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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

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

Technical Sergeant John A. McCarthy, 12065180, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

Private First Class James L. Whitney, 36409875, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Private Delore W. Wellington, 36867888, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Quick, 37244821, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Sergeant Christopher E. Darcy, 31224471, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Boston, Massachusetts.

Private First Class James P. Steele, 36548291, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Fort Huron, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth C. Cuthbert, 18070643, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Robert O. Northcott, 34495939, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Humboldt, Tennessee.

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Private First Class John W. Beck, 38494513, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Lawrence E. McCoy, 36412470, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Niles, Michigan.

Private First Class Fred W. Cleveland, 18003436, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Sasakwa, Oklahoma.

Private Bruce F. Kaufman, 36978513, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Bronson, Michigan.

Private Theodore S. Orzechowski, 31382321, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: New Britain, Connecticut.

Private First Class James W. DeLay, 39613528, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Glasgow, Montana.

Sergeant Jesse T. Scroggins, 38057341, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Garrison, Texas.

Private First Class Michael Vanecko, 36549021, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Barton, Ohio.

Private First Class Charles W. Cramer, 39335301, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Ashland, Oregon.

Private First Class Ivan J. Reno, 37402416, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Marston, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Troy S. Kiefer, 37400536, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Perryville, Missouri.

Private First Class Arthur F. Whiteman, 33846657, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Erie, Pennsylvania.

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Private Aaron C. Owenby, 34898931, Infantry, Headquarters Company,  
 Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944.  
 Residence: Oteen, North Carolina.

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

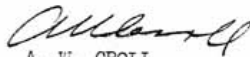
CAPTAIN OSBORN COOPER, 01299998, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944. Residence: Ronan, Montana.

Technical Sergeant John A. McCarthy, 12065180, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

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

Private First Class Whit L. Knight, 34450873, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Knight, a member of a task force in the attack, skillfully sighted, loaded and fired his three-inch gun single-handedly directly into approaching enemy forces. The area surrounding him was constantly blasted by intense enemy small arms and artillery fire but with undaunted courage and with utter disregard for his life, he remained at his post. Realizing his gun was inadequate to impede the progress of the onrushing enemy, he dashed courageously to a nearby machine gun directing devastating fire into their midst. Private Knight's outstanding valor assisted immeasurably in forcing the enemy to withdraw, enabling our infantry to push forward successfully toward their objective. Residence: Kingston, North Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert W. Harris, 37376570, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Harris, a member of a task force in the attack, fully cognizant that his gun crews were running out of ammunition, brilliantly drove his truck over fire-swept roads to obtain vitally needed ammunition. When the truck was fully loaded with ammunition, he courageously drove forward toward his gun positions. About half way to his objective, he was stopped by the task force commander and informed that if he went farther he was certain to be hit by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life and displaying magnificent courage, he skillfully drove his vehicle to within 25 yards of his gun positions as intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire blasted his path. He unloaded the truck, uncrated the ammunition boxes and valiantly carried the ammunition forward to each gun emplacement. Technician Harris' outstanding valor in the face of devastating enemy fire materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective successfully. Residence: Marcelline, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade James A. Perry, 34460951, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During

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the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Technician Perry, a member of a task force in the attack, skillfully manned his gun from an exposed position in order to fire accurately and efficiently into enemy strongpoints. The area surrounding his position was constantly blasted by enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In the face of this withering action he continued to fire directly into enemy positions with utter disregard for his life. In addition to neutralizing ferocious enemy activity to his front, he brilliantly directed fire on an enemy machine gun nest close by, wiping it out. As a result of Technician Perry's magnificent courage, attacking infantry troops were materially assisted in advancing successfully to their objective. Residence: Louisburg, North Carolina.

