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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:

Private Durward E. Smith, 37245216, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Admire, Kansas.

Private William C. Winter, 12209892, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 17 December 1944. Residence: Weehawken, New Jersey.

Private First Class Hasten S. Woodby, 36553619, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Harrogate, Tennessee.

Sergeant Herbert J. Cutler, Jr., 15360138, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

Private First Class Corbett O. Privitt, 20756888, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: North Little Rock, Arkansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK A. GAINES, 0537856, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Bethesda, Maryland.

Private First Class Ramon H. Lara, 38442650, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: La Union, New Mexico.

Private George T. Walters, 36680387, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Forest Park, Illinois.

Private First Class Iver J. Oberg, 37542301, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Ashby, Minnesota.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK MILLER, 01290979, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Private First Class Edward A. Kozlowski, 36549255, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert L. Blustin, 37548936, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

Private Leonard Koch, 14117917, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Private Roland P. Smith, 36973584, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: East Alton, Illinois.

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:

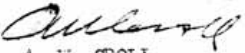
Private First Class Wilbert T. Tuttle, 34516235, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Dorchester, South Carolina.

Private Leonard Koch, 14117917, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

By command of Brigadier General PIERCE:

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 Chief of Staff.

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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 Roman T. Stelmor, Jr., 36672217, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Stelmor, a medical aid man attached to Company "K", was accompanying his unit in the attack, when an intense enemy artillery barrage opened up seriously wounding a comrade. Although artillery shells were bursting all about him, he courageously crawled to the wounded man. While administering first aid he also was wounded by the severity of the enemy fire, but, showing great devotion to duty, remained until his comrade had received all possible aid. Only then would he submit to aid himself. By his bravery under fire and utter disregard for his safety, the life of his seriously wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Wesley A. Keene, 36411311, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Germany, two men were seriously wounded at an advance line position. Private Keene and a comrade, on their own initiative, started out with a litter to evacuate their wounded comrades. Private Keene and his comrade courageously advanced unnerved by the intense small arms and mortar fire and after crawling the last hundred yards over the rocky terrain, they succeeded in reaching the two wounded men. With utter disregard for his life, Private Keene courageously assisted carrying one casualty over the hundred yards of fire swept terrain, walking erect and cautiously so as not to increase the casualty's bitter pain. Successfully carrying their heavy burden to safety through the hostile fire, Private Keene and his comrade fearlessly went out again to successfully evacuate the second casualty. As a result of his magnificent valor, Private Keene assisted in assuring the lives of two wounded comrades. Residence: Spart, Michigan.

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Private Arthur Baisley, 42067065, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , Germany, two men were seriously wounded at an advance line position. Private Baisley and a comrade, on their own initiative, started out with a litter to evacuate their wounded comrades. Private Baisley and his comrade courageously advanced unnerved by the intense small arms and mortar fire and after crawling the last hundred yards over the rocky terrain, they succeeded in reaching the two wounded men. With utter disregard for his life, Private Baisley courageously assisted carrying one casualty over the hundred yards of fire swept terrain, walking erect and cautiously so as not to increase the casualty's bitter pain. Successfully carrying their heavy burden to safety through the hostile fire, Private Baisley and his comrade fearlessly went out again to successfully evacuate the second casualty. As a result of his magnificent valor, Private Baisley assisted in assuring the lives of two wounded comrades. Residence: Peekskill, New York.

Private First Class Gordon L. Higgins, 31327710, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, a call was received at the battalion aid station stating that several members of an assault company were wounded. Though it was known that the forward area was under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, Private Higgins on his own initiative, and showing little regard for his welfare, immediately drove a jeep forward. Harassing enemy action did not deter him as he relentlessly evacuated seriously wounded comrades from the front lines. On three occasions he courageously made the dangerous trip, while under direct enemy observation. Even when the litter bearer beside him was hit, he did not falter in his important work. His great devotion to duty while under extremely trying conditions contributed materially to the speedy evacuation of the wounded. Residence: Stratford, Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Eugene Coleman, 39184654, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Sergeant Coleman, with his machine gun squad, observed our attacking troops pinned to the ground by an intense concentration of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Keenly sensing immediate protective fire was necessary, he assembled his crew and courageously led them forward to a vantage point for firing. In a concealed position he poured fire on the enemy to no avail, drawing more fire from enemy positions than previously. Keenly sighting a more strategic position in exposed terrain he superbly led his crew to the new location amid a hail of enemy fire. Although devastating fire raked his area, he calmly walked from gun to gun directing accurate fire on hostile positions. As a result of Sergeant Coleman's outstanding valor in the face of terrific enemy fire, an enemy strongpoint was reduced and the attacking troops were materially assisted in advancing toward their objective. Residence: Seattle, Washington.

