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 II - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

the Second Battalion, 410th Infantry, approaching * * *, France, was halted by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Private Williams crawled to within 100 yards of a house from which the fire was coming. Disregarding the enemy fire, and although painfully wounded in the shoulder, Private Williams dashed across the open ground, forced his way inside and killed an enemy machine gunner. Manning the enemy gun, he neutralized another hostile emplacement, enabling the battalion to advance into the town. Private Williams' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Sergeant Warren P. Harris, 6299963, (then Private), Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 March 1945, as the advance guard of a task force advanced on * * *, Germany, Sergeant Harris' squad was without leadership when both the squad leader and assistant squad leader became casualties. Sergeant Harris quickly assumed command and reorganized the squad. Sergeant Harris then continued the attack and led his men from house to house through the town, capturing approximately 40 of the enemy. Sergeant Harris' outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. KRUGER, 01326190, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, after thoroughly reconnoitering the high ground near * * *, Germany, LIEUTENANT KRUGER led his platoon in the attack. Exhausting all small arms ammunition, he continued the attack with hand grenades until more ammunition could be supplied the platoon. Renewing the attack the enemy was routed from his well prepared positions and the platoon neutralized several pillboxes and seized commanding heights, gaining its objective. LIEUTENANT KRUGER's outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Everett, Washington.

Staff Sergeant William B. Chick, 19164005, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near * * *, France, one squad of Company "E" infiltrated 500 yards behind enemy lines and seized high ground commanding the route of approach of the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry. When a group of 30 enemy soldiers approached the squad's position, Sergeant Chick, BAR man, moved to intercept them. He waited until the hostile group approached to within 20 yards, then kneeling in full view of the enemy, opened fire, killing eight, wounding several and forcing the remainder to withdraw in complete rout. Sergeant Chick's aggressive and heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Ansel Bowen, 35238992, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945 during an attack on * * *, France, Private Bowen's platoon was halted by enemy sniper fire. As his squad crawled forward Private Bowen discovered the sniper's position in the basement of a house at the edge of town. Crawling to within 100 yards of the house, Private Bowen, on his own initiative, charged

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across the fire swept terrain, forced his way into the basement, killing the sniper and capturing one of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Urbana, Ohio.

Private First Class Juan Medellin, 39684691, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 during the advance of Company "F", 410th Infantry through heavily defended woods near * * *, France, Private Medellin, disregarding sniper fire, moved from man to man administering aid. Although wounded in the leg, Private Medellin, after the area had been cleared, scoured the battlefield for the wounded and administered aid. At times, serving as a litter bearer, he worked indefatigably until all casualties had been evacuated, and only then would he submit to evacuation. Private Medellin's actions, which saved the lives of several men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fresno, California.

Private William J. Mahoney, 42185792, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 March 1945 during an attack on * * *, France, Private Mahoney, ammunition bearer, was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. He requested and received permission to remain with his machine gun section, which was short of men due to casualties. Although suffering from his wound and exposed to machine gun and small arms fire, he continued his job of carrying ammunition until the company reached its objective. Only then did he submit to evacuation. Private Mahoney's devotion to duty which kept his section supplied with ammunition, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: West Orange, New Jersey.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANTHONY P. GALABRO, O1171478, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 March to 16 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: West Medford, Massachusetts.

IV -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, O1184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 12 March to 21 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Seminole, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT F. EDWARD SMITH, O1185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 7 March to 19 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. POWELL, 01180666, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 27 February to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE V. McVICKER, 0548543, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 February to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Eagle Grove, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERNARD F. HEANEY, 01181626, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 February to 23 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: New York, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KRESS, 01182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 4 March to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY BETTONEY, 01166667, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 27 February to 19 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Stoughton, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. REINSCH, 01180023, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 March to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Geneva, Nebraska.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

CAPTAIN FRED O. ANGEL, 01171434, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March to 22 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Greenville, Mississippi.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LLOYD D. HUSKINS, 01171606, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 February to 20 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Boonford, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH C. BOYER, 02000758, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 22 February to 15 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. CLARK, JR., 0554185, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 February to 16 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. OXFORD, JR., 0554205, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 February to 16 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lakeland, Florida.

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AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE F. ERYSON, 0531827, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 February to 18 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Shreveport, Louisiana.

CAPTAIN FRED O. ANGEL, 01171434, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 March to 15 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Greenville, Mississippi.

