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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I
- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . III

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD C. THOMAS, C21289, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action. During the period 15 to 25 March 1945, as G-3 of this Division, his unusual attention to duty, his sound judgment, and his repeated personal liaison with subordinate commanders were largely responsible for the success of the Division in its break-through of the Siegfried line. His performance of duty was in accordance with the highest military traditions. Residence: Atchison, Kansas.

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

Private First Class George A. Sherman, 36541629, Medical Department, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Lester J. Walters, 16150545, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Garden City, Michigan.

Private Lloyd I. Connors, 42116904, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Rochester, New York.

Staff Sergeant Ramon C. Irvin, 37246274, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Missouri.

Private First Class Jesse H. Black, 36963258, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Carrier Hills, Illinois.

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II - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private First Class Joe L. Bullah, 38534226, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Lone Oak, Texas.

Private First Class Fred E. Light, 20607489, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Leon C. Scott, 37100661, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Residence: Pluffton, Arkansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RUNA S. WHITE, 01289351, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Maryville, Tennessee.

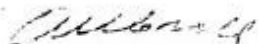
INI -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 24 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private Sig V. Gidcon, 37245734, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Tracyville, Missouri.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McHAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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 following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Leonard J. Yesner, 35060767, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Sergeant Stanley L. Casper, 35696985, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Salem, Indiana.

Private First Class Merritt A. Parks, 35289121, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Parabeo, Wisconsin.

Sergeant Leonard J. Ruain, 36472367, Infantry, Company "N", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Corporal Ralph H. Prudelle, 36411995, Infantry, Company "N", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Johnson, 36412074, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: South Haven, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Keith L. Joyce, 37466394, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Dewitt, Nebraska.

Private First Class James K. Peters, Jr., 35779129, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Huntington, West Virginia.

Sergeant Emmett R. Keleher, Jr., 39531303, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Garvey, California.

Private First Class Harry J. Cowan, 17175740, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Sheridan, Missouri.

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Private First Class William J. Bogle, 42185817, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

Private First Class Allen S. Day, 42113760, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Schenectady, New York.

Private George A. Burrows, 39424144, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Oakland, California.

Private First Class Carl J. Christien, 36560751, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Manuel L. Olivarez, 38555183, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: San Benito, Texas.

Private First Class Edward L. Markowski, 33513406, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Benshaw, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Walter D. Rice, 14136463, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida.

Private First Class Lawrence H. Johnson, Jr., 34810522, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Eufaula, Alabama.

Sergeant Elmer E. Cowan, 34516268, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Hones Path, South Carolina.

Private First Class Harry E. Denson, 20323180, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Ralph W. Butte, 34514253, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Westminster, South Carolina.

Private First Class Earl A. Trudeau, 31381595, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Willimantic, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant Edwin R. Hart, 36287699, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Elworth, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Raymond I. Bannert, 37773346, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Baudette, Minnesota.

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Private First Class Adolph C. Kneller, Jr., 35829584, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Terre Haute, Indiana.

Private First Class Fletcher J. Castleberry, 34868482, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Residence: Raleigh, North Carolina.

Private First Class Rudolph O. Struacius, 42198451, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 March 1945. Residence: Ridgewood, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN C. RILLY, 02000734, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 November 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Wilfred J. Desrosier, 31066997, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Technician Fifth Grade John R. Kraywicki, 36412232, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Private First Class Herman H. Perry, 34710166, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 March 1945. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Richard A. Reitmeyer, 37567911, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Crookston, Minnesota.

Private First Class Robert L. Horton, 35770069, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Portsmouth, Ohio.

Private First Class John C. Brinton, 13196912, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Marshall E. Cumpston, 35763201, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: New Milton, West Virginia.

Sergeant Bardette H. Pate, 36288408, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Spring Green, Wisconsin.

Private First Class William C. Blow, 38543795, Infantry, Antitank Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Houston, Texas.

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Sergeant Robert L. Doro, 36289115, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Ableman, Wisconsin.

Private First Class David T. Ellis, 10601740, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Dundee, Angus, Scotland.

Private First Class James E. McQuirley, 16015793, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Woodson, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Ivan M. Current, 37447722, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Baldwin, Iowa.

