while the tank was turned around and driven to friendly territory, where the tank commander received immediate medical attention. Corporal Black's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Sergeant Chester N. Stelick, 36547265, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: Columbiaville, Michigan.

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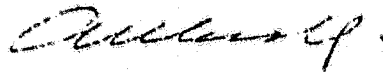
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Staff Sergeant James W. Slocumb, 36713349 (then Sergeant), Infantry,  
Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence:  
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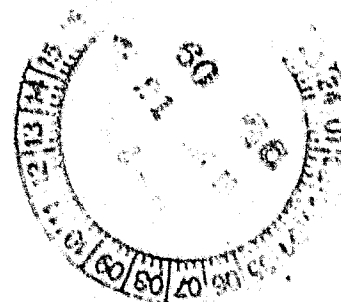
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II - AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL (Cont'd)

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, 01184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 February to 21 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Seminole, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT F. EDWARD SMITH, 01185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 5 January to 16 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT LARRY G. GENEBAUGH, 0541227, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 January to 20 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH C. BOYER, 02000758, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 February to 21 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

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

Private First Class David A. Vraspir, 17109915, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 December 1944. Residence: Hopkins, Minnesota.

Private Maurice A. Ruback, 32994478, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 December 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

IV -- AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, 4 May 1943, as amended, and with the concurrence of the Headquarters Commandant, the Good Conduct Medal is awarded to following named enlisted men, units indicated, for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

<u>DIVISION HEADQUARTERS</u>		
Sergeant	Davidson, Howard A	32830091
Technician Fourth Grade	Dallino, Nicholas P	32964291
Corporal	Kiecker, Herbert A	37542242
Private First Class	DeHerrera, Ramon G	37702659
Private First Class	May, Edward A	32993106
Private First Class	Letzger, Gayl C	35220526
Private First Class	Sanders, Bertram W	32982451
Private First Class	Souder, William D	18127222
Private	Woods, Robert F	33594623

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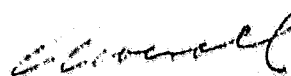
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Technician Fifth Grade	Wilson, Woodrow	34273193
Private First Class	Bergevin, Gerard O	31375797
Private First Class	Murphy, Michael J	32707419
Private	Dubis, Chester W	36817406
Private	Ingram, Roderick D	34516466
Private	Singletary, Culin R	34971424
Private	Stroman, Lloyd J	36892198
Private	Starr, Frank	6874626
Private	Parker, Paul H	35737326

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Technician Fifth Grade	Grindstaff, Ray D	34497487
Technician Fifth Grade	Lucas, Corliss M	35600994
Technician Fifth Grade	Tenkhoff, Cornelius J	37400545

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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II
- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL . . . . . III
- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . IV

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE O. THOMAS; 02000677, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a patrol led by LIEUTENANT THOMAS, was fired upon by enemy riflemen from a well dug in position. LIEUTENANT THOMAS crawled forward alone, threw a hand grenade, wounding one of the enemy and forcing two others to surrender. Deploying a newly arrived squad, he led them forward in an attack routing approximately 30 enemy troops. Returning to his company which was now under enemy mortar and artillery fire, he led a platoon, in the face of continuous enemy fire, capturing a hostile observation post thereby securing a safe route for his battalion. LIEUTENANT THOMAS' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tucumcari, New Mexico.

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 following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Quick, 37244821, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Company "G" suffered heavy casualties from constant enemy counterattacks and intense automatic weapon, grenade and mortar fire. Sergeant Quick, after his entire squad had become casualties, remained alone in his forward position and single-handedly repulsed several enemy attempts to infiltrate. Half an hour later, when seven men, remnants of one platoon, reached his position, he organized and deployed the group and continued the stubborn resistance until relieved by another company. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Charles E. Wells, 37246353, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 19 January 1945, strong enemy pressure forced Sergeant Wells' platoon to withdraw over a kilometer of open ground Dis-

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

regarding enemy machine gun and 20 millimeter automatic weapon fire, Sergeant Wells remained alone in an exposed position covering their withdrawal with his rifle. When all his men reached safety, he moved slowly back, protecting the rear of his platoon from any possible enemy infiltration. Sergeant Wells' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hutchinson, Kansas.

Private First Class Jack C. Hamrick, 14188260, Infantry, Company "H", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 20 February 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, fire from an enemy machine gun pinned our troops to their foxholes. Private Hamrick, machine gunner, after locating the hostile emplacement, was unable to bring effective fire upon it, whereupon he deliberately left his foxhole and dashed 40 yards over open terrain to man another machine gun. Disregarding the enemy fire now directed upon him, he engaged the enemy and succeeded in knocking out the hostile gun and killing the crew. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Shelby, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOE D. MURPHY, JR., 0544599, Infantry, Company "C", 41st Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 December 1944, a small force, commanded by LIEUTENANT MURPHY, assigned the mission of securing ground surrounding captured pillboxes near \* \* \*, Germany, suffered numerous casualties and were forced to withdraw to alternate positions by a fierce enemy counterattack. Two messengers sent by LIEUTENANT MURPHY to summon aid were delayed for several hours by hostile fire. Although intense enemy mortar barrages and sniper fire had further depleted his group, he reorganized his men and stubbornly held the positions, thereby protecting the regiment's left flank. His action reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Halifax, Virginia.

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

Master Sergeant Roy L. Brown, 6535294, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 February to 20 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

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

Private First Class Sam H. Kamlet, 37701549, Infantry, Company "A", 49th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION . . . . . I  
AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL . . . . . II  
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . III  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL . . . . . IV

I -- 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 to following named individual:

Private Allen G. Thurman, 37672297, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Thurman, automatic rifleman, after several of his comrades became casualties, remained alone in a forward position, repulsing numerous enemy attempts to infiltrate. After exhausting his ammunition in repulsing a heavy counterattack, Private Thurman discovered an enemy crew firing anti-tank grenades into his company area causing heavy casualties. Disregarding mortar, artillery, and grenade barrages, he ran 25 yards, picked up a wounded man's rifle and ammunition and with direct and accurate fire succeeded in neutralizing the hostile position. Private Thurman's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Next of kin: Mr. Allen G. Thurman, (Father), 1948 First Avenue, NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

II -- 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 following named individual:

Staff Sergeant Everett C. McCall, 37447665, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism displayed on 23 December 1944, near \* \* \*, France. Sergeant McCall was informed that a flaming truck, which had been halted within 200 yards of the regimental command post, contained one and one half tons of high explosives. Realizing the imminent danger of an explosion, he summoned his platoon and directed them to throw snow and dirt on the burning side of the truck. He then fearlessly climbed into the rear of the truck and unloaded the burning explosive containers, as well as a burning five-gallon can of gasoline. The burning containers were extinguished a safe distance away. Sergeant McCall's actions, which prevented a disaster and saved a valuable truck, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

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III -- 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 following named individuals:

Private First Class Lander A. Spaeth, 37326658, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 February 1945, in the vicinity of           , France, Private Spaeth's comrades had completed loading a truck with ammunition and mines when a concentration of enemy mortar fire fell in the area, scoring a direct hit on the rear of the vehicle. Realizing the disaster that would soon follow, Private Spaeth, heedless of cries of warning, attempted to smother the flames and save the truck. Private Spaeth fought the fire until flames swept over the ammunition and he was forced to take cover from the resulting explosion. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Proport, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Iaverna Carlisle, 36522071, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of           , France, Sergeant Carlisle and his squad were pinned down by grazing enemy machine gun fire coming from a building on the company's right flank. Crawling forward to a slight depression, Sergeant Carlisle placed his rifle fire into the doors and windows of the house, preventing the enemy from firing on the remainder of the company. The company began to withdraw, and although the enemy, in an encircling movement, isolated Sergeant Carlisle and his squad, he continued his fire, enabling the company to withdraw successfully. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mansfield, Louisiana.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RAYMOND D. BARNETT, 0554183, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 February 1945 in a night raid on           , France, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment was pinned to the ground by automatic weapon fire. Obedient to the intense enemy fire, LIEUTENANT BARNETT, forward observer, remained in an exposed position, directing devastating artillery fire into the enemy emplacements, enabling the company to accomplish its mission. LIEUTENANT BARNETT's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT OLIVER W. FANNING, 01181023, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 January 1945 in the vicinity of           , France, LIEUTENANT FANNING, forward observer with an infantry unit, although ill, requested and received permission to remain at his post. The following morning the enemy launched a ground attack supported by a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire. Unable to obtain necessary observation from his position, LIEUTENANT FANNING crawled forward over exposed terrain, located an advantageous observation post and directed friendly artillery fire, which diverted the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Vicksburg, Mississippi.

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IV -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BRISCOE, 0532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 394th Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 February to 25 February 1945, in Western France. Residence: Decatur, Alabama.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Master Sergeant Roy E. Brown, 6535294, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 394th Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 February to 1 March 1945, in Western France. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

CAPTAIN WESLEY E. JOHNSON, 01174604, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 13 January to 27 February 1945, in Western France. Residence: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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GENERAL ORDERS)  
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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . .	I
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . .	II
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AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL . . . . .	IV
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . .	V
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . .	VI
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, RESCISSION . . . . .	VII

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

Staff Sergeant Leslie A. Wheeler, 39053099, (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944, in an attack near \* \* \*, Germany, Company "L" was left without armored support when the leading tank was halted by tank traps and a second tank became mired in the mud. Disregarding cross fire from our tanks, and heavy enemy mortar, anti-tank and machine gun fire which had pinned his company to the ground, Sergeant Wheeler ran to the mired tank, unreeled its towing cable and hooked it to the rear of the leading tank. The mired tank was extricated and both tanks moved forward over new routes to support the advance of the infantry. Sergeant Wheeler's action reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hannibal, Missouri.

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 to following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant David J. Sloane, 33037457, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, after an infantry company had suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant Sloane established an emergency collecting point in a dug in position and began evacuating the wounded. When casualties became too numerous for one litter team to handle, Sergeant Sloane, disregarding heavy enemy fire, manually carried the wounded to this emergency collecting point. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

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

Technician Fifth Grade Berger I. Johnson, 31193559, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. During a dawn attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 19 January 1945, the tank, of which Technician Johnson was the driver, received a direct turret hit from an enemy self-propelled gun, wounding the tank commander who fell to the ground. Technician Johnson, disregarding the heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, dismounted and assisted in placing the wounded man on the front slope plate of the tank. He then reentered the tank, turned it around and drove to friendly territory, where the tank commander received immediate medical attention. Technician Johnson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Norwich, Connecticut.

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

CAPTAIN FRED O. ANGEL, 01171434, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 December 1944 to 1 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Greenville, Mississippi.

IV -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT F. LEONARD SMITH, 01185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, (then Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery), on 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KREBS, 01182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 February to 3 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT LLOYD D. HUSKINS, 01171606, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 January to 27 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Beauford, North Carolina.

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

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V - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private First Class Harold J. Letterman, 37635083, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Niangua, Missouri.

Private John A. Holek, 589661, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Milan, Michigan.

Sergeant Lorin Lopley, 35614833, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Columbus, Ohio.

Private Frank P. Ribeiro, 39051792, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Oakley, California.

Private Charles C. Berry, III, 33090748, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Lutherville, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Ivan T. Svendsen, 32298797, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Long Island, New York.

Private First Class Aaron F. Ireland, 11013070, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Residence: Lincoln, Maine.

Private First Class Richard H. Parlin, 31431106, (then Private), Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Needham, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Meade L. Willis, Jr., 6921266, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private Gurley P. Chase, 18201804, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Edna, Texas.

VI -- 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 Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES K. LUCK, JR., 0546869, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 March 1945. Residence: Americus, Georgia.

VII -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, RESCISSION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 79, this headquarters, dated 8 March 1945, awarding the bronze Star medal to Technician Fifth Grade Berger L. Johnson, 31193559, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, is rescinded.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS A. GAYSON, O1179861, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 374th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: East St. Louis, Illinois.

Sergeant Joseph F. Buckmann, 35270268, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 374th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Trenton, Ohio.

Private First Class Thomas E. Hill, 35834328, (then Private), Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Michigan City, Indiana.

Private First Class William R. Rugroden, 19190420, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Private First Class Arnold Johnson, 36965148, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Residence: Saxon, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Edward A. Lunn, 35896486, (then Private), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: Payne, Ohio.

Private First Class David Van Tuyl, 36419982, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Residence: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RAYMOND F. RUFFEL, O1081672, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Residence: Beaver, Pennsylvania.

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I - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Technician Fifth Grade Joe Jacuf, 38164921, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Baytown, Texas.

Private First Class Charles T. Ballard, 38616583, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class Sidney D. Van Kirk, 37570454, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Residence: Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-40, 28 September 1943, as amended, the second Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Joseph P. LaBuda, 36288536, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Residence: Huston, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Alfred T. Thomas, 34465858, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Sanford, North Carolina.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Larry H. Burns, 35841190, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Barberton, Ohio.

Private First Class Franklin E. Fickner, 33144446, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Oneida, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Virgil W. Hallsaps, 34852412, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Hiddenite, North Carolina.

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 Purple Heart is awarded to following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant James W. Slocumb, 36713349, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Carmi, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. DEBATO, 01310421, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: New York, New York.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . .	I
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . .	II
AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL . . . . .	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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANTHONY P CALABRO, O1171478, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 19 March 1945. Residence: West Medford, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Robert J Tumpach, 36712013, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 March 1945. Residence: Brookfield, Illinois.

Private First Class Donald E Wagstaff, 37635828, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private William W Hoerter, 36960594, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Anthony J Pettinato, 16152020, Corps of Engineers, Company "D", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 19 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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 Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant Arthur G Thomann, 35391821, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Wheeling, West Virginia.