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

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 individuals:

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Private First Class William P. Heck, 13026512, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Private Heck was outposting his men on high ground on Company "K"'s flank, when the enemy threw grenades at Private Heck and two comrades and set off tree charges. Private Heck quickly withdrew his men down the slope to a booby trapped concertina obstacle. Private Heck crawled to the wire and detonated a booby trap, blasting a path through which his two comrades returned to the company. Despite enemy machine gun and sniper fire which now raked the area, Private Heck remained in his position, located the hostile machine gun emplacement, and returned to his company with the information. Private Heck's actions, which enabled a patrol to destroy the emplacement, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Virgil E. Ray, 6567283, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Sergeant Ray's squad, in support of a platoon attacking a pillbox on the crest of a steep and wooded hill, was pinned down by enemy small arms fire and grenades. Sergeant Ray dashed toward the hostile emplacement through the intense fire and reached a position close to the pillbox. Firing his rifle as rapidly as possible, he succeeded in momentarily pinning down and silencing the entrenched enemy. Sergeant Ray's actions, which enabled his squad to capture their objective, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tacoma, Washington.

Technical Sergeant Dwain R. Hart, 36287699, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action and outstanding leadership. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, during an attack on a fortified hill, Sergeant Hart took command of his platoon when his platoon leader was evacuated. Heavy small arms fire and grenades being lobbed down the hill by the enemy

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momentarily halted the platoon. Caving his weapons to a man whose rifle was shattered, Sergeant Hart moved along the line urging the men to advance. Taking a position in front of his platoon, Sergeant Hart, disregarding the enemy fire, moved forward unarmed. His men, inspired by his action, renewed the attack and succeeded in overwhelming the hostile opposition. Sergeant Hart's leadership and courage reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Walworth, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Marvin D. Balke, 37246079, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, the first platoon of Company "K" was subjected to an intense artillery barrage and suffered several casualties. Technician Balke, aid man, disregarding the enemy fire, dashed from cover and ran 75 yards, reached a wounded man and moved him to a slit trench. Technician Balke remained exposed, treating the casualty and after rendering all possible aid, returned to his company area. In the action that followed he continued to evacuate the wounded despite machine gun fire from an enemy position. Technician Balke's unselfish efforts and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cole Camp, Missouri.

Sergeant Quintus W. Lehmann, 38677666, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, Company "C", attacking enemy fortifications near * * *, Germany, was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. When his acting platoon leader was wounded by enemy fire, Sergeant Lehmann took command and reorganized the balance of the platoon. Leading the platoon, Sergeant Lehmann made contact with the company and materially assisted in neutralizing several pillboxes and capturing a number of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Leubetter, Texas.

Private First Class Donald H. Davis, 45394327, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when a comrade was wounded by small arms fire, Private Davis, medical aid man attached to Company "B", crawled 75 yards through a minefield covered by enemy sniper and mortar fire and administered aid. After dark that night, Private Davis again made his way through the minefield, guiding a group of men so that the wounded man might be evacuated. His actions a source of inspiration to the men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Morgantown, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Alvin D. Taylor, 36549875, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 March 1945, near * * *, France, when informed that a man wounded by enemy sniper fire lay in an open field, Technician Taylor, medical aid man attached to Company "B", made his way across the field under artillery and sniper fire to his comrade and administered aid. Technician Taylor then placed the seriously injured man in a covered position from which the casualty could be

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evacuated. Technician Taylor's actions, which saved the life of a wounded comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Neil E. Pfost, 16047262, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Sergeant Pfost led a combat patrol to determine enemy dispositions prior to an assault by Company "K" on a fortified hill. Braving machine gun and small arms fire and, at times, concussion grenades, Sergeant Pfost exposed himself and intentionally drew the enemy fire. Observing the positions from which the enemy fire was coming, he returned with this valuable information, which enabled his company to successfully assault the hill. Sergeant Pfost's actions, a source of inspiration to those about him, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Coldwater, Michigan.