Private First Class Floyd M. Cummings, 35049781, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Medina, Ohio.

Private First Class Claude H. Benfield, 38428506, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 March 1945. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class Patrick W. Whalen, 36553865, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Lawrence E. Cook, 37465601, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

Private First Class Tom Lannone, 36642971, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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

Sergeant David W. Hubbard, 37571003, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Myron K. Howard, 39681023, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Twin Falls, Idaho.

Private First Class Emmett W. Pickett, 35553531, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Pasteria, Ohio.

Private First Class Haskell J. Morris, 38592959, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Mustangville, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Eugene M. Carnes, 37744374, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Carterville, Missouri.

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Private First Class Thomas Guardia, Jr., 39456972, Infantry, Company "K",  
 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: San Antonio,  
 Texas.

Private First Class James C. Rost, 37661836, Infantry, Company "I", 409th  
 Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Joseph Slonina, Jr., 13009057, Infantry, Company "K",  
 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Moon Run, Pennsyl-  
 vania.

Private First Class Albert H. Reitsman, 35531125, Infantry, Company "I",  
 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . III

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

Technical Sergeant Bernhard F. Braet, 6262227, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, attacking elements of the second battalion were pinned down near \* \* \*, France, by intense enemy automatic weapon and mortar fire. Sergeant Braet voluntarily ran and crawled through the hostile fire to a heavy machine gun and single-handedly fired it until he burned out the barrel. Sergeant Braet dashed to another weapon 150 yards from the enemy and continued to fire as the rifle companies moved to cover. He then picked up the heavy machine gun, fired from the hip and sprayed the hostile positions. His actions, which permitted his battalion to resume the attack, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

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Private Ray Nightwalker, 38572193, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, the First Battalion, 411th Infantry was halted by enemy machine gun fire and was immediately subjected to artillery and mortar fire. Private Nightwalker, locating the machine gun nests, ran across 500 yards of open terrain and firing his light machine gun from his hip, overran the hostile emplacement, killing the enemy crew. Moving forward, he located another enemy machine gun emplacement and with well directed fire, killed the crew, thereby clearing a zone through which his company could bypass two other machine gun nests. Private Nightwalker's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Canton, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Ervin Latimore, 34097798, Armored, Company "B", 761st Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action. On the night of 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Latimore, tank commander of the leading tank of a task force, led an attack on an enemy column of trucks, towed guns, and horse drawn artillery, completely destroying it. Although wounded, Sergeant Latimore refused to be evacuated. Upon reaching the outskirts of \* \* \*, Germany, his tank was fired upon by enemy anti-tank guns. Locating the hostile

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emplacements by gun flashes, he overran the enemy positions. Sergeant Latimore's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spartansburg, South Carolina.

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

Technician Fifth Grade Sam Johnson, 34107111, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, during the attack on \* \* \*, France, Technician Johnson and one other soldier were sent to contact an adjacent company. Returning through a mine field after establishing contact, Technician Johnson and his comrade were seriously wounded by a Schu-mine. Disregarding his painful wound, Technician Johnson succeeded in reaching an aid man and returned with him. Upon reentering the mine field, another anti-personnel mine was detonated wounding Technician Johnson again. When a litter team found it impossible to enter the mine field, Technician Johnson crawled out by himself, where he could be evacuated without endangering the litter team. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Silver Hill, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Lemuel R. Tillman, 34371807, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 8 May 1944, near \* \* \*, Italy an intense and sustained enemy artillery barrage wounded several men of Sergeant Tillman's platoon. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Tillman ran 100 yards over the exposed terrain and rendered first aid to the casualties. He then directed the evacuation of the wounded 1300 yards down a steep narrow creek bed to an aid station. Sergeant Tillman's actions, in saving the lives of several comrades, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Donelson, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT F. PARKER, 02000684, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT PARKER, forward observer, exposed himself to enemy machine gun and mortar fire, directing cannon fire on enemy machine gun positions, enabling our troops to enter the village without loss. As the infantry moved to secure the town, he directed fire ahead of them, forcing the enemy to remain covered as our troops cleared the buildings. Later, when the enemy counterattacked from the woods north of the village, LIEUTENANT PARKER's accurate fire direction broke up the attack and routed the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mount Hope, West Virginia.