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Technician Fifth Grade Le Roy E. Kingsbury, 36412993, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Kingsbury, medical aid man attached to Company "L", was pinned to the ground by severe enemy mortar and sniper fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade he left his place of cover, courageously crawling over 65 yards of fire-swept terrain to aid the injured man. Completely oblivious of the devastating enemy fire, he, with utter disregard for his life, braved the hail of fire and succeeded in reaching his comrade's side. He administered first aid efficiently and expeditiously although bullets raked the area where he stood. As a result of Technician Kingsbury's display of magnificent valor in the face of enemy fire, his wounded comrade's life was saved. Residence: Woodland, Michigan.

Corporal George R. Worden, 36548409, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the mountainous region near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Worden, a wireman with an artillery liaison officer, and another soldier were to lay a communication line to an artillery forward observer. When his comrade was delayed during a reconnaissance, on his own initiative, he began to lay the wire unassisted. Although an intense enemy mortar barrage was concentrated in this vicinity he courageously brought the line forward, succeeding in establishing the important communications. Later the severity of the enemy fire cut the line. Corporal Worden fearlessly, and with little regard for his welfare, went into the mortar infested area, found the break and successfully repaired the line. Because of his great devotion to duty while under harassing conditions, artillery fire was laid expeditiously in support of our troops withdrawal from an extremely dangerous position. Residence: East Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Louis I. Gare, 12135677, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Gare observed an attacking platoon pinned down by intense enemy small arms and anti-tank fire. Crawling forward, with utter disregard for his life, he discovered the source of enemy fire coming from a well fortified hostile strongpoint. Realizing this obstacle had to be neutralized immediately, he, on his own initiative, courageously dashed toward the emplacement shouting for them to surrender. As a result of Private Gare's magnificent display of outstanding valor, three of the completely bewildered enemy surrendered to him. A fourth member of the hostile group, refusing to surrender, attacked him, but was instantly killed by Private Gare's accurately aimed rifle fire. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

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Private First Class Walter E. Davis, 13135197, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Davis, a mortarman, on his own initiative worked unceasingly throughout the day and night to help evacuate wounded men over the wooded and mountainous terrain. With utter disregard for his life, he served as a litter bearer carrying at least eight casualties through the rain over difficult mountain trails. Although tired and exhausted he exposed himself to enemy artillery and sniper fire to carry a wounded comrade on his back for three miles. As a result of his magnificent valor and spirit of duty, the lives of many comrades were saved. Residence: Corry, Pennsylvania.

Private Mack Kennedy, 6574308, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Kennedy was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Observing a wounded comrade about 50 yards distant lying in an exposed position, he courageously left his sheltered position and dashed boldly to his side. As enemy fire raked his path, he, with utter disregard for his life, picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety. As a result of Private Kennedy's outstanding valor in the face of terrific hostile fire, a wounded comrade was carried to protection where medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Littlefield, Texas.

Sergeant Robert Main, 36716581, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Sergeant Main, in the support platoon of an attack, advanced courageously with his machine gun in the face of terrific enemy mortar and small arms fire. Realizing it was necessary to crawl to a more advantageous position for firing, he, with utter disregard for his life, brilliantly dashed to an exposed position to place accurate fire on the enemy. In the course of his movement enemy fire blasted the machine gun from his shoulder forcing his crew to take cover. Oblivious of the impending danger that confronted him, he valiantly picked up the gun, placed it in a new position and continued firing. He remained at his post operating the gun single-handedly until the hostile strongpoint had been completely neutralized. As a result of Sergeant Main's magnificent valor in the face of devastating fire a dangerous enemy emplacement was reduced and the attacking troops were materially assisted in the successful completion of their mission. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant William T. Regan, 34024550, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the night of 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, a one and one half ton truck full of ammunition caught fire. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Regan leaped on the truck and courageously assisted in removing the small arms and three inch shells to safety. Oblivious to the exploding ammunition and sweeping flames, he carried away the vitally needed ammunition until the truck was emptied. Unswerved by the

