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

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

Sergeant Edwin Hodman, 35287085, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class Sam E. Gillis, 34394035, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the city of * * *, France, Private Gillis' company vehicles had just arrived and were unloading equipment necessary for the movement of troops, when a terrific enemy artillery barrage opened up. Private Gillis, on his own initiative and without thought of personal safety, climbed into a truck, despite the fact that the vehicle was loaded with ammunition and constituted an additional hazard to the shelling, he calmly drove it to a protected area and returned and removed a second vehicle. Due to his heroic action, valuable equipment was saved and many casualties were undoubtedly prevented. Residence: Montgomery, Alabama.

Private First Class Herbert H. Brown, 36548725, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Brown, medical aid man attached to Company "E", throughout the day continually exposed himself to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to give first aid and to evacuate the wounded. On five occasions, with utter disregard for his life, he courageously braved enemy fire in order that first aid could be given as expeditiously as possible. Due to Private Brown's quick thinking and magnificent valor, the lives of at least five men were assured. Residence: Northville, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LUCIEN P. ORDOYNE, 01302868, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 4 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT ORDOYNE, with his machine gun section, skillfully covered the withdrawal of his company to a more advantageous position. In the face of enemy fire he set up his guns

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in an open field in order that more protective fire could be rendered. With utter disregard for his life, he magnificently manned one remaining gun while ordering the rest of his platoon to withdraw to safety. He continually fired directly into enemy positions while openly exposed to their observation. Not until he was assured that the last man had reached safety did he skillfully withdraw to cover himself. LIEUTENANT ORDOYNE'S display of magnificent valor, reflected the highest traditions of the military service and served as an inspiration to all. Residence: Ponchataula, Louisiana.

