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

Private First Class James Diamond, 37550945, (then Private), Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Diamond, radio operator with a forward observer team, was advancing with front line infantry elements in the attack, when severe enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire began to rake the area about him. In the course of the hostile activity, the forward observer was seriously wounded necessitating his immediate evacuation. A few minutes later an urgent call came over Private Diamond's radio requesting an observer to direct fire on an enemy observation post. Without hesitation, Private Diamond accepted the request, and, although rain made observation extremely difficult, skillfully made a precise adjustment on the emplacement, effecting several direct hits, ultimately neutralizing the hostile observation post. His coolness while under intense enemy fire, and his display of technical skill enabled our infantry to successfully push forward the attack without the serious threat of enemy observation. Residence: Minot, North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Joel R. Fleming, 34496220, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the twilight hours of 20 December 1944, battalion wire communications to "B" and "C" Companies on Hill * *, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, were severed by hostile patrols and enemy shell fire. The company radios had been damaged during the attack on the hill, isolating the companies from all outside contact. That night and the following day, attempts to re-establish a line to the two companies in the captured pill-boxes failed when the wire teams met stiff resistance from active enemy patrols and snipers. On the night of 21 December, Technician Fleming voluntarily accompanied four comrades in another attempt to reach the isolated companies. Despite hostile artillery and mortar fire which several times forced the team to take cover, Technician Fleming and his comrades continued on over the rough and wooded terrain until they had completed the lines to the forward companies. As a result of Technician Fleming's outstanding valor and utter disregard for his life, vital communication lines were reestablished between the battalion command post and the two companies, enabling the battalion to plan a coordinated attack. Residence: Hornsby, Tennessee.

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Private First Class Frederick W. Barker, 33304973, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the twilight hours of 20 December 1944, battalion wire communications to "B" and "C" Companies entrenched on Hill * *, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, were severed by hostile patrols and enemy shell fire. The company radios had been damaged during the attack on the hill, isolating the companies from all outside contact. That night and the following day, attempts to reestablish a line to the two companies in the captured pill-boxes failed when the wire teams met stiff resistance from active enemy patrols and snipers. On the night of 21 December, Private Barker voluntarily accompanied four comrades in another attempt to reach the isolated companies. Despite intense hostile artillery and mortar fire which several times forced the team to take cover, Private Barker and his comrades continued on over the rough and wooded terrain until they had completed the lines to the forward companies. As a result of Private Barker's outstanding valor and utter disregard for his life, vital communication lines were reestablished between the battalion command post and the two companies, enabling the battalion to plan a coordinated attack. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade John C. Ducky, 32059586, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, while Technician Ducky was laying a communication line from Regimental Headquarters to the regimental observation post, he came under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, he continued on until he had reached his destination. Shortly after reaching the observation post, Technician Ducky courageously worked his way back through the fire-swept area to repair a break caused by the enemy barrage. Due to his heroic devotion to duty, communication between the two points was maintained at a critical time and the observation post was able to warn the regimental command post of a threatened attack by enemy armor. Residence: Fairview, New Jersey.

Private First Class Dennis M. Walker, 35809743, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Walker, rifleman, was accompanying his organization in a strategic withdrawal when he keenly observed one of our supporting machine gun crews, acting as a covering force, knocked out by enemy action. Sensing the imminent danger confronting the group unless immediate action was taken, Private Walker, without hesitation, fearlessly crawled to the gun position through a hail of devastating enemy fire. Oblivious of the withering fire that swept the area he coolly and efficiently directed his machine gun on the enemy loosing a terrific hail of fire into the midst of the hostile forces. He remained at his newly assumed post until his last round of ammunition was expended. When he was assured that every member of his company had reached safety, he, himself, withdrew. As a result of Private Walker's magnificent courage two of the enemy were killed, a large group of them pinned down, a counterattack broken up and his own company was able to successfully withdraw to a position of safety. Residence: Hazelton, Indiana.