III -- AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, 4 May 1943, as amended, and with the concurrence of the Headquarters Commandant, the Good Conduct Medal is awarded to following named enlisted men, units indicated, for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

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Technician Fifth Grade	Moser, Frank W	37625191
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Private First Class	Hook, Henry	12092078
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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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Marvin Ellis, 37446985, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Chariton, Iowa.

Private Homer C Bragg, 15078173, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Pina Grove, West Virginia.

Private First Class Paul J Williams, 36410373, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cement City, Michigan.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) ELLIS S BULLINS, 0536104, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Mayodon, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Ronald F Treloar, 36125299, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Petersburg, Michigan.

Private First Class Wilfred K Winkler, 37722352, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Axtell, Kansas.

Private First Class Gillmer J Seegmiller, 37661105, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: LeCorah, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARLIN N KEMER, 01296384, Infantry, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Duncannon, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN DON A HEBERT, 01296372, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Hazel Park, Michigan.

Private First Class David Owen, Jr, 18090502, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: El Paso, Texas.

Private First Class Donald E. Snyder, 36470528, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Paw Paw, Michigan.

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Sergeant Ernest M Bivens, 34495101, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Parsons, Tennessee.

MAJOR WILLIAM P KELEHER, 0453580, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Fruita, Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade Ronald H Hall, 36550486, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Private Paul E Fox, 36410199, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Casnovia, Michigan.

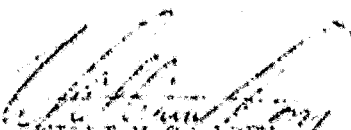
Technical Sergeant Franklin E Wiles, 36549338, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert J Lottenfield, 36952109, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Belleville, Illinois.

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

Private First Class Ira T. McClure, 35813078, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 26 February 1945, during a night raid on \* \* \*, France, when intense enemy machine gun cross fire pinned his patrol to the ground, Private McClure advanced alone through an enemy mine field, located one enemy gun and knocked it out with automatic weapon fire. As the patrol was withdrawing, a comrade was wounded by a mine, and Private McClure in going to his aid was also wounded. In order to prevent further casualties, Private McClure warned the balance of the patrol not to attempt to enter the mine field and guided them around it. Private McClure, remaining in the mine field over night, observed all enemy activities, and when later evacuated, furnished valuable information to his commanding officer. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Leitchfield, Kentucky.

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 individuals:

Private First Class Leonard H. Momsen, 37636904, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During a night raid on 26 February 1945, the patrol of which Private Momsen was a member was halted at the edge of \* \* \*, France, when the enemy opened fire with a machine gun at point blank range. Private Momsen, picking up a bazooka from a wounded man, made his way through the enemy fire to within 25 yards of the hostile gun, and, firing one round knocked out the gun and killed three of the enemy. Private Momsen's actions, which enabled the patrol to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kirkwood, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Lucille D. Momsen, (Mother), Rural Route #12, Kirkwood, Missouri.

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

Private First Class John F. Kenney, 20118933, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 26 February 1945, during a night raid on \* \* \*, France, Private Kenney, as scout, was well in advance of his patrol, when enemy automatic weapon fire inflicted several casualties upon the group and pinned them to the ground. Disregarding the enemy fire and the danger of mines, Private Kenney advanced alone into the town, located the enemy machine gun, and with well directed rifle fire and hand grenades, knocked out the gun and killed the enemy crew. Private Kenney's actions, which enabled the patrol to advance into the town, were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Roxbury, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Kenney, (mother), 61 Dudley Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

III -- 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 following named individuals:

Private First Class Sanford H. Flink, 32974685, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid on 26 February 1945, the patrol of which Private Flink was a member was halted and pinned down at the edge of \* \* \*, France, by heavy enemy automatic weapon fire. Disregarding the enemy fire and the danger of mines, Private Flink, advanced alone, located the source of enemy fire, and fired one bazooka round which failed to explode. Remaining in an exposed position, he fired a second round, knocking out the hostile gun and killing four of the enemy. Private Flink's actions, which permitted the patrol to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JERRY L. FOOLE, 0547561, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 26 February 1945, LIEUTENANT FOOLE was leading a night patrol through enemy mine fields in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when heavy enemy automatic weapon fire forced the group to disperse and seek cover. A number of Selm mines were detonated, wounding several members of the patrol and severely stunning and bruising LIEUTENANT FOOLE. Despite his condition, this officer quickly regained control of his group, reorganized and led them forward. After obtaining valuable information relative to enemy dispositions, he skillfully withdrew his patrol to friendly lines. LIEUTENANT FOOLE's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muskogee, Oklahoma.

IV -- 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 Joseph D. Christopherson, 37595554, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 26 February 1945, during a night raid on \* \* \*, France, Private Christopherson's squad, moving through enemy mine fields, was pinned down by hostile automatic weapon fire.



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V - AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR CORPS (Cont'd)

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY BETTONEY, O1166667, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 January to 26 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Stoughton, Massachusetts.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. BEINSON, O1180023, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Geneva, Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE V. McVICKER, C543543, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Eagle Grove, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY BETTONEY, O1166667, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Stoughton, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. POWELL, O1180666, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. OXFORD, JR., O554205, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 January to 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lakeland, Florida.

VI -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 20 September 1944, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to follow-in named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private Philip J. Kauffman, 37195916, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Private First Class Lawrence C. Foggess, 6940451, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cumberland, Maryland.

CAPTAIN GEORGE O. TURNER, JR., O1171396, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Portsmouth, Virginia.

Private First Class James G. Alexander, 32549276, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Penn Yan, New York.

Sergeant Kenneth F. King, 34710429, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

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

Private Christopherson, realizing the precarious position of the patrol, boldly proceeded forward through the mine field picking a path for his comrades. As he reached the edge of the mine field, he was fatally wounded. Private Christopherson's actions, which enabled the patrol to advance safely, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Clontarf, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Christine Christopherson, (Mother), Clontarf, Minnesota.

V -- WARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT F. EDWARD SMITH, O1185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, (then Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery), from 19 February to 7 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, O1184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Seminole, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

CAPTAIN EUGENE E. JOHNSON, O1174604, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. REINSON, O1180023, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 January to 28 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Geneva, Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE V. McVIGHER, O548543, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 January to 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Eagle Grove, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. POWELL, O1180666, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 January to 27 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES B. SCOLLICK, O1180331, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

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VI - LIST OF FURFIVE PART (Cont'd)

Private First Class James A. Mous, 37536935, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class Allan P. Cooper, 34495639, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Jellico, Tennessee.

Private First Class William P. Paupin, 14119051, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Tennessee.

Private First Class Geoffrey O. Wolfe, 36410641, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Sergeant Donald W. Glen, 13184972, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Frederick, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant John J. Michalski, 36549297, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Hamtramck, Michigan.

Private First Class Theodore F. Furmanek, 36440863, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: East St. Louis, Illinois.

Corporal William T. Ebbs, 38342543, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Alroy, California.

Private First Class Thomas J. Garry, 16083304, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Robert G. Selby, 35557965, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Private First Class George L. Schroeder, 36544720, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Hazel Park, Michigan.

Sergeant Robert L. Schroeder, 37542288, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Alexandria, Minnesota.

Private Alvin H. Ayers, 13061353, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Unity, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Alfred A. Mehner, 6979956, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Bronx, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. LEIDOS, 01292921, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: San Francisco, California.

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VI - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

CAPTAIN DANIEL E. WALFIN, 024957, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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VII -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 63, this headquarters, dated 14 December 1944, awarding the Purple Heart to Private First Class Roger Gant, 34777513, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR 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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Aurel L. Nileski, 36412063, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Allegan, Michigan.

Private First Class Albert L. Shelby, 35730755, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 22 March 1945. Residence: Marion, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL E. BYRKETT, 01310061, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. HENSON, JR., 0546864, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Residence: Monroe, Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY J. SCHLOSSER, ERG, 01322958, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Carl A. Porter, 36896102, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan.

Private First Class Edwin M. Springett, 36412005, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: South Haven, Michigan.

Private Vernel A. Cabanis, 34964799, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: Gastonia, North Carolina.

Private First Class Arnold M. Bernstein, 32981409, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

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Private First Class Harold E. Hampton, Jr., 39273562, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Lillflower, California.

Technician Third Grade Earl M. Tiller, 13082908, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: Richmond, Virginia.

Corporal Abraham A. Lederman, 33283087, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McADIFFE:

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**ORIGINAL ORDER**

AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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 to following named individuals:

COLONEL CLAUDIUS L. LLOYD, 05796, Infantry, Headquarters, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, COLONEL LLOYD, in command of a tank-infantry task force, was in a forward position observing the progress of his troops when one of the tanks received a direct hit from an enemy anti-tank gun. The surprise caused the occupants of two tanks to dismount and the infantrymen started moving to the rear. Disregarding enemy mortar, artillery and anti-tank fire, COLONEL LLOYD calmly moved forward, directing his force to take proper deployment, and as a result, the enemy anti-tank position was knocked out and the attack moved forward. COLONEL LLOYD's display of outstanding leadership and coolness under fire reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ANDREW G. AHLQUIST, 0541177, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, during an attack by Company "C" of enemy fortifications near \* \* \*, Germany, an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire pinned our forces to the ground. LIEUTENANT AHLQUIST, moved among his men, urging them forward, and when the second platoon lost its commander, he took over and organizing both platoons, continued the advance. Personally knocking out an enemy 88 millimeter gun with hand grenades he enabled the entire company to succeed in its mission. LIEUTENANT AHLQUIST's superb coolness, fearlessness and leadership under fire reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tridell, Utah.

Private First Class Robert Griffith, Jr., 35081998, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, after the First Battalion, 409th Infantry had secured trenches facing enemy pillboxes, Private Griffith located a hostile observation post which was directing mortar and artillery fire into the battalion's area. Private Griffith left the protection of a trench and crept forward alone to eliminate the hostile position. Taking cover numerous times from

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the intense enemy fire, he reached the observation post and destroyed it with a single grenade. Private Griffith's actions, which eliminated a serious threat to our advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Elkton, Kentucky.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN T. PIERCE, O4754, United States Army, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, Germany, GENERAL PIERCE went forward to contact a regimental commander and observe the results of the firing of our heavy artillery. Disregarding enemy sniper fire and artillery bursts landing within 15 yards of his position, GENERAL PIERCE gave counsel and information materially aiding in the capture of the town. The following day, despite harassing sniper activity, he again entered the town to deliver information from the Division Commander which was vital to successful operations to follow. GENERAL PIERCE's coolness and superb leadership under fire reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Manhattan, Kansas.

COLONEL DOVONAN F. YEVELL, O6736, Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, heavy automatic weapon fire from two bypassed pillboxes threatened the advance of the 411th Infantry and caused numerous casualties. Locating the pillboxes, COLONEL YEVELL left his covered position and disregarding intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, ran 100 yards over open terrain to a nearby tank. COLONEL YEVELL then hammered on the hatch of the lead tank with his pistol butt, and after pointing out the position of the two pillboxes remained beside the tank and directed its fire. The pillboxes were knocked out, three of the enemy killed and seven taken captive. COLONEL YEVELL's actions, which enabled his regiment to continue its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Gainesville, Florida.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-47, 22 September 1945, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to following named individual:

Private First Class Jack Greener, 26449837, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, when a section leader was struck by a sniper's bullet, Private Greener, an old man, exposed himself to sniper and machine gun fire while giving aid. When another man was wounded and evacuation was imperative, Private Greener again braved enemy fire to assist in carrying the wounded man through a barbed wire entanglement and across a road both covered by enemy machine guns. Private Greener's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spring Valley, Illinois.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL HEADLIFE:

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

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

CAPTAIN LON A. HEWERT, 01296372, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Company "A", supported by armor, spearheading the battalion attack, was slowed down by intense enemy machine gun fire from five pillboxes and was immediately subjected to mortar fire. The tanks were unable to provide necessary support due to poor visibility. CAPTAIN HEWERT ran forward, climbed to the top of a tank and directed the gunner's fire with tracer ammunition from a .50 caliber machine gun on the tank turret. After silencing two of the pillboxes, the machine gun jammed, but CAPTAIN HEWERT remained atop the tank directing fire by voice and arm signals. Fire from the remaining pillboxes was sufficiently reduced to enable the assault squads to destroy the emplacements with demolitions. CAPTAIN HEWERT's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hazel Park, Michigan.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK FIRESTONE, 0550046, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, two men, too severely wounded to be moved, were left on the field within 30 yards of an enemy machine gun when their company was forced to withdraw. CAPTAIN FIRESTONE, 3rd Battalion Surgeon, realizing their precarious position, went to their aid. Although he identified himself to the enemy as a medical officer, he was subjected to intense machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his life, CAPTAIN FIRESTONE, followed by a litter team, crawled 300 yards to the wounded men and, oblivious to the enemy fire, administered plasma, rendered medical aid and supervised their evacuation. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. Powers, Jr., 36548108, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the period 15-16 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, heavy casualties suffered by our troops and our aid men left only Technician Powers and one other aid man to care for the wounded men of his battalion.

