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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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. SPROESSER, 0546877, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, LIEUTENANT SPROESSER, in command of a point squad, was stopped on a forced march by an intricate enemy road block covered by heavy machine gun fire. Displaying sound judgement and magnificent valor with utter disregard for his own life, he skillfully crawled to a key observation point in order to determine the enemy strength. Fully cognizant of the extreme danger involved, LIEUTENANT SPROESSER single handedly attacked the machine gun nest with hand grenades and small arms fire, completely disrupting their activity. In the process of this action LIEUTENANT SPROESSER was wounded by machine gun fire, but carried on despite his injury until he was certain all hostile action had ceased in order that his point might press the attack forward to their objective. Residence: Atlanta, Georgia.

Sergeant Warren W. Wall, 36713159, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Sergeant Wall and his squad were pinned down by heavy artillery fire. Sensing danger in his present position, Sergeant Wall rallied his squad and began to lead them from the exposed position to one of safety. In so doing, Sergeant Wall was wounded by shrapnel, but with utter disregard for his own personal welfare and in spite of his injury, he gallantly crawled forward to a distance of 200 yards to administer aid to several of his wounded squad members. He continued to administer aid and assisted in evacuation of the wounded until struck by shrapnel a second time which left him helpless. As a result of Sergeant Wall's magnificent courage many lives of the men around him were saved and medical treatment administered. Residence: Logansport, Indiana.

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

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FIRST LIEUTENANT RALPH L. TINDALL, 01323223, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. At dawn the morning of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, FIRST LIEUTENANT TINDALL, in command of a group unloading supplies when intense enemy artillery fire began, saw clearly the extreme danger confronting the group. With utter disregard for his life he boldly exposed himself to the hostile fire in order that the men might be guided to safety and the vehicles properly dispersed. In the process of this courageous act an artillery shell scored a direct hit, killing him instantly. Throughout the entire activity LIEUTENANT TINDALL'S actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence; Harriman, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Beula Tindall (wife), Greenpond, South Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES D. SYKES, 0547157, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, SECOND LIEUTENANT SYKES and his platoon were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Displaying magnificent courage with utter disregard for his own life, he crawled forward under intense fire over hazardous terrain to push the attack forward. At the head of his platoon, he skillfully maneuvered them around the hostile fire resulting in the opposing force being immediately routed. In the process of this operation LIEUTENANT SYKES was the victim of enemy machine gun fire, being instantly killed. Throughout the entire activity, SECOND LIEUTENANT SYKES' actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sherman Oak, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Pauline S. Sykes (wife), 14086 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys, California.

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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 individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Frank A. Tarnowski, 37566029, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

Private First Class Louis G. Chilson, Jr., 16176345, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Alvin L. Sudduth, Jr., 14115761, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Gastonia, North Carolina.

Private Elmer J. McCarthy, 33804530, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private Gerace C. Hodges, 37731532, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Indianola, Nebraska.

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANCIS R. JOHNSON, 0538205, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class Clarence E. Stanyon, 37402385, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Harold L. Nelson, 36411687, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Private First Class Edwin W. DeWolf, 36572491, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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Private First Class Jack L. Tracton, 32983113, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private Charles J. Grigsby, 34887579, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Technical Sergeant Leo J. Giovannini, 17051784, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Eveleth, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade Arthur V. Conrad, 37015402, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Warrensburg, Missouri.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD BRAY, 01322418, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Houston, Miss.

Private First Class Warren L. Nilson, 36951895, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Escanaba, Michigan.

Private First Class Joseph P. La Budda, 36288536, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Mauston, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Herbert J. Brachfeld, 12141097, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: New York, New York.

Private Ernest E. Lehto, 36964518, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Evan W. R. Davis, 33059169, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Kingston, Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT COULTER, 0445559, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Honolulu, Hawaii.

Private Joseph F. Pillar, 37591260, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Scotland, South Dakota.

Private Edward L. Merton, 37744823, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Liberty, Kansas.