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Staff Sergeant Donald L. Brackett, 36411320, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, suffered heavy casualties during an attack and a subsequent strategic withdrawal. Although the remainder of his company was withdrawing, under orders, Sergeant Brackett, upon his own initiative and with utter disregard for his life, remained to check the battlefield for wounded men. Crawling over more than 150 yards of open, fire-swept terrain he checked his entire platoon area. Finding one seriously wounded soldier, Sergeant Brackett made his way to our lines, organized a litter team and arranged for the expeditious evacuation of the wounded man. As a result of Sergeant Brackett's heroic actions, the wounded man was successfully evacuated. Residence: Ewart, Michigan.

Private First Class George D. McCallum, 36804342, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private McCallum, machine gunner, while going forward in the attack with his section, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. Observing a wounded comrade lying helpless on the exposed terrain, he, without hesitation, dashed fearlessly to the injured man's side as bullets viciously raked his path. He quickly and efficiently administered first aid. Realizing it was imperative that the wounded man be removed from his precarious position, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously picked up his wounded comrade and carried him 50 yards over fire-swept terrain to a position of safety. Residence: Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Private First Class John H. Walker, 34581949, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, Company "L" and an adjacent company of the 411th Infantry advanced over flat terrain in an attack on * * *, France when the enemy loosed an intense barrage of mortar, artillery, small arms and 20 millimeter machine gun fire. The devastating fire and stiff resistance from the dug-in enemy, necessitated the two companies to plan a withdrawal to a more favorable route of approach on the village. With communications disrupted, Private Walker, a Company "L" messenger, courageously made his way over 500 yards of fire-swept terrain to the adjacent company to coordinate plans of a withdrawal. Despite the intense hostile fire, Private Walker again crossed the open field to his company commander with the information. The two companies, aided by Private Walker's valorous action and utter disregard for his life, were able to move under a coordinated cover of fire to a more advantageous position. Residence: Highland Home, Alabama.

Private First Class Elmer R. Pinnow, 36553885, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 January 1945, the 411th Infantry Regiment, occupying a defensive position near * * *, France, was subjected to constant and heavy enemy artillery fire. The only route available for the evacuation of wounded personnel was a heavily shelled road. Despite the hazard of using the road, Private Pinnow, driving a medical one-quarter ton truck, evacuated all casualties suffered by

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his battalion during the day. On one occasion he drove through an artillery concentration to successfully evacuate five wounded men from a pillbox. On another occasion, Private Pinnow drove alone to a house under artillery fire and, disregarding the fact that the effective enemy fire had forced other drivers to abandon vehicles, picked up several wounded men and evacuated them safely to the aid station. By his courageous devotion to duty, Private Pinnow materially assisted in the saving of many lives. Residence: Freeland, Michigan.

Private Daniel W. Spees, 36288633, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, during an attack by the 411th Infantry Regiment, near * * *, France, Private Spees was a litter bearer attached to Company "B". During one phase of the attack, the necessity for making long litter hauls created a shortage of bearers and Private Spees, on his own initiative, went forward alone, to rescue a wounded man. The position of the casualty was an exposed one and Private Spees crossed 400 yards of terrain exposed to the direct machine gun fire of the enemy. Three times, during the evacuation, enemy machine gun fire forced Private Spees to crawl and drag his patient to the shelter of a building but on each occasion he courageously moved on until the casualty was safely evacuated. By his heroism and devotion to duty Private Spees saved the life of a wounded comrade. Residence: Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin.

II -- 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 the Air Medal is awarded following named individual for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BRISCOE, 0532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Decatur, Alabama.

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

Technician Third Grade Cecil H. Coram, 34497388, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Morris J. Smith, 42144457, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Barker, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Walter R. Clark, 36413255, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES W. EASTON, O310619, Medical Corps, Headquarters
 103d Infantry Division, France, 15 November 1944. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,
 Colonel, G.S.C.,
 Chief of Staff.

