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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION II

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

Private First Class Marvin Garlock, 37475181, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Trenton, Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK S. BAILLY, 01307177, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

CAPTAIN JOHN D. STEVENSON, 01298456, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Quogue, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VINCENT J. VALENTINO, 0133077 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD W. CLIFFORD, 01296322, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Pine Plains, New York.

MAJOR LESTER R. MOFFATT, 0257235, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Malvern, Pennsylvania.

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CAPTAIN CHARLES E. PORTEOUS, 01299942, Infantry, Headquarters, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 8 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Birmingham, Michigan.

Private First Class George P. Addington, 36411294, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Reed City, Michigan.

Private First Class Thomas H. Cullen, 6718636, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Cullen, on his own initiative, went forward through unknown terrain into enemy territory in order to determine the location of the battalion Command Post, which had been cut off from communication with the company. Crawling over hazardous terrain in the face of enemy fire, Private Cullen, with utter disregard for his life, pushed on tirelessly until the battalion command post was located. As a result of his heroic actions, the stranded company was brought back to battalion control and saved it from possible annihilation. Residence: Syracuse, New York.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth D. Luplow, 36547192, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the day of 2 December 1944, in the village of * * *, France, Sergeant Luplow's platoon was engaging the enemy in house to house fighting. As one of his squad leaders advanced across an open gap between two houses, the squad leader was severely wounded in the leg by sniper fire. Disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Luplow rushed into the open where the wounded squad leader lay. In spite of constant sniper fire, he rushed to his side, aided him to the protection of a shed and there applied a tourniquet to the squad leader's leg. Acting calmly under fire, he then dressed the wound, administered wound tablets, and applied crude splints. Still under fire, Sergeant Luplow carried the wounded squad leader to a nearby house. His courageous action saved the squad leader from bleeding to death and greatly inspired the men under his command. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class Edward A. Tomcavage, 36550461, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Tomcavage went forward with an officer in an effort to locate enemy snipers. While advancing across open terrain covered by enemy snipers and the target of enemy mortars, he was told by the officer to seek cover. As the officer advanced enemy snipers opened fire, felling the officer. Without regard for his own safety Private Tomcavage advanced one hundred and fifty yards to the officer across this fire ridden area. Although under fire, he administered first aid and evacuated the officer to the aid station. The fire concentrated on him while administering first aid enabled our troops to locate the enemy permitting our mortar fire to destroy the enemy's position. Residence: Birmingham, Michigan.

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Private First Class Edward Heinzelmann, 12164874, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France. Residence: West New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade William E. Sackett, 36160186, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France. Residence: Jerome, Michigan.

Private First Class John P. Mason, Jr., 18213005, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 25 November 1944, in the village of * * * , France, Private Mason was placed on guard at his company command post. While on post the enemy staged a counter-attack and his post was assaulted. In the ensuing action he was seriously wounded by a grenade. Despite the pain he did not cry out, but continued on the alert until relieved an hour later. By his coolness under fire he materially aided in breaking up the counter-attack. Residence: Newellton, Louisiana.

Sergeant James G. Smith, 16050683, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period of 25 and 26 November 1944, in the village of * * * , France, Sergeant Smith manned an enemy machine gun when our troops ran low in ammunition and automatic weapons. With only a limited amount of ammunition, he successfully broke up an enemy counter-attack by holding his fire until the enemy forces were within fifty yards of his position. His action, in the face of superior forces, accounted for three enemy killed and materially aided in breaking up an aggressive enemy counter-attack. Residence: Union Grove, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Louis R. Foley, 31355643, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Private Foley, acting as a radio operator, on his own initiative, crawled forward under intense enemy fire in order to attain a more advantageous position for observation of the enemy. Seeing the company covered on three sides by enemy machine guns, Private Foley, with utter disregard for his life, calmly directed fire of our own guns on enemy installations. At one time in order to completely confuse the enemy, he brought fire to within 25 yards of his position. As a result of Private Foley's magnificent valor, enemy guns were silenced and the company was able to proceed successfully to its objective. Residence: Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