Sergeant Frank R. Wesolowski, 32926475, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, Sergeant Wesolowski continuously exposed himself to enemy sniper and mortar fire while leading his squad in a successful attack on a pillbox and a series of trenches near * * *, Germany. After the objective was taken, he deployed his men for security purposes and dug in. The following day, upon examination by an aid man, he was discovered to be suffering from two shrapnel wounds in the chest and leg. Sergeant Wesolowski's display of leadership and courage reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Irvington, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Max R. Irwin, 36412466, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, during an enemy counterattack, supported by heavy mortar and small arms fire, a false gas alarm was given. Sergeant Irwin, disregarding the enemy fire, jumped from the safety of a trench, ran along the edge, calming his entire platoon, and maintaining control, enabling the unit to reorganize and repulse the counterattack. Sergeant Irwin's sound judgment and outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Niles, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Huston B. Cox, 34464873, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, a man was wounded by hostile sniper fire as Company "K" occupied the lower slope of an enemy-held hill. Technician Cox, although attached to another platoon, dashed to the wounded man and, disregarding sniper fire directed at him, administered aid. Technician Cox then carried the casualty down the slope where the wounded man was immediately evacuated to the aid station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lumberton, North Carolina.

Private First Class Daniel R. Street, Jr., 38402459, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 to 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Company "K" was often cut off

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from the battalion by the enemy which had been by passed during a flanking movement. Although communication lines were difficult to maintain due to enemy activity and artillery fire, Private Street successfully maintained communication lines to the battalion. On one occasion, despite hostile machine gun fire directed on him as he was laying a telephone line, Private Street continued on and established contact. On another occasion at night, when the line was severed by enemy fire, Private Street, disregarding artillery fire and snipers in the wooded area, followed the wire and repaired the break. Private Street's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Elmer E. Cowan, 34516268, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, as the first platoon, Company "A" was preparing to attack a fortified hill, the men were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant Cowan, squad leader, immediately jumped up and began to move up the hill toward the enemy positions despite grenades and intensified hostile fire. Inspired by his action, Sergeant Cowan's squad, followed by other squads of the platoon, moved up the extreme slope and overran the enemy positions. Sergeant Cowan's outstanding leadership and courage reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Honoa Path, South Carolina.

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 individual:

Sergeant John O. Wheatley, 33722401, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 March 1945, after Company "F", 409th Infantry had entered the town of * * *, France, Sergeant Wheatley's squad was given the mission of clearing several houses of enemy riflemen. Sergeant Wheatley, disregarding intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire, moved from house to house routing the enemy from his positions. Sergeant Wheatley, while personally clearing a house of the enemy, was fatally wounded by an artillery burst. Sergeant Wheatley's display of leadership and courage served as an inspiration to the entire company and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: East New Market, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Helen B. Wheatley, (Mother), East New Market, Maryland.

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 individual:

Private First Class Orval E. Boyer, 33767109, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 March 1945, during an attack near * * *, Germany, two infantrymen were wounded by sniper fire and lay in the center of a road in the path of oncoming tanks. Private Boyer, aid man, disregarding accurate sniper fire, ran back to the wounded men,

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moved them from the road to cover and then administered aid. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

IV -- 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:

Technician Fourth Grade Charles N. Berger, 39606147, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 103d Infantry Division, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Browning, Montana.

Private First Class Charles Becker, 32824461, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade James E. Foster, 34497457, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 23 December 1944. Residence: Erwin, Tennessee.

Private First Class Frank Lenkerd, 33763024, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: DuBois, Pennsylvania.

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CAPTAIN ANTHONY J. DREXEL, III, 01296340, Infantry, is announced as Acting Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, during the temporary absence of MAJOR JOHN E. RHEA, 0454402, GSC.

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- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART VI

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 individual:

Private First Class Harold E. Spinner, 35247299, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near * * *, France, Private Spinner's squad infiltrated 500 yards behind enemy lines to clear high ground which commanded the second battalion's route of approach. Observing two enemy machine gun emplacements, Private Spinner crawled close to one and hurled a grenade, wounding one of the enemy and forcing four others to surrender. Private Spinner then charged the second emplacement with his rifle and captured the machine gunner. Private Spinner's actions, which cleared the battalion's route of advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Huntingburg, Indiana.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 23 September 1943, as amended, the silver star is awarded, posthumously, to following named individual:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. RYAN, 01300394, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, LIEUTENANT RYAN, leading his company in the attack on * * *, France, over open ground, stepped on a concealed box mine and was seriously wounded. Falling to the ground, two other mines exploded, mortally wounding him. LIEUTENANT RYAN, with great effort, raised himself and halted his company which was following close behind. He then cautioned the men of the presence of concealed mines and pointed out a route of advance around the field. LIEUTENANT RYAN's actions, which enabled the company to continue its advance without further casualties, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bennington, Vermont. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary E. Nelson, (Sister), 233 School Street, Bennington, Vermont.