Private Thomas C. McDaniel, 34321721, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, Private McDaniel was a member of a task force assigned the mission of capturing the town of \* \* \* , France. The platoon of which he was a member, moved into positions in open terrain exposed to intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Keenly observing enemy grenadiers attempting to outflank his section, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously manned a .30 caliber machine gun and successfully stopped their attack, inflicting several casualties. His heroic action, in the face of heavy enemy fire, materially assisted the accomplishment of the task force's mission. Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sergeant Dillard L. Booker, 32811587, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Sergeant Booker, on his own initiative, brought his three-inch gun forward into an advantageous, but exposed position. Being in advance of our infantry lines, he and his crew was unable to obtain supporting fire, but disregarding personal safety advanced forward. He was afforded excellent observation of the enemy by placing his gun in an open field but it enabled strong enemy forces to lay down an intense artillery and small arms barrage around the gun position. Undaunted by these harassing conditions, he courageously carried out his mission and destroyed numerous enemy strongpoints. His heroic actions so disrupted the opposing forces that our infantry was able to deploy around the flanks of the enemy and overwhelmed them. This resulted in our forces successful advance and entry into \* \* \* , France. Residence: New York, New York.

Sergeant William L. Tabron, 34460307, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the day of 14 December 1944, Sergeant Tabron was a member of a task force whose mission was to capture the town of \* \* \* , France. While approaching their objective the entire task force was pinned down by heavy small arms and artillery fire emanating from enemy pillboxes. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Sergeant Tabron, with his crew, went forward with their towed gun and set up in an open field exposed to hostile fire. With utter disregard for his life, he courageously manned his .50 caliber machine gun to protect his crew, some of which were wounded, from enemy grenadiers attempting to flank their position. Unnerved by the wounds received in this action, he remained at his post until the infantry successfully pressed forward its attack. His devotion to duty and self-sacrifice was an inspiration to all. Residence: Wilson, North Carolina.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT FLOYD J. STALLINGS, 01824814, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT STALLINGS, as a member of a task force in the attack, observed his company commander lying in an exposed position, wounded, the victim of enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life he courageously dashed 100 yards over open terrain under a severe enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery concentration. Completely oblivious of the withering fire that raked his path, he succeeded in reaching his wounded commander's side. At great personal risk, he valiantly assisted his commanding officer to the nearest aid station. As a result of LIEUTENANT STALLINGS' display of magnificent courage, prompt and efficient medical attention was administered expeditiously. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Corporal Al Hockaday, Jr., 34459213, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Hockaday, a gun commander, successfully placed his gun in a forward position where excellent observation was available on the entrenched enemy forces. The enemy, realizing the serious threat facing them, laid down a murderous artillery barrage about him. This terrific onslaught of enemy fire knocked out a nearby gun crew. With utter disregard for his safety, he fearlessly began sighting and firing the nearby gun. Despite the severity of the enemy action about him he courageously manned both guns single-handedly and successfully disrupted the enemy forces to such an extent that our infantry was able to move forward and seize their objective. Residence: Roanoke, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul Warner, 33316456, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Warner, a member of a task force in the attack, observed his company commander lying in an exposed position wounded, the victim of enemy fire. Realizing that immediate evacuation was necessary, he dashed to his vehicle and sped across 75 yards of fire-swept terrain to rescue his commanding officer. As he maneuvered the vehicle out into open terrain, enemy small arms and artillery fire blasted his path but he continued on with undaunted courage and with utter disregard for his life. He remained under this devastating fire for over 15 minutes while he assisted in placing the officer in the vehicle. He again skillfully crossed the area of concentrated fire and reached the nearest aid station quickly. As a result of Technician Warner's outstanding valor in the face of intense enemy fire, medical attention was rendered expeditiously to his commanding officer. Residence: Crestmont, Pennsylvania.