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Exposing himself continuously to the intense enemy machine gun, artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he worked tirelessly and skillfully rendering aid to the wounded and evacuating them. On one occasion he crawled through deadly machine gun cross-fire to treat six wounded men. Later he entered a mine field under enemy fire and ministered to the wounded. When evacuation of the wounded was halted by the severity of the action, he set up a collecting point in captured enemy dugouts and cared for the wounded until they could be evacuated. Technician Powaga's heroism and devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Levy W. Dickerson, 38607483, Medical Department, medical detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, two seriously wounded men were lying less than 40 yards from an enemy machine gun position. Repeated attempts to evacuate the men failed, but Private Dickerson and another litter bearer twice crawled 80 yards under continuous intense fire, administered aid and then rising to a creeping position successfully evacuated the two men. Private Dickerson's devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wilson, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Vincent F. Laura, 19179421 (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, two seriously wounded men were lying less than 40 yards from an enemy machine gun position. Repeated attempts to evacuate the men failed, but Technician Laura and another litter bearer twice crawled 80 yards under continuous intense fire, administered aid and then rising to a creeping position successfully evacuated the two men. Technician Laura's devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Technical Sergeant John A. Vormehr, 37400432, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, Germany, an assault team led by Sergeant Vormehr was hit by intense fire from an enemy pillbox. Ordering his men to take cover, and disregarding fire from a second emplacement, Sergeant Vormehr crawled forward and threw two grenades into the embrasure of the pillbox. The grenades wounded two of the enemy, stunned six and forced them to close the embrasures, permitting a demolition crew to blow the door from the pillbox, resulting in the capture of the occupants. Sergeant Vormehr's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Le May, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Willie J. Norman, 18214548, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945 near \* \* \*, France, as Company "E" was neutralizing opposition which had temporarily halted its advance, Sergeant Norman located a hostile machine gun 500 yards behind the enemy line. Infiltrating his squad through the first line of enemy positions, he led his men through waist deep water and up a steep wooded slope, and in a swift assault neutralized the enemy position, taking

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seven prisoners. Although still behind enemy lines he withdrew to higher ground, deployed his squad, and for four hours successfully held his position against enemy attack. Sergeant Norman's actions, which secured a route of advance for his battalion, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Melvin, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman H. Berges, 37674589, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, the First Battalion, 411th Infantry was pinned down by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, suffering numerous casualties. Technician Berges, medical aid man attached to Company "D", made his way through the enemy fire, administering aid to the wounded. As other aid men became casualties, Technician Berges labored unceasingly, using captured enemy bunkers as emergency aid stations, and at times resorting to captured medical supplies to treat the wounded. Unmindful of enemy mine fields, he continued his work until all battalion casualties had been cleared from the battlefield. Technician Berges' resourcefulness and devotion to duty in saving the lives of numerous men reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Private First Class Herbert H. Brown, 36543725, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment attacking well entrenched enemy positions suffered several casualties from hostile machine gun and sniper fire. Private Brown, without hesitation, made his way through the enemy fire, and although each movement on his part brought direct fire upon him, he succeeded in reaching each of the wounded men, rendering efficient first aid. As soon as the enemy fire slackened, he returned and led a litter team to evacuate the wounded. Private Brown's actions, which resulted in the saving the lives of five men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Northville, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE B. FORD, III, 0547992, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, after Company "I" had cleared a portion of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT FORD was reconnoitering for a position to set up a road block when he observed an enemy self propelled weapon, preceded by two infantrymen, backing out of town and firing at our troops. LIEUTENANT FORD, without hesitation moved forward, capturing the two enemy infantrymen. Continuing on, he ran to close range, where machine gun fire from the self propelled weapon could not be brought to bear upon him. Despite pistol fire from the gun commander, LIEUTENANT FORD dropped a grenade into the open turret of the enemy weapon, knocking it out, killing one of the crew and putting two others to flight. LIEUTENANT FORD's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Monticello, Mississippi.

Private First Class John F. Elkman, 32970317, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire pinned

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Company "B" to the ground and wounded all of the platoon and company messengers. When the company's radios failed to operate, Private Elkmann volunteered to act as a runner in order to maintain communications between the elements of the company. On six occasions, with utter disregard of his life, he crossed more than 300 yards of exposed terrain, in the face of the severe enemy fire, maintaining communications. His devotion to duty and his valorous actions enabled the company to coordinate its attack and accomplish its mission and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York.

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

Private Clyde E. Sprouse, 25072597, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Glenville, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Clifford T. Infield, 36283957, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

First Sergeant Paul J. Sabato, 13026650, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Grade Walter H. Waters, 36720185, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Elven F. Rosenberg, 37750582, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS R. SAFFER HITE, 0301720, Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Norfolk, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT PATRICK C. CARPENTIER, 01317447, Infantry, Company "B", (then Company "A"), 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Canton, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Louis T. Jones, 36174496, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Lodi, Indiana.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR TO HIS HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Cluster to His Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

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SECOND LIEUTENANT ALEX ARDREY, O2007177, Infantry, Company "F", 411th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Dennison, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McALLIFFE:

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27 March 1945

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NUMBER - 93)

ORIGINAL ORDER # 421

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

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 27 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to following named individuals:

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth E. Thorn, 37244209, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Company "D", 410th Infantry was subjected to a barrage of artillery and mortar fire. Two men were seriously wounded and were lying in an exposed position. Technician Thorn, aid man, despite the concentration of fire, crawled to their aid. Small arms, artillery, mortar and tank fire threatened his life, but realizing that evacuation was necessary if the two men were to be saved, Technician Thorn boldly rose to his feet and carried the men to safety. His extraordinary devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Unionville, Missouri.

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\* Private First Class George E. Widner, 37539010, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Widner left his covered position, crossed the fire swept terrain, and in full view of the enemy dismounted a .50 caliber machine gun from a vehicle. Obtaining a ground mount for the machine gun from the same vehicle, he set up his gun and provided covering fire for the group. Private Widner's actions, which materially assisted the safe withdrawal of personnel and vehicles, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Topoka, Kansas.

MAJOR MATTHEW E. TIMPER, 023465, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. MAJOR TIMPER, disregarding the enemy fire, traversed 300 yards of open terrain, reached an exposed vehicle, and although the vehicle was twice hit by mortar and machine gun fire, successfully backed it 500 yards to a place of safety. Securing a radio, MAJOR TIMPER then returned to an observation point and directed artillery fire into the enemy positions, which enabled the party to withdraw

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without casualties. MAJOR INTER's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lancaster, New York.

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 following named individuals:

Private First Class Edward Smith, 30473551, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Smith, without hesitation, ran across the fire swept terrain to a truck, and despite the enemy fire falling around him, succeeded in backing the vehicle 50 yards to a concealed position. Private Smith's actions, in saving a valuable truck, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Diboll, Texas.

Private Lewis E. Joscy, 20424516, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Joscy, without hesitation, ran across the fire swept terrain to his vehicle, and despite the enemy fire falling around him, succeeded in backing the vehicle 500 yards to a concealed position. Private Joscy's actions, which materially assisted in the safe withdrawal of personnel and saved a valuable truck, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Starkville, Mississippi.

Technical Sergeant Luke A. McMurray, 36412368, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant McMurray ran and crawled 250 yards across the fire swept terrain to his battalion commander to receive instructions. After obtaining orders, he re-crossed the open ground, supervised the setting up of a machine gun and directed its fire, while two vehicles were withdrawn. Sergeant McMurray's actions, which materially assisted the safe withdrawal of the party, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Private Vincent A. Carr, 36553804, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Carr, a member of a section sent forward to relieve the reconnaissance party, on three occasions deliberately exposed himself to draw enemy fire, in order for his comrades to determine the exact location of the enemy. Private Carr's actions, a source

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of inspiration to those about him, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Evanston, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MCANULIFFE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,  
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I -- 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 J. Panach, 362879C1, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 27 January 1945, in \* \* \*, France, sporadic enemy artillery and mortar fire forced a rifle platoon to seek shelter in a house. Unable to locate the position of the enemy guns, Private Panach, on his own initiative, went outside to observe the hostile fire. Private Panach discovered the source of the enemy fire, and as he stood in the doorway of the building, shouting directions to the phone operator, an artillery shell landed nearby, fatally wounding him. Private Panach's actions, which enabled our artillery to silence the enemy fire, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Rosine, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura A. Panach, (Wife), 215 Madison Street, Stevens Point, 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 following named individuals:

Sergeant Ralph Crawford, 39903504, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 12 February 1945, near \* \* \*, France, a patrol of which Sergeant Crawford was a member was advancing within forty yards of suspected enemy machine gun positions when two of the men were wounded by a mine. The enemy immediately lighted flares and swept the ground with machine gun fire, forcing the patrol to withdraw. Learning that a comrade lay helplessly wounded, Sergeant Crawford, disregarding continuous machine gun fire and enemy flares, crawled 30 yards to the casualty, dragged him to a covered position and administered first aid. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Yerington, Nevada.

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Private First Class Otto G. Hein, 37542921, Field Artillery, Battery "G", 242d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 16 January 1945, in \* \* \*, France, a heavy enemy artillery barrage, preceding an armored supported infantry attack, severed telephone lines between the forward observers post and the main radio. Realizing that immediate communications were necessary to adjust our artillery fire, Private Hein, with the assistance of one man, moved his radio through enemy fire into the tower of a burning railroad station. Despite the fact that the tower was repeatedly hit by enemy artillery shells, he remained at his post transmitting fire directions, which enabled our artillery to repulse the enemy attack. Private Hein's actions, a source of inspiration to his comrades, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN S. CLARK, 01998095, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, LIEUTENANT CLARK, leader of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they neared a woods and found it was too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. His outstanding leadership was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Darwin K. Helmick, 15012710, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, Sergeant Helmick, member of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they neared a woods and found it too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. Sergeant Helmick's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jonesville, Michigan.

Private First Class Gustaf Seher, 37327153, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, Private Seher, member of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they neared a woods and found it too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. Private Seher's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Isanti, Minnesota.

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Sergeant Michael T. Eagle, 32953119, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, Sergeant Eagle, member of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they entered a woods and found it too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day, located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. Sergeant Eagle's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jackson, Mississippi.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILIE J. RUSSELL, 02000731, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT RUSSELL and two of his men had established an observation post 100 yards in advance of our troops when intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire forced the lead rifle company to withdraw. Boldly defying his men, LIEUTENANT RUSSELL crawled forward to a better position and located the hostile machine gun. Firing his own weapon and directing the fire of his two men, LIEUTENANT RUSSELL silenced the enemy weapon and killed the crew. LIEUTENANT RUSSELL's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Seagoville, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEO J. GIOVANNINI, 02000654, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 13 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT GIOVANNINI made his way through an intense barrage of hostile artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to forward positions of a rifle company to direct cannon fire on concealed enemy positions 100 yards away. Despite the continued hostile barrage, and friendly fire falling only 50 yards from him, LIEUTENANT GIOVANNINI remained in his position until his well directed fire neutralized the hostile strongpoints. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Evelyn, Minnesota.

Corporal Victor G. Swenson, 17158037, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack on \* \* \*, France, on 13 January 1945, fire from friendly tanks was falling into an area occupied by our advancing troops and communication could not be established. Corporal Swenson, radio operator, learning the frequency of the tank radios, attempted to contact them but was unable to do so because of the heavy woods. He deliberately left the cover of the woods, ran into the open and, despite the enemy artillery and mortar barrages falling about him, set up his radio. Although shrapnel tore his clothing, Private Swenson remained and succeeded in contacting the tanks, ordering them to raise their fire. Corporal Swenson's actions, which prevented casualties among our troops, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Carlson, North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl J. Hordos, 36550546, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action.

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On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, a truck struck a mine near Battery "C"'s position and caught fire. Technician Hordos, battery aid man, dashed to the vehicle and directed three casualties to safety. He assisted in the evacuation of a wounded man from the vehicle and, after administering first aid, amputated the casualty's partially severed leg. Disregarding the presence of enemy mines and exploding ammunition, he then evacuated the last casualty from the flaming truck. Technician Hordos' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class George E. Widner, 37539010, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Widner left his covered position, crossed the fire swept terrain, and in full view of the enemy dismounted a .50 caliber machine gun from a vehicle. Obtaining a ground mount for the machine gun from the same vehicle, he set up his gun and provided covering fire for the group. Private Widner's actions, which materially assisted the safe withdrawal of personnel and vehicles, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Topeka, Kansas.

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

PRICORPORAL ROBERT W. WICKS, 012062, USA, Headquarters, 103d Division Artillery. For meritorious service in action. During the period 15 March to 25 March 1945 his superior leadership, anticipatory planning, and aggressive personal reconnaissance were largely responsible for the superlative artillery support received by the 103d Infantry Division in its break-through of the Siegfried Line. His performance of duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from State of New York.

COLONEL HERBY J. P. HARDING, 015179, Infantry, Headquarters, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in the planning and execution of the attack of his regiment in its advance through the Siegfried Line from 15 March 1945 to 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany. Residence: Stevenson, Washington.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. TCHIFFE, JR., 01102465, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT, 18th Field Artillery, and VI Corps Artillery), from 31 May to 20 August 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

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V -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-40, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. WICKLIFFE, JR., O1182485, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS J. WISE, O1173612, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 January to 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

A A R D O F T H E S E C O N D O A K - L E A F C L U S T E R

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERNARD F. HEANEY, O1181626, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 December 1944 to 16 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: New York, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. WICKLIFFE, JR., O1182485, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 January to 16 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

A A R D O F T H E F I R S T O A K - L E A F C L U S T E R

FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. WICKLIFFE, JR., O1182485, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 August 1944 to 23 January 1945, in Southern and Eastern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN W. MAXWELL, O1183358, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 January to 28 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

VI -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-40, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private Rocco J. Huff, 36557524, Infantry, Company "C", 408th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Hudson, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Roche, 36557-22, (trench Glass), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Opelousas, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles R. Ross, 39267025, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Tomona, California.