Corporal Willard Lyons, 36421250, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the afternoon of 29 November 1944, near * * * , France, Corporal Lyons, a member of the intelligence section, went forward to investigate a house believed to be an enemy command post. Without further orders he made a

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thorough investigation of the house. When the mission was accomplished, enemy fire opened up from nearby positions. On his own initiative he covered the withdrawal of the section. Because of the intensity of the enemy fire Corporal Lyons remained at his post for two and one-half hours. With his small arms fire he successfully repulsed attacks of the enemy who employed small arms fire, grenades, and mortars against him. Only when the entire section had withdrawn to safety would he leave the area. As a result of Corporal Lyons' heroic self-sacrifice the section was saved and one enemy was killed and several wounded. He further displayed magnificent courage the following day by guiding others to the contested area and helping to drive the enemy from the region. Residence: Big Rapids, Michigan.

Corporal Homer M. Coleman, 37457973, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Corporal Coleman, Code Clerk, was working at his assigned task when subjected to a concentrated enemy artillery barrage. With undaunted courage, he remained at his post until forced to the street, when shrapnel demolished sections of the building in which he was located. Quickly observing the necessity of additional help for the over-burdened aid men, with utter disregard for his life, he braved the shrapnel ridden streets to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. As a result of Corporal Coleman's outstanding display of valor many lives were saved. Residence: Casper, Wyoming.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CLIFTON E. MARSHALL, 0540587, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of * * * * , France, LIEUTENANT MARSHALL, with his company, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar fire. At the time of the barrage he was in the rear of the column, but when the intense fire started, he calmly walked the entire length of the column, and intelligently dispersed his men to positions of safety. Not until he was assured that all men were properly dug in did he seek cover himself. His coolness and alacrity of judgment was an inspiration to all. Residence: Reynolds, Georgia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROGER L. LOVING, 0548220, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, LIEUTENANT LOVING, an observer for cannon fire, was able to direct fire on enemy mortars which were placed only two hundred yards from our infantry. Because of this close proximity to our lines it was imperative that these mortars be destroyed. He established an observation post in a vantage point close to the enemy position. So close was the enemy that in shifting deflection of his guns he brought several rounds down upon himself, one round hitting the position. Because of his deep devotion to duty he continued to fire from this post until the enemy was completely destroyed. On the following night he repeated this heroic act under similar conditions and was wounded by enemy fire. Even when wounded he refused evacuation and continued his

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duties. As a result of his disregard for his personal safety countless lives were saved and much enemy material was destroyed. Residence: Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant James H. Fitze, 37327205 (then Corporal), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Fitze, on his own initiative went forward through unknown terrain, into enemy territory in order to determine the location of the battalion command post, which had been cut off from communication with the company. Crawling over hazardous terrain, in the face of enemy sniper fire, Sergeant Fitze, with utter disregard for his life pushed on tirelessly until the battalion command post was located. As a result of his heroic efforts, the stranded company was brought back to battalion control and saved from possible annihilation. Residence: Owatonna, Minnesota.

Sergeant Oscar E. Anderson, 37275861, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Anderson, on his own initiative, and with utter disregard for his life, dashed into an open field amid a hail of enemy bullets to aid a wounded comrade. When all possible aid had been administered he personally carried the casualty back to the aid station, harrassed all the way by sniper fire. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. WALKER, JR., 01059691, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph W. Sterner, 17146402, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