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

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

Private First Class Leon Tobin, 34311075, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Tobin, a member of a task force in the attack, went into position in open terrain under severe enemy artillery and small arms fire to man a three-inch gun. Although his position was in direct line of enemy fire and full observation he brilliantly and skillfully directed fire into enemy strongpoints. The intensity of the fire became so severe that the area was blasted by hostile fire wounding and killing his comrades on all sides of him. In the face of certain self-destruction he gallantly stood at his post manning the gun with the assistance of one other comrade. He continued to pour fire into the enemy with such relentless furor and utter disregard for his life, that they become confused. When his comrade was killed he remained at his post unassisted until he was cut down by direct fire suffering excruciating pain from severe wounds. Private Tobin's display of gallantry and superior calmness in the face of devastating fire materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective successfully. Residence: Monroe, Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. MITCHELL, 01822712, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, LIEUTENANT MITCHELL as second in command of a tank destroyer platoon, with a task force attacking \* \* \*, France, took command of the platoon, when his platoon leader was wounded. Constantly exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortars and small arms fire, he magnificently and efficiently directed the fire of his guns against enemy positions. Numerous times, with utter disregard for his life, he moved from gun to gun supplementing the gun crews as the complement of gun positions were reduced by enemy action. In one instance LIEUTENANT MITCHELL gallantly manned a gun, loading, sighting and firing it single-handedly. He courageously exposed himself, to aid in the evacuation of the wounded from the front line to places of safety and many lives were saved by this action. LIEUTENANT MITCHELL'S display of coolness under fire and magnificent courage, was an inspiration to all and contributed to a large degree in the successful capture and occupation of \* \* \*, with a minimum of casualties to the task force. Residence: Gary, Indiana.



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

Corporal Peter Simmons, 34513288, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Simmons, a member of a task force in the attack, went into position in open terrain under severe enemy artillery and small arms fire to man a three-inch gun. Although his position was in direct line of enemy fire and in full observation, he brilliantly and skillfully directed fire into enemy strongpoints. The intensity of the fire became so severe that the area was blasted by hostile fire wounding and killing his comrades on all sides. In the face of certain self-destruction he gallantly stood at his post manning the gun with the assistance of one other comrade. He continued to pour fire into the enemy with such relentless furor and utter disregard for his life, that they became confused. An enemy bullet found its mark and Corporal Simmons fell mortally wounded. As a result of his display of outstanding gallantry and superior calmness in the face of devastating fire he materially assisted the attacking infantry troops in reaching their objective. Throughout this entire action Corporal Simmons' display of valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Silver Street, South Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Maneuia Simmons, (Mother), Route 1, Box 121, Silver Street, South Carolina.

Private First Class William H. Phipps, 34459324, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Phipps was seriously wounded while driving his quarter ton truck through an artillery barrage. Private Phipps, with utter disregard for his life, on his own initiative, drove his platoon leader to a gun position without revealing his bitter wounds. He courageously drove forward in face of the intense enemy artillery and bazooka fire, firing his weapon until he collapsed from his mortal wound. His valiant action assisted materially in the success of the infantry's mission. Private Phipps' outstanding valor and spirit of duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Littleton, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mr. Wiley Phipps, (Uncle), Route 2, Box 276, Littleton, North Carolina.

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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:

Sergeant Allie L. Edmonson, 6968123, Chemical Warfare Service, Third Chemical Battalion, Motorized. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Edmonson, while on a forced march as a member of a task force observed our attacking forces impeded by an enemy road block. With his company commander he rushed fearlessly to the head of the column to ascertain the source of difficulty. As he approached the obstacle the enemy opened a barrage of fire forcing him to take cover. Quickly regaining his composure he courageously crawled forward seeking the source of enemy fire. He keenly observed the hostile forces entrenched in foxholes about 50 yards away. With utter disregard for his life, he boldly dashed to their position completely bewildering them and forcing them to surrender. As he lined them up, he was assaulted from the rear by another of the enemy but he quickly wheeled around, simultaneously crashing his rifle butt on the attackers head. He left the prisoners in the custody of a guard and continued courageously on his mission. About 40 yards farther on he encountered a high fence which he was forced to crawl over for better observation. The first two men were wounded in their attempt, yet Sergeant Edmonson heedless of personal danger, braved intense enemy fire and successfully overcame the obstacle. Meeting his company commander once again they ascertained that the main source of fire was coming from an enemy held house. As they approached they were forced to take cover once again from a murderous concentration of hand grenades. Sergeant Edmonson skillfully and gallantly crawled from cover to a vantage point, where he joined in firing into the enemy held house while his company commander stormed the position. By his relentless fire and superior display of outstanding valor under the most hazardous of conditions, Sergeant Edmonson assisted in neutralizing two hostile strongpoints and in the capture of five of the enemy. Residence: Zebulon, Georgia.

