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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER - 100)

- AWARD OF SILVER STAR I
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL III
- AWARD OF 2ND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART IV
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION V

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT SERGIO S. NELSON, 01823192, Field Artillery, Second Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 23 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when a reconnaissance party of a task force was ambushed by 50 of the enemy and ordered to surrender, LIEUTENANT NELSON opened fire with his light machine gun, enabling the group to withdraw without loss. Retracing their route, the party was stopped by a wagon placed as a hasty roadblock and covered by automatic weapon fire. LIEUTENANT NELSON dismounted, opened fire, assisted in moving the wagon from the road and led his men safely to the rear of the task force. A short time later, the task force was subjected to enemy fire from high ground and a hostile attempt was made to free prisoners in the rear of the column. LIEUTENANT NELSON organized his men, returned the fire and broke up the hostile attempt. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

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:

Sergeant Elijah Gibson, 34550577, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when a blown bridge prevented a reconnaissance platoon from moving forward in their vehicles, Sergeant Gibson proceeded forward to a position to observe enemy dispositions. He opened fire on three of the enemy that he observed on the road and the enemy immediately fired upon the platoon from well concealed positions. Disregarding the enemy fire, Sergeant Gibson continued firing and observing the enemy positions, until he was wounded. Before being evacuated beyond the platoon command post, Sergeant Gibson pointed out on a map the exact locations of the enemy positions. This information

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proved to be of valuable assistance in the planning of future operations. Sergeant Gibson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Savannah, Georgia.

Private First Class Ronald Pollard, 38063301, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 22 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, a motorized reconnaissance platoon was ambushed by the enemy and further progress was halted by a wagon placed as a temporary roadblock. Private Pollard immediately fired his light machine gun until it jammed, then using his sub-machine gun until he expended the ammunition, he picked up a machine gun from a member of the platoon and continued firing. Disregarding heavy enemy fire, he led a small group of men and directed the removal of the wagon, permitting the platoon to escape and continue its mission. Private Pollard's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sweetsprings, Missouri.

CAPTAIN BEAUREGARD KING, 0412501, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, CAPTAIN KING, planned and organized a small task force for an attack on * * *, France. Leading his men in the attack, CAPTAIN KING was severely wounded by enemy automatic weapon fire. After falling to the ground, he called to his second in command and urged him to continue the attack, which resulted in the capture of the village and the taking of a number of prisoners. CAPTAIN KING's outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tabuco, Alabama.

Sergeant Matthew Spencer, 35479070, Field Artillery, Second Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 22 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, a motorized task force reconnaissance section was halted by heavy enemy automatic weapon fire from both sides of the road. In the action that followed, an enemy officer armed with a sub-machine gun attempted to shoot Sergeant Spencer's platoon leader. Sergeant Spencer knocked the enemy officer off balance with the butt of his carbine, deflecting the enemy officer's fire. After the enemy soldier was killed, Sergeant Spencer assisted in the direction of fire into the hostile positions, enabling the section to proceed on its mission. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Louisville, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD B. GARY, 01031244, Cavalry, Company "B", 701st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 23 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, LIEUTENANT GARY, in command of the point of a task force, was fired on by two enemy anti-tank weapons. Due to the darkness, the exact location of the enemy weapons could not be determined. LIEUTENANT GARY, without hesitation, maneuvered his force and his own tank into a position from which effective fire was directed upon the hostile positions. LIEUTENANT GARY's courage and initiative, which permitted the remainder of the task force to accomplish its mission, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Abilene, Kansas.

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Private First Class Thomas L. Kilgo, Jr., 34461097, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, Private Kilgo, medical aid man, was attached to a small task force attacking * * *, France, when heavy enemy automatic weapon fire wounded the task force commander. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private Kilgo made his way over the open ground and administered aid to the fallen officer. Private Kilgo's actions, resulting in the prompt evacuation of a wounded man, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Asheville, North Carolina.