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III -- 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:

Private First Class Richard T. Carson, 36613354, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near * * *, France, Private Carson, lead scout, and an assault team in attempting to neutralize an enemy bunker were pinned down by intense machine gun fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, he crawled back to his company, reported the situation to his commanding officer, and received permission to form another assault team to relieve the pinned down group. As he led the second assault team in a flanking movement, fire from another position halted the second group, cutting off its route of withdrawal. Crawling back to his company, Private Carson was ordered to withdraw the isolated group. He crawled to an exposed position, and although wounded, personally contacted each member and directed the withdrawal. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) HOWARD M. KINLAW, 0545367, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 during an attack on * * *, France, CHAPLAIN KINLAW went forward under enemy mortar, artillery, machine gun and small arms fire to reach an emergency aid station. Disregarding the enemy fire and burning buildings nearby, CHAPLAIN KINLAW assisted in giving aid to the wounded. When all the casualties could not be handled by litter bearers, he made his way into the fire swept streets and carried the wounded into a building. CHAPLAIN KINLAW then assisted the litter bearers in evacuating the wounded to the rear. His devotion to duty and personal regard for the welfare of each man reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: North, South Carolina.

Corporal George H. Ritchey, 33574453, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Corporal Ritchey's squad, an element of a task force, was assigned the mission of locating and removing enemy mines. Although under direct enemy observation and subjected to artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Corporal Ritchey worked well in advance of the infantry, clearing mined areas. He successfully completed his mission, which made it possible for armor to support the infantry in an attack that breached the Siegfried Defenses in that area. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Everett, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH BELL, 01300267, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19 to 21 March 1945, CAPTAIN BELL displayed outstanding leadership and initiative in leading his company in a successful penetration of the Siegfried Line, near * * *, Germany. He accompanied the leading platoons in the attack, inciting his men to greater efforts and keeping complete control. Although exposed to enemy artillery, rocket, grenade and small arms fire, CAPTAIN BELL continued the attack to reach his objective, which led to the breakthrough. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pittsburg, Kansas.

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Staff Sergeant David S. Wright, 20828294, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Sergeant Wright's squad was providing flank security 150 yards from the main body of troops, when enemy small arms and mortar fire seriously wounded a man and forced the squad to withdraw. Sergeant Wright picked up and carried the man on his back through intense small arms and automatic weapon fire to a place of safety where evacuation was possible. Sergeant Wright's actions, which saved a comrade from almost certain capture, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Atoka, Oklahoma.

Corporal Nathan F. Bynum, 36130604, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 20 to 23 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Corporal Bynum, member of a forward observer party, continuously exposed himself to small arms, mortar and artillery fire to search for vantage points of observation and targets for our artillery. At times as infantry assaulted fortified positions on high ground, he, disregarding the hostile fire, advanced well forward of the troops, locating hostile emplacements and assisting in the direction of effective and devastating artillery fire. Corporal Bynum's devotion to duty, which materially assisted in the successful advance of the infantry, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Corporal Eugene J. Michalowski, 36715573, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Corporal Michalowski was assigned the mission of establishing telephone communications from an artillery liaison officer to two forward observers attached to leading rifle companies. Despite enemy artillery fire, Corporal Michalowski cautiously laid the wire through a mile of steep hills, fallen trees, and dense enemy infested woods. Although his mission was difficult and took most of the night, Corporal Michalowski successfully established contact. His devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL J. WICHT, 0547496, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, LIEUTENANT WICHT, forward observer, with his party, enroute to a front line rifle company, was pinned down by enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Discovering that one of his men was wounded, LIEUTENANT WICHT, braving the enemy fire, dashed 50 yards over open ground to reach the casualty, administered aid and then dug a trench for protection of the wounded man. After dark, LIEUTENANT WICHT assisted in carrying the wounded man to an aid station, after which he reorganized his group and succeeded in reaching the infantry company. LIEUTENANT WICHT's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Rogers City, Michigan.

Private Harold E. Polzin, 36550221, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when additional wire was needed to maintain communications

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with the fire direction center, Private Polzin voluntarily undertook to return to the rear to secure the necessary wire. Despite machine gun, artillery and sniper fire which forced him to take cover several times, Private Polzin crossed 300 yards of an open draw, obtained the wire and recrossed the draw. Private Polzin's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Corbet W. Barnes, 34494737, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Technician Barnes, accompanying his artillery liaison officer, set up his radio on a steep and heavily wooded hill close behind an infantry company as it prepared to attack fortified positions. As the company started the assault, enemy artillery, rocket barrages, and machine gun fire blasted the immediate area. Despite the intensity of the enemy's fire, Technician Barnes remained in his position and maintained contact as vitally needed artillery fire was directed on the hostile emplacements. Technician Barnes' actions, which materially assisted in the successful capture of an enemy strongpoint, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Stewart, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. PETERS, 01826393, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 to 23 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Crane, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant James O. Erickson, 37447562, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 to 23 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Kosslett, Iowa.