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

Staff Sergeant Sam Ciarrmitaro, 36550645, (then Sergeant) Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 January 1945, near * * *, France, Sergeant Ciarrmitaro was a member of a patrol with the mission of penetrating the enemy lines, taking prisoners and securing information. While about 50 yards from a concealed enemy position, his group was fired upon. He quickly led his group to cover and then crawled, alone, 75 yards to the rear of the enemy position where he surprised and captured two enemy riflemen. As a result of Sergeant Ciarrmitaro's heroic action, the mission of the patrol was successfully accomplished, resulting in the securing of much needed information concerning disposition of enemy troops. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

36550645, 411th, company

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. McLinskey, 32594030, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. While enemy forces subjected the village of * * *, France, to an intense barrage of mortar, artillery and small arms fire, during the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment was ordered to make a strategic withdrawal from the town. As the company column made its way through the devastating fire, Sergeant McLinskey noticed a wounded soldier who had dragged himself to the shelter of an abandoned house. Sergeant McLinskey, realizing the man was seriously injured and in danger of capture by the enemy, carried the helpless man over 1000 yards of shell-blasted terrain to the cover of a woods where his comrade could be carried by litter to the battalion aid station. As a result of Sergeant McLinskey's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, a fellow soldier was speedily evacuated to efficient medical attention. Residence: Dunellen, New Jersey.

Private First Class Loran D. Stone, 32935833, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours

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of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Stone, ammunition bearer, observed three wounded men, from the Third Battalion, lying helpless on exposed and fire-swept terrain. Without hesitation, Private Stone and one other comrade dashed fearlessly through a hail of enemy fire to the side of the wounded men. With the help of an improvised litter, they carefully placed one wounded man on it and then walked erect and cautiously through the withering enemy fire so as not to increase the casualty's pain. They courageously carried the wounded man to safety. Private Stone and his comrade traversed the fire-swept terrain twice more to evacuate the other wounded men, and in each instance successfully carried them to safety. As a result of Private Stone's outstanding courage, and utter disregard for his life, three wounded comrades were speedily evacuated despite extremely hazardous conditions. Residence: Harpersville, New York.

Staff Sergeant Harold V. Kruse, 36410678, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack by the 411th Infantry Regiment near * * *, France, on 22 November 1944, Sergeant Kruse was with an artillery forward observer. A nearby rifle company was forced to take cover from a barrage of 88 millimeter shells and Sergeant Kruse noticed that one soldier was wounded and lying in an exposed position. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Kruse left his place of cover and ran across 100 yards of open terrain, through constant enemy shellfire, to reach the wounded man. Disregarding the shells exploding in the area, he carried the casualty to a place of safety where medical treatment could be had. By his heroism, Sergeant Kruse saved the life of a wounded comrade. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert E. Wheeler, 33411018, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack by Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, on 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, the communications sergeant was wounded, necessitating his evacuation. Private Wheeler undertook the duties of the wounded sergeant and shortly thereafter he, himself, was painfully wounded in the leg by a mortar shell fragment. Realizing the importance of maintaining continuous communications during the attack, Private Wheeler, with exemplary devotion to duty, refused to be evacuated. Despite his severe pain and the extreme difficulty he experienced in walking, he valorously accompanied his commanding officer in the face of heavy enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, performing his duties with great skill, until, many hours later, the attack pressed forward to a successful conclusion. Only then would he consent to evacuation. As a result of Private Wheeler's heroic actions, vital communications were maintained enabling the attack to proceed successfully. Residence: Waterford, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Cyril A. Oosterlinck, 36549213, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Oosterlinck, machine gunner, observed three wounded men of the Third Battalion, lying helpless on exposed and fire-swept terrain. Without hesitation, Private Oosterlinck