Sergeant Buck A. Smith, 38063430, Armored, Company "C", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. On 22 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Sergeant Smith, tank commander, was assigned the mission of destroying enemy automatic weapons and previously picked pillboxes with a single tank. Although only covered by infantry troops on the adjacent hill and without close protection, Sergeant Smith moved his tank in range of hostile positions. Sergeant Smith remained exposed in the turret, despite hostile anti-tank, artillery and mortar fire, and directed accurate fire which destroyed numerous enemy automatic weapons and effectively damaged several pillboxes. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Parks, 34459861, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, Sergeant Parks assisted in planning and organizing an attack by a small task force on * * *, France. When the task force commander was wounded, Sergeant Parks took command and led the group over open ground in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapon fire to take the village and capture a number of the enemy. Sergeant Parks' display of courage and leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

III -- 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 FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS J. FRIER, 01173612, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 25 February to 21 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, 01184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 February to 12 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Seminole, Oklahoma.

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AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN W. MASKELL, 01183358, Field Artillery, Headquarters 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 February to 17 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LARRY G. GENEBAUGH, 0541227, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 February to 13 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

IV -- AWARD OF 2ND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the 2nd Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

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

V -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 98, this headquarters, dated 3 April 1945, as pertains to Private First Class James C. Rost, 37661836, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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Office of the Commanding GeneralAPO 470, U. S. Army
6 April 1945GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER - 101)REDESIGNATION OF CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION, 103d INFANTRY DIVISION

Effective this date, and during operations in Germany, the Civil Affairs Section, 103d Infantry Division is redesignated Military Government Section, 103d Infantry Division. The senior officer of the section will be known as the Chief Military Government Officer. (Authority: Letter, Hq, Sixth Army Group, file AG 322/3 E-0, subject: "Designation of Military Government Sections", dated 30 March 1945).

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NUMBER - 102)

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART I
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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT SAMUEL S. MONK, JR., 0521827, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Centerville, Tennessee.

Sergeant Eugene B. Ohs, 37554564, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Little Falls, Minnesota.

Private First Class Hugh Y. Enochs, 33884842, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Gladys, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Herbert Kerman, 36715731, Infantry, Service Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Cecil Dunn, 38700780, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 December 1944. Residence: Vian, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Louis G. Kotel, 35246548, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Campbell, Ohio.

Private First Class George A. Widmoyer, 16176748, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

Private First Class George T. Marshall, 38535136, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Waco, Texas.

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

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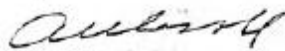
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Staff Sergeant Allen A. Johnson, 37321548, Infantry, Company "I", 409th
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
- AWARD OF 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 individuals:

Technical Sergeant Charles E. Adams, 6958347, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Sergeant Adams' platoon was subjected to intense enemy heavy artillery fire, one round of which ignited ammunition containers, causing a fire that threatened three howitzers and their crews. Disregarding the threat to his life from enemy rounds still falling around him, Sergeant Adams extinguished the fire and removed the burning containers. His actions, which prevented loss of lives and equipment, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Victoria, Texas.

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Private First Class Mark H. Ray, 34302120, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when a blown bridge prevented a reconnaissance platoon from moving forward in their vehicles, Private Ray advanced on foot, carrying his machine gun. The platoon was immediately pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire from four well concealed emplacements, which wounded his section sergeant. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private Ray assisted the wounded man to the platoon command post, where he aided in pointing out on a map, the exact location of the enemy positions. This information proved to be of valuable assistance in the planning of future operations. Private Ray's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Franklin, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN A. BAKER, 02000697, Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, LIEUTENANT BAKER, assistant S-3, was observing an infantry company's flanking advance on enemy pillboxes, when the company was subjected to fire from a concealed pillbox on an adjacent hill. LIEUTENANT BAKER ran to a captured enemy 47 millimeter gun and, although unfamiliar with the weapon, fired on the strongpoint from a distance of 250 yards. Despite intermittent artillery and sniper fire which once forced him to take cover, LIEUTENANT BAKER con-

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tinued firing until the pillbox was neutralized. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert R. Sorber, 36713068, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On the night of 22-23 March 1945, in * * *, Germany, Technician Sorber and three comrades took cover in the cellar of a building from heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. One shell penetrated the building and exploded in the cellar, wounding three men and burying one of them under the debris. Technician Sorber, with his bare hands, dug his buried comrade from the rubble, administered first aid to the wounded, and then dashed 200 yards through the intense shell fire to the aid station to secure assistance. He returned to his comrades and assisted in the evacuation of one seriously wounded man to the aid station. Technician Sorber's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Orlando, Florida.