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Technician Fourth Grade Stephen J. Sabocki, 6150198,  
"F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 March 1945. Resi-  
dence: Connecticut.

Private First Class Dennis H. Allen, 37509076, Infantry, Company  
411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Pabo, Missouri.

Private First Class Victor P. Friemer, 36546654, Medical Department,  
Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Resi-  
dence: Puron, Michigan.

Private First Class Leonard Tobias, 42179736, Infantry, Company "K",  
411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New  
York.

Staff Sergeant Robert C. Heinsch, 17170851, Infantry, Company "F", 411th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylv-  
ania.

Sergeant Minor J. Van Camp, 36957270, Infantry, Company "K", 411th In-  
fantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Pontiac, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade John P. Kohn, 36410929, Field Artillery, Battery  
"A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence:  
Eastlandton, Michigan.

*R* VII - AWARD OF SILVER STAR, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General  
Orders Number 93, this headquarters, dated 27 March 1945, awarding the Silver  
Star to Private First Class George E. Widner, 37539010, Field Artillery, Bat-  
tery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MAULIFFE:

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

OFFICIALS:

*George E. Widner*  
A. J. BRILL,  
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,  
Adjutant General.

DISSEMINATION:  
"A" and "B" and SF 7011.

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AFC 470, U. S. Army  
30 March 1945

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER - 95)

- A AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I
- A AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II
- A AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . III

I -- A 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 following named individuals:

Private First Class Paul M. L'Heureux, 37452628, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 242d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 January 1945, in France, a heavy enemy artillery barrage, preceding an armored supported infantry attack, severed telephone lines between the forward observer's post and the relay radio. Realizing that immediate communications were necessary to adjust our artillery fire, Private L'Heureux voluntarily assisted in moving the relay radio through heavy enemy fire into the tower of a burning railroad station, which had been repeatedly hit by artillery shells. When the radio was operating and his presence no longer required, Private L'Heureux left the observation post and acted as a sniper until the enemy attack was repulsed. Private L'Heureux's display of fortitude and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Upland, Nebraska.

Corporal Adolph Sasdill, 16108939, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 242d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 January 1945, in France, a heavy enemy artillery barrage, preceding an armored supported infantry attack, severed telephone lines between the forward observer's post and the relay radio. Corporal Sasdill, disregarding the heavy enemy fire, located and repaired the break. Despite the observer's suggestion that he seek cover, Corporal Sasdill remained in the observation post and assisted the observer. On two other occasions Corporal Sasdill braved enemy fire to repair the lines. His actions, which enabled accurate artillery fire to be directed upon the enemy forcing them to withdraw, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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

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II - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private Aubrey I. Brundick, 33907153, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

II -- A AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-49, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Jesse S. Kendrick, 14161792, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Valdosta, Georgia.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MOULDER:

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

OFFICIAL:

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A. W. CROELL,  
Lt. Col., A.G.C.,  
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AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- 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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individual:

COLONEL GUY S. MELOY, JR., 016892, Chief of Staff, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action during the period 15 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. COLONEL MELOY's superior coordination of all Staff functions contributed greatly to the Division's successful penetration and ultimate breakthrough of the Siegfried Line. Residence: Lanham, Maryland.

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

Staff Sergeant John D. Taggart, 37143669, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Turnerville, Wyoming.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM M. KASPER, 023210, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Staunton, Virginia.

Master Sergeant Julius L. Hoffman, 6377656, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Kingsville, Louisiana.

Private First Class Paul D. Anderson, 37327643, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Faribault, Minnesota.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McAULIFFE:

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

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
A. W. CROLE,  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II  
AWARD OF O.K.-LIFE CENTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . III

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD C. THOMAS, C21289, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action. During the period 15 to 25 March 1945, as G-3 of this Division, his unusual attention to duty, his sound judgment, and his repeated personal liaison with subordinate commanders were largely responsible for the success of the Division in its break-through of the Siegfried Line. His performance of duty was in accordance with the highest military traditions. Residence: Atchison, Kansas.

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

Private First Class George A. Sherman, 36541629, Medical Department, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Lester J. Walters, 16150545, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Garden City, Michigan.

Private Lloyd I. Conners, 42116904, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Rochester, New York.

Staff Sergeant Ramon G. Irvin, 37246274, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Missouri.

Private First Class Jesse H. Black, 36963258, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Carrier Mills, Illinois.

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Private First Class Jo. I. Tallon, 38534275, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Lone Oak, Texas.

Private First Class Fred E. Tibut, 30647489, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Leon C. Scott, 37100461, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Residence: Bluffton, Arkansas.

Private Lieutenant HUNA S. THEE, 01289351, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Maryville, Tennessee.

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

Private W. V. Gidcon, 37245534, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Tazewell, Missouri.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT L. HAY:

R. S. WELCH, JR.,  
Colonel, U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*Robert L. Hay*  
R. L. HAY,  
Lt. Col., U.S.A.,  
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF CONSPICUEOUS CROSS TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

1 -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-40, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to follow-in named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Leonard J. Wesner, 35060767, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Sergeant Stanley L. Casper, 35694985, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Salem, Indiana.

Private First Class Merritt A. Parks, 36289121, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Parabeo, Wisconsin.

Sergeant Leonard J. Casin, 3672367, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Corporal Ralph H. Trudell, 36411995, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Johnson, 36412074, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: South Haven, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant With L. Jones, 37465394, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Dewitt, Missouri.

Private First Class James K. Peters, Jr., 35779129, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Huntington, West Virginia.

Sergeant Emmett W. Felcher, Jr., 39531303, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Orvey, California.

Private First Class Harry J. Cowan, 17175740, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Sheridan, Missouri.

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Private First Class William J. Fazio, 42185917, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Lindhurst, New  
Jersey.

Private First Class William S. Day, 42113760, Infantry, Company "I", 40th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Schenectady, New York.

Private George A. Furrer, 39444144, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infan-  
try Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Oakland, California.

Private First Class Carl J. Christian, 36360751, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Samuel L. Olivaroz, 38555183, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: San Benito, Texas.

Private First Class Edward L. Parkowski, 33513406, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Pottsville, Pennsylv-  
ania.

Private First Class Walter E. Rice, 14136463, Infantry, Company "I", 40th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida.

Private First Class Lawrence H. Johnson, Jr., 34810523, Infantry, Company  
"I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Buffalo,  
Alabama.

Sergeant Elmer E. Cowan, 34515466, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry  
Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: South Bethel, South Carolina.

Private First Class Harry L. Johnson, 20423184, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Pottsville, Pennsylv-  
ania.

Private First Class Ralph J. Lutt, 34504213, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Westchester, New  
York.

Private First Class Carl A. Prodan, 31591598, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Willimantic,  
Connecticut.

Private First Class Benjamin H. Hart, 34287689, Infantry, Company "I", 409th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Raymond I. Bennett, 37773346, Infantry, Company "I",  
40th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Paulsboro, New  
Jersey.

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Private First Class Adolph C. Theller, Jr., 35829584, Infantry, Company "B", 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Residence: Terre Haute, Indiana.

Private First Class Fletcher J. Westberry, 34864432, Infantry, Company "B", 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina.

Private First Class Lucolia C. Strunzius, 42137451, Infantry, Company "C", 44th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Residence: Ridgewood, New York.

Private First Class John C. Bailey, 32600734, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 49th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 November 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Wilfred J. Decker, 31064997, Medical Department, Medical Lieutenant, 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Stoutsburg, Colorado.

Private First Class John E. Trzawski, 3342233, Medical Department, Medical Lieutenant, 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class Lamar H. Perry, 34710136, Infantry, Company "B", 44th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 March 1945. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Richard A. Lutzler, 3292711, Infantry, Company "B", 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Residence: Crookston, Minnesota.

Private First Class Robert L. Brown, 34772066, Medical Department, Medical Lieutenant, 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Portsmouth, Ohio.

Private First Class John C. Trichten, 31176212, Infantry, Company "I", 44th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Private First Class Gerald E. Gumpston, 35763211, Infantry, Company "B", 44th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Newilton, West Virginia.

Private First Class H. Pate, 36227453, Infantry, Company "B", 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Spring Green, Wisconsin.

Private First Class William G. Flaw, 39543795, Infantry, Antitank Company, 49th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Houston, Texas.

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Private Robert L. Toro, 3628115, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Adams, Wisconsin.

Private First Class David P. Ellis, 10601740, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Dundee, Angus, Scotland.

Private First Class James L. McQuillan, 16015793, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Jackson, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Ivan L. Surrent, 37447720, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Colfax, Iowa.

Private First Class Floyd E. Cummings, 35049711, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Madia, Ohio.

Private First Class Claude H. Dunfield, 38428506, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 March 1945. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class Patrick M. Balin, 36552865, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Lawrence E. Cook, 37465601, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

Private First Class Tom Bernon, 36642971, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1942, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action in the line of duty:

Private David J. Huber, 11, 37571003, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Vernon L. Howard, 3661133, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Twin Falls, Idaho.

Private First Class Paul W. Fickett, 3553531, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Bacteria, Ohio.

Private First Class Frederick J. Morris, 36592959, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Westville, Indiana.

Private First Class Eugene B. Burns, 3744374, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cartersville, Georgia.

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Priv to First Class Thomas Arnold, Jr., 3456972, Infantry, Company "B",  
409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: San Antonio,  
Texas.

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~~\* Private First Class James G. Kost, 37461335, Infantry, Company "H", 409th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.~~

Technical Sergeant Joseph L. Min, Jr., 13009052, Infantry, Company "B",  
409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Coon Run, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Albert W. Whitman, 34531124, Infantry, Company "B",  
409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Elwood, Ohio.

BY ORDER OF THE GENERAL CLERK:

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

GENERAL:

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A. G. SMITH,  
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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PROMER STAR MEDAL . . . . . II  
AWARD OF CASUALTY CHAPTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . III

I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Art. Regulations 1-43, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant Bernhard F. Prast, 6262227, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, attacking elements of the second battalion were pinned down near \* \* \*, France, by intense enemy automatic weapon and mortar fire. Sergeant Prast voluntarily ran and crawled through the hostile fire to a heavy machine gun and single-handedly fired it until he burned out the barrel. Sergeant Prast dashed to another position 150 yards from the enemy and continued to fire as the rifle company moved to cover. He then picked up the heavy machine gun, fired from the hip and sprayed the hostile positions. His actions, which permitted his battalion to resume the attack, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Private Earl H. Nightwalker, 38572193, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, the first Battalion, 411th Infantry was halted by enemy machine gun fire and was immediately subjected to artillery and mortar fire. Private Nightwalker, locating the machine gun nests, ran across 500 yards of open terrain and fired his light machine gun from his hip, over-ran the hostile emplacement, killing the enemy crew. Moving forward, he located another enemy machine gun emplacement and with well directed fire, killed the crew, thereby clearing a zone through which his company could bypass two other machine gun nests. Private Nightwalker's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Canton, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Ervin L. Timore, 34097798, Armored, Company "B", 761st Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action. On the night of 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Timore, tank commander of the leading tank of a task force, led an attack on an enemy column of trucks, towed guns, and horses crewed artillery, completely destroying it. Although wounded, Sergeant Timore refused to be evacuated. Upon reaching the outskirts of \* \* \*, Germany, his tank was fired upon by enemy anti-tank guns. Locating the hostile

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emplacements by gun flashes, he overran the enemy positions. Sergeant Latimore's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spartansborg, South Carolina.

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 following named individuals:

Technician Fifth Grade Sam Johnson, 34107111, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, during the attack on \* \* \*, France, Technician Johnson and one other soldier were sent to contact an adjacent company. Returning through a mine field after establishing contact, Technician Johnson and his comrade were seriously wounded by a Schu-mine. Disregarding his painful wound, Technician Johnson succeeded in reaching an aid man and returned with him. Upon reentering the mine field, another anti-personnel mine was detonated wounding Technician Johnson again. When a litter team found it impossible to enter the mine field, Technician Johnson crawled out by himself, where he could be evacuated without endangering the litter team. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Silver Hill, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Lemuel F. Tillman, 34371807, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "G", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 8 May 1944, near \* \* \*, Italy an intense and sustained enemy artillery barrage wounded several men of Sergeant Tillman's platoon. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Tillman ran 100 yards over the exposed terrain and rendered first aid to the casualties. He then directed the evacuation of the wounded 1300 yards down a steep narrow creek bed to an aid station. Sergeant Tillman's actions, in saving the lives of several comrades, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Donelson, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. PARKER, 02000684, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT PARKER, forward observer, exposed himself to enemy machine gun and mortar fire, directing cannon fire on enemy machine gun positions, enabling our troops to enter the village without loss. As the infantry moved to secure the town, he directed fire ahead of them, forcing the enemy to remain covered as our troops cleared the buildings. Later, when the enemy counterattacked from the woods north of the village, LIEUTENANT PARKER's accurate fire direction broke up the attack and routed the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mount Hope, West Virginia.

Private First Class Roger L. Sundstrom, 31376849, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, France, Private Sundstrom, automatic rifle ammunition carrier, left the cover of a road embankment, and in the face of heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, reached a wounded automatic rifleman and

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carried him to safety. He then returned to the exposed area to recover the automatic weapon. In the meantime followed, Private Lundstrom was instrumental in knocking out several machine gun nests. Private Sundstrom's actions, which saved the life of a wounded man and maintained the fire power of his squad, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ferrisville, New Hampshire.