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and one other comrade dashed fearlessly through a hail of enemy fire to the side of the wounded man. With the help of an improvised litter, they carefully placed one wounded man on it and then walked erect and cautiously through the withering enemy fire so as not to increase the casualty's pain. They courageously carried the wounded man to safety. Private Oosterlinck and his comrade braved the fire-swept terrain twice more to evacuate the other wounded man and in each instance successfully carried them to safety. As a result of Private Oosterlinck's outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, three wounded comrades were speedily evacuated despite extremely hazardous conditions. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Thomas F. Kane, 12216395, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, near * * *, France, one platoon of Company "C" came under intense automatic weapon fire from a concealed enemy position. Private Kane, a machine gunner, worked his way forward to a point where he could fire on the area suspected of being the enemy position. Although his action immediately attracted hostile fire, Private Kane continued to fire until his weapon jammed. With complete disregard for his life, he raised himself to a position where he could repair the gun, thus exposing himself to the enemy fire. Repairing his weapon, Private Kane remained in his exposed position and directed accurate fire on the enemy position until it was reduced. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Private Kane materially assisted in the elimination of an enemy strongpoint, enabling his platoon to withdraw safely. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant Charles T. Orth, 37411347, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Orth, with the forward elements of a raiding party, met stiff enemy resistance as he approached a hostile observation post. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, Sergeant Orth quickly organized an assault team and led them forward through a hail of enemy small arms and machine gun fire, toward the observation post. His actions had to be executed rapidly and skillfully, for an ominous threat of an attack by enemy reinforcements existed in the area. He courageously dashed forward, in the lead of his men, and stormed the emplacement. The confused enemy was so unnerved by the swiftness and boldness of Sergeant Orth's actions that a hostile group of five surrendered to the assault team. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Herbert M. Hoddinott, 12220608, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Hoddinott, weapons platoon squad leader, observed his company pinned down in the attack by intense enemy anti-tank and machine gun fire. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, Sergeant Hoddinott, cautioned his men to take cover while he crawled forward to an exposed position to locate the two guns. Reaching a position he ascertained to be the logical one, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously and deliberately exposed himself to the enemy fire to make

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certain from which directions it was coming. He remained in this exposed position long enough to be sure of the enemy position and then he dashed to his company to relay this vital information to the artillery. As a result of Sergeant Hoddinott's heroic actions the two enemy emplacements were ultimately neutralized by our artillery and thus reduced to a minimum the number of casualties suffered in his company. Residence: Chatham, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant John R. Marek, 16175920, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, the enemy loosed an intense barrage of mortar and heavy machine gun fire on the exposed troops of Company "A". Observing a comrade fall helplessly wounded by a hostile shell burst, Sergeant Marek courageously made his way over 200 yards of shell-blasted terrain to his wounded comrade and then laboriously carried the casualty to safety where effective medical aid could be administered. Observing his squad still perilously exposed to the withering fire, he quickly returned to his men and led them to cover. As a result of Sergeant Marek's valorous action and utter disregard for his life, a wounded man was saved from further injury or death, and his exposed squad led to a place of safety from the persistent enemy fire. Residence: Royal Oak, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant George A. Gordon, 39327517, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Gordon was leading his squad on a daylight raid when an enemy machine gun opened fire, wounding one of his men, and pinning the squad to the ground. Realizing that his wounded comrade was exposed to further injury from heavy artillery and mortar fire which began to rake the area, Sergeant Gordon, with utter disregard for his life, left his covered position, and crawling to his comrade, he dragged him to a position from which the wounded man was later evacuated. He then skillfully reorganized his squad and, as they moved forward, he unleashed a murderous volley, killing the enemy machine gunner. He and his squad pressed on, completing its mission, and returned safely to our lines. As a result of Sergeant Gordon's heroic actions, a comrade's life was saved and a successful raid was made upon the enemy. Residence: Beaverton, Oregon.

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 the following named individual:

Corporal Louis C. San Martin, 38408018, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, under cover of a terrific artillery and mortar barrage, the enemy launched a tank attack upon the command post of Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. Corporal San Martin, a bazooka grenadier, immediately perceiving the ominous threat which the tanks presented, upon his own initiative dashed forward to intercept them. Headless of the intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and of the fire from the advancing tanks,

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Corporal San Martin moved into position in front of our lines. With exemplary fortitude and great skill he sent rocket after rocket crashing into the enemy tanks, with such effect that they withdrew, abandoning their mission and leaving the command post intact. In this engagement, he was mortally wounded. Corporal San Martin's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Houston, Texas. Next of kin: Mr. Pio San Martin (father), 7725 West Street, Houston, Texas.