IV -- 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:

Technical Sergeant Joseph V. Eisenmenger, 37446452, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near * * *, France, during an advance by Company "E", 411th Infantry, after rifle platoons had crossed a deep stream by means of hastily placed logs, intense small arms, machine gun and rifle grenade fire prevented the weapons platoon from crossing. Sergeant Eisenmenger observed an exposed machine gunner, hindered by equipment and weapons, attempting to reach the opposite bank. He dashed to his comrade and, although wounded by hostile fire, assisted the man across. Refusing to be evacuated, Sergeant Eisenmenger rejoined his platoon. Later when the company was ordered to withdraw, he remained on the hostile side of the river, covering the withdrawal until the last man had crossed safely to cover. Sergeant Eisenmenger's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cherokee, Iowa.

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CAPTAIN JAMES W. DAVIS, O1300135, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, CAPTAIN DAVIS, with two other men, were closely following an attacking company when intense machine gun and small arms fire from a by passed pillbox forced them to take cover. CAPTAIN DAVIS, observing the pillbox only 75 yards away, ran 150 yards over open terrain to a tank which was supporting the infantry. Despite small arms fire which tore his field jacket and anti-tank fire, CAPTAIN DAVIS directed the maneuvering of the tank to a position from which effective fire was delivered upon the enemy emplacement. He then organized a small patrol and leading them in a flanking movement, captured eight occupants of the pillbox. CAPTAIN DAVIS' actions, which removed a serious obstacle to the infantry, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ruston, Louisiana.

V -- 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 individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class John W. Lillico, 17109713, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Red Wing, Minnesota.

VI -- 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 individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Technical Sergeant James Woods, 36732907, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Christopher, Illinois.

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 Office of the Commanding General

APC 470, U. S. Army
 14 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
 :
 NUMBER - 109)

REORGANIZATION OF DIVISION ARTILLERY UNITS,
103d INFANTRY DIVISION

1. Effective this date, the following units, 103d Division Artillery, are reorganized in accordance with the Tables of Organization and Equipment indicated, with authorized strengths as shown:

UNIT	: T/O & R	: CHANGES TO	: AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS :		
			: T/O & E	: Off's	: WO's
Hq & Hq Btry, 103d Division Artillery	: 6-10-1 : 27 Sept 1944	: C-1 to : 6-10-1, 20 : Dec 1944	: 17*	: 1	: 98
382d, 383d, and 928th FA Bns (105 mm Howitzer, --each)	: 6-25, 27 Sept: : 1944	: -	: 33	: 2	: 462
384th FA Bn (155 mm Howitzer)	: 6-335, 27 : Sept 1944	: -	: 29	: 2	: 475
Medical Detachment	: 6-10, 27 Sept. : 1944	: -	: 6	: 0	: 51

* Includes attached Chaplains

2. Reports required by paragraph 3, letter, Headquarters Seventh Army, subject: "Reorganization of Field Artillery Units", file AG 322-C, 11 February 1945, and Circular No. 9, Headquarters Seventh Army, subject: "Reorganization and/or Redesignation of Units", dated 13 March 1945, will be submitted by this headquarters.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS. a. Personnel. (1) All personnel rendered excess will be reported to this headquarters for transfer to nearest Reinforcement Depot.

(2) Additional personnel authorized by reorganization will be requisitioned in the normal manner (WD AGO Form No. 211).

(3) No personnel will be reduced in grade as a result of reorganization. Excess in grade will be absorbed by normal attrition.

(4) Unit Morning Reports will contain the appropriate remarks with regard to reorganization as provided in Sections III and IV, Army Regulations 345-400.

b. Equipment. (1) All excess equipment not specifically authorized by current Tables of Organization and Equipment will be turned in to the nearest appropriate supply installation.

(2) Additional equipment required by reorganization will be requisitioned through normal supply channels.

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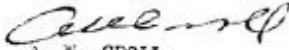
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4. AUTHORITY: Letter, Headquarters Seventh Army, subject: "Reorganization of Field Artillery Units", file AG 322-C, dated 11 February 1945.

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