Technical Sergeant Elmer S. Richter, 37541931, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, during an attack on the enemy, Sergeant Richter's platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, suffering several casualties. Sergeant Richter exposed himself to the enemy fire, crawling from man to man and succeeded in moving them to a wooded area. Reorganizing his platoon, he led them forward in the attack, knocking out five enemy heavy machine guns and killing numerous enemy snipers. Sergeant Richter's actions, a source of inspiration to his men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Napoleon, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Robert C. Northcott, 34495939, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "B", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 17 December 1944, near the enemy, France, Sergeant Northcott's squad, point of the advance guard of the second battalion, 41th Infantry, discovered enemy rifle positions on a road parallel to the advancing battalion. Sergeant Northcott, after notifying the company commander of the situation, led a assault squad forward to within 50 yards of the enemy before being discovered. Pressing the attack, he drove forward to two of the enemy, continued on under harassing fire, and forced the enemy to abandon the positions, capturing three and wounding one. Sergeant Northcott's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Humboldt, Tennessee.

Staff Lieutenant LEONARD L. GRADSTEIN, 01314443, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, LEONARD L. GRADSTEIN, while leading his platoon in the attack near the enemy, France, was wounded in the arm by machine gun fire. In a condition to be evacuated and in a weakened condition, LEONARD L. GRADSTEIN continued to lead the attack until his platoon had accomplished its mission. His actions, an inspiration to those about him, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Robert G. Allen, 39054587, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "B", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near the enemy, Germany, after a devastating enemy machine gun and small arms fire had forced Company "B" to withdraw, Sergeant Allen discovered that his wounded platoon sergeant was lying in an exposed position. Sergeant Allen made his way over the fire-swept terrain, crossed a netting of fallen logs and barbed wire, reached his wounded comrade and succeeded in dragging him to safety. Sergeant Allen's actions, in saving the life of a wounded man, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Salinas, California.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE E. MCCOY, 02007009, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, near \* \* \*, Germany, Company "G", protecting the regimental left flank, was forced to give ground against a determined enemy counter-attack. At dusk, LIEUTENANT MCCOY led his platoon through a woods in a flank- ing movement and approached to within 50 yds of hostile pillboxes before being discovered. Quickly directing small arms and bazooka fire into the em- placements, LIEUTENANT MCCOY, disregarding enemy small arms fire, moved from man to man encouraging and directing them in an attack that dislodged the enemy from his positions. LIEUTENANT MCCOY's outstanding leadership, which enabled the company to secure the regiment's flank, reflected the highest tra- ditions of the military service. Residence: Niles, Michigan.

Private First Class Alfred S. Proese, 37566929, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, two men, advancing through a mine field during an attack, were wounded by mines and lay exposed to enemy small arms fire. Informed that the medical aid man had been wounded and executed, Private Proese vol- untarily entered the mine field under hostile fire and carried one man to cover. Private Proese then returned and carried the second man to the edge of the mine field where he, himself, was injured by a mine. His actions re- flected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Powers Lake, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Owen W. Davenport, 37203254, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, when at- tacking infantry met stiff resistance in \* \* \*, Germany, and requested mortar fire on the village, Sergeant Davenport, unable to secure good mortar posi- tions in enemy-cleared areas, led his section into hostile territory. When his men were fired on by the enemy, Sergeant Davenport organized a small pa- trol, raided a pillbox and captured three enemy riflemen. Again Sergeant Davenport twice led his patrol against harassing snipers and killed two of the enemy. Despite interference from sniper, mortar and artillery fire, Ser- geant Davenport directed the fire of 200 rounds into the town, effectively reducing enemy resistance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hedora, Kansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT DAVID A. DUKES, 0551292, Infantry, Company "D", 411th In- fantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, during an at- tack near \* \* \*, France, when the leading rifle company was pinned down by enemy mortar and self-propelled weapon fire, supporting fire was requested. LIEUTENANT DUKES, mortar platoon leader, taking a reel of wire, crawled for- ward 500 yards to an advantageous observation post to direct fire upon the hostile positions. When an artillery barrage severed the wire, LIEUTENANT DUKES, disregarding the enemy fire, crawled to the break and repaired it. Re- turning to his position, he directed fire on the enemy mortar position, knock- ing it out and forcing the self-propelled weapon to withdraw. LIEUTENANT DUKES' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Greelyville, South Carolina.

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Technical Sergeant Torbet E. Jennings, 34494894, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 13 December 1944, Sergeant Jennings' platoon was spearheading the advance of the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry, on the town of \* \* \*, France. Discovering that the first house, guarding the road, was occupied by the enemy, Sergeant Jennings deployed his squad and surrounded the building. Leading an assault squad forward, he threw a grenade into a cellar window, entered the building and captured 32 of the enemy. Sergeant Jennings' actions, which enabled his battalion to advance into the town, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Parsons, Tennessee.

Private Wallace E. Schwalm, 35932925, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, Company "B", in the attack on \* \* \*, France, was temporarily halted by intense machine gun and sniper fire. Private Schwalm, observing a seriously wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, unsolicitedly crawled 400 yards over the fire-swept terrain to reach the casualty. Despite the enemy fire, he administered first aid, and then tying the wounded man's wrists together, ordered him to safety. Private Schwalm's actions, in saving the life of a wounded man, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: South Bend, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Earl F. Fife, 18231629, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, France, when the leading platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Fife moved his platoon to the right rear and directed fire into the enemy positions. Despite the lack of cover and intense enemy fire, he led his men forward in the attack, diverting enemy fire to his own position, permitting the pinned down platoon to withdraw. Sergeant Fife's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kerrville, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS W. HUBB, 4101297, Infantry, Company "G", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 22 March 1945 in our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT HUBB, platoon leader, displayed outstanding leadership and initiative in closely supporting attacking elements of the 409th Infantry and the 411th Infantry. On 15 March 1945, he personally led his platoon through a mine field to give direct supporting fire and neutralized all enemy automatic weapons in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. He frequently reconnoitered routes and firing positions for his tanks while under direct enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. LIEUTENANT HUBB's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Scott, Kansas.

Private First Class Leonard Smith, 12162203, Armored, Company "G", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 22 March 1945, in our advance from \* \* \*, France to \* \* \*, Germany, Private Smith, tank gunner, displayed outstanding devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 411th Infantry. On one occasion Private

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Smith successfully assisted in the evacuation of a crew from a disabled tank, in the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. He materially assisted in destroying or neutralizing 23 pillboxes, and effectively reduced enemy automatic weapons and sniper fire. Private Smith's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Juncos, New York.

Sergeant Daniel Cordell, 12182978, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 21 March 1945 from France, to Germany, Sergeant Cordell, tank commander, displayed outstanding initiative and devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 411th Infantry. On numerous occasions as his tank was returning for a resupply of ammunition, he evacuated casualties in the face of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Near Germany, Sergeant Cordell assisted in clearing a road blocked by several pillboxes and destroying many enemy automatic weapons. Sergeant Cordell's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES E. DARE, 02006525, Infantry, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 21 March 1945, during our advance from France, to Germany, LIEUTENANT DARE displayed outstanding leadership and initiative under enemy fire. Constantly exposed to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, while leading his platoon in support of attacking elements of the 411th Infantry, he succeeded in neutralizing 14 pillboxes, destroying an ammunition dump, capturing one anti-tank gun intact, and killing many of the enemy. LIEUTENANT DARE's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Washington, D. C.

Technician Fourth Grade Ivory Fox, 34468077, Armored, Company "A", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, near Germany, Technician Fox was driving the third tank in an armored column when his tank was struck three times by enemy anti-tank fire, forcing the crew to take cover in the woods on the side of the road. Observing that the two lead tanks were unable to move forward by an unfavorable terrain and were blocked from the rear by the damaged tank, Technician Fox repaired his tank and, although the enemy diverted their fire to his vehicle, he attempted to save the tank until it was struck again by enemy fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Missouri, North Carolina.

Sergeant Louis E. Daniel, 35165724, Armored, Headquarters Company, 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, during an attack on Germany, an enemy anti-tank gun was encountered. Sergeant Daniel, tank commander, dismounted from his tank, and leaving enemy artillery, mortar, anti-tank and small arms fire, went forward alone and located the enemy emplacement. Returning to his tank, he approached to within 50 yards of the emplacement and destroyed the hostile anti-tank gun with well directed fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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Technician Fourth Grade Isaiah Parks, 14103352, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 to 21 March 1945, in our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Parks, tank commander, displayed outstanding initiative and devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 41th Infantry. On numerous occasions as his tank was returning for a supply of ammunition, he evacuated casualties in the face of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Near \* \* \*, Germany, when a road block halted the advance, Technician Parks assisted in neutralizing several pillboxes and destroying some of the enemy, thereby clearing the road block. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private Christopher P. Noverre, 18010317, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 to 23 March 1945, in our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, Private Noverre, tank gunner, displayed outstanding devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 41th Infantry. Although wounded in the hand and leg early in the attack, he refused to be evacuated. Continuing the attack, he assisted in destroying or neutralizing 23 pillboxes and evacuated casualties in the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Private Noverre materially assisted in the clearing of automatic weapon and sniper positions and effectively covered engineer operations. Private Noverre's actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hammond, Louisiana.

First Sergeant William R. Burroughs, 13010042, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 to 22 March 1945 in our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Burroughs, tank gunner, displayed outstanding devotion to duty and courage in closely supporting attacking elements of the 41th Infantry. During this period Sergeant Burroughs assisted in destroying or neutralizing 23 pillboxes, covered the evacuation of enemy from disabled tank, and evacuated numerous casualties. In the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he covered engineer operations and placed enemy automatic weapon and sniper fire. Sergeant Burroughs' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HEROLD FINCKLEY, 01031669, Infantry, Company "A", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT FINCKLEY's tank platoon was stopped by anti-tank, mortar and sniper fire. LIEUTENANT FINCKLEY dismounted from his tank and reconstituted for possible approaches to the corner of pillboxes which had well prepared defenses against advancing tanks and infantry. Directing fire from his platoon, he neutralized the pillboxes and then moving his tank to an exposed position, diverted hostile anti-tank fire from the other tanks in his platoon. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class Crawford C. Fagan, 36165226, Armored, Company "D", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. On 24 March 1945, near S. S., Germany, Private Fagan's tank and three one-quarter ton trucks on reconnaissance were fired on by the enemy. The vulnerable trucks withdrew and Private Fagan moved his tank behind a wall, opened fire, killed the crews of two hostile machine guns and pinned down two bazooka teams and one anti-tank crew, permitting nearby infantrymen to capture the pinned down enemy. Moving forward, his tank was fired upon by an anti-tank gun. Private Fagan dismounted and located the hidden weapon but was cut off from his tank by small arms fire. Crawling to higher ground, he sat a group of soldiers with a mortar, and quickly setting the mortar in position, he fired five rounds into the emplacement, forcing the enemy to abandon the gun. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JAMES E. WILLIAMS, 2123736, United States Army, Headquarters 761st Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 13 November 1944 to 27 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

III -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the bronze oak-leaf cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individuals:

MAJOR RUSSELL C. GEIST, JR., 01010900, Infantry, Headquarters 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, artillery fire was needed on S. S., Germany, in order that a tank force could continue its advance. Unable to contact the forward observer by radio, MAJOR GEIST, Battalion C-1, went forward in a light tank to adjust the fire of nine battalions of artillery. Despite enemy artillery and mortar fire directed at him, he remained with his tank in an exposed position, sustaining devastating fire on the village. MAJOR GEIST's actions which enabled tanks and infantry to enter the village, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Otis Johnson, 36021373, Armored, Company "H", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, near S. S., Germany, when two enemy anti-tank guns knocked out a tank and blocked the advance of an armored column, Technician Johnson, tank commander, dismounted from his vehicle and made his way 200 yards under intense anti-tank and small arms fire. He returned to his company and reported the location of the anti-tank guns. Again disregarding the hostile fire he accompanied the mortar section leader forward and assisted in directing accurate mortar fire which silenced the guns. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MERLE S. NELSON, O1823192, Field Artillery, Second Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 23 March 1945, near . . . , Germany, when a reconnaissance party of a task force was ambushed by 50 of the enemy and ordered to surrender, LIEUTENANT NELSON opened fire with his light machine gun, enabling the group to withdraw without loss. Retracing their route, the party was stopped by a wagon placed as a hasty roadblock and covered by automatic weapon fire. LIEUTENANT NELSON dismounted, opened fire, assisted in moving the wagon from the road and led his men safely to the rear of the task force. A short time later, the task force was subjected to enemy fire from high ground and a hostile attempt was made to free prisoners in the rear of the column. LIEUTENANT NELSON organized his men, returned the fire and broke up the hostile attempt. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

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 following named individuals:

Sergeant Elijah Gibson, 34550577, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near . . . , Germany, when a blown bridge prevented a reconnaissance platoon from moving forward in their vehicles, Sergeant Gibson proceeded forward to a position to observe enemy dispositions. He opened fire on three of the enemy that he observed on the road and the enemy immediately fired upon the platoon from well concealed positions. Disregarding the enemy fire, Sergeant Gibson continued firing and observing the enemy positions, until he was wounded. Before being evacuated beyond the platoon command post, Sergeant Gibson pointed out on a map the exact locations of the enemy positions. This information

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proved to be of valuable assistance in the planning of future operations. Sergeant Gibson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Savannah, Georgia.

Private First Class Ronald Pollard, 38063301, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 22 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, a motorized reconnaissance platoon was ambushed by the enemy and further progress was halted by a wagon placed as a temporary roadblock. Private Pollard immediately fired his light machine gun until it jammed, then using his sub-machine gun until he expended the ammunition, he picked up a machine gun from a member of the platoon and continued firing. Disregarding heavy enemy fire, he led a small group of men and directed the removal of the wagon, permitting the platoon to escape and continue its mission. Private Pollard's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sweet Springs, Missouri.