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

Sergeant William R. Parnell, 14081858, (then Private), Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Tampa, Florida.

Sergeant Ted J. Wawrzyniak, 36553776, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade George J. Duncan, 36411093, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

Private Howard R. Koupal, 37481921, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

CAPTAIN HERBERT J. MISSEL, 01105277, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class Ladislav Lupcho, 33437166, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John Landolfi, 31384302, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Providence, Rhode Island.

Private First Class Jesse R. Tuller, 36713264, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Beloit, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Harold H. Ahrens, 36625291, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Lemont, Illinois.

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Private First Class Richard S. Preston, 36712015, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Philip L. Cala, 12074013, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Jamestown, New York.

Corporal George A. Young, 35790705, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Covington, Kentucky.

Private First Class Raymond M. Plunk, 34496168, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Jacks Creek, Tennessee.

Private First Class Edward T. Riffel, 37626783, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 January 1945. Residence: Jennings, Missouri.

Sergeant Harold E. Schmechel, 36292826, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Anthony J. Ugnolnik, 36162621, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Samuel J. Dudek, 36715421, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class John H. May, 35791903, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Camden, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Stanley S. Alkonis, 32294221, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Castleton, New York.

IV -- 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 the Purple Heart is awarded following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private James C. Rost, 37661836, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 41, this headquarters, dated 24 January 1945, as pertains to the following named enlisted men, is revoked:
 Private First Class Steinmetzer, Rodney T., 39616891, 410th Infantry Regiment.
 Private First Class Downs, Percy J., 35759173, 410th Infantry Regiment.

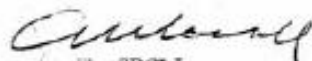
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By command of Brigadier General MAULIFFE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,
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Technician Fifth Grade Hyle M. Adams, 36548795, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Adams, aid man, courageously and efficiently administered aid to the wounded in the face of intense enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. In the process of this activity his fellow aid man was mortally wounded. Despite this severe handicap he carried on magnificently, skillfully doing his work. Time and again he, with utter disregard for his life, braved the fire-swept terrain to aid and comfort the wounded. Evacuation was not possible because of the intensity of the fire thus necessitating his constant attention to all the wounded in the vicinity. As a result of Technician Adams' heroic actions the lives of many of his comrades were saved and his courage served as a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Wayne, Michigan.

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Corporal Benjamin A. Dewar, 36410651, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. During the night of 25 January 1945, Corporal Dewar, member of an artillery liaison section, received word from his commanding officer that the enemy had launched a surprise attack and were surrounding the Second Battalion Command Post of the 410th Infantry Regiment and the liaison section, both located in * * *, France. Realizing his section had already been cut off from the infantry command post and that quick action was imperative, Corporal Dewar took charge of the defense of their quarters and hurriedly placed a number of guards in the surrounding yard to hold the house. When the enemy troops threatened the position, Corporal Dewar held the hostile force with carbine fire as his comrades cautiously withdrew to the street. He rejoined his men, but found the group trapped by another enemy force attacking up the road from a different direction. He remained to stem the new attack, while his section fought its way to the battalion command post to join in the withdrawal from the town. Despite the ferocious hail of small arms and automatic weapon fire which killed

