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HEADQUARTERS 103d INFANTRY DIVISION
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APO 470, U. S. Army
10 December 1944

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

Sergeant Robert D. Reeves, 36074870, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 13 November 1944. Residence: Eldon, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy A. Pittman, 20816952, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Houston, Texas.

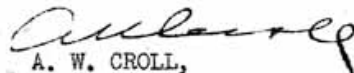
Private Peter F. Quattrochi, 36712653, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Alvin A. Buchanan, 34496217, Medical Department, Company "A", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 5 December 1944. Residence: Middleton, Tennessee.

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

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

Private First Class Norwood W. Wilson, Jr., 13186914, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. In the dawn of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Wilson, on duty with Company "I", was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. Keenly recognizing a withdrawal was inevitable, Private Wilson, with utter disregard for his life, quickly organized a group of men to protect the withdrawal of the troops to a protective position. Courageously he stood his ground amid a hail of enemy fire and not until he was assured that the last man had reached safety would he submit to withdrawal. As a result of Private Wilson's magnificent courage and outstanding bravery the withdrawal was successfully completed and many lives were saved. Residence: Hopewell, Virginia.

Private Henry G. England, 34824420, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private England was advancing with the assault elements of Company "E", when an enemy automatic weapon opened fire, wounding a comrade. Seeing this man in need of aid, Private England, on his own initiative, started toward the wounded man, knowing that he would have to enter a field of enemy small arms fire. As Private England advanced, the automatic weapon resumed firing and painfully wounded him in the groin. Despite the intense pain he continued his advance to his wounded comrade, and successfully administered first aid. Disregarding his own personal welfare, Private England assisted his wounded comrade to the safety of a stream bed. Only after his wounded comrade was given medical aid would he submit to evacuation himself. Residence: Canton, Georgia.

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:

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CAPTAIN JOHN S. SMITH, 01316461, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of * * * , France, CAPTAIN SMITH, S-3 officer of a Division Task Force, saw that two enemy machine guns were so emplaced as to effectively hold up the advance of a company. CAPTAIN SMITH, quickly sensing the situation, with utter disregard of his life under heavy direct enemy small arms, mortar and machine gun fire, directed tank fire into the strongly entrenched enemy positions. With magnificent courage and outstanding valor, he continued to expose himself to enemy fire and was subsequently killed in this action. As a result of his outstanding performance the two enemy machine guns were silenced, and the company was able to continue its advance. His action undoubtedly prevented numerous casualties and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wilmington, Delaware. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary L. Smith (wife) 401 West 24th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Staff Sergeant Carl Minnear, 34495763, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944 in the vicinity of * * * , France, Sergeant Minnear was pinned down by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Seeing a company aid man severely wounded, with utter disregard for his life, he leaped from his fox-hole and dashed forward amid a hail of enemy fire. He successfully reached his wounded comrade and attempted to evacuate him but in the process was the victim of a direct hit by an enemy artillery shell and was instantly killed. Throughout the entire action Sergeant Minnear's magnificent courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Gainesboro, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mr. Wade Minnear (uncle), Route No. 4, Gainesboro, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Carl Marsch, 15103106, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, the advance of Sergeant Marsch's company was being greatly hampered by enemy sniper fire. With utter disregard of his life, he exposed himself to locate the source of fire. Observing that the snipers were located on the crest of the high ground overlooking the company's objective, Sergeant Marsch, with outstanding valor and magnificent courage, disregarded enemy small arms and artillery fire; outflanked and succeeded in killing the snipers. By his action the high ground was cleared of small arms fire, and the company continued its advance. Sergeant Marsch was subsequently killed by shrapnel fire during this same engagement. Sergeant Marsch's outstanding gallantry was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Painesville, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Maxine Marsch (wife), 501 South Saint Clair Street, Painesville, Ohio.

Corporal Willard J. Werstovshek, 36102802, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight

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hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Corporal Werstovshek was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Crawling to an advantageous observation point in the face of intense fire, he detected an enemy stronghold in a nearby farm house, covered by enemy machine guns. Realizing the precarious position of his platoon, he, without regard to his life, seized a hand grenade and single-handedly attempted to assault the strongpoint. In his dash across the field he was cut down by machine gun fire and instantly killed. Throughout the entire action Corporal Werstovshek's undaunted courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Forest Park, Illinois. Next of kin: Mr. Anthony Werstovshek (father), 1422 Elgin Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILFRED H. CONNER, 01307373, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, LIEUTENANT CONNER discovered that his company commander had been seriously wounded in action. On his own initiative, and with utter disregard of his life, he made his way through heavy enemy artillery, small arms and mortar fire to his weapons platoon and brought his light machine gun section forward. He then personally placed it in a position where maximum use could be made of its fire power. He returned and calmly reorganized the entire company. With outstanding valor and leadership, he personally led the First Platoon on a flanking attack of the enemy. He constantly exposed himself to enemy fire, and during an extremely heavy enemy barrage, he was instantly killed. As a result of LIEUTENANT CONNER'S courageous and resourceful action, the mission of the company was accomplished and heavy losses were avoided. His magnificent courage and outstanding valor were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Harvey, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret S. Conner (wife), 15725 Turlington Avenue, Harvey, Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT NATHAN BECKER, 01594024, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the morning of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, a seriously wounded casualty from one of the companies was in great need of medical attention, was reported to LIEUTENANT BECKER. With four litter bearers and a guide he quickly went forward to administer aid and evacuate the wounded man. Upon nearing the vicinity of the casualty, he was warned that the area in which the wounded man lay was under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. Fully cognizant of the impending danger, LIEUTENANT BECKER directed the accompanying litter squad and guide to disperse to safety. With utter disregard for his life he attempted to dash across an open field but was struck down by enemy sniper fire and fell mortally wounded. Throughout the entire action LIEUTENANT BECKER'S magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Roxbury, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Becker (mother), 78 Moreland Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

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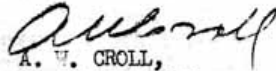
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

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

Technician Fifth Grade Roy L. Fisher, 34496256, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Fisher and his platoon leader were conducting forward reconnaissance when the platoon leader was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fisher crawled across a road covered by heavy enemy machine gun fire and secured a squad of men in an attempt to eliminate the enemy machine gun nest. Because of Technician Fisher's heroic action the enemy machine gun nest was destroyed, and the platoon leader was evacuated to safety. Further reconnaissance was then possible without endangering our troops. Residence: Humboldt, Tennessee.

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

CAPTAIN OSBORN COOPER, 01299998, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, at * * *, France, CAPTAIN COOPER was acting as Regimental Communications Officer and directing the advance of communications by wire with one of the battalions which was temporarily out of communication with regimental headquarters. He definitely located a hostile strongpoint in the town, and at great personal risk, exposed himself to heavy mortar, machine gun, and pistol fire to discover and communicate to the regimental commander the houses occupied by the enemy. This made it possible for cannon, anti-tank and rifle companies to stage an attack and neutralize the enemy concentration. While observing the enemy strongpoint, two of his men were wounded. After successfully completing his mission, he evacuated them to safety through a hail of enemy fire. Throughout the action he demonstrated magnificent courage and a complete disregard for his personal safety. Residence: Ronan, Montana.

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL TEAL THERRELL, O354062, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 November to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Bennettsville, South Carolina.

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A W A R D O F B R O N Z E S T A R M E D A L

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

Private Bruno H. Novak, 36045460, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL P. CROMBIE, 01296329, Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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