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danger about him he then braved the searing heat and flames to help extinguish the flames. As a result of his magnificent valor, Sergeant Regan saved the vitally needed truck and ammunition and the lives of the men about him. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Harry T. McCullough, 33696147, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private McCullough, medical aid man attached to Company "D", observed a wounded comrade in desperate need of medical attention lying in an exposed position under intense enemy artillery and sniper fire. Fully cognizant of the impending danger, he courageously crawled 85 yards over fire-swept terrain to aid his injured comrade. Although bullets raked his path he continued on with utter disregard for his life. He succeeded in reaching his comrade's side and administered aid efficiently and expeditiously. Realizing further professional attention was imperative, he carried the man through the devastating fire to the nearest aid station. As a result of Technician McCullough's magnificent valor the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Elwood City, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Gordon A. Hendrickson, 37581785 (then Private), Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, an adjacent company was forced to withdraw from their positions when the enemy counter-attacked with self-propelled artillery and armored vehicles. With utter disregard for his life, Private Hendrickson, a gunner, courageously and single-handedly carried his machine gun through a hail of small arms and self-propelled artillery fire to an exposed position. Private Hendrickson poured a stream of fire into the surprised enemy and temporarily halted the hostile counter-attack until the other machine guns could be placed in position and completely repulse the attacking enemy. As a result of Private Hendrickson's magnificent valor, a hostile counter-attack was halted and an effective defense was formed while preparations were made to continue our advance. Residence: Bejou, Minnesota.

Private First Class John P. Reef, 37483596, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Reef, assistant machine gunner, observed two companies pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Realizing that immediate supporting fire was imperative he grabbed his machine gun after his gunner had been wounded, and single-handedly carried it over a foot bridge across the \* \* \* River to an open position in full view of the enemy. Braving a hail of devastating enemy fire he carefully and courageously placed his gun into position, with utter disregard for his life, enabling him to pour fire directly into enemy positions. As a result of Private Reef's outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, an enemy strongpoint was neutralized and the attacking companies were materially assisted in advancing toward their objectives. Residence: Granville, Iowa.

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Private Winston E. Douglas, 38700604, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Douglas, a messenger, took over the responsibility of the company communications in the absence of the communication sergeant. Untiringly throughout the night he, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to the persistent artillery and mortar fire to repair and check the communication lines to battalion and an outpost. On his third check of the lines he was struck by shrapnel in the knee, still he courageously made two more checks that night over the steep and rough terrain. As a result of his magnificent valor and devotion to duty, Private Douglas kept the company in contact throughout the night and thus assisted materially in repulsing seven enemy counter-attacks. Residence: Commerce, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Phillip G. Carr, 36676154, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Carr's company was in acute need of water for its large number of wounded, tired, and exhausted men. Knowing water could not be carried from the rear, through the mountainous and enemy shelled terrain, Private Carr, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire as he dashed to a three hundred yard distant well. He courageously helped carry a three gallon container and several canteens of water to a captured pillbox that protected the many wounded men. Unnerved by the hostile fire, he carried the remainder of the water to his exhausted and thirsty comrades. As a result of the water obtained by his heroic action the treatment of his wounded comrades was greatly facilitated. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Fredrick B. Bolitho, 36549486, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Bolitho was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while assisting in the unloading of ammunition vehicles. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the catastrophic results that would ensue should one of the vehicles be hit, he courageously drove one of the exposed vehicles to safety. Again braving the devastating barrage with utter disregard for his life, he succeeded in driving one other vehicle to safety. As a result of Private Bolitho's outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, vitally needed ammunition was saved and the great danger confronting the surrounding troops was substantially alleviated. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Eugene B. Browning, 36714982, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Browning was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage while assisting in the unloading of ammunition vehicles. Realizing the seriousness of the situation and the catastrophic results that would ensue should one of the vehicles be hit, he courageously drove one of the exposed vehicles to safety. Again braving the devastating barrage with utter disregard for his life, he



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succeeded in driving one other vehicle to safety. As a result of Private Browning's outstanding valor in the face of withering fire, vitally needed ammunition was saved and the great danger confronting the surrounding troops was substantially alleviated. Residence: Norris City, Illinois.