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one of his comrades, he continued to slow the enemy attack by personally killing two of the enemy and silencing an automatic weapon with accurate carbine fire. Satisfied that all his men had successfully reached the battalion command post, he quickly rejoined the liaison section and aided in the safe withdrawal from the village. As a result of Corporal Dewar's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, his section was able to withdraw from their trapped position. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond E. Schnell, 36288691, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 20-21 January 1945, Battery "B", was ordered to make a withdrawal from * * * to * * *, France. Snow and ice made full-track vehicles almost unmanageable on the hills. Technician Schnell was driving an M-5 Tractor and towing a 155 millimeter howitzer, more than 20 tons of equipment. The braking mechanism of the tractor was broken shortly after the start of the march when the tractor slid into a ditch. Although cognizant of the danger to himself if he attempted to drive the 20 tons of equipment down the treacherous slopes, Technician Schnell voluntarily brought his tractor and howitzer to his destination. His only method of stopping on the hills was to deliberately run a tree or a house, exposing himself to great danger in order to avoid the risk of losing the equipment in a ditch. By his utter disregard for personal safety and his exemplary courage in remaining with his tractor under perilous circumstances, a tractor and a 155 millimeter howitzer were saved from capture. Residence: Superior, Wisconsin.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM L. HAUSHILD, 01314285, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, LIEUTENANT HAUSHILD's weapons platoon was in support of an infantry company which had been pinned to the ground by heavy fire from several enemy strongpoints. Realizing that further progress would be costly, if not impossible, unless the strongpoints were reduced, LIEUTENANT HAUSHILD, upon his own initiative, resolved to determine their locations. With utter disregard for his life, he advanced across open, fire-swept terrain, skillfully reconnoitering the enemy positions. Making his way back to our lines, he directed the emplacement of the weapons of his platoon, and, under his supervision, they directed intense fire upon the enemy strongpoints, neutralizing them. As a result of LIEUTENANT HAUSHILD's fortitude and efficiency, the infantry company was enabled to successfully push forward and take its objective. Residence: Rapid City, South Dakota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CURTIS O. SMITH, 01325791, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 January 1945, LIEUTENANT SMITH, brilliantly planned and executed a raid on the village of * * *, France. Before staging the raid, he personally made a complete reconnaissance of the hostile area determining the exact location of each and every enemy strongpoint. When the raid took place he fearlessly led his group forward under intense enemy machine gun fire. His excellent prior planning resulted in the wounded being evacuated efficiently and expeditiously. He moved forward in the attack so calmly and coolly that his men were inspired to go forth with renewed vigor and accomplish their mission.

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As a result of LIEUTENANT SMITH'S outstanding leadership and superb operative ability, valuable information concerning the enemy was obtained and a skillful plan for subsequent raids was established. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

Private First Class Salvatore W. Carnival, 38007434, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, Private Carnival, aid man quickly and skillfully assisted another comrade in establishing an aid station in a pillbox, a few yards from the enemy lines. Upon hearing cries for medical aid, Private Carnival courageously dashed forward over the fire-swept terrain to aid his wounded comrades. Intense enemy small arms and mortar fire blasted the area about him, but completely oblivious of the dangers confronting him, he continued his work in an efficient manner. He and his comrade heeded cries of help on six different occasions, each time braving a hail of enemy fire to carry the wounded men to their improvised aid station. For a period of three days Private Carnival and his comrade watched over the wounded men, as evacuation was impossible due to the precariousness of their position. When conditions warranted evacuation, Private Carnival and his comrade assisted in carrying their patients for 2500 yards over treacherous and mountainous terrain. As a result of Private Carnival's exemplary devotion to duty and heroic efforts many wounded were skillfully and expeditiously treated. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. STEVENSON, 02000746, (then Technical Sergeant) Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 27 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, heavy fighting was in progress. Our troops were temporarily pinned down by intense enemy artillery and small arms fire when Sergeant Stevenson observed a 19 man enemy patrol attempting a maneuver against our flank. Realizing the threat that this patrol represented, he seized a machine gun, and with utter disregard for his life, crossed open terrain through a hail of fire and set up the weapon. Directing a murderous stream of fire upon the surprised enemy patrol, he pinned them to the ground. As a result of Sergeant Stevenson's heroic act, the dangerous enemy flanking movement was neutralized. Residence: Fennville, Michigan.