CAPTAIN HARROLD KING, 0412501, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, CAPTAIN KING, planned and organized a small task force for an attack on \* \* \*, France. Leading his men in the attack, CAPTAIN KING was severely wounded by enemy automatic weapon fire. After falling to the ground, he called to his second in command and urged him to continue the attack, which resulted in the capture of the village and the taking of a number of prisoners. CAPTAIN KING's outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tabuco, Alabama.

Sergeant Matthew Spencer, 38479070, Field Artillery, Second Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 22 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, a motorized task force reconnaissance action was halted by heavy enemy automatic weapon fire from both sides of the road. In the action that followed, an enemy officer armed with a sub-machine gun attempted to shoot Sergeant Spencer's platoon leader. Sergeant Spencer knocked the enemy officer off balance with the butt of his carbine, deflecting the enemy officer's fire. After the enemy soldier was killed, Sergeant Spencer assisted in the direction of fire into the hostile positions, enabling the section to proceed on its mission. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Louisville, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD B. GARY, 01031244, Cavalry, Company "D", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 25 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT GARY, in command of the point of a task force, was fired on by two enemy anti-tank weapons. Due to the darkness, the exact location of the enemy weapons could not be determined. LIEUTENANT GARY, without hesitation, maneuvered his force and his own tank into a position from which effective fire was directed upon the hostile positions. LIEUTENANT GARY's courage and initiative, which permitted the remainder of the task force to accomplish its mission, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Adeline, Kansas.

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Private First Class Thomas L. Kilgo, Jr., 34461097, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, Private Kilgo, medical aid man, was attached to a small task force attacking \* \* \*, France, when heavy enemy automatic weapon fire wounded the task force commander. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private Kilgo made his way over the open ground and administered aid to the fallen officer. Private Kilgo's actions, resulting in the prompt evacuation of a wounded man, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Asheville, North Carolina.

Sergeant Buck A. Smith, 38063430, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. On 22 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Smith, tank commander, was assigned the mission of destroying enemy automatic weapons and previously picked pillboxes with a single tank. Although only covered by infantry troops on the adjacent hill and without close protection, Sergeant Smith moved his tank in range of hostile positions. Sergeant Smith remained exposed in the turret, despite hostile anti-tank, artillery and mortar fire, and directed accurate fire which destroyed numerous enemy automatic weapons and effectively damaged several pillboxes. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Charles L. Farks, 34459861, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, Sergeant Farks assisted in planning and organizing an attack by a small task force on \* \* \*, France. When the task force commander was wounded, Sergeant Farks took command and led the group over open ground in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapon fire to take the village and capture a number of the enemy. Sergeant Fark's display of courage and leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

III -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to air medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS J. PRIER, 01173612, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 February to 21 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

*Amend to read "4th OLC to AM" by HQ #104 - Apr. 10, 1945*  
\* FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, 01184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 February to 12 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Seminole, Oklahoma.

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AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN W. MASKELL, 01183358, Field Artillery, Headquarters 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 February to 17 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LARRY G. GENEBAUGH, 0541227, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 February to 13 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

IV -- AWARD OF 2ND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the 2nd Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

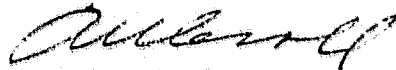
Private First Class James C. Cost, 37661836, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

*OK* AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 98, this headquarters, dated 3 April 1945, as pertains to Private First Class James C. Cost, 37661836, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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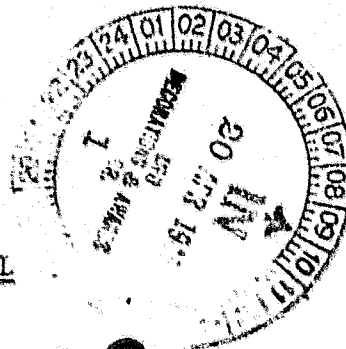


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I -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL S. MONK, JR., 0521827, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Centerville, Tennessee.

Sergeant Eugene B. Ohs, 37554564, Infantry, Company "J", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Little Falls, Minnesota.

Private First Class Hugh Y. Enochs, 33884842, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Gladys, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Herbert Kerman, 36715731, Infantry, Service Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Cecil Dunn, 38700780, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 December 1944. Residence: Vian, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Louis G. Kotel, 35246548, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Campbell, Ohio.

Private First Class George A. Widmoyer, 16176748, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class George W. Marshall, 38535136, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Waco, Texas.

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

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Staff Sergeant Allen A. Johnson, 37321548, Infantry, Company "I", 409th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 March 1945. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McAULIFFE:

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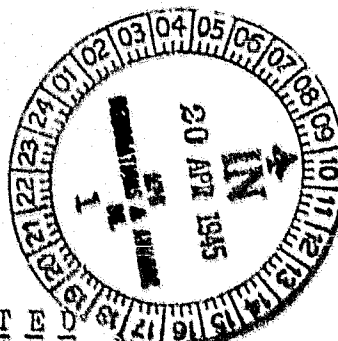
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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I
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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following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

Technical Sergeant Charles E. Adams, 6958347, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Adams' platoon was subjected to intense enemy heavy artillery fire, one round of which ignited ammunition containers, causing a fire that threatened three howitzers and their crews. Disregarding the threat to his life from enemy rounds still falling around him, Sergeant Adams extinguished the fire and removed the burning containers. His actions, which prevented loss of lives and equipment, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Victoria, Texas.

Private First Class Mark H. Pay, 34302120, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, when a blown bridge prevented a reconnaissance platoon from moving forward in their vehicles, Private Pay advanced on foot, carrying his machine gun. The platoon was immediately pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire from four well concealed emplacements, which wounded his section sergeant. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private Pay assisted the wounded man to the platoon command post, where he aided in pointing out on a map, the exact location of the enemy positions. This information proved to be of valuable assistance in the planning of future operations. Private Pay's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Franklin, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN A. BAKER, 02000697, Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT BAKER, assistant S-3, was observing an infantry company's flanking advance on enemy pillboxes, when the company was subjected to fire from a concealed pillbox on an adjacent hill. LIEUTENANT BAKER ran to and captured enemy 47 millimeter gun and, although unfamiliar with the weapon, fired on the strongpoint from a distance of 250 yards. Despite intermittent artillery and sniper fire which once caused him to take cover, LIEUTENANT BAKER con-

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tinued firing until the pillbox was neutralized. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert R. Sorber, 36713068, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On the night of 22-23 March 1945, in \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Sorber and three comrades took cover in the cellar of a building from heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. One shell penetrated the building and exploded in the cellar, wounding three men and burying one of them under the debris. Technician Sorber, with his bare hands, dug his buried comrade from the rubble, administered first aid to the wounded, and then dashed 200 yards through the intense shell fire to the aid station to secure assistance. He returned to his comrades and assisted in the evacuation of one seriously wounded man to the aid station. Technician Sorber's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Orlando, Florida.

Private First Class Alonzo D. Kimball, 34516211, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, during an attack on a fortified hill, Private Kimball stood erect and advanced toward an enemy pillbox, firing his automatic rifle as he walked. Although two enemy grenades exploded near him, Private Kimball continued his assault on the emplacement, forcing an enemy machine gunner to leave the safety of the pillbox and surrender. Private Kimball's initiative and aggressiveness reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: York, South Carolina.

Sergeant Walter D. Rice, 14126463, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, during an attack on a fortified hill, Company "I" was subjected to mortar and artillery barrages and was harassed by fire from an enemy sniper. Private Rice, acting squad leader, cautiously advanced to within sight of the sniper and attempted to fire his automatic rifle, but it failed to function. Discovers and fired on, Private Rice threw a grenade, wounding the sniper who then surrendered. Private Rice's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida.

CAPTAIN EARL E. KING, 01172915, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 302d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Oswatimie, Kansas.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS GRIFFIN, 01175064, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

CAPTAIN DONALD C. SELBY, 0440436, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Binghamton, New York.

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CAPTAIN CHARLES L. BOWDEN, 1171464, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 2nd Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Ripley, Tennessee.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EARL L. BATES, 0290450, Infantry, Headquarters, 761st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 to 23 March 1945, in Germany. Residence: Poom Town, New Jersey.

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

Private First Class Daniel W. Specs, 36288633, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, Private Specs had driven over 500 yards of fire swept road to \* \* \*, Germany, evacuating casualties, when he observed a wounded man lying in a ditch 50 yards from the outskirts of town. Although enemy machine gun fire had halted previous attempts to reach the man, Private Specs crawled 50 yards to the casualty. Private Specs, discovering the casualty suffering from a severe chest wound, dragged him to his vehicle and drove the man through the hostile fire to the battalion aid station. His actions, which saved the life of a wounded comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lake Umbagog, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Elmer E. Finnow, 36553335, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, during the attack on \* \* \*, Germany, the wounded were placed in houses on the outskirts of town, awaiting evacuation. Two medical vehicles were destroyed and the occupants wounded. In an attempt to drive over the fire swept road. Realizing the casualties were in need of immediate evacuation, Private Finnow drove his vehicle at top speed through a hail of small arms fire, crossed two bridges covered by machine gun cross fire, and successfully entered the town. Private Finnow's actions, which enabled several wounded men to be evacuated, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Freeland, Michigan.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY C. TRIPCONY, 0387324, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class Euseb Icar, 37364446, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Ft. Collins, Colorado.

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First Sergeant Homer E. Debyig, 35623530, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry,  
Company "G", 4th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Day-  
ton, Ohio.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL McULIFFE:

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

Private First Class Carmine Varano, 12160997, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, infantry, attacking across an open field, met intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire and was forced to withdraw 600 yards to cover. Observing several men fall wounded as the troops withdrew, Private Varano returned to the field, administered aid to the men and directed the walking wounded to cover. Although painfully wounded in the arm by a shell fragment, Private Varano carried a seriously wounded man to safety. Despite the continued hostile fire, he entered the field again and carried the last seriously wounded man to cover. Private Varano's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Union City, New Jersey.

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:

Staff Sergeant Jack Darrell, 37068411, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, when the first Battalion, 411th Infantry was held up by heavy enemy mortar fire, Sergeant Darrell crawled forward to locate the hostile weapon. Carrying a captured radio for communications, he located the enemy mortar, but before he was able to register fire, he was discovered and mortally wounded by a mortar barrage. Despite his mortal wounds, Sergeant Darrell remained at his post, directing fire until the hostile position was knocked out. Sergeant Darrell's actions, which enabled the battalion to continue its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bald Knob, Arkansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Dacie Darrell, (Wife), Route 1, Bald Knob, Arkansas.

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III -- 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 following named individuals:

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. FORD, 02047312, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, France, infantry companies suffered heavy casualties. Informed that houses on the outskirts of the village were being used as collecting points for the wounded, LIEUTENANT FORD secured an aid chest and crawled 400 yards through continuous enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to the buildings. After he dressed the wounds and administered plasma to the seriously wounded, LIEUTENANT FORD, despite the hostile fire, reconnoitered and discovered a concealed route to the aid station over which the litter teams successfully evacuated the casualties. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Trinity, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Earl G. Fike, 6230361, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 March 1945, when the First Battalion, 411th Infantry was halted by enemy machine gun fire near \* \* \*, France, and machine gun support was needed, Sergeant Fike immediately ran forward through the enemy fire to locate a position for the support. Finding an advantageous point from which to direct fire upon the enemy, he returned and led his squad forward. Although wounded, Sergeant Fike moved his squad into position and directed effective fire, neutralizing the hostile positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Steel City, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant John A. Johansen, Jr., 33560966, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, the Third Platoon of Company "I", outposting our main line of resistance, was forced to withdraw when attacked by a numerically superior enemy which was supported by self-propelled guns and heavy mortars. After the withdrawal had been completed, Sergeant Johansen discovered a wounded man lying near his previous position. Disregarding small arms and artillery fire, he made his way to the casualty and carried the man 500 yards to the safety of our lines. Sergeant Johansen's actions in saving the life of a comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

Sergeant William Malenczak, 36548976, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack by the First Battalion, 410th Infantry, near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Malenczak, although severely wounded which necessitated later evacuation, carried his radio approximately 800 yards, under enemy small arms, mortar, machine gun and artillery fire, continuing his mission and maintaining communication. He was then ordered to remain behind and await a litter squad for evacuation. While awaiting evacuation he was of material assistance in directing assault rifle companies in the proper direction of the attack. Sergeant Malenczak's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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IV -- 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 Marion J. Hornick, 37679241, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Private Hornick and an officer were forced to leave their one-quarter ton truck and take cover when subjected to small arms fire from twelve dug-in enemy. Refusing to abandon his vehicle, Private Hornick, disregarding the intense enemy fire, left his place of cover, ran to his truck, and although wounded twice, drove to cover. Private Hornick's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fuyallup, Washington. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Hornick (Mother) 232 4th Ave., N.W., Fuyallup, Washington.

Sergeant William D. Stafford, 32331999, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, when attacking infantry was stopped by fire from well concealed enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Stafford accompanied two officers and several men to reconnoiter for machine gun positions. As the party advanced through woods, fire from a pillbox only 30 yards distant killed three men and wounded the two officers. Despite the continuous enemy fire, Sergeant Stafford crawled 100 yards to a point beyond the range of enemy fire and then ran to his company. He quickly organized two machine gun platoons, led them forward and directed machine gun fire which neutralized the pillbox. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York. Next of kin: Mr. William Stafford, (Father), 153 East 29th Street, New York, New York.

