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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Technician Fifth Grade Charlie J. Wilber, 17175081, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Rogers, Arkansas.

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

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

Private First Class Matthew A. Ryan, Jr., 19137348, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

By command of Major General HAFFNER:

OFFICIAL:


A. W. CROLL,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

G. S. MELOY, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Stanley D. Boyer, 39210171, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Boyer saw two comrades wounded by enemy sniper fire. While comrades covered him with rifle fire, Private Boyer, with utter disregard for his life, ran over the hundred yards of coverless terrain to the men. Oblivious to the hostile fire, he courageously helped one of the wounded men to safety. Still unswerved by the enemy fire, he again ran over the fire-swept terrain to the second injured man. Seeing the man was seriously wounded, Private Boyer carried the man to safety. After succeeding in bringing the two men to safety, he immediately administered first aid. As a result of his gallant actions, Private Boyer assured the lives of two comrades. Residence: Arlington, Washington

Technician Fourth Grade Wilbert E. Weier, 36548325, Medical Department, Company "A", 328th Medical Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Weier was informed that several civilians had been injured by mine explosions in his immediate vicinity. Without a moments hesitation, he collected a litter squad and dashed forth to the scene of the accident. As he approached the mine field he observed an aid man from another unit going through, in the process of which, he stepped on a hidden mine killing him instantly. Technician Weier, with gallant courage and utter disregard for his life, boldly led his men through the mine infested field despite the danger he knew that lurked within. He skillfully maneuvered his group to the side of the injured persons and as he attempted to give aid, another mine exploded, resulting in his being seriously injured and unable to move. Heedless of his own excruciating pain and the profuse flow of blood, he remained with his squad to direct their activities so no further casualties would ensue. As a result of Technician Weier's magnificent courage the casualties were evacu-

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

By command of Major General HAFFNER:

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

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William C. Dorn
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Captain, 4th G. D.,
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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION III

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

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS F. CRUSINBERRY, 0545576, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 13 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * * , France, LIEUTENANT CRUSINBERRY led three machine gun sections and one mortar section to troops fighting in * * * . Knowing the urgency of the mission, he chose the closest route, though it was under constant enemy observation. Suddenly the enemy began an extremely heavy concentration of mortar and small arms fire on this road. Fearlessly, disregarding the murderous fire, he courageously advanced. On three occasions he personally led his men across open terrain through hazardous fire, not once seeking cover. The knowledge that his vehicle was a target of fire did not deter him as he courageously continued on. Because of his magnificent conduct, while under heavy enemy fire, our front line troops received urgently needed heavy weapon

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

Private Henry J. Delforge, Jr., 36287379, Medical Department, Company "A", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day of 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Delforge, as a member of a litter squad ventured forth with his squad leader on a mission to attend several injured civilians in the area. As they approached the mine field he observed an aid man from another unit stop on a mine, killing him instantly. With utter disregard for his life, he calmly walked into the mine-infested field, completely oblivious of any personal danger confronting him. He skillfully maneuvered his way through the mine-field under the apt direction of his squad leader, who had been seriously injured. He splendidly and efficiently attended each of the wounded and assisted in evacuating them to the aid station. His splendid courage in the face of impending danger was a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Green Bay, Wisconsin.

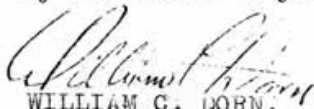
II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals.

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

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

By command of Major General HAPFNER:

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