Private Morris D. Samolovich, 36953881, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, his company ran into heavy enemy artillery and mortar concentrations. Shortly after the order was given to dig in, the enemy again laid down artillery and mortar fire. One shell landed at the edge of a comrade's foxhole, covering him with dirt and rocks. Unable to move and badly bruised this man was in need of aid. Private Samolovich, without regard to his personal welfare, left the security of his foxhole and rushed to his comrade's aid. Shells were still bursting in the area, but he successfully extricated his comrade and dragged him to the safety of his foxhole. After covering him with his field jacket he again left his foxhole and boldly exposing himself to enemy artillery fire searched for an aid man. He successfully located aid and his comrade was evacuated to safety. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade Warren G. Herreid, 20749880, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Herreid, in command of a wire crew, was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Realizing that vital communication lines would be severed by the severity of the concentration, despite warnings of the impending danger that would ensue, Technician Herreid crawled forward along the line, repairing breaks as he progressed. Although twice forced to take cover by the intensity of the concentration, he pushed on with undaunted courage and utter disregard for his life. As a result of Technician Herreid's magnificent valor and untiring efforts, communication was maintained, materially assisting the success of the Regiment in the attack. Residence: Luverne, Minnesota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES A. NICKERSON, JR., 01180281, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT NICKERSON and his operator were accompanying the 411th Infantry. Seeking observation, they found a vantage point which soon came under hostile artillery fire. The dispatch case and clothing of LIEUTENANT NICKERSON were torn by shell fragments. Realizing it was imperative to locate the source of the enemy fire, with utter disregard for his life, he remained in position until he placed probable sites of artillery pieces. Not being able to contact his battalion by radio, he established contact with the battalion liaison plane and directed its attention to these areas. An enemy battery was quickly located and neutralized. His persistent efforts to locate the enemy fire, while under intense fire himself, was primarily responsible for the neutralization of five enemy batteries, thereby relieving heavy pressure on the infantry. Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private Bernard J. Eyles, 36548846, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Wyandotte, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Russel N. Gunderson, 17169803, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Burbank, South Dakota.

Sergeant Stanley Rutkowski, 36626137, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Rutkowski's squad was receiving very heavy enemy sniper, machine gun, and mortar fire. As this hail of enemy fire fell in his area one machine gun developed a stoppage which his number one and two gunners were unable to reduce. On

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his own initiative and without regard for his own safety he left the protection of his foxhole and moved across twenty yards of open terrain to the machine gun, which was under heavy enemy fire and enemy observation. Only after he had successfully repaired the gun did he return to his position where he could continue guiding the fire of his squad. His devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire inspired his men with confidence and materially assisted the accomplishment of the mission, which was that of covering a nearby company's withdrawal from an extremely hazardous position. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Ralph C. Buska, 37562633, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Buska, while advancing as a member of the point in an attacking company, became subjected to intense small arms and automatic weapons fire. Having sought protection from the barrage, he observed one member of the squad floundering in a stream, evidently the victim of sniper fire. Many attempts were made to rescue him, but all attempts were thwarted by heavy automatic weapons fire. Private Buska, with utter disregard for his life, dashed madly across an open field, with his squad leader, in full view of the enemy, reached the wounded man and evacuated him to safety. Residence: Racine, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Eugene P. McGovern, 36626125, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant McGovern, with his company was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. On his own initiative and with utter disregard for his life he made a one man reconnaissance of enemy territory in order to determine their strength. He removed his excess clothing, donned house slippers and crept stealthily through many enemy installations, not once being detected. By his fearless and daring courage he obtained information for subsequent operation that were of extreme tactical importance. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Francis W. Shedd, 34546603, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Shedd, was in charge of a machine gun designated to give protecting fire to advancing troops. Realizing his position was not satisfactory, with utter disregard for his life, Private Shedd crawled to a vantage point in direct observation of the enemy. As the point approached, enemy machine guns opened fire forcing them to withdraw. With undaunted courage, he single-handedly raked the enemy with fire and simultaneously gave directions for mortar barrage, disrupting their activity and forcing them to fall back in utter confusion. Residence: Orlando, Florida.