Private First Class Norman Patesol, 35150759, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: South Bend, Indiana.

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Technician Fifth Grade Ruby Poff, 36102320, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 December 1944. Residence: LaHabra, California.

Staff Sergeant Frank L. Emly, 37275195, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Brookings, South Dakota.

Sergeant Robert Main, 36716581, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class C. B. McCarrell, 38589382, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Bethel, Oklahoma.

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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:

Staff Sergeant Harry Williams, 37446035, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Williams in an advance attack position on the left flank was pinned down with his squad by intense and concentrated enemy small arms and automatic weapon fire. The entire left flank of the company as a result of this activity was pinned down, necessitating immediate action to alleviate the situation. Sergeant Williams with undaunted courage and utter disregard for his own safety and welfare crawled from his protected position and assembled an attack group. In order to ascertain enemy positions he openly exposed himself for the sole purpose of drawing fire from the enemy, so his men could locate the strongpoint. As a result of this courageous action the source of enemy activity was located and simultaneously knocked out, thus permitting the left flank to move forward and reach the company objective unhindered. Residence: West Des Moines, Iowa.

Private First Class John B. Montana, 19050167, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private First Class Montana, a medical aid man with the 103d Reconnaissance Troop, was pinned down for two hours by intense enemy mortar and sniper fire. Realizing that he had to traverse open ground amidst artillery fire, to administer first aid to a wounded comrade, he, without regard for personal safety, crawled fifty yards to a building where he administered necessary first aid to the wounded men. Residence: Bosque, New Mexico.

CAPTAIN GERALD R. ZEEK, 01296142, Infantry, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 November 1944, in France. Residence: Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

MAJOR BURKITT A. REYNOLDS, 0313591, Infantry, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 November 1944, in France. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Corporal Raymond J. Fountain, 36410381, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 December 1944, in France. Residence: Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Private First Class John V. Doherty, 32302441, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 November 1944, in France. Residence: Hoboken, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Charles L. Looney, 34573045, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 November 1944, in France. Residence: Coosa, Georgia.

Private First Class Joseph E. Morrison, 36716215, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 November 1944 in France. Residence: Genoa, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER S. BERGERON, 01311473, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 November 1944, in France. Residence: Hoquiam, Washington.

Private John C. Rozman, 16175828, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 December 1944, in France. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley Swital, 36701509, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 38d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 November 1944 to 29 November 1944, in France. Residence: Joliet, Ill.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. BOWEN, 01172387, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 November 1944, in France. Residence: Spanish Fork, Utah.

Private First Class George R. Herrick, 31219226, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 November 1944, in France. Residence: Blue Hill, Maine.

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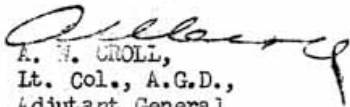
Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4.5, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Private Charles D. Swodes, 37250441, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 6 December 1944. Residence: Wyoming, Iowa.

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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:

Corporal John T. Shaefer, 6938924, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Shaefer, a medical aid man, with utter disregard of personal safety, and on his own initiative, successfully effected the speedy and skillful evacuation of the wounded, although having been wounded in the neck by enemy shrapnel fire. Despite enemy small arms and mortar fire he continued to direct litter squads to the aid of wounded comrades. His magnificent courage was an inspiration to his unit. Residence: Redwood City, California.

Staff Sergeant Morris B. Taylor, 36034815, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Taylor's platoon was strongly counter-attacked by the enemy. While under heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire he acted upon his own initiative in organizing a squad to repulse the enemy attack. With utter disregard of his safety with magnificent courage, he exposed himself to the withering enemy fire, and was subsequently wounded, but continued to command his group until the enemy counter-attack was successfully repulsed. Residence: Pink Hill, North Carolina.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HAROLD H. MAY, 0338747, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. THOMPSON, 01296451, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. Residence: Vienna, Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. RAITH, 01323032, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 November 1944, in the vicinity

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of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARTIN L. PEARSALL, 01294185, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 and 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* France. Residence: Caney, Kansas.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. VINSON, 01296124, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Goldsborough, North Carolina.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN L. LYNCH, 0255672, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HOWARD F. SELK, 0330164, Infantry, Headquarters 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Dalevan, Illinois.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES S. JUN, 0369762, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES F. ROBERTS, 021920, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BRUNO B. LAMBERT, 0549239, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 28 November 1944 to 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* France. Residence: Corona, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant Jerome J. Kaiser, 36287914, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 November 1944 to 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Stratford, Wisconsin.