Private First Class Roger L. Sundstrom, 31376849, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, France, Private Sundstrom, automatic rifle ammunition bearer, left the cover of a road embankment, and in the face of heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, reached a wounded automatic rifleman and

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carried him to safety. He then returned to the exposed area to recover the automatic weapon. In the attack that followed, Private Sundstrom was instrumental in knocking out several machine gun nests. Private Sundstrom's actions, which saved the life of a wounded man and maintained the fire power of his squad, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Harrisville, New Hampshire.

Technical Sergeant Elmer S. Richter, 37541931, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Richter's platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, suffering several casualties. Sergeant Richter exposed himself to the enemy fire, crawling from man to man and succeeded in moving them to a wooded area. Reorganizing his platoon, he led them forward in the attack, knocking out five enemy heavy machine guns and killing numerous enemy snipers. Sergeant Richter's actions, a source of inspiration to his men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Napoleon, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Robert O. Northcott, 34495939, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 17 December 1944, near \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Northcott's squad, point of the advance guard of the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry, discovered enemy riflemen on a road parallel to the advancing battalion. Sergeant Northcott, after notifying the company commanders of the situation, led an assault squad forward to within 50 yards of the enemy before being discovered. Pressing the attack, he threw a grenade at two of the enemy, continued on under harassing fire, and forced the enemy to abandon the positions, capturing three and wounding one. Sergeant Northcott's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Humboldt, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT REGINALD L. CHAMBERLAIN, 61314443, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, LIEUTENANT CHAMBERLAIN, while leading his platoon in the attack near \* \* \*, France, was wounded in the arm by machine gun fire. Refusing to be evacuated and in a weakened condition, LIEUTENANT CHAMBERLAIN continued to lead the attack until his platoon had accomplished its mission. His actions, an inspiration to those about him, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Delbert C. Allen, 39054687, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, after devastating enemy machine gun and small arms fire had forced Company "C" to withdraw, Sergeant Allen discovered that his wounded platoon sergeant was lying in an exposed position. Sergeant Allen made his way over the fire-swept terrain, crossed an abatis of fallen logs and barbed wire, reached his wounded comrade and succeeded in dragging him to safety. Sergeant Allen's actions, in saving the life of a wounded man, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Salinas, California.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE E. MCCOY, 02007009, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, near \* \* \*, Germany, Company "G", protecting the regimental left flank, was forced to give ground against a determined enemy counter-attack. At dusk, LIEUTENANT MCCOY led his platoon through a woods in a flanking movement and approached to within 50 yards of hostile pillboxes before being discovered. Quickly directing small arms and bazooka fire into the emplacements, LIEUTENANT MCCOY, disregarding enemy small arms fire, moved from man to man encouraging and directing them in an attack that dislodged the enemy from his positions. LIEUTENANT MCCOY's outstanding leadership, which enabled the company to secure the regiment's flank, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Milts, Michigan.

Private First Class Alfred S. Proese, 37566929, Infantry, Company "D", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, two men, advancing through a mine field during an attack, were wounded by mines and lay exposed to enemy small arms fire. Informed that the medical aid men had been wounded and evacuated, Private Proese voluntarily entered the mine field under hostile fire and carried one man to cover. Private Proese then returned and carried the second man to the edge of the mine field where he, himself, was injured by a mine. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Powers Lake, North Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Owen W. Davenport, 37203254, Infantry, Company "D", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, when attacking infantry met stiff resistance in \* \* \*, Germany, and requested mortar fire on the village, Sergeant Davenport, unable to secure good mortar positions in enemy-cleared areas, led his section into hostile territory. When his men were fired on by the enemy, Sergeant Davenport organized a small patrol, raided a pillbox and captured three enemy riflemen. Again Sergeant Davenport twice led his patrol against harassing snipers and killed two of the enemy. Despite interference from sniper, mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant Davenport directed the fire of 200 rounds into the town, effectively reducing enemy resistance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hedora, Kansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT DAVID A. DUKES, 0551292, Infantry, Company "D", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, France, when the leading rifle company was pinned down by enemy mortar and self-propelled weapon fire, supporting fire was requested. LIEUTENANT DUKES, mortar platoon leader, taking a reel of wire, crawled forward 500 yards to an advantageous observation post to direct fire upon the hostile positions. When an artillery barrage severed the wire, LIEUTENANT DUKES, disregarding the enemy fire, crawled to the break and repaired it. Returning to his position, he directed fire on the enemy mortar position, knocking it out and forcing the self-propelled weapon to withdraw. LIEUTENANT DUKES' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Greelyville, South Carolina.