Private First Class Harold W. Shaeffer, 33200609, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Shaeffer, in the face of intense and severe enemy fire crawled forward to give aid and comfort to a wounded comrade. Skillfully maneuvering his way forward, amid a hail of hostile activity, he reached the side of his companion and efficiently dressed his wounds. Realizing the injured man was in a precarious position, with utter disregard for his life, he threw himself over him to act as a protective shield until help arrived. As a result of his magnificent courage, the life of his comrade was saved. Throughout this entire action, Private Shaeffer's valiant efforts served as an inspiration to all. Residence: Westminster, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Harry J. Iverson, 36715759, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Iverson, with his squad, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. Observing one member of his squad struck by shrapnel, he courageously crawled forward, with utter disregard for his life, to administer first aid. In the face of extreme danger, he dragged the wounded man over difficult terrain, to his company command post. As a result of Sergeant Iverson's display of magnificent valor, speedy evacuation was made possible, saving the man's life. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Albert W. Amsteen, Jr., 36715422, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Amsteen, platoon guide, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms fire. Observing many wounded men around him, he courageously crawled forward, with utter disregard for his life, to assist the already over-burdened aid men. With machine gun fire constantly raking the area, he administered aid to three wounded comrades, entirely oblivious of the harrassing fire. After all possible aid had been given, he again offered his assistance to help in the evacuation. He openly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire many times in order that the injured men might be brought to a place of safety. Not until all men in the area had been promptly attended did he return to his post. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade Donald F. Wood, 36572550, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Wood, a radio operator with the artillery forward observer, helped establish an observation post in advance of the infantry. This exposed position was necessary to direct accurate fire at a strongly entrenched enemy. In order that the observation party could receive new artillery requests from the infantry commander, he courageously traversed open terrain observed by the enemy. At the infantry command post he learned that the enemy was digging entrenchments and preparing for a strong defense in the outskirts of a neighboring village. Shortly after he returned with this knowledge, a murderous barrage of enemy artillery fell about the exposed observation post. With utter disregard for his personal safety, showing deep devotion to duty, he remained at his radio. Despite this intense enemy action he successfully maintained communications with the fire direction center. This heroic action enabled our artillery to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy, dispersing them, and allowing our troops to advance forward with few casualties. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Eugene R. Simpkins, 36713070, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Simpkins, medical aid man attached to Company "L", was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. In the process of this concentrated fire, he was seriously wounded by shrapnel in the leg and arm. Even though suffering great pain and with utter disregard for his life, he crawled forward to administer aid to three fellow comrades whom he observed in the area. He succeeded in reaching each one of them, though his strength was rapidly ebbing due to the profuse flow of blood. By his magnificent display of courage the lives of three comrades were undoubtedly saved. Throughout this entire activity Technician Simpkins' outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Private First Class Henry T. Adams, 34465290, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Adams, medical aid man attached to Company "H", fell to the ground at the sound of an explosion, presumably enemy artillery fire. Quickly regaining complete composure, he observed that a jeep nearby had struck an enemy mine. Sensing the occupants of the vehicle obviously in need of medical aid, Private Adams rushed forward to the scene of the accident with utter disregard for his life. In approaching the vehicle a second mine exploded seriously wounding him. Private Adams' magnificent display of courage in the face of imminent danger served as an inspiration to all. Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Private First Class Caesar J. Bertulio, 36578661, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Bertulio, with one other man, on his own initiative, crawled forward into enemy held territory to locate a missing squad from Company "A". Fully cognizant of the impending danger and with utter disregard for his life he skillfully maneuvered his way across a half mile of open terrain in full view of the enemy. Under the constant threat of mortar and automatic weapons fire he pushed relentlessly on until he had reached his objective. This brilliant operation made it possible for the lost squad to return safely to company control. Private Bertulio's display of magnificent valor reflected the highest traditions of the military service and served as an inspiring example of courage to all. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert D. Quinn, 35231340, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. Throughout the day of 16 November 1944, on a cold rain-swept mountain side in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Quinn exposed himself with utter disregard of his life, to save the lives of his wounded comrades. On four different occasions he courageously exposed himself to heavy small arms and mortar fire from the enemy held heights to evacuate his comrades from the ceaseless and nerve-cracking enemy fire. His undaunted courage and skillful evacuation of patients undoubtedly saved the lives of many wounded comrades. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class Richard M. Naifeh, 36546016, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Naifeh, medical aid man attached to Company "L", was with his company on a forced march when the head of the column was ambushed by automatic weapons fire. Observing two wounded men from his position at the rear of the column, he dashed forward courageously with utter disregard for his life, to give all possible aid. Hoodless of the intense fire raking the area around him, he worked on fearlessly and skillfully until all possible aid had been tendered. After this was accomplished he dragged them to safety, one by one, in order that speedy evacuation might be possible. As a result of Private Naifeh's display of outstanding valor the life of one man was undoubtedly saved. His courageous actions were a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Stanley Birke, 32868239, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Birke, observed the third platoon of his company pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Fully cognizant of the seriousness of the impending danger, he, with utter disregard for his life single-handedly moved his machine gun into

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a position of direct fire. He skillfully placed fire directly on the enemy emplacement wiping it out. As a result of Private Birke's display of outstanding valor, six of the enemy were killed, a gun was put out of action and the third platoon was able to advance successfully to its objective. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred L. Krueger, 36572143, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Krueger, medical aid man attached to Company "C", was pinned down by intense enemy small arms and mortar fire. Keenly observing a wounded comrade lying helpless in an open field, he courageously dashed across 100 yards of hazardous terrain, amid a hail of enemy fire, to reach his side. With utter disregard for his life, he stayed with the man until all possible aid could be given and then carefully carried him to safety. As a result of Technician Krueger's display of magnificent valor the wounded man was promptly evacuated to the aid station where professional attention could be rendered. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Joseph F. Jeffries, 35626009, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Jeffries and his entire company were pinned to the hilly and open ground by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. With undaunting courage, Sergeant Jeffries ran through the entire length of the company column in the dark mist to obtain rifle grenades and bazooka ammunition. Again, with utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Jeffries ran over the exposed terrain to a firing position and personally silenced enemy machine guns. Sergeant Jeffries' heroic action enabled the company to proceed on to its mission and at the same time probably saved the lives of many of his comrades. Residence: Dayton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Darrell D. Elliott, 37244667, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Elliott, a medical aid man attached to Company "I", was pinned down by fierce enemy machine gun fire when his company engaged a strongly entrenched enemy. Hearing a wounded man's cry, he courageously left cover to give aid. With utter disregard for his own life, he heroically advanced to within twenty feet of three enemy machine guns to his wounded comrade, showing deep devotion to duty. Amid a hail of enemy fire, he coolly administered first aid. While carrying the wounded man out of this fire-swept terrain he was wounded by machine gun fire, but nevertheless brought his wounded comrade to safety. His courageous deed accomplished in the face of strong enemy fire, was an inspiration to all the men about him. Residence: Gypsum, Kansas.