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Staff Sergeant Frank M. Pifat, 36716000, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 November 1944 to 6 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* France. Residence: Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Melvin L. Hughes, 19015856, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Leo Wildmann, 36018366, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 18 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Donald J. Rommel, 16170232, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 and 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Rock Island, Illinois.

Private Warren B. Smith, 31271001, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 and 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Canton, Massachusetts.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE D. SWAN, 01031765, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

SECOND LIEUTENANT THEODORE B. FORD, 0547992, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, LIEUTENANT FORD, with his platoon, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire. Observing the enemy's fixed installations less than 150 yards to his front, he crawled back amid a hail of machine gun fire, in order to place our own guns in firing position. Under both our own and enemy fire he again crawled forward with utter disregard for his life in order to assault the opposing machine gun nest. From a distance of 25 yards, as point in his squad, he threw hand grenades while covered by small arms fire, killing four of the enemy and capturing twelve. Residence: Monticello, Mississippi.

Private William C. Peters, 17162170, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For heroism in action. On 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Peters, as a member of a reconnaissance platoon which was leading a mechanized task force, on his own initiative came forward to aid in the removal of a wounded comrade. With utter disregard of

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his personal safety he moved forward across open terrain, under heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire. Private Peters was seriously wounded prior to reaching his wounded comrade. His actions were an inspiration to his unit. Residence: Saint Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Delbert C. Kamman, 37466612, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For heroism in action. During the day of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Technician Kamman, as a member of a reconnaissance platoon which was leading a mechanized task force, accompanied his platoon leader to rescue a wounded comrade. Enroute, the third member of the party was hit by enemy rifle fire from a sniper in a nearby building. On his own initiative and with magnificent courage, Technician Kamman exposed himself to enemy sniper, mortar, and artillery fire, and calmly covered his platoon leader, who was in the act of evacuating the wounded man. By his heroic action Technician Kamman greatly aided in the safe removal of this wounded man. Residence: Hamburg, Iowa.

Private First Class Kenneth L. Stansell, 34516110, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Stansell, a company aid man, was pinned down by an intense concentration of enemy mortar fire. In the first barrage he was wounded three times, but despite these wounds, he directed the men in the company as to the proper administering of first aid to his wounded comrades. Throughout the entire barrage Private Stansell carried on courageously, refusing evacuation in order that others might be aided first. Only after the last wounded man had been aided did he submit to evacuation himself. Residence: Seneca, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant John D. Coones, 37245577, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Galena, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Hyman Schatz, 36716189, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Newton I. Townsend, 36572072, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 November 1944 to 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Glaze E. Quentin, 17004281, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Norfolk, Nebraska.

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Technician Fourth Grade LeRoy P. Schneller, 36289079, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Plain, Wisconsin.

Sergeant Henry W. Busch, 37447860, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 2 December 1944 to 5 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France. Residence: Allison, Iowa.

Private First Class Michael J. Komosa, 36000790, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Komosa was in position as part of a company perimeter defense when enemy tank fire struck his area. He was wounded in the leg in the first barrage and hastily administered first aid to himself. Heeding the cries of wounded comrades, despite his own injury and with utter disregard for his life, he crawled forward amid a hail of enemy fire to give first aid. Not until the last wounded man was tended did Private Komosa, unaided, walk to the next town to receive medical attention for his own injury. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Thomas J. Simpson, 18115113, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Private Simpson, as a rifleman and a member of the company bazooka team, was pinned down by small arms fire. Without regard for his personal safety he crawled to a position exposed to enemy fire and directed bazooka fire on approaching enemy tanks. As a result of Private Simpson's magnificent courage the tank attack was stopped and his company was able to withdraw with but few casualties. Residence: Houston, Texas.