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Technical Sergeant Torbet E. Jennings, 34494894, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 13 December 1944, Sergeant Jennings' platoon was spearheading the advance of the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry, on the town of \* \* \*, France. Discovering that the first house, guarding the road, was occupied by the enemy, Sergeant Jennings deployed his squad and surrounded the building. Leading an assault squad forward, he threw a grenade into a cellar window, entered the building and captured 32 of the enemy. Sergeant Jennings' actions, which enabled his battalion to advance into the town, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Parsons, Tennessee.

Private Wallace R. Schwalm, 35932925, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, Company "B", in the attack near \* \* \*, France, was temporarily halted by intense machine gun and sniper fire. Private Schwalm, observing a seriously wounded comrade lying in an exposed position, unhesitatingly crawled 400 yards over the fire-swept terrain to reach the casualty. Despite the enemy fire, he administered first aid, and then tying the wounded man's wrists together, dragged him to safety. Private Schwalm's actions, in saving the life of a wounded man, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: South Bend, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant Earl F. Hale, 18231629, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, France, when the leading platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Hale moved his platoon to the right rear and directed fire into the enemy positions. Despite the lack of cover and intense enemy fire, he led his men forward in the attack, diverting enemy fire to his own position, permitting the pinned down platoon to withdraw. Sergeant Hale's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kerrville, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS E. BRUCE, 01031297, Infantry, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 22 March 1945 in our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT BRUCE, platoon leader, displayed outstanding leadership and initiative in closely supporting attacking elements of the 409th Infantry and the 411th Infantry. On 15 March 1945, he personally led his platoon through a mine field to give direct supporting fire and neutralize all enemy automatic weapons in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France. He frequently reconnoitered routes and firing positions for his tanks while under direct enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. LIEUTENANT BRUCE's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Scott, Kansas.

Private First Class Leonard Smith, 12182203, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 22 March 1945, in our advance from \* \* \*, France to \* \* \*, Germany, Private Smith, tank gunner, displayed outstanding devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 411th Infantry. On one occasion Private

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Smith successfully assisted in the evacuation of a crew from a disabled tank, in the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. He materially assisted in destroying or neutralizing 23 pillboxes, and effectively reduced enemy automatic weapon and sniper fire. Private Smith's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Juncos, New York.

Sergeant Daniel Cardell, 12182978, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 18 to 21 March 1945 from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Cardell, tank commander, displayed outstanding initiative and devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 411th Infantry. On numerous occasions as his tank was returning for a resupply of ammunition, he evacuated casualties in the face of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Near \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Cardell assisted in clearing a road blocked by several pillboxes and destroying many enemy automatic weapons. Sergeant Cardell's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROSES E. DARE, 02006525, Infantry, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 21 March 1945, during our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT DARE displayed outstanding leadership and initiative under enemy fire. Constantly exposed to enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire while leading his platoon in support of attacking elements of the 411th Infantry, he succeeded in neutralizing 13 pillboxes, destroying an ammunition dump, capturing one anti-tank gun intact, and killing many of the enemy. LIEUTENANT DARE's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Washington, D. C.

Technician Fourth Grade Ivory Fox, 34468077, Armored, Company "A", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Fox was driving the third tank in an armored column when his tank was struck three times by enemy anti-tank fire, forcing the crew to take cover in the woods on the side of the road. Observing that the two lead tanks were unable to move forward over unfavorable terrain and were blocked from the rear by the damaged tank, Technician Fox mounted his tank and, although the enemy diverted their fire to his vehicle, he attempted to move the tank until it was struck again by enemy fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Salisbury, North Carolina.