V -- 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 to following named individuals:

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Private First Class Hjalmer H. England, 37541978, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, during the attack on \* \* \*, Germany, Private England, while evacuating a seriously wounded man with his medical vehicle over 500 yards of exposed road, met heavy enemy fire which shattered the windshield and damaged the engine. Disregarding the continuous hostile fire, Private England dismounted, lifted the wounded man in his arms, and carried him 150 yards to safety. Private England then ran back to his vehicle and pushed it 150 yards to cover. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Butler, North Dakota.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Technician Fifth Grade Jacob M. Solomon, 36545834, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action.

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

On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Technician Solomon, radio operator with a forward observer, although wounded, exposed himself to enemy small arms, machine gun, artillery and mortar fire to maintain communications between the attacking company and his battery. Disregarding enemy machine gun fire which tore through his outer clothing, Technician Solomon remained several hours in an exposed position, transmitting fire directions and maintaining communications. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SR VI -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 100, this headquarters, dated 6 April 1945, as pertains to FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, O1184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion as reads "AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER", is amended to read "AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER".

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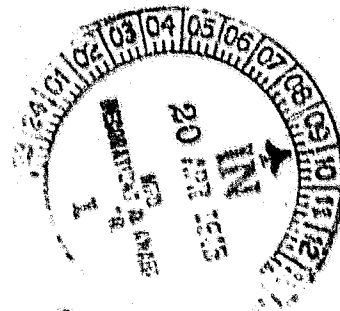
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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Edward L. Yonts, Jr., 34044746, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, as Company "F", 411th Infantry was digging in for protection against heavy artillery barrages, several casualties were suffered by sniper fire. Sergeant Yonts, squad leader, locating a dugout and a trench from which the sniper fire was coming, led a four man patrol forward. Deploying his men to cover him, Sergeant Yonts jumped into the trench and crawled toward the dugout. Disregarding the enemy fire, he cleared the trench, and throwing a hand grenade into the dugout, killed two of the enemy, wounded three, and routed the remainder. Sergeant Yonts' aggressive actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Memphis, Tennessee.

Private First Class Luther Martinez, 38349047, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, as Private Martinez's platoon was clearing the woods near \* \* \*, France, it was pinned down by intense machine gun and sniper fire from well dug enemy positions. Private Martinez, on his own initiative, crawled forward to locate the hostile positions and immediately drew fire. Disregarding machine gun fire striking the ground all around him and exploding grenades, Private Martinez continued on and threw grenades at the aperture of the machine gun emplacement. Unable to place a grenade directly inside, he jumped up, and firing his rifle from the hip, Private Martinez charged the position and killed the entire crew. His actions, which enabled the platoon to complete its mission, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Clovis, New Mexico.

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 following named individuals:

Private First Class George G. Williams, Jr., 18176969, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, as

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the Second Battalion, 410th Infantry, approaching \* \* \*, France, was halted by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Private Williams crawled to within 100 yards of a house from which the fire was coming. Disregarding the enemy fire, and although painfully wounded in the shoulder, Private Williams dashed across the open ground, forced his way inside and killed an enemy machine gunner. Manning the enemy gun, he neutralized another hostile emplacement, enabling the battalion to advance into the town. Private Williams' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Sergeant Warren P. Harris, 6299963, (then Private), Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, as the advance guard of a task force advanced on \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Harris' squad was without leadership when both the squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties. Sergeant Harris quickly assumed command and reorganized the squad. Sergeant Harris then continued the attack and led his men from house to house through the town, capturing approximately 40 of the enemy. Sergeant Harris' outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. KRUGER, 01326190, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, after thoroughly reconnoitering the high ground near \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT KRUGER led his platoon in the attack. Exhausting all small arms ammunition, he continued the attack with hand grenades until more ammunition could be supplied the platoon. Renewing the attack the enemy was routed from his well prepared positions and the platoon neutralized several pillboxes and seized commanding heights, gaining its objective. LIEUTENANT KRUGER's outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Everett, Washington.

Staff Sergeant William H. Chick, 19164005, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, one squad of Company "E" infiltrated 500 yards behind enemy lines and seized high ground commanding the route of approach of the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry. When a group of 30 enemy soldiers approached the squad's position, Sergeant Chick, BAH man, moved to intercept them. He waited until the hostile group approached to within 20 yards, then kneeling in full view of the enemy, opened fire, killing eight, wounding several and forcing the remainder to withdraw in complete rout. Sergeant Chick's aggressive and heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Ansel Bowen, 35238992, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945 during an attack on \* \* \*, France, Private Bowen's platoon was halted by enemy sniper fire. As his squad crawled forward Private Bowen discovered the sniper's position in the basement of a house at the edge of town. Crawling to within 100 yards of the house, Private Bowen, on his own initiative, charged



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When the fire swept terrain, forced his way into the basement, killing the sniper and capturing one of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Urbana, Ohio.

Private First Class Juan Medallin, 39694691, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 during the advance of Company "F", 410th Infantry through heavily defended woods near S S S, France, Private Medallin, disregarding sniper fire, moved from man to man administering aid. Although wounded in the leg, Private Medallin, after the area had been cleared, searched the battl field for the wounded and administered aid. At times, serving as a litter bearer, he worked indefatigably until all casualties had been evacuated, and only then would he submit to evacuation. Private Medallin's actions, which saved the lives of several men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fresno, California.

Private William J. Mahoney, 42185792, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 March 1945 during an attack on S S S, France, Private Mahoney, ammunition bearer, was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. He requested and received permission to remain with his machine gun section, which was short of men due to casualties. Although suffering from his wound and exposed to machine gun and small arms fire, he continued his job of carrying ammunition until the company reached its objective. Only then did he submit to evacuation. Private Mahoney's devotion to duty which kept his section supplied with ammunition, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: West Orange, New Jersey.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANTHONY P. SALARO, O151478, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 57th Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 March to 16 March 1945, in Western France. Residence: West Ludford, Massachusetts.

IV -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak-leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. BUFF, O1184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March to 21 March 1945, in Western France and Western Germany. Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT R. THOMAS STEPHEN, O1191199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 March to 16 March 1945, in Western France and Western Germany. Residence: Oak Brook, Illinois.

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AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. FOWELL, O1180666, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 27 February to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE V. McVICKER, O548543, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 February to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Eagle Grove, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERNARD F. HEANEY, O1181626, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 February to 23 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: New York, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KREBS, O1182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 4 March to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY BETTONEY, O1166667, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 27 February to 19 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Stoughton, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. REINSCH, O1180023, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 March to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Geneva, Nebraska.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

CAPTAIN FRED O. ANGEL, O171434, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 334th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 22 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Greenville, Mississippi.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LLOYD D. WICKINS, O1171606, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 February to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Boonford, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH G. FOYER, O2000758, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 February to 15 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM G. CLARK, JR., O554185, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 February to 16 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. OXFORD, JR., O554205, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 February to 16 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lakeland, Florida.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE F. WYSON, O531827, Field Artillery, Battery  
400, 2nd Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 February to 18 March 1945, in  
Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Shreveport, Louisiana.

CAPTAIN FRED O. ANGEL, O1171434, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th  
Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 March to 15 March 1945, in Eastern France.  
Residence: Greenville, Mississippi.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL NOULIFFE:

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

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A. J. CHILL,  
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,  
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13 April 1945

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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 to following named individuals:

Private First Class William F. Hook, 13026512, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Private Hook was outpostting his men on high ground on Company "K"'s flank, when the enemy threw grenades at Private Hook and two comrades and set off tree charges. Private Hook quickly withdrew his men down the slope to a booby trapped concertina obstacle. Private Hook crawled to the wire and detonated a booby trap, blasting a path through which his two comrades returned to the company. Despite enemy machine gun and sniper fire which now raked the area, Private Hook remained in his position, located the hostile machine gun emplacement, and returned to his company with the information. Private Hook's actions, which enabled a patrol to destroy the emplacement, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Virgil E. Ray, 6567283, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Ray's squad, in support of a platoon attacking a pillbox on the crest of a steep and wooded hill, was pinned down by enemy small arms fire and grenades. Sergeant Ray dashed toward the hostile emplacement through the intense fire and reached a position close to the pillbox. Firing his rifle as rapidly as possible, he succeeded in momentarily pinning down and silencing the entrenched enemy. Sergeant Ray's actions, which enabled his squad to capture their objective, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tacoma, Washington.

Technical Sergeant Dwain R. Hart, 36287699, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action and outstanding leadership. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, during an attack on a fortified hill, Sergeant Hart took command of his platoon when his platoon leader was evacuated. Heavy small arms fire and grenades being lobbed down the hill by the enemy

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momentarily halted the platoon. Giving his weapon to a man whose rifle was shattered, Sergeant Hart moved along the line urging the men to advance. Taking a position in front of his platoon, Sergeant Hart, disregarding the enemy fire, moved forward unmed. His men, inspired by his action, renewed the attack and succeeded in overwhelming the hostile opposition. Sergeant Hart's leadership and courage reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Walworth, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Marvin D. Balke, 37246079, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, the first platoon of Company "K" was subjected to an intense artillery barrage and suffered several casualties. Technician Balke, aid man, disregarding the enemy fire, dashed from cover and ran 75 yards, reached a wounded man and moved him to a slit trench. Technician Balke remained exposed, treating the casualty and after rendering all possible aid, returned to his company area. In the action that followed he continued to evacuate the wounded despite machine gun fire from a by passed enemy position. Technician Balke's unselfish efforts and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cole Camp, Missouri.

Sergeant Quintus W. Lehmann, 38677666, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, Company "G", attacking enemy fortifications near \* \* \*, Germany, was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. When his acting platoon leader was wounded by enemy fire, Sergeant Lehmann took command and reorganized the balance of the platoon. Leading the platoon, Sergeant Lehmann made contact with the company and materially assisted in neutralizing several pillboxes and capturing a number of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ledbetter, Texas.

Private First Class Donald H. Davis, 15394327, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, when a comrade was wounded by small arms fire, Private Davis, medical aid man attached to Company "B", crawled 75 yards through a mine field covered by enemy sniper and mortar fire and administered aid. After dark that night, Private Davis again made his way through the mine field, guiding a group of men so that the wounded man might be evacuated. His actions, a source of inspiration to the men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Morgantown, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Alvin D. Taylor, 36549075, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 17 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, when informed that a man wounded by enemy sniper fire lay in an open field, Technician Taylor, medical aid man attached to Company "F", made his way across the field under artillery and sniper fire to his comrade and administered aid. Technician Taylor then placed the seriously injured man in a covered position from which the casualty could be

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evacuated. Technician Taylor's actions, which saved the life of a wounded comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Neil E. Ffost, 16047262, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Ffost led a combat patrol to determine enemy dispositions prior to an assault by Company "K" on a fortified hill. Braving machine gun and small arms fire and, at times, concussion grenades, Sergeant Ffost exposed himself and intentionally drew the enemy fire. Observing the positions from which the enemy fire was coming, he returned with this valuable information, which enabled his company to successfully assault the hill. Sergeant Ffost's actions, a source of inspiration to those about him, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Coldwater, Michigan.

Sergeant Frank R. Mosolowski, 32926475, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, Sergeant Mosolowski continuously exposed himself to enemy sniper and mortar fire while leading his squad in a successful attack on a pillbox and a series of trenches near \* \* \*, Germany. After the objective was taken, he deployed his men for security purposes and dug in. The following day, upon examination by an aid man, he was discovered to be suffering from two shrapnel wounds in the chest and leg. Sergeant Mosolowski's display of leadership and courage reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Irvington, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Max R. Irwin, 36412466, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, during an enemy counterattack, supported by heavy mortar and small arms fire, a false gas alarm was given. Sergeant Irwin, disregarding the enemy fire, jumped from the safety of a trench, ran along the edge, calming his entire platoon, and maintaining control, enabling the unit to reorganize and repulse the counterattack. Sergeant Irwin's sound judgment and outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Miles, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Huston S. Cox, 24464873, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, a man was wounded by hostile sniper fire as Company "I" occupied the lower slope of an enemy-held hill. Technician Cox, although attached to another platoon, dashed to the wounded man and, disregarding sniper fire directed at him, administered aid. Technician Cox then carried the casualty down the slope where the wounded man was immediately evacuated to the aid station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lumberton, North Carolina.

Private First Class Daniel R. Street, Jr., 38402459, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 to 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Company "H" was often cut off

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from the battalion by the enemy which had been by passed during a flanking movement. Although communication lines were difficult to maintain due to enemy activity and artillery fire, Private Street successfully maintained communication lines to the battalion. On one occasion, despite hostile machine gun fire directed on him as he was laying a telephone line, Private Street continued on and established contact. On another occasion at night, when the line was severed by enemy fire, Private Street, disregarding artillery fire and snipers in the wooded area, followed the wire and repaired the break. Private Street's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Elmer E. Cowan, 34516268, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, as the first platoon, Company "A" was preparing to attack a fortified hill, the men were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant Cowan, squad leader, immediately jumped up and began to move up the hill toward the enemy positions despite grenades and intensified hostile fire. Inspired by his action, Sergeant Cowan's squad, followed by other squads of the platoon, moved up the extreme slope and overran the enemy positions. Sergeant Cowan's outstanding leadership and courage reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Honor Path, South Carolina.

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:

Sergeant John O. Wheatley, 33722401, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 March 1945, after Company "F", 409th Infantry had entered the town of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Wheatley's squad was given the mission of clearing several houses of enemy riflemen. Sergeant Wheatley, disregarding intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, moved from house to house routing the enemy from his positions. Sergeant Wheatley, while personally clearing a house of the enemy, was fatally wounded by an artillery burst. Sergeant Wheatley's display of leadership and courage served as an inspiration to the entire company and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: East New Market, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen B. Wheatley, (Mother), East New Market, Maryland.