Private First Class Edward C. Adamczyk, 36549112, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class Joseph J. Fitzgerald, 31370020, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Cambridge, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALFRED T. LANDIS, 01171639, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Norman D. Hummon, 16098032, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Hummon, on his own initiative, went forward through unknown terrain into enemy territory in order to determine the location of the battalion command post, which had been cut off from communication with the Company. Crawling over hazardous terrain in the face of enemy sniper fire, Private Hummon, with utter disregard for his life pushed on tirelessly until the battalion command post was located. As a result of his heroic actions, the stranded company was brought back to battalion control and saved from possible annihilation. Residence: Prattville, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES A. STITELER, 01310167, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 29 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Theodore F. Collins, 33530656, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, near * * *, France, Corporal Collins was wounded while under heavy artillery and small arms fire. Shrapnel wounds were inflicted in his back and rifle fire pierced his leg. Despite these painful wounds he refused to be evacuated and stayed in the line. Showing no concern for himself he fought beside his comrades and aided in repulsing an enemy counter-attack. Only after twenty-four hours had passed did he finally submit to evacuation. Residence: South Boston, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Tom F. Hyland, 36379152, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Hyland, while transporting his squad by truck, was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire. Sensing the extreme danger confronting him, by quick thinking had the men dismount and led them to safety. He boldly exposed himself to enemy fire and with utter disregard for his life, stood in full view of the enemy while he directed the dispersal of his men. During the

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process of this magnificent display of valor, Sergeant Hyland was wounded by shrapnel as the last of his men reached safety. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Clayton V. Rogge, 36288289, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the day of 2 December 1944 in the vicinity of * * * , France, Sergeant Rogge, was a member of a platoon that went forward to secure a road block at an important junction, and as they were advancing on this position, the platoon encountered stiff and overwhelming enemy resistance consisting of four machine guns, an enemy tank, and a strong force of riflemen. The platoon was ordered to withdraw and seek another position. In withdrawing a comrade was hit in both legs by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Rogge, with another member of the platoon, carried the injured man two hundred yards, over open terrain, and under enemy machine gun and small arms fire to safety. This heroic action saved the wounded man from certain capture and by obtaining prompt medical aid saved the soldier's life. Residence: Marinette, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Melvin H. Schuster, 37327410, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Private Schuster, was pinned down by enemy artillery fire. Observing a wounded companion nearby, with utter disregard for his life, he leaped from his foxhole and rushed to the aid of the wounded man. Half carrying, half dragging him over difficult terrain he delivered him to safe, covered protection. Residence: Union, North Dakota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT KENNETH E. DOUGLAS, 01322211, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, LIEUTENANT DOUGLAS, observed the advancing front line troops being held up by a point of enemy resistance. Acting quickly and intelligently, he drove his jeep, mounted with a 50 caliber machine gun, to a vantage point on a hill in order that he could observe the enemy activity and fire directly into their positions. With utter disregard for his life, he boldly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire, remaining at his assumed post until the enemy withdrew. As a result of LIEUTENANT DOUGLAS' magnificent courage, the battalion was able to advance rapidly and successfully toward its objective. Residence: Janesville, Wisconsin.

CAPTAIN MILTON P. SANKO, 01296094, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France. Residence: Lilly, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Louis J. Bystrzycki, 36667403, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Technician Fourth Grade Edward J. Halibart, 36716159 (then Technician Fifth Grade), Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 November 1944 to 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Edward H. Rueter, 37400512, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Sergeant Rueter, while advancing with his squad was subjected to intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. In order to disperse his men safely he was forced to wade them through a waist deep stream. In the operation one squad member was shot and last seen floundering in the water. Many attempts were made to rescue him, but all attempts were thwarted by heavy automatic weapons fire. Sergeant Rueter, with utter disregard for his life, dashed madly with one other squad member, across an open field in full view of the enemy, reached the wounded man and evacuated him to safety. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private Edwin R. Jones, 34464582, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * France, Private Jones, on reconnaissance with the Division Artillery was forced to take cover because of enemy small arms fire. In doing so he learned that a platoon leader had been wounded. An officer in S-2 went to the aid of the man but was unable to pull the body free of a grape vine, so Private Jones fully cognizant of the danger, with utter disregard for his life, dashed to the aid of the officer and assisted in pulling the wounded man to safety. Residence: Washington, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank K. Quinn, Jr., 37447204, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Technician Quinn, on reconnaissance with the Division Artillery was forced to take cover because of enemy small arms fire. In doing so he learned that a platoon leader had been wounded. An officer in S-2 went to the aid of the man but was unable to pull the body free of a grape vine, so Technician Quinn fully cognizant of the danger, with utter disregard for his life, dashed to the aid of the officer and assisted in pulling the wounded man to safety. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant John R. Tekulve, 34581736, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Sergeant Tekulve and his platoon were pinned down by enemy sniper fire of unknow strength thus hampering the main effort of his group. Fully cognizant of the acuteness of the tactical situation, he crept stealthily forward to a more advantageous position of observation. Seeing an enemy sniper heavily armed with a machine gun, pistol and hand grenade, Sergeant Tekulve, with