Sergeant Richard A. Parris, 37447676, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Parris, with his company, was supporting our attack against strong enemy forces when he learned that a section of his company was isolated from their source of food and ammunition. Fearlessly he exposed himself to the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and directed a sorely needed supply vehicle to the isolated troops. Although the area through which he had to travel was swept by constant enemy fire, he, without regard for his safety, successfully guided the vehicle forward. Twice enroute artillery fire forced him to seek cover. In one instance shell fragments shattered the windshield, but despite these harassing conditions, he brought the badly needed supplies forward. As a result of Sergeant Parris' heroic actions the section was supplied with food and ammunition which materially assisted them in the successful completion of their mission. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class Samuel E. Price, 11080466, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 13 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Price, radio operator, was informed that communication between a mortar observation post and the gun emplacements had been severed by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Fully cognizant that communication was vitally needed, he, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his life attempted to brave 200 yards of open fire-swept terrain to reach his objective. He was forced back on three occasions by terrific and devastating concentrations of hostile fire. Entirely oblivious of the impending danger that confronted him he tried courageously once again and succeeded in accomplishing his mission. In the process of his advance he was wounded by shrapnel but continued to remain at his post despite his own injury. He stayed in position relaying vital information until an enemy shell struck his radio completely demolishing it. As a result of Private Price's magnificent valor vital communications were established ultimately assisting materially in the neutralizing of an important enemy strongpoint. Residence: Wantagh, New York.

Private Emerson D. Williams, 39903892, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the cold and rainy day of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Williams, accompanying a forward observer, was driving a vehicle equipped with a radio when they approached an area heavily mined and under enemy mortar fire. Stopping the truck and dismounting, the forward observer proceeded to the battalion command post. Without awaiting the return of the observer, and despite the fact that two vehicles had been disabled by road mines, Private Williams skillfully maneuvered his

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truck along the mined road and successfully reached his officer. Because of the prompt arrival of the radio important artillery missions were relayed to the fire direction center, enabling our artillery to successfully repulse an enemy tank assault. Residence: Kanarrville, Utah.

Private First Class Jack V. Walker, 36410604, Field Artillery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the cold and rainy night of 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Walker was laying wire between his battalion's observation post and the infantry when a murderous enemy mortar concentration pinned him down. Despite the intensity of the enemy fire, he, realizing the importance of his mission, left cover and courageously advanced forward with the vital line. Enemy mortar shells were falling all about him as he rushed across a 300 yard valley. Nevertheless, he fearlessly continued and successfully accomplished his task. Because of his deep devotion to duty, while under extremely harassing conditions, vital communications were installed and our forces were able to press forward the attack. Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan.

First Sergeant William S. Sillery, 32294155, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a motorized convoy were unknowingly misdirected in a confusing network of roads encountering heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his life Sergeant Sillery dashed to the head of the convoy to ascertain the difficulty and then directed the vehicles to cover. Sergeant Sillery courageously exposed himself again to the intense artillery fire to locate the battalion command post. After orienting his proper route on the map, he rejoined his convoy and led them to their destination. As a result of his valorous actions, Sergeant Sillery relieved the convoy from a perilous position without the loss of a vehicle. Residence: Rennselaer, New York.

Sergeant Shirley W. Bragg, 36409883, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a motorized convoy were unknowingly misdirected in a confusing network of roads encountering heavy concentrations of enemy artillery fire. Realizing the perilous position of the convoy, Sergeant Bragg, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to enemy artillery fire as he reconnoitered over unknown terrain to locate the battalion command post. Successfully orienting the proper route on a map, he returned to the waiting convoy and led them to their destination. As a result of his valorous action, he led his convoy to its destination without loss of a vehicle. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Sergeant Henry W. B. Collins, 34574618, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. During the night of 30 November 1944, in the mountainous and wooded region near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Collins, an artillery liaison sergeant, with his section, was maintaining a radio relay station during the assault on the village. Being in close

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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:

Corporal Kenneth L. Krueger, 36412510, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: New Buffalo, Michigan.

Private Edward W. Havens, Jr., 36715515, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Rockford, Illinois.

Private First Class Hubert A. Thornton, 34496231, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Toone, Tennessee.

Private Raymond T. Harvey, 36737564, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 18 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Edwin A. Brown, 20756529, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Mariana, Arkansas.

Private First Class Robert M. Johnson, 38693437, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Jay, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Boyd, 20429383, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 December 1944. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES W. DAVIS, 01300135, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Ruston, Louisiana.

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Private First Class Ernest Di Lorenzo, 36714935, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Dale C. Grubel, 17071617, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Sioux City, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Edward L. French, 11054553, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 December 1944. Residence: Winchester, Massachusetts.

Corporal Walter N. Lefler, 34255214, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 December 1944. Residence: Albemarle, North Carolina.

Private Oliver P. Cain, Jr., 35096106, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Shirley, Indiana.