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Private First Class Donald Herkowitz, 12013141, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, Private Herkowitz, aid man, quickly and skillfully assisted another comrade in establishing an aid station in a pillbox, a few yards from the enemy lines. Upon hearing cries for medical aid, Private Herkowitz courageously dashed forward over the fire-swept terrain to aid his wounded comrades. Intense enemy small arms and mortar fire blasted the area about him, but completely oblivious of the dangers confronting him, he continued his work in an efficient manner. He and his comrade heeded cries of help on six different occasions, each time braving a hail of enemy fire to carry the wounded men to their improvised aid station. For a period of three days Private Herkowitz and his comrade watched over the wounded men as evacuation was impossible due to the precariousness of their position. When conditions warranted evacuation,

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Private Herkowitz and his comrade assisted in carrying their patients for 2500 yards over treacherous and mountainous terrain. As a result of Private Herkowitz's exemplary devotion to duty and heroic efforts many wounded were skillfully and expeditiously treated. Residence: Albany, New York.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEONARD G. MORGAN, 01290109, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. In the early morning hours of 26 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT MORGAN led a five man patrol into an enemy-held town on a reconnaissance mission. Taking one man with him, leaving one man posted as getaway man and instructing the remaining two men to reconnoiter another portion of the town, LIEUTENANT MORGAN skillfully moved forward. As he and his companion were investigating a house in the town, the enemy opened fire upon them with automatic weapons and small arms. As LIEUTENANT MORGAN valorously engaged the enemy, the other section of the patrol was enabled to ascertain the strength of the enemy and their positions. Under cover of LIEUTENANT MORGAN'S fire, this section and the getaway man successfully withdrew to our lines with the information. LIEUTENANT MORGAN was last seen fiercely fighting against overwhelming odds. As a result of his heroic actions, vital information as to the strength and disposition of the enemy was obtained. Residence: Newton Highlands, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Gressa D. Morgan (Mother) 2 Miller Court, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.

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 following named individual:

Technician Fourth Grade Eugene C. Larsen, 36713722, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, near * * *, France, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, met intense enemy machine gun and 20 millimeter fire, as well as anti-tank and mortar fire. Throughout this action, Technician Larsen, a company medical aid man, without regard for his personal safety, moved from one wounded man to another, administering first aid. While he was aiding one of the casualties, he was painfully wounded in the shoulder, but remained on the field to find and aid the casualties until he was ordered to the rear. As he made his way back over the fire-swept ground, he, despite his weakened condition, assisted in evacuating a seriously wounded soldier from an area under shelling. By his heroic devotion to duty, all the casualties of his platoon were properly treated without delay and a seriously wounded man was successfully evacuated. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. *sent to Pua O 411th Inf Reg 5 Feb 45*

IV -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

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IV - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

Sergeant Leo F. Bartha, 36624611, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 28 November 1944, in an attack on * * *, France, the First Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment was halted by intense hostile machine gun fire from concealed positions in the wooded hills. Company "C" was ordered to withdraw 800 yards to a more strategic position. Despite the withering enemy fire, Sergeant Bartha remained behind to aid a comrade who had suffered severe leg wounds and was unable to move. Sergeant Bartha courageously and laboriously carried the injured man over 800 yards of fire-swept terrain to his company's new position from where he was successfully evacuated to professional medical attention. As a result of Sergeant Bartha's valorous action, a comrade was saved from death or further injury. The complete disregard for his personal safety, and prompt action, in the face of extreme danger, demonstrated by Sergeant Bartha were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Sergeant Bartha was subsequently reported killed in action in a later action. Residence: West Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Maribel Bartha (Wife) 309 Church Street, West Chicago, Illinois.

V - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. Section I, General Orders Number 44, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, dated 28 January 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to certain named individuals as reads "FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR J. E. YONKERS, 0172349" is amended to read "FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR J. E. YONKERS, 01172349".

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

Private First Class Joseph B. Fourez, 36783589, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Muncie, Illinois.

Private First Class Howard A. Snyder, 36973578, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 January 1945. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

Sergeant James H. Baker, 36587695, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Clinton, Michigan.

VII - 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 the Purple Heart is awarded following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant William R. Parnell, 14081858, (then