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utter disregard for his safety and seemingly inescapable death or serious injury, dashed forward single-handedly forcing the sniper from his vantage point and captured him without aid and without protective fire. Residence: Cullman, Alabama.

Technician Fifth Grade LeRoy L. McCaulley, 36413187, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician McCaulley, a medical aid man, came forward under heavy concentrated machine gun and small arms fire to give necessary first aid to a wounded man of another organization where aid men were unable to reach him. Despite the enemy's complete disregard for the neutrality of aid men, this man showing magnificent valor, with utter disregard for his life, administered first aid and evacuated the seriously wounded man. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ADRIAN Z. LEON, O:49361, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: New York, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY J. KLATT, O1299902, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Olin, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant William J. Donohoe, 11047014, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Lowell, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Harold O. Mansfield, 37199738, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Private Harold G. Bender, 33512554, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Stephen J. Malkiewicz, 36545827, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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CAPTAIN EARLE THOMAS, JR., O467249, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Columbia, Missouri.

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:

Technician Fifth Grade Culmer W. Peterson, 36412409, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Ionia, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Hazel E. Peterson (mother), Route No. 2, Box 120, Ionia, Michigan.

By command of Major General HAFNER:

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

Private Matthew J. Forrest, 31166799, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Francis F. Fisher, 36414530, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

Private Timothy J. Cahill, 32953595, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Trenton, New Jersey.

Private William R. Nelson, Jr., 37730515, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Peru, Kansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE G. HOLZ, JR., 0550409, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Mount Vernon, Westchester, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK S. BAILLY, 01307177, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Merle A. Rose, 36550593, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Ubie C. Daw, 34917529, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Atmore, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Austin M. DeLaughter, 6284318, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Texarkana, Texas.

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Staff Sergeant Francis B. McKenney, 32267503, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 21 November 1944. Residence: Wilmington, Delaware.

Private Ralph O. Ramstad, 37545570, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sergeant Julius J. Vossler, 37541897, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Wishek, North Dakota.

Private First Class Robert S. Rich, 39562300, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 November 1944. Residence: Big Bear Lake, California.

Sergeant Merton J. Knudson, 37542005, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 November 1944. Residence: Luluth, Minnesota.

Private Albert E. Leonardi, 37707948, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 November 1944. Residence: Ouray, Colorado.

Private First Class Matthew E. Tolan, 32897676, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 November 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Russell H. Jones, 34283215, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Deer Lodge, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert J. Covert, 36572410, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Ralph C. Barwarth, 36548407, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Warren, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Marvin L. Crawford, 37532614, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Ottawa, Kansas.

Sergeant Joe G. Sylvester, 36713242, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Corporal Howard R. Pick, 16121088, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Chenoa, Illinois.

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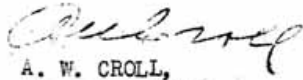
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Private First Class Samuel Berkowitz, 12226752, Infantry, Company "B",
409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Brooklyn,
New York.

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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:

Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Haroch, 6907833 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Haroch's platoon was being held up by a strongly defended enemy machine gun nest. Ignoring bursts of fire all around him, Sergeant Haroch crawled forward and attempted to throw grenades into the opening of the machine gun dugout. Momentarily driven back by enemy grenades, without hesitation, he again attacked the enemy position and fired a BAR into the embrasure. His courageous action forced five of the enemy to surrender and the rest was eliminated, thus allowing his platoon to continue its advance. Residence: Bayonne, New Jersey.