CAPTAIN CLIFTON H. HIPPS, 01285863, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, CAPTAIN HIPPS' company was surrounded and pinned down by heavy enemy artillery and automatic weapons fire. With magnificent courage he exposed himself to intense enemy fire to direct a defense against a strong counter-attack, which was successfully repulsed. He then brought his whole company through encircling enemy, reorganized, and successfully completed his mission. During this action, with utter disregard for his life, he again exposed himself to enemy fire to direct anti-tank fire against enemy armor leading the counter-attack. As a result of this courageous performance, severe casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and the battalion was able to complete its mission. Residence: Columbus, Ohio.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. DORATO, O1310421, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT DORATO was pinned down by intense small arms, machine gun and mortar fire. In order to determine the enemy strength, without regard for his personal safety, he crawled forward to a point of observation. Sighting an enemy machine gun nest, he assembled an assault group and advanced forward to knock it out. In the attack on the enemy strong point LIEUTENANT DORATO was wounded, but despite his injuries crawled back to a fellow officer, reporting his findings. As a result of his magnificent courage the enemy machine gun nest was ultimately destroyed. Residence: New York City, New York.

Private First Class Salvador V. Distefano, 18246925, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 29 to 30 November 1944, in daylight and in darkness, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Distefano, an automatic rifleman, was intermittently pinned down by intense mortar fire. Although wounded in the first barrage, he remained at his post, with utter disregard for his life, pouring fire directly into enemy positions. As a result of Private Distefano's magnificent courage, he materially assisted in repulsing an enemy counter-attack. Residence: Hammond, Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WESLEY H. BURR, O1310398, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT BURR, as Battalion S-2, went forward to the attacking company, under intense enemy mortar fire, to assist in establishing an observation post. While forward, during an emergency, LIEUTENANT BURR was placed in command of a company which had withdrawn for reorganization. On his own initiative, he quickly and under intense artillery and small arms fire, with utter disregard for his life, reassembled the company and led them forward to assist in the attack. Residence: Silver Creek, New York.

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. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Raymond S. Wilton, 36401486, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Company "K", 410th

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Infantry Regiment was pinned down by a devastating cross fire from enemy automatic weapons. Private Wilton, company aid man, on his own initiative and displaying magnificent courage, crawled into severe enemy machine gun fire to administer aid to his wounded comrades. Despite the fire coming from four directions, with utter disregard of his personal safety he successfully administered aid to several wounded comrades. Due to his heroic action several wounded men were treated and evacuated from the field. Residence: Rives Junction, Michigan.

Sergeant Joseph T. McCarthy, 32673033, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant McCarthy was in charge of a machine gun squad, whose mission was to cover the withdrawal of a rifle company in exposed terrain. He, fully cognizant of the extreme danger, exposed himself under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, to mount his gun in a strategic position, where he fired eight belts of ammunition. This magnificent courage resulted in a mission completed and the rifle company withdrew successfully. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Norman E. Kitzman, 37542299, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Kitzman, an aid man attached to Company "G", was pinned down by concentrated enemy small arms fire. In this precarious position he heard the cries of a wounded comrade, and with utter disregard for his life, ran forward amid heavy fire to administer first aid. While attending the wounded man he was shot three times by enemy sniper fire but continued his mission until the injured man was prepared for evacuation. Not until he was certain all possible aid could be given did he submit to evacuation himself. Residence: Long Prairie, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Roland E. Howell, 34496210, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Howell, on his own initiative, sent two linemen forward to repair the wire communications which had been blown out. About 100 yards out, these two wiremen were hit by an enemy artillery shell, one unable to move because of wounds sustained. Despite the continuous enemy shelling, Sergeant Howell ran forward, picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety. Having brought the wounded man to medical aid Sergeant Howell went forward again through enemy artillery fire and successfully repaired the communication line. Residence: Toone, Tennessee.