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Staff Sergeant Bernard T. Pacholski, 36548982, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Pacholski and his company were held up in their advance by an enemy machine gun emplacement. Sergeant Pacholski, on his own initiative, courageously crawled through the rain and treacherous woods to a position near the hostile emplacement. He fired two rifle grenades at the emplacement, momentarily confusing the enemy. Then, with utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Pacholski leaped from the ground and ferociously charged the hostile position with his rifle and captured the bewildered crew. As a result of his gallant action, the obstacle was removed and the company was able to continue the advance to its objective with a minimum of casualties. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

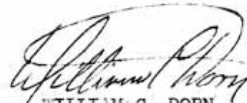
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Private First Class Bayard Dodge, Jr., 32976907, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Dodge and his squad were pinned to the ground by intense hostile automatic weapon fire as they advanced to the crest of a hill. Aware of the perilous position of his comrades, Private Dodge, with utter disregard for his life, courageously inched his way forward through the cold mud and rain. Heedless of the hail of enemy fire about him, he advanced to within ten yards of an enemy automatic weapon only to fall mortally wounded. His valiant action so inspired his comrades that they immediately carried on and overran the hostile positions to gain their objective. Private Dodge's outstanding gallantry was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bronx, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary B. Dodge (Mother), American University, Beirut, Lebanon, Syria.

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL . . . . . I  
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AWARD OF AIR MEDAL . . . . . III

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

Staff Sergeant Ralph E. Nelson, 36226946 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France on 12 December 1944. Prior to an attack on a village, a fellow soldier was attempting to cross a turbulent, flood-swollen mountain river when he stepped in deep water and was carried away by the rushing current. Sergeant Nelson immediately ran down-stream to a point ahead of his drowning comrade. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he courageously dived into the icy waters and swam safely to shore with his heavy burden. Although chilled from the icy water and rain he sought an aid man to care for his half-drowned comrade, while he reconnoitered the stream to find a footbridge where his comrades could safely cross. As a result of his heroic action, a comrade's life was saved and the safe crossing of his other comrades was assured. Residence: Gillett, Wisconsin.

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

MAJOR BLAND WEST, 0314671, General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, MAJOR WEST, as Division G-2, while attempting to contact a Task Force Commander, was subjected to heavy and direct fire from enemy artillery, mortar, self-propelled guns, machine guns and small arms. With utter disregard for the danger from this concentration of fire he proceeded until he established contact with the Task Force Commander at an observation post which was also under heavy fire. He accomplished his mission, but discovering that the task force was having difficulty in getting proper artillery preparation for an infantry attack on a town, he volunteered to undertake the direction of the preparatory artillery barrage. Again ignoring the danger to his life he advanced to a vantage point beyond the front lines where he might

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facilitate the accurate direction of the artillery. Utilizing his past experience as an artillery officer he directed the preparatory artillery barrage so skillfully that our infantry was able to attack closely behind it. MAJOR WEST'S skill and personal bravery contributed materially to the success of the attack with a minimum of casualties. Residence: Norman, Oklahoma.

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

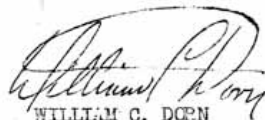
FIRST LIEUTENANT ALFRED T. LANDIS, O1171639, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in France. Residence: Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD A. GAMON, O1179861, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in France. Residence: East Saint Louis, Illinois.

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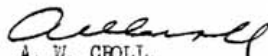
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Private First Class Huston B. Cox, 34464873, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Lumberton, North Carolina.

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