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS W. JONES, 0537860, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the attack on the town of * * *, France, on the night of 30 November 1944, LIEUTENANT JONES was attached to Company "I" as forward observer. The Company was brought to a halt by heavy enemy fire from both flanks and from the center. The enemy poured a tremendous volume of machine gun, small arms and mortar fire into the beleaguered company. With the Company facing almost certain annihilation, LIEUTENANT JONES, on his own initiative and with great gallantry, crawled forward through the enemy fire to a point overlooking the enemy positions, in order to effectively direct fire on them. Upon reaching this position, LIEUTENANT JONES, with utter disregard of his life, ordered Company "I" to throw a protective curtain of fire between him and the enemy. After locating the enemy positions in the darkness, he continued to direct fire upon them throughout the night. Due to his outstanding valor, and magnificent courage the danger of the Company being annihilated was eliminated and heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy. His gallant action and self-sacrifice was an inspiration to the entire regiment. Residence: Washington, D. C.

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 AWARD OF SILVER STAR (Cont'd)

First Sergeant John A. Lovold, 6861608, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Lovold was in charge of the unloading of an ammunition vehicle when enemy artillery began to drop in the area. An artillery burst hit the vehicle, setting it on fire, and .30 calibre ammunition began to explode. Without hesitation, Sergeant Lovold left a position of comparative security, seized a fire extinguisher, and approaching within ten feet of the vehicle, began to extinguish the blaze which threatened to explode 81mm mortar shells. His gallant action, in the face of almost certain death or injury, undoubtedly prevented many casualties among the men in the area. Residence: Redfield, South Dakota.

CAPTAIN CURTIS C. NEELY, 01296408, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During an attack near * * *, France, on 29 November 1944, CAPTAIN NEELY'S company came under intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. During this onslaught a fellow officer was severely wounded by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own safety he dashed forward through a hail of enemy bullets to rescue the wounded officer. Because of excellent enemy observation on him, an enemy barrage pinned him down. Undaunted, he skillfully called for the artillery to fire smoke shells to screen his movements from enemy observation. The smoke screen did not prove to be effective and in the meantime the wounded officer was hit again. With magnificent courage CAPTAIN NEELY gallantly crawled forward and was successful in evacuating the wounded officer to safety. Later in the day CAPTAIN NEELY again displayed his exceptional courage by carrying a machine gun on his back and placing it in a position in which an enemy machine gun was knocked out of action. As a result of CAPTAIN NEELY'S gallant action a life was saved and the Company was able to take its objective on schedule. Residence: Monroe, Michigan.

Private First Class Huston B. Cox, 34464873, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Cox crawled twenty-five yards under heavy machine gun fire to administer aid to a wounded comrade. The fire was so low that he had to remain in a prone position to administer aid, but he completed the task and then assisted the wounded man to safety. Again he went back through the same intense fire to give aid to another man who was seriously wounded. A short time later, upon learning that a comrade had been wounded and was trapped in a building, he ran and crawled over the same area, drawing heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, and administered aid. Private Cox's gallant and completely unselfish actions were an inspiration to the entire unit. Residence: Lumberton, North Carolina.

First Sergeant William T. Hollis, 36550358 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the night of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Hollis, traveling with a convoy carrying rations and ammunition,

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was attacked by enemy patrols. On his own initiative, Sergeant Hollis took command of the convoy and with utter disregard for his life, killed three of the enemy, rallied the group and proceeded with the convoy. Repeatedly, he was held up by intricate road blocks, but heedless of enemy fire which was constantly threatening his life, he removed the road blocks so that the convoy could get through. At times the enemy was so close that he was subjected to enemy grenade fire, but he refused to be stopped. Ignoring the grenades and small arms fire he used an axe to destroy the enemy road blocks, leaving himself exposed and without defense against the enemy fire. His coolness under fire and courageous devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Residence: Lapeer, Michigan.