Private Joseph N. Parks, 18231841, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 December 1944. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Corporal Harold E. Miller, 36713607, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Vaughn N. Carrier, 15083721, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Evansville, Indiana.

Private Henry A. Tucker, 34789256, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Homeland, Florida.

Private First Class Coy M. Corley, 38602205, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Paris, Arkansas.

Private First Class Arthur J. Therrien, 31297436, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 December 1944. Residence: Lynn, Massachusetts.

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Private First Class Stephen B. Dembinski, 36549729, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth N. Pfeffer, 37542056, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Milton, North Dakota.

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By command of Brigadier General PIERCE:

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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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT FELIX Y. KAZEMBA, 02048359, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, during our attack in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, it was found impossible to evacuate our wounded due to terrific enemy artillery and sniper fire. LIEUTENANT KAZEMBA, on his own initiative, organized a medical detail to set up an advance aid station on the frontlines. Disregarding the heavy enemy mortar, sniper and artillery fire, LIEUTENANT KAZEMBA, magnificently led his detail over two mountains to successfully set up an aid station in a captured pillbox. With utter disregard for his life, he directed the treatment of the wounded and skillfully evacuated several of the very seriously injured men to the battalion aid station. LIEUTENANT KAZEMBA'S display of superb leadership and gallantry in action under most adverse of conditions was a source of inspiration to all. The lives of at least three wounded men were saved and the pain of others was greatly alleviated by LIEUTENANT KAZEMBA'S outstanding heroism. Residence: Clear Lake, Wisconsin.

Sergeant William R. Michael, 17069671, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the night of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Michael, on his own initiative, skillfully guided a tank through extremely mountainous terrain, to an enemy fortified position he had previously discovered while on a patrol. In the course of their advance the tank struck a mine, temporarily disabling it. Simultaneously the enemy opened up with a terrific barrage of small arms fire and anti-tank guns, hitting the tank broadside. Realizing the precarious position of a soldier inside, Sergeant Michael, gallantly and with utter disregard for his life, threw open the hatch of the tank and dragged the wounded soldier out. Oblivious of the withering fire that raked his path he courageously carried the injured man to safety. This difficult feat involved carrying the wounded man over 100 yards of fire-swept and extremely mountainous terrain. As a result of Sergeant Michael's gallant action the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Oelwein, Iowa.

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Private John L. Davis, 37641159, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. In the dawn of 15 December 1944, during an attack by our troops in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Davis, a rifleman, was wounded by enemy small arms fire, and became separated from his platoon. Information was furnished him of intense enemy sniper activity in the immediate area. Oblivious to his wound, he, on his own initiative, undertook to deliver this vital information to his platoon. With utter disregard for his life, he courageously exposed himself to enemy fire to attempt to cross an open field and was wounded a second time. Despite his excruciating pain, he gallantly staggered on and succeeded in reaching his platoon. As a result of his valorous action valuable information was furnished which enabled his company to successfully continue its advance. Residence: Saint Louis, Missouri.

Private Joseph N. Parks, 18231841, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the period of 22 December to 23 December 1944, near \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, Private Parks, as lead scout for an advance guard, skillfully guided two attacking battalions across the swollen \* \* \* River. During his advance he encountered an enemy emplacement, and without hesitation single-handedly assaulted their position pouring fire into their midst. Completely bewildered by this gallant feat, the hostile group, consisting of 13 men, surrendered to him intact. Turning these prisoners over to a guard he proceeded forward keenly observing two enemy scouts on bicycles, making a hasty retreat. He dashed forward, seized them and forced their surrender before they were able to warn their comrades of our approach. On another occasion he brilliantly led the two battalions in the attack on the village of \* \* \*, France in such a superior manner that a large number of the enemy were taken prisoners. In both actions, Private Parks showed amazing ingenuity and absolute disregard for his life. By his quick thinking and superb tactical judgment Private Parks single-handedly captured 13 of the enemy and was directly instrumental in the capture of 127 others. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

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 individual:

Private First Class James E. Rosenbarger, 35697405, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Rosenbarger's squad was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Observing his squad leader lying helplessly wounded, Private Rosenbarger, with utter disregard for his life, courageously crawled forward through a hail of machine gun fire to the side of his wounded comrade. Private Rosenbarger, heedless of the cries of warning from his anxious comrades, expeditiously administered aid, until he fell mortally wounded. Private Rosenbarger's heroic deed was a source of inspiration to all his comrades. His gallant act was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Corydon, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Emma Rosenbarger, (Mother), 344 East Chestnut Street, Corydon, Indiana.