Private First Class Alonzo D. Kimball, 34516211, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, during an attack on a fortified hill, Private Kimball stood erect and advanced toward an enemy pillbox, firing his automatic rifle as he walked. Although two enemy grenades exploded near him, Private Kimball continued his assault on the emplacement, forcing an enemy machine gunner to leave the safety of the pillbox and surrender. Private Kimball's initiative and aggressiveness reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: York, South Carolina.

Sergeant Walter D. Rice, 14196463, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, during an attack on a fortified hill, Company "I" was subjected to mortar and artillery barrages and was harassed by fire from an enemy sniper. Private Rice, acting squad leader, cautiously advanced to within sight of the sniper and attempted to fire his automatic rifle, but it failed to function. Discovers and fired on, Private Rice threw a grenade, wounding the sniper who then surrendered. Private Rice's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Petersburg, Florida.

CAPTAIN EARL E. KING, 01172515, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Oswatomie, Kansas.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS CAM, 01175064, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

CAPTAIN DONALD A. McLEAN, 0440436, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Binghamton, New York.

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CAPTAIN CHARLES B. BOYDSTUN, 01171464, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 22 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Ripley, Tennessee.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PAUL L. BATES, 0280450, Infantry, Headquarters, 761st Tank Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 to 23 March 1945, in Germany. Residence: Room Town, New Jersey.

II -- 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:

Private First Class Daniel W. Spees, 36288633, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, Private Spees had driven over 500 yards of fire swept road to * * *, Germany, evacuating casualties, when he observed a wounded man lying in a ditch 50 yards from the outskirts of town. Although enemy machine gun fire had halted previous attempts to reach the man, Private Spees crawled 50 yards to the casualty. Private Spees, discovering the casualty suffering from a severe chest wound, dragged him to his vehicle and drove the man through the hostile fire to the battalion aid station. His actions, which saved the life of a wounded comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Elmer R. Pinnow, 36553885, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, during the attack on * * *, Germany, the wounded were placed in houses on the outskirts of town, awaiting evacuation. Two medical vehicles were destroyed and the occupants wounded in an attempt to drive over the fire swept road. Realizing the casualties were in need of immediate evacuation, Private Pinnow drove his vehicle at top speed through a hail of small arms fire, crossed two bridges covered by machine gun cross fire, and successfully entered the town. Private Pinnow's actions, which enabled several wounded men to be evacuated, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Freeland, Michigan.

III -- 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY O. TRIPCONY, 0387324, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 March 1945. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class Ruben Lehr, 37364446, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Ft. Collins, Colorado.

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First Sergeant Homer E Dybvig, 35623530, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry,
Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Day-
ton, Ohio.

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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 Carmine Varano, 12160997, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near * * *, France, infantry, attacking across an open field, met intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire and was forced to withdraw 600 yards to cover. Observing several men fall wounded as the troops withdrew, Private Varano returned to the field, administered aid to the men and directed the walking wounded to cover. Although painfully wounded in the arm by a shell fragment, Private Varano carried a seriously wounded man to safety. Despite the continued hostile fire, he entered the field again and carried the last seriously wounded man to cover. Private Varano's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Union City, New Jersey.

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:

Staff Sergeant Jack Derrell, 37068411, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 March 1945, near * * *, France, when the First Battalion, 411th Infantry was held up by heavy enemy mortar fire, Sergeant Derrell crawled forward to locate the hostile weapon. Carrying a captured radio for communications, he located the enemy mortar, but before he was able to register fire, he was discovered and mortally wounded by a mortar barrage. Despite his mortal wounds, Sergeant Derrell remained at his post, directing fire until the hostile position was knocked out. Sergeant Derrell's actions, which enabled the battalion to continue its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bald Knob, Arkansas. Next of kin: Mrs. Dacie Derrell, (Wife), Route 1, Bald Knob, Arkansas.