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

Technician Fourth Grade Harold F. Field, 37447385, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Field, medical aid man attached to Company "C", was accompanying the front line attacking companies when they were subjected to an intense concentration of enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Observing a wounded comrade in need of immediate medical attention, he crawled from cover with utter disregard for his life, to administer first aid. As he advanced about 25 yards, amid a hail of enemy fire, he suffered wounds from enemy machine guns. Despite his wounds, and with magnificent courage, he pushed forward toward the injured man. Just as he reached his comrade's side, a hail of machine gun fire raked the area where he was located, mortally wounding him. Throughout this entire action, Technician Field's superb valor and undiminished fearlessness were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hanlontown, Iowa. Next of kin: Mrs. Esther Field (mother), Hanlontown, Iowa.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ARNOLD E. SIMON, 0541603, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT SIMON, on his own initiative and with a magnificent display of courage, skillfully crawled forward into enemy territory in order to detect the location of enemy sniper fire. Throughout the day sniper fire had been harrassing his troops, slowing their advance. With utter disregard for his life, along with a member of his platoon, he advanced across an open field in full view of enemy observers and under intermittent mortar fire. Half way across the open terrain he cautioned his companion to seek cover, while he personally reconnoitered the route. His skill in the tactical approach was unsurpassed, and he located the source of enemy fire. On his return trip he was spotted by enemy observers and struck down by a hail of fire, falling mortally wounded. As a result of his magnificent courage, the Company was able to ascertain the enemy strongpoint. Throughout this

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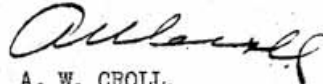
entire action, LIEUTENANT SIMON'S magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Madison, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mr. Emanuel Simon (father), 1111 Lincoln Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant L. G. Allen, 6924484, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, it was reported to Sergeant Allen that a house on the far side of a river probably held several wounded troops, which had to be left there by a trapped company. Without further orders he organized a squad for an advance on this enemy held position. He successfully located the house and finding three wounded soldiers, calmly prepared them for evacuation. Sergeant Allen then returned to his platoon and organized them for an assault on the enemy strongpoint. With utter disregard for his life he led his platoon forward, knowing that no communications were available to contact support in the rear. When pinned down by strong enemy fire, he placed his men in comparative safety. Then, showing great devotion to duty, he fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire in order that the source of fire could be ascertained. While carrying out this valiant task Sergeant Allen was killed by the intense enemy fire. Throughout this action his conduct was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Franklin, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Minnie Allen (mother), 335 Main Street, Franklin, Tennessee.

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. WHITE, 01303584, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Phoenix, Arizona.

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

So much of General Orders Number 47, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division, dated 9 December 1944, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Private William C. Peters, 17162170, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, is revoked and the following substituted therefor:

Private William C. Peters, 17162170, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For heroism in action. On 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * France, Private Peters, as a member of a reconnaissance platoon which was leading a mechanized task force, on his own initiative came forward to aid in the removal of a wounded comrade. With utter disregard of his personal safety he moved across open terrain, under heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire and was seriously wounded prior to reaching his wounded comrade. His actions were an inspiration to his unit. Private Peters subsequently died of wounds received in this engagement. Throughout this action his magnificent courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. Clements Peters (father), 1039 Allen Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class Gerald W. Harp, 18194854, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, a jeep was hit by an enemy mine, seriously wounding the occupants. Soldiers near the jeep were unable to tell at once whether enemy artillery fire or a mine had injured the occupants and were therefore reluctant to go to the aid of those

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wounded. Private Harp, disregarding his personal safety, thinking only of the seriously wounded, without hesitancy, rushed to their aid. As he neared the jeep another mine exploded, instantly killing him. His valorous action and courageous spirit typify the highest ideals of the armed forces and proved an inspiration to all those in his Company. Residence: Shawnee, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Peggy Lee Harp (wife), Route No. 2, Shawnee, Oklahoma

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