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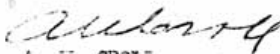
II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

Private First Class Alfred D. Niemeyer, 6559874, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Niemeyer, despite a heavy enemy artillery barrage, courageously drove his jeep to forward areas and successfully evacuated seriously wounded men to the rear. All during the day, with utter disregard for his own life, he heroically carried on his work with the full knowledge that he was under constant enemy observation. As he was returning to the front lines, in order that more of his comrades could reach prompt medical aid, Private Niemeyer was fatally wounded by enemy artillery fire. His coolness under fire and devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Residence: Denair, California. Next of kin: Margaret E. Niemeyer, (Wife), Box 487, Route #1, Denair, California.

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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 Adolph A. Lucchesi, 36716475, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. While advancing over hilly and densely wooded terrain in the vicinity of * * *, France, during the daylight hours of 21 November 1944, the platoon of which Sergeant Lucchesi was a member, was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Lucchesi, whose squad was in support, realized that the only effective method of silencing this enemy position was by a flanking movement. In order to make this flanking movement, his squad had to cross an open field which was covered by withering fire from two enemy machine gun emplacements. Rather than expose his squad to murderous fire, he led them to the edge of the woods, and with great gallantry advanced across the open field alone. Without regard for his personal safety, and with a magnificent display of courage, Sergeant Lucchesi, despite cross fire from another enemy machine gun, single-handedly attacked and knocked out the enemy machine gun nest with hand grenades. As a result of his outstanding valor, two enemy were killed and two more taken prisoner, allowing the platoon to advance and gain its objective. Sergeant Lucchesi was fatally wounded in this action by the heavy enemy cross fire. His actions reflect the highest credit upon the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Emilia Lucchesi, (Mother), 1249 North Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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

Technician Fifth Grade Jesse L. Metz, 33236309, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Private Arthur O. Cox, 36428156, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Sullivan, Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEON J. SACHLEBEN, 0540509, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Madison, Indiana.

CAPTAIN CURTIS D. NELSON, 01165318, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Boone, Iowa.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION I
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR, REVOCATION II

1 -- 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:

Technical Sergeant L. G. Allen, 6924484, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. Luring 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, whom had been 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 stronghold. 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. Sergeant Allen was last seen gallantly carrying out this valiant task. 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.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 56, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, dated 12 December 1944, as pertains to the award of Silver Star, posthumously, to Technical Sergeant L. G. Allen, 6924484, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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 AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT III

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

Private First Class Edward G. Lennox, 37327396, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Lennox, with his platoon, was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. In addition to this devastating fire, friendly artillery was falling short of its objective, striking the house in which Private Lennox was located, four or five times. This cross fire endangered the lives of several platoons and the personnel of the battalion command post located in this area at the time. Quickly observing a one and one half ton truck loaded with ammunition receiving a direct hit, he, with one other soldier, realizing the impending danger, dashed forth to the street, with utter disregard for his life, to assist in extinguishing the blazing inferno. He fearlessly jumped on the truck, amid exploding ammunition, with a small fire extinguisher. Finding this wholly inadequate, he rushed to a tank platoon, grabbed a large extinguisher and reboarded the flaming truck. Working diligently and courageously the fire was finally put out. By his display of outstanding valor, serious disaster was averted and the truck and vitally needed ammunition were saved. Residence: Milton, North Dakota.

Technician Fourth Grade Marvin J. Gaede, 39160093, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Gaede, medical aid man attached to Company "M", observed the second platoon of the company pinned to the ground by intense and accurate enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Heeding the cries of several wounded men, he dashed forth from his protected position to administer first aid. He coolly and courageously gave efficient attention to at least fifteen injured men while under constant and withering enemy fire. With bullets raking the entire area, he continued on undauntedly and entirely oblivious of the imminent danger that confronted him. Due to the efficient and expeditious manner in which aid was administered, not a single life was lost, though many were very seriously wounded. In several instances men were able to return to company control without being evacuated. Technician Gaede's display of magnificent valor under these harassing conditions was a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Shafter, California.