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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 Victor Valinote, 20263623, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Valinote observed a comrade wounded during an intense mortar barrage. With utter disregard for his life, private Valinote crawled a 100 yards through heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire to administer aid to his comrade. Observing his comrade seriously wounded in the chest, he returned to locate the litter bearers. Finding no litter bearers available at the time and realizing the necessity of professional medical attention for his comrade, he again crawled over the fire-swept and shell-blasted terrain to successfully carry his injured comrade to an aid station. As a result of Private Valinote's valorous act, prompt medical attention was given and the life of his comrade was saved. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LELAND C. GEAR, 01311386, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT GEAR, with his platoon continuously and efficiently maneuvered forward under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire to surround a hostile strong point. Fully cognizant that the emplacement was heavily fortified by automatic weapons, he fearlessly led his platoon forward to assault the enemy position. His boldness so completely bewildered the enemy that the strongpoint was neutralized, and leaving one group in charge of the captured strongpoint he assembled the remainder of his platoon and assaulted a second hostile emplacement nearby. His boldness in the face of heavy fire again surprised the enemy and forced them to withdraw in complete rout. As a result of LIEUTENANT GEAR'S outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, two dangerous strongpoints were neutralized and the attacking troops were materially assisted in the advance toward their objective. Residence: Trenton, Missouri.

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Private First Class Albert H. Rouse, 38530342, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Rouse was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms and mortar fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade and observing no medical aid men in the vicinity, he dashed boldly from his position of cover to the wounded man's side. Oblivious of the withering fire that raked the area, he carefully and efficiently rendered first aid. Realizing his aid inadequate he boldly picked up the injured man and dashed back through the hail of enemy fire to the battalion aid station. As a result of Private Rouse's outstanding courage in the face of enemy fire the life of his wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Mesquite, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALFRED J. POLTA, 0545595, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT POLTA, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Observing a member of his platoon lying wounded in an exposed position, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed courageously over 30 yards of fire-swept terrain to reach the injured man. Heedless of the withering fire that raked his path he picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety. As a result of LIEUTENANT POLTA'S outstanding courage in the face of enemy fire professional medical attention was administered efficiently and expeditiously to the wounded man. Residence: New Ulm, Minnesota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT NILES E. McPHILLIPS, 01287737, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 23 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT McPHILLIPS, on duty as a military police officer, received a call that a truck loaded with ammunition was burning in the vicinity. He immediately set forth to give all possible assistance. On arriving at the scene of the fire and observing that no action had been taken he fearlessly jumped upon the truck and with the assistance of one of his men began unloading the truck. Even though some of the burning cases of ammunition were exploding, he, with utter disregard for his life continued his task courageously. After the flaming cargo had been removed he boldly leaped upon the truck once again and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. As a result of LIEUTENANT McPHILLIPS' outstanding courage in the face of extreme danger, a truck was saved from destruction and the perilous circumstances confronting the nearby personnel was greatly alleviated. Residence: Longmont, Colorado.

CAPTAIN GEORGE D. TURNER, JR., 01171396, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN TURNER, Liaison Officer, accompanied by his section, was advancing with the front line infantry troops, when subjected to an intense concentration of enemy mortar fire. Observing a forward observer hit by shrapnel he dashed courageously from his place of safety to the injured man's side, administering first aid. Oblivious of the withering fire that devastated the area he efficiently and expeditiously rendered aid to his wounded comrade even though shrapnel pierced his coat. CAPTAIN TURNER'S display of outstanding valor in the face of enemy fire was a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Portsmouth, Virginia.

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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 the following named individual:

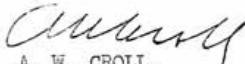
Private First Class John J. Purdy, 16175092, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Purdy, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced to a firing position on top of a hill, and began to fire on an enemy machine gun nest. Despite the knowledge of enemy observation on himself, Private Purdy coolly continued to fire until he fell mortally wounded, the victim of enemy machine gun fire. Throughout this entire action Private Purdy's display of self-sacrifice and magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mr. John J. Purdy, (Father), 4469 North Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 47, this headquarters, dated 9 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class John J. Purdy, 16175092, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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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 or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fifth Grade Bradley L. Norman, 34459357, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Roper, North Carolina.

Sergeant Avery V. Williams, 33006973, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Washington, D. C.

Private Horace L. Whitfield, 34304715, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Lurwood J. Brown, 34465811, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

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