III -- 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 to following named individual:

Private First Class Orval E. Boyer, 33767109, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 March 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, Germany, two infantrymen were wounded by sniper fire and lay in the center of a road in the path of oncoming tanks. Private Boyer, aid man, disregarding accurate sniper fire, ran back to the wounded men,

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moved them from the road to cover and then administered aid. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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

Technician Fourth Grade Charles M. Berger, 39608147, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 103d Infantry Division, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Browning, Montana.

Private First Class Charles Becker, 32824461, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 323d Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

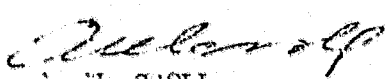
Technician Fifth Grade James E. Foster, 34497457, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 323d Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Erwin, Tennessee.

Private First Class Frank Lenkerd, 32763024, Medical Department, Company "B", 323d Medical Battalion, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: DuBois, Pennsylvania.

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

Private First Class Harold E. Spinner, 35247299, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Private Spinner's squad infiltrated 500 yards behind enemy lines to clear high ground which commanded the second battalion's route of approach. Observing two enemy machine gun emplacements, Private Spinner crawled close to one and hurled a grenade, wounding one of the enemy and forcing four others to surrender. Private Spinner then charged the second emplacement with his rifle and captured the machine gunner. Private Spinner's actions, which cleared the battalion's route of advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Huntingburg, Indiana.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. RYAN, 01300394, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, LIEUTENANT RYAN, leading his company in the attack on \* \* \*, France, over open ground, stepped on a concealed box mine and was seriously wounded. Falling to the ground, two other mines exploded, mortally wounding him. LIEUTENANT RYAN, with great effort, raised himself and halted his company which was following close behind. He then cautioned the men of the presence of concealed mines and pointed out a route of advance around the field. LIEUTENANT RYAN's actions, which enabled the company to continue its advance without further casualties, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bennington, Vermont. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary E. Nelson, (Sister), 233 School Street, Bennington, Vermont.

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III -- 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 following named individuals:

Private First Class Richard T. Carson, 36613354, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Private Carson, lead scout, and an assault team in attempting to neutralize an enemy bunker were pinned down by intense machine gun fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, he crawled back to his company, reported the situation to his commanding officer, and received permission to form another assault team to relieve the pinned down group. As he led the second assault team in a flanking movement, fire from another position halted the second group, cutting off its route of withdrawal. Crawling back to his company, Private Carson was ordered to withdraw the isolated group. He crawled to an exposed position, and although wounded, personally contacted each member and directed the withdrawal. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) HOWARD W. FINLAW, 0545367, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 during an attack on \* \* \*, France, CHAPLAIN FINLAW went forward under enemy mortar, artillery, machine gun and small arms fire to reach an emergency aid station. Disregarding the enemy fire and burning buildings nearby, CHAPLAIN FINLAW assisted in giving aid to the wounded. When all the casualties could not be handled by litter bearers, he made his way into the fire swept streets and carried the wounded into a building. CHAPLAIN FINLAW then assisted the litter bearers in evacuating the wounded to the rear. His devotion to duty and personal regard for the welfare of each man reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: North, South Carolina.

Corporal George H. Ritchey, 33574453, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Ritchey's squad, an element of a task force, was assigned the mission of locating and removing enemy mines. Although under direct enemy observation and subjected to artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Corporal Ritchey worked well in advance of the infantry, clearing mined areas. He successfully completed his mission; which made it possible for armor to support the infantry in an attack that breached the Siegfried Defenses in that area. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Everett, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH BELL, 01300267, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 to 21 March 1945, CAPTAIN BELL displayed outstanding leadership and initiative in leading his company in a successful penetration of the Siegfried Line, near \* \* \*, Germany. He accompanied the leading platoons in the attack, inciting his men to greater efforts and keeping complete control. Although exposed to enemy artillery, rocket, grenade and small arms fire, CAPTAIN BELL continued the attack to reach his objective, which led to the breakthrough. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pittsburg, Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant David S. Wright, 20828294, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Wright's squad was providing flank security 150 yards from the main body of troops, when enemy small arms and mortar fire seriously wounded a man and forced the squad to withdraw. Sergeant Wright picked up and carried the man on his back through intense small arms and automatic weapon fire to a place of safety where evacuation was possible. Sergeant Wright's actions, which saved a comrade from almost certain capture reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Atoka, Oklahoma.

Corporal Nathan F. Bynum, 36130604, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 20 to 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Bynum, member of a forward observer party, continually exposed himself to small arms, mortar and artillery fire to search for vantage points of observation and targets for our artillery. At times as infantry assaulted fortified positions on high ground, he, disregarding the hostile fire, advanced well forward of the troops, locating hostile emplacements and assisting in the direction of effective and devastating artillery fire. Corporal Bynum's devotion to duty, which materially assisted in the successful advance of the infantry, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Corporal Eugene J. Michalowski, 36715573, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Michalowski was assigned the mission of establishing telephone communications from an artillery liaison officer to two forward observers attached to leading rifle companies. Despite enemy artillery fire, Corporal Michalowski cautiously laid the wire through a mile of steep hills, fallen trees, and dense enemy infested woods. Although his mission was difficult and took most of the night, Corporal Michalowski successfully established contact. His devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL J. WIGHT, 0547496, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT WIGHT, forward observer, with his party, enroute to a front line rifle company, was pinned down by enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Discovering that one of his men was wounded, LIEUTENANT WIGHT, braving the enemy fire, dashed 50 yards over open ground to reach the casualty, administered aid and then dug a trench for protection of the wounded man. After dark, LIEUTENANT WIGHT assisted in carrying the wounded man to an aid station, after which he reorganized his group and succeeded in reaching the infantry company. LIEUTENANT WIGHT's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Rogers City, Michigan.

Private Harold E. Polzin, 36550221, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, when additional wire was needed to maintain communications

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with the fire direction center, Private Polzin voluntarily undertook to return to the rear to secure the necessary wire. Despite machine gun, artillery and sniper fire which forced him to take cover several times, Private Polzin crossed 300 yards of an open draw, obtained the wire and recrossed the draw. Private Polzin's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Corbet W. Barnes, 34494737, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Barnes, accompanying his artillery liaison officer, set up his radio on a steep and heavily wooded hill close behind an infantry company as it prepared to attack fortified positions. As the company started the assault, enemy artillery, rocket barrages, and machine gun fire blasted the immediate area. Despite the intensity of the enemy's fire, Technician Barnes remained in his position and maintained contact as vitally needed artillery fire was directed on the hostile emplacements. Technician Barnes' actions, which materially assisted in the successful capture of an enemy strongpoint, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Stewart, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. PETERS, 01826393, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 to 23 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Crane, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant James O. Ericsson, 37447562, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 to 23 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Kensett, 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 to following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant Joseph V. Eisenmenger, 37446452, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, during an advance by Company "E", 411th Infantry, after rifle platoons had crossed a deep stream by means of hastily placed logs, intense small arms, machine gun and rifle grenade fire prevented the weapons platoon from crossing. Sergeant Eisenmenger observed an exposed machine gunner, hindered by equipment and weapons, attempting to reach the opposite bank. He dashed to his comrade and, although wounded by hostile fire, assisted the man across. Refusing to be evacuated, Sergeant Eisenmenger rejoined his platoon. Later when the company was ordered to withdraw, he remained on the hostile side of the river, covering the withdrawal until the last man had crossed safely to cover. Sergeant Eisenmenger's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charoket, Iowa.

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CAPTAIN JAMES W. DAVIS, O1300135, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, CAPTAIN DAVIS, with two other men, were closely following an attacking company when intense machine gun and small arms fire from a by-passed pillbox forced them to take cover. CAPTAIN DAVIS, observing the pillbox only 75 yards away, ran 150 yards over open terrain to a tank which was supporting the infantry. Despite small arms fire which tore his field jacket and anti-tank fire, CAPTAIN DAVIS directed the maneuvering of the tank to a position from which effective fire was delivered upon the enemy emplacement. He then organized a small patrol and leading them in a flanking movement, captured eight occupants of the pillbox. CAPTAIN DAVIS' actions, which removed a serious obstacle to the infantry, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ruston, Louisiana.

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

Private First Class John W. Lillico, 17109713, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Red Wing, Minnesota.

VI -- 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 Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technical Sergeant James Woods, 36732907, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Christopher, Illinois.

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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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Staff Sergeant Glenn L. Wick, 39152338, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Fontana, California.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH M. GREINER, 0488796, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class Lawrence F. Hensley, 34739416, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Duff, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Ben Kleinjans, 36411787, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Huasonville, Michigan.

Private First Class Frank J. Neault, 36545823, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private Richard L. Sadiok, 32968195, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK D. DURAND, 01030654, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troops, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Junction City, Kansas.

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 Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

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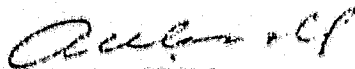
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Sergeant Robert A. Heideman, 36711484, Corps of Engineers, Company "G",  
328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Chicago,  
Illinois.

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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 to following named individuals:

Private First Class Charles E. Rush, 36714743, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Private Rush cleared a large tank trap, located in the Siegfried Defense permitting the tanks following to attack as scheduled. This mission was accomplished in the hours of darkness and while subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapon fire from close range. Private Rush's actions in the accomplishment of this hazardous mission reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Louis T. Guisti, 33461053, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, an enemy counterattack forced Company "B", 409th Infantry to withdraw from previously captured enemy encampments and trapped five men in one of the pillboxes. Approximately 40 of the enemy stormed the position with small arms and blasted the fortification with bazooka fire. Sergeant Guisti, weapons platoon sergeant, immediately organized a twelve man assault group and led them against the enemy. The hostile force, confused by the surprise attack, withdrew, enabling the trapped men to escape. Sergeant Guisti's outstanding leadership and initiative reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Maurice F. Jenkins, 16170231, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, as the First Battalion, 409th Infantry assaulted fortified positions near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Jenkins, disregarding small arms fire and danger of mines, crawled over an exposed field to within 200 yards of an enemy pillbox and set up his radio. Although heavy mortar fire forced the forward observer party to disperse, Corporal Jenkins remained with his radio and transmitted fire directions to our artillery. Under cover of the artillery fire, the battalion



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was able to capture five pillboxes and a system of trenches. Corporal Jenkins' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Champaign, Illinois.

Private Joe W. Jenkins, 34933618, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 March 1945, near , Germany, anti-tank fire held up the advance of a task force. Private Jenkins and three riflemen, disregarding heavy small arms fire, moved forward over 75 yards of open terrain to locate the hostile emplacement. Despite the intense fire which wounded his three comrades, Private Jenkins placed effective fire upon the enemy position, forcing the crew to abandon the gun. His actions, which enabled the task force to continue on its mission, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Anderson, South Carolina.

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 Stanley F. Berdinski, 36199775, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near , Germany, during an assault by two infantry companies on a fortified hill, one company was pinned down by intense enemy fire, exposing the flank of Company "K". Despite the intense enemy fire, Private Berdinski made his way to the pinned down company, informing the commanding officer of Company "K" of its precarious position. The infantrymen quickly redoubled their efforts in a successful seizure of the hill. Private Berdinski was mortally wounded still continuing his mission. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muskegon, Michigan. Next of kin: Miss Jessie A. Berdinski, (Sister), 2051 South Hudson Street, Muskegon, Michigan.

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

Technician Fifth Grade Levi V. Steinert, 37345611, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Russell, Kansas.

Private First Class Raymond T. Galas, 36410801, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 November 1944. Residence: Corpus Christi, Texas.

Private First Class James E. Chrisman, 17159006, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion (then Company "F"), 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Clinton, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant Dean V. Waldo, 36293499, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Westfield, Wisconsin.

IV -- 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 Purple Heart is awarded to following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT FERMAN C. CARPENTER, 01317487, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment, (then Company "E"), Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Canton, Texas.

Private First Class Samuel Hanksler, 12157994, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. 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 to following named individuals:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK S. FRITCHARD, O139855, Infantry, Headquarters 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 10 December 1944 to 15 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CAROLUS A. BROWN, O21364, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations

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against the enemy during the period 20 October 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Atlanta, Georgia.

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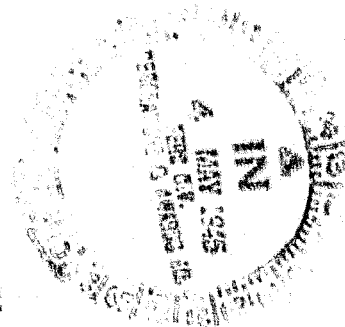
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

Private First Class Francis R. Nicholas, 39342017, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Private Nicholas, P.M., after neutralizing two enemy emplacements moved forward to within 25 yards of a pillbox, and firing his automatic rifle wounded one enemy soldier and captured a machine gunner. He then fired through the door of the pillbox, forcing four more of the enemy to surrender. On 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, the point of a task force was halted by a road block covered by two anti-tank guns and small arms fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private Nicholas crossed 75 yards of open terrain and delivered effective fire into the enemy positions. Although hit by enemy fire, he continued his one man assault until he fell mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Springfield, Oregon. Next of kin: Mr. Ralph F. Nicholas, (father), Route 2, Springfield, Oregon.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. CLIFORD, 09642006, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 929th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March to 30 March 1945, in Eastern France and Eastern Germany. Residence: Lakeland, Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH S. ROYCE, 62000754, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 929th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March to 30 March 1945, in Eastern France and Eastern Germany. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

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