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Corporal Alva W. Langford, 37245908, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Wellington, Kansas.

Private David N. Pizer, 33414993, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Pizer, with his platoon, was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. In addition to this devastating fire, friendly artillery was falling short of its objective striking the house in which Private Pizer was located, four or five times. This cross fire endangered the lives of several platoons and the personnel of the battalion command post located in this area at the time. Quickly observing a one and one half ton truck loaded with ammunition receiving a direct hit, he, with one other soldier, realizing the impending danger, dashed forth to the street with utter disregard for his life, to assist in extinguishing the blazing inferno. He fearlessly jumped on the truck, amid exploding ammunition, with a small fire extinguisher. Finding this wholly inadequate, he rushed to a tank platoon, grabbed a large extinguisher and re-boarded the flaming truck. Working diligently and courageously the fire was finally put out. By his display of outstanding valor, serious disaster was averted and the truck and vitally needed ammunition were saved. Residence: Springdale, Pennsylvania.

Private Brownell W. Landes, 37502696, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Landes was laying wire over rough hilly terrain to the artillery liaison officer. As rain began to fall, the wire crew, of which he was a member, approached an enemy roadblock. It was known that strong enemy positions were located to their front and flanks. Because of the difficult terrain and constant threat of enemy fire, the wire crew fell behind. Nevertheless, with utter disregard for his safety, he proceeded forward. Undaunted by the hazardous ground under foot and the observation of the enemy on him, Private Landes successfully completed his mission and enabled artillery fire to be directed on the strongly entrenched enemy. His superior action, while under extremely trying conditions, were of great value to our infantry in their forward advance. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri

Private Howard I. Scott, 13156509, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Scott, under severe enemy mortar and small arms fire, successfully laid wire to the artillery liaison observation point. This line was vitally needed to coordinate our impending attack and to forestall enemy infiltrations and counter-attack. With utter disregard for his safety, he continued on his mission despite numerous mortar barrages in his path. On one instance, on his own initiative, he carried the communication line through an enemy observed swollen mountain stream. The icy water, rising to his chest, did not deter him as he relentlessly laid the vital lines. Because of his deep devotion to duty, while under intense enemy fire and

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difficult terrain conditions, our forces were able to stage a coordinated drive, pushing the enemy back and forestalling any possible counterattack.
 Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private Peter F. Quattrochi, 36712653, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 16 November 1944 and the daylight hours of 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Quattrochi kept the vital communication line open between the artillery liaison officer and the battalion command post. With utter disregard for his life, he successfully carried on his work, though constantly under heavy enemy mortar fire. On numerous occasions, the closeness of the enemy subjected him to small arms fire, but this did not deter him. The communication line was repeatedly shot out by enemy mortar fire. Due to his great devotion to duty, and coolness under fire, rapid communications were always available between the front line observers and the fire direction center. Had it not been for his excellent ability and fearlessness in the face of enemy fire, our infantry's attack on its objective would have been greatly impeded. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Guy Gennett, 33762838, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During an attack by our infantry on 2 December 1944, Corporal Gennett was in charge of a wire team, whose mission was to install a line from * * *, France to an infantry regiment other than their regularly assigned combat team. Corporal Gennett, constantly exposed to heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, courageously led and directed his team in the installing of this vital communication line. Several times during the day the line was shot out by enemy mortar fire, but each time, Corporal Gennett, with utter disregard for his life, assisted in the repair of the break. His heroic actions enabled his battalion to effectively carry out its mission of direct support to the Infantry. Residence: Geistown, Pennsylvania.

Private Gordon R. Bishop, 6246019, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Bishop, with one other man, on his own initiative, crawled forward into enemy held territory to locate a missing squad from Company "A". Fully cognizant of the impending danger and with utter disregard for his life, he skillfully maneuvered his way across a half mile of open terrain in full view of the enemy. Under the constant threat of mortar and automatic weapons fire, he pushed relentlessly on until he reached his objective. This brilliant operation made it possible for the lost squad to return safely to company control. Private Bishop's display of magnificent valor reflected the highest traditions of the military service and served as an inspiring example of courage to all. Residence: Merino, Colorado.

