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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 for wounds received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES McNABNEY, 0495720, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Reno, Nevada.

Technician Fifth Grade Alexander Zirko, 36714710, Infantry, Service Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 November 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Joseph Mirkovich, 35399121, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 November 1944. Residence: Canton, Ohio.

Private Roscoe W. Fry, 37527353, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Spickard, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Alva L. Curry, 6292975, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 November 1944. Residence: Sherman, Texas.

Private First Class William P. Heck, 13026512, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 November 1944. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant William P. Martin, Jr., 6931881, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 November 1944. Residence: Gainesville, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Herbert H. Davis, Jr., 33112811, Infantry, Service Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 November 1944. Residence: Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Wilbert C. Krezer, 18232994, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Sparenberg, Texas.

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Private Jesus M. Caballero, 39864599, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 November 1944. Residence: Phoenix, Arizona.

Staff Sergeant Roy P. Theisen, 36409868, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Sergeant Donald L. Bloomfield, 16011283, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 November 1944. Residence: Midland, Michigan.

Private First Class Melvyn E. Foos, 37738611, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 November 1944. Residence: Great Bend, Kansas.

Private First Class Peter Burn, 12074578, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 November 1944. Residence: Lynbrook, New York.

Private First Class Walter E. Davis, 13135197, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Corry, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Adrian M. Luigs, 35731645, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Paducah, Kentucky.

Private First Class Henry Cresswell, 31351702, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 November 1944. Residence: Pryor, Montana.

Private First Class Donald W. Sikes, 18132983, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Robert E. Kudrle, 17131937, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 November 1944. Residence: Sioux City, Iowa.

By command of Major General HAFFNER:

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM M. HOPE, JR., O1178838, Field Artillery, Headquarters 103d Division Artillery. For gallantry in action. On the morning of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, the third section of Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, was under heavy mortar fire. LIEUTENANT HOPE noticed that shell bursts from a mortar shell had lit in the position of the piece and set fire to powder charges causing a tremendous fire which threatened to explode five fuzeed shells which were but a few feet away. Realizing the imminent danger to the section personnel and the howitzer, LIEUTENANT HOPE at great personal risk of his life, not only from enemy fire and observation, but also from the blaze and its possible consequences, ran to the fire and assisted in extinguishing it. LIEUTENANT HOPE'S heroic and unselfish action was in accordance with the highest standard of military service. Residence: Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Corporal Raymond E. Scott, 37245958, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On the morning of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, the third section of Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, was under heavy mortar fire. Corporal Scott, Ammunition Corporal of the first section noticed that shell bursts from a mortar shell had lit in the position of the piece and set fire to powder charges causing a tremendous fire which threatened to explode five fuzeed shells which were but a few feet away. Realizing the imminent danger to the section personnel and the howitzer, Corporal Scott at great personal risk of his life, not only from enemy fire and observation, but also from the blaze and its possible consequences, left a position of comparative security and ran a distance of thirty yards to the third section and assisted in extinguishing the blaze. Corporal Scott's heroic and unselfish action was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Residence: Warsaw, Missouri.

Private James T. Fraser, 36570065, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On the morning of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, the third section

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of Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, was under heavy mortar fire. Private Fraser, number six cannoneer, third section, noticed that shell bursts from a mortar shell had lit in the position of the piece and set fire to powder charges causing a tremendous fire which threatened to explode five fuzed shells which were but a few feet away. Realizing the imminent danger to the section personnel and the howitzer, Private Fraser at great personal risk of his life, not only from enemy fire and observation, but also from the blaze and its possible consequences, left his position of comparative security, ran to the blaze and assisted in extinguishing it. Private Fraser's heroic and unselfish action was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Residence: St. Clair, Michigan.

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

ERICADIER GENERAL ROGER M. WICKS, O12082, United States Army, Headquarters 103d Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy from 19 November 1944 to 26 November 1944, in France. Entered the military service from the State of New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEONARD B. DOGGETT, JR., O1299539, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 12 and 13 November 1944. Displaying unusual leadership LIEUTENANT DOGGETT organized and led a stretcher party over particularly difficult terrain and despite hostile artillery and mortar fire succeeded in evacuating the wounded of his organization. As a result of his courageous leadership many casualties were prevented. Residence: Rockville, Maryland.

Sergeant Joseph J. Reith, 39162936, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, from 12 November 1944 to 17 November 1944. Sergeant Reith had been assigned the task of maintaining communications between platoons and from company to battalion. Working in particularly difficult terrain and repeatedly exposing himself to hostile artillery and mortar fire he succeeded in laying the original wire and repaired the breaks. As a consequence of Sergeant Reith's heroism and unusual initiative in making unorthodox wire connections, the platoons were kept in direct contact with our artillery, large quantities of enemy material were destroyed and heavy casualties inflicted upon the enemy. His heroism and unselfish actions in the face of enemy fire contributed greatly to the combat effectiveness of his organization. Residence: Glendale, California.

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Corporal John P. Marrs, 15059375, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 17 November 1944. Prior to an attack by units of the 103d Infantry Division, Corporal Marrs was helping to carry a 50 cal. machine gun into position. He tried to bring the gun into action, but at first was unable to do so. He eventually succeeded and after putting the gun into action continued to stay in position regardless of the fact that he was under small arms and mortar fire. This was done with utter disregard for his own personal safety. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class Edward J. Petricko, 36547932, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 17 November 1944. Prior to an attack by units of the 103d Infantry Division, Private First Class Petricko was helping to carry a 50 cal. machine gun into position. Initial attempts to put the gun into action were unsuccessful; but with Private First Class Petricko's aid the gun was put into operation. During this time he was under small arms and mortar fire, but he continued to stay in position with utter disregard for his own personal safety. Residence: Learborn, Michigan.

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