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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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. FORD, O2047312, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack on * * *, France, infantry companies suffered heavy casualties. Informed that houses on the outskirts of the village were being used as collecting points for the wounded, LIEUTENANT FORD secured an aid chest and crawled 400 yards through continuous enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to the buildings. After he dressed the wounds and administered plasma to the seriously wounded, LIEUTENANT FORD, despite the hostile fire, reconnoitered and discovered a concealed route to the aid station over which the litter teams successfully evacuated the casualties. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Trinity, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Earl C. Pike, 6530361, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 March 1945, when the First Battalion, 411th Infantry was halted by enemy machine gun fire near * * *, France, and machine gun support was needed, Sergeant Pike immediately ran forward through the enemy fire to locate a position for the support. Finding an advantageous point from which to direct fire upon the enemy, he returned and led his squad forward. Although wounded, Sergeant Pike moved his squad into position and directed effective fire, neutralizing the hostile positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Steel City, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant John A. Johansen, Jr., 33560966, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 January 1945, near * * *, France, the Third Platoon of Company "I", outpost our main line of resistance, was forced to withdraw when attacked by a numerically superior enemy which was supported by self-propelled guns and heavy mortars. After the withdrawal had been completed, Sergeant Johansen discovered a wounded man lying near his previous position. Disregarding small arms and artillery fire, he made his way to the casualty and carried the man 500 yards to the safety of our lines. Sergeant Johansen's actions in saving the life of a comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

Sergeant William Walenczak, 36548976, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack by the First Battalion, 410th Infantry, near * * *, France, Sergeant Walenczak, although severely wounded which necessitated later evacuation, carried his radio approximately 800 yards, under enemy small arms, mortar, machine gun and artillery fire, continuing his mission and maintaining communication. He was then ordered to remain behind and await a litter squad for evacuation. While awaiting evacuation he was of material assistance in directing assault rifle companies in the proper direction of the attack. Sergeant Walenczak's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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IV -- 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:

Private First Class Marion J. Hornick, 37679241, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Private Hornick and an officer were forced to leave their one-quarter ton truck and take cover when subjected to small arms fire from twelve dug-in enemy. Refusing to abandon his vehicle, Private Hornick, disregarding the intense enemy fire, left his place of cover, ran to his truck, and although wounded twice, drove it to cover. Private Hornick's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Puyallup, Washington. Next of kin: Mrs. Josephine Hornick (Mother) 232 4th Ave., N.W., Puyallup, Washington.

Sergeant William D. Stafford, 32331999, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when attacking infantry was stopped by fire from well concealed enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Stafford accompanied two officers and several men to reconnoiter for machine gun positions. As the party advanced through a woods, fire from a pillbox only 30 yards distant killed three men and wounded the two officers. Despite the continuous enemy fire, Sergeant Stafford crawled 100 yards to a point beyond the range of enemy fire and then ran to his company. He quickly organized two machine gun platoons, led them forward and directed machine gun fire which neutralized the pillbox. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York. Next of kin: Mr. William Stafford, (Father), 153 East 29th Street, New York, New York.

V -- 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:

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Private First Class Hjalmar M. Engeland, 37541978, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, during the attack on * * *, Germany, Private Engeland, while evacuating a seriously wounded man with his medical vehicle over 500 yards of exposed road, met heavy enemy fire which shattered the windshield and damaged the engine. Disregarding the continuous hostile fire, Private Engeland dismounted, lifted the wounded man in his arms, and carried him 150 yards to safety. Private Engeland then ran back to his vehicle and pushed it 150 yards to cover. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Barton, North Dakota.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Technician Fifth Grade Jacob M. Solomon, 36545838, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action.

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 V - AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

On 15 March 1945, near * * *, France, Technician Solomon, radio operator with a forward observer, although wounded, exposed himself to enemy small arms, machine gun, artillery and mortar fire to maintain communications between the attacking company and his battery. Disregarding enemy machine gun fire which tore through his outer clothing, Technician Solomon remained several hours in an exposed position, transmitting fire directions and maintaining communications. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

VI -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 100, this headquarters, dated 6 April 1945, as pertains to FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, O1184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion as reads "AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER", is amended to read "AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER".

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