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Sergeant Leo F. Bartha, 36624611, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, Sergeant Bartha and his squad were leading an attack on enemy positions when they were pinned to the ground by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Fully cognizant of the perilous position of his men, he started forward. While crawling with grenades in his hands toward the two hundred yard distant enemy emplacements, Sergeant Bartha encountered a wounded comrade lying in the open and fire-swept terrain. With unflinching courage, he stopped to give aid. As Sergeant Bartha was rendering aid, he was struck by enemy machine gun fire to fall mortally wounded. His heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: West Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Muriel Bartha (wife), 309 Church Street, West Chicago, Illinois.

III — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of General Orders Number 64, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division, dated 15 December 1944, as pertains to Private First Class Henry T. Adams, 34465290, as reads "410th Infantry Regiment", is amended to read "409th Infantry Regiment".

By command of Major General HAFNER:

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

Sergeant George P. Mamer, 36550775, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Grosse Point, Michigan.

Private First Class Melvin T. McNeil, 36412286, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class Donald O. Wilson, 37446243, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Rhodes, Iowa.

Corporal James H. Daniel, 35650415, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Fayetteville, West Virginia.

Private First Class Francis R. Nicholas, 39342017, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Springfield, Oregon.

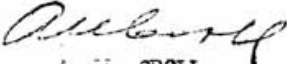
Staff Sergeant John J. Meskauskas, 36548560, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

1ST LIEUTENANT JOHN S. LYON, 01317095, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Residence: Needham, Massachusetts.

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Staff Sergeant Charles L. Looney, 34573045, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Coosa, Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES T. WHITAKER, 0518914, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Fisherville, Kentucky.

Private First Class Harold M. Olson, 37250384, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Ellston, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Gail E. Harryman, 36413020, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Owosso, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Elwyn T. Quintal, 36287363, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Depere, Wisconsin.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES G. WHITE, 0546882, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Buckhead, Georgia.

Private Henry A. Juri, 39053071, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technician Fourth Grade John Demnisky, Jr., 33313394, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Eugene B. Browning, 36714982, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Norris City, Illinois.

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Private Wilbur L. Schrum, 35927136, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Youngstown, Ohio.

Private First Class Dennis J. Sullivan, 34575321, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Young Gane, Georgia.

Private Joseph J. Powaga, Jr., 36548108, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Edward G. Singer, 17071584, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Residence: Winthrop, Iowa.

Private First Class Francis C. Homan, 37475992, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Residence: Alton, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Dominic Dellatteo, 32336818, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 December 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private Bernard G. Smith, 36853097, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 December 1944. Residence: Romeo, Michigan.

Private First Class Wilburn Sheppard, 14006260, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Reedley, California.

Private First Class Bernard M. Vallerga, 39136766, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Yountville, California.

Staff Sergeant George J. Speigl, 36547483, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Melvin C. Mason, 37400748, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 November 1944. Residence: Frankclay, Missouri.

Sergeant Robert H. Zimmerman, 36288513, Infantry, Company "N", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Boyd, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Wayne C. Van Drew, 36716056, Infantry, Company "N", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Rock Falls, Illinois.

Private First Class Wilbert T. Tuttle, 34516235, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 November 1944. Residence: Dorchester, South Carolina.

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Private First Class Burton J. Whitaker, 32940430, Infantry, Company "D",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Poughkeepsie,
 New York.

Private First Class Joseph F. Bliss, 16136778, Infantry, Company "E",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Chicago,
 Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Lowell E. Addy, Jr., 36548204, Infantry, Company "H",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Dundee,
 Michigan.

Private First Class Kenneth W. Wietzki, 37482020, Infantry, Company "G",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 November 1944. Residence: Omaha,
 Nebraska.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. COWLEY, 01296000, Infantry, Company "G", 411th In-
 fantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Residence: Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Walter J. Kahut, 39343409, Infantry, Company "L",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Woodburn,
 Oregon.

Private First Class Randall B. Miller, 32671729, Infantry, Headquarters
 Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944.
 Residence: Sanborn, New York.

Private Eugene E. Ray, 34874899, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry
 Regiment, France, 7 December 1944. Residence: Walnut, Mississippi.

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