Private First Class Lawrence L. Schrank, 18214528, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* France, Private

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Schrank was pinned down by intense and concentrated enemy small arms fire. In the intensity of the fire he saw his squad leader and a squad scout wounded by enemy artillery. Crawling from his protected position for 250 yards in the face of enemy fire, he reached his wounded comrades and evacuated them, one by one, to safety. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Private Leo J. Grogan, 33810690, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Leo J. Grogan was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery and small arms fire. In the process of crawling to an advantageous position of observation he was hit by shrapnel, but continued on his mission, while his company withdrew to a protected area. Private Grogan remained forward as a point, despite his injury and with utter disregard for his life, to relay vital information as to the enemy's activities. Not until all possible information was reported would he submit to evacuation for medical treatment. As a result of his magnificent courage he materially assisted in repulsing an enemy counter-attack. Residence: Chester, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Harry G. Alexander, 6148419, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Alexander, while on patrol to contact a company out of communication was pinned down by intense enemy artillery fire. In this action one member of the patrol was seriously wounded. Fully cognizant of the extreme danger confronting him he led his men to safety. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Alexander crawled forward from his protected position under intense fire, reached his wounded comrade, and brought him back to safety. Residence: Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Richard A. Pederson, 37327285, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 3 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Pederson, in charge of a section of light machine guns, led his men gallantly and with sound judgment across fire swept terrain to a position where he could deliver fire on an enemy machine gun nest which had the second platoon of Company "K" pinned to the ground. As a result of his magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, six of the enemy were killed in the action, and the platoon was able to advance. Residence: Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

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 acted with coolness during this action. Even after Private Purdy was seriously wounded

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by enemy artillery fire he pointed out enemy positions to friendly troops to his rear. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class George L. Lemich, 37460319, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Lemich's company was pinned down by heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire. Private Lemich, with utter disregard for his personal safety, tried to flank the enemy position to gain an advantageous point, and was seriously wounded by machine gun fire. Despite this serious wound Private Lemich continued his efforts, crawling, to find a firing position. Residence: Winton, Wyoming.

Private First Class Fahle Maki, 36549450, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private First Class Maki was acting as a runner for the battalion commander. When wire communications were severed with the front line companies and contact was no longer possible, Private Maki on his own initiative undertook to deliver a message from the battalion commander to a front line company. To deliver this message Private Maki had to make his way through a sector which was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard of personal safety, and failing to permit this heavy barrage to deter him, he successfully completed his mission and delivered the message. By his heroic action, he was responsible for the re-coordination of the battalion. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Charles D. Strada, 39240500, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Strada, with his squad, was pinned down by intense enemy small arms fire. As a result of this activity one squad member was killed and five wounded. Realizing the acuteness of the situation, with utter disregard for his life, he boldly exposed himself to enemy observation in order to reconnoiter a safe route of withdrawal. The route established, he led his squad to safety. Displaying magnificent courage, he again crawled forward under fire and evacuated his five wounded squad members to safety in order that medical aid could be administered. Residence: San Diego, California.

CAPTAIN DANIEL E. HALPIN, 024957, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN HALPIN, commanding Company "K", was completely surrounded and under intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire. He constantly, with undaunted courage and with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to direct fire of the enemy, so that he could reorganize and continue his mission. With one officer left in his command, he carried on magnificently in establishing contact with adjacent units. Due to his courageous work, the mission of the battalion was facilitated immeasurably. Residence: Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant Fred Wuehrich, 36288896, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of a period between 29 and 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Wuehrich, on his own initiative, took command of a mortar squad during the absence of the squad leader. Despite a heavy concentration of artillery and small arms fire, he, fully cognizant of the extreme danger, stayed on the mortar and delivered accurate fire on enemy gun positions. Residence: Medford, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Ledtje, 17169923, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 28 and 29 November 1944, in daylight and in darkness, Sergeant Ledtje was intermittently pinned down by intense and concentrated enemy mortar fire. Observing the enemy preparing for an attack he crawled to his group of men, assembled and led them to advantageous firing positions on the crest of a hill, where the enemy could be plainly seen. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Ledtje went from man to man encouraging their actions. As a result of his magnificent courage, a counter-attack was made possible and the enemy was forced to withdraw. Residence: Toledo, Ohio.