Sergeant Louis M. Daniel, 36165724, Armored, Headquarters Company, 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, Germany, an enemy anti-tank gun was encountered. Sergeant Daniel, tank commander, dismounted from his tank, and braving enemy artillery, mortar, anti-tank and small arms fire, went forward alone and located the enemy emplacement. Returning to his tank, he approached to within 50 yards of the emplacement and destroyed the hostile anti-tank gun with well directed fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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Technician Fourth Grade Isiah Parks, 14103352, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 18 to 21 March 1945, in our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Parks, tank commander, displayed outstanding initiative and devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 41th Infantry. On numerous occasions as his tank was returning for a resupply of ammunition, he evacuated casualties in the face of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Near \* \* \*, Germany, when a road block halted the advance, Technician Parks assisted in neutralizing several pillboxes and destroying many of the enemy, thereby clearing the road block. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private Christopher P. Navarre, 18010317, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 23 March 1945, in our advance from \* \* \*, France to \* \* \*, Germany, Private Navarre, tank gunner, displayed outstanding devotion to duty in closely supporting attacking elements of the 41th Infantry. Although wounded in the hand and leg early in the attack, he refused to be evacuated. Continuing the attack, he assisted in destroying or neutralizing 23 pillboxes and evacuated casualties in the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Private Navarre materially assisted in the clearing of automatic weapon and sniper positions and effectively covered engineer operations. Private Navarre's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: LaFayette, Louisiana.

First Sergeant William R. Burroughs, 13010042, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 15 to 22 March 1945 in our advance from \* \* \*, France, to \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Burroughs, tank gunner, displayed outstanding devotion to duty and courage in closely supporting attacking elements of the 41th Infantry. During this period Sergeant Burroughs assisted in destroying or neutralizing 23 pillboxes, covered the evacuation of a crew from a disabled tank, and evacuated numerous casualties. In the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he covered engineer operations and reduced enemy automatic weapon and sniper fire. Sergeant Burroughs' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD KINGSLEY, 01031569, Infantry, Company "A", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT KINGSLEY's tank platoon was stopped by anti-tank, mortar and sniper fire. LIEUTENANT KINGSLEY dismounted from his tank and reconnoitered for possible approaches to the concrete pillboxes which had well prepared defenses against advancing tanks and infantry. Directing fire from his platoon, he neutralized ten pillboxes and then moving his tank to an exposed position, diverted hostile anti-tank fire from the other tanks in his platoon. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class Crawford O. Pegram, 36165826, Armored, Company "D", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. On 24 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Private Pegram's tank and three one-quarter ton trucks on reconnaissance were fired on by the enemy. The vulnerable trucks withdrew and Private Pegram moved his tank behind a wall, opened fire, killed the crews of two hostile machine guns and pinned down two bazooka teams and one anti-tank crew, permitting nearby infantrymen to capture the pinned down enemy. Moving forward, his tank was fired upon by an anti-tank gun. Private Pegram dismounted and located the hidden weapon but was cut off from his tank by small arms fire. Crawling to higher ground, he met a group of soldiers with a mortar, and quickly setting the mortar in position, he fired five rounds into the emplacement, forcing the enemy to abandon the gun. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JAMES E. WILLIAMS, #2123236, United States Army, Headquarters 761st Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 November 1944 to 27 March 1945, in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

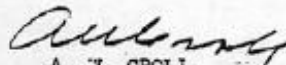
III -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individuals:

MAJOR RUSSELL C. GEIST, JR., 01010800, Infantry, Headquarters 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, artillery fire was needed on \* \* \*, Germany, in order that a task force could continue its advance. Unable to contact the forward observer by radio, MAJOR GEIST, Battalion S-3, went forward in a light tank to adjust the fire of nine battalions of artillery. Despite enemy artillery and mortar fire directed at him, he remained with his tank in an exposed position, adjusting devastating fire on the village. MAJOR GEIST's actions which enabled tanks and infantry to enter the village, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Otis Johnson, 36021373, Armored, Company "A", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, when two enemy anti-tank guns knocked out a tank and blocked the advance of an armored column, Technician Johnson, tank commander, dismounted from his vehicle and made his way 200 yards under intense anti-tank and small arms fire. He returned to his company and reported the location of the anti-tank guns. Again disregarding the hostile fire he accompanied the mortar section leader forward and assisted in directing accurate mortar fire which silenced the guns. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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