MAJOR GEORGE P. E. CAESAR, JR., 0348420, Field Artillery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 November 1944 to 4 December 1944, in France. Residence: Milwaukee, 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, posthumously, to following named individuals:

Staff Sergeant Harold F. Korte, 36548619, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Korte's company was being held up by enemy automatic weapons fire. While pinned down by the fire, an enemy tank supported by approximately fifty infantrymen attacked Company L's position. Sergeant Korte, on his own initiative, and with utter disregard for his personal safety, deployed his squad, placed his anti-tank grenades and his bazooka man in a position for the most effective fire. Despite heavy small arms fire from the enemy, he remained exposed until his squad was properly placed. The effective fire of his squad caused the tank to withdraw and inflicted heavy enemy casualties. Sergeant Korte's heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Sergeant Korte was subsequently killed in action in a later engagement. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara M. Korte (mother), 24358 Scott Street, Dearborn, Michigan.

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Private First Class Raphael P. Osbourn, 37246405, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Osbourn was in charge of a radio transmitter in a forward observation post, which was under constant enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his life he stayed at his post relaying vital information to his company gun crews. In this action the enemy scored a direct hit on the observation post killing him instantly. As a result of Private Osbourn's outstanding valor and magnificent courage enemy positions were brought under fire and ultimately destroyed. Residence: Broughton, Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Carrie Osbourn (mother), Route No. 1, Broughton, Kansas.

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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:

Technical Sergeant Joseph P. Majhor, 19015321, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. In the dawn of 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, Sergeant Majhor was pinned down, with his platoon, by heavy artillery and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his life he skillfully crawled to a position of observation in order to determine the enemy strength. From this vantage point he discovered an enemy machine gun nest and with magnificent courage attacked it single-handedly with hand grenades, killing its crew and knocking out the gun. In the assault Sergeant Majhor was wounded by enemy fire. As a result of this action, the battalion was materially assisted in the advance to its objective. Residence: Helena, Montana.

CAPTAIN CLIFTON H. WHIPPS, 01285863, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, CAPTAIN WHIPPS, while leading his company in the attack, was pinned down by artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Sighting the enemy approaching in force preceded by tanks, he courageously dashed up and down his line, forming a 180° defense. In full view of enemy observers, with utter disregard for his life, CAPTAIN WHIPPS directed his men into positions of safety. He personally brought anti-tank grenades into action, ultimately repulsing the enemy tanks. As a result of CAPTAIN WHIPPS' sound judgment and magnificent valor the enemy was unable to determine our strength and were finally forced to withdraw in hasty retreat. Residence: Columbus, Ohio.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH F. ADAMSKI, 0375131, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* \* \*

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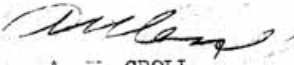
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France, LIEUTENANT ADAMSKI was in charge of a platoon constructing a road block, when pinned down by small arms, artillery and tank fire. Realizing the acuteness of the situation he led his men to concealment out of direct fire. Glancing back, he observed a six man flank guard entirely cut off by enemy infantry. In the face of direct enemy tank fire, less than 75 yards away, LIEUTENANT ADAMSKI courageously and with utter disregard for his life, skillfully crawled to the trapped men, moving them to a position whereby they could safely return to their organization. Crawling back to his men LIEUTENANT ADAMSKI was the victim of a direct hit by enemy tank fire and was instantly killed. Throughout this entire activity LIEUTENANT ADAMSKI'S actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York City, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Adamski (wife), 116 West 63d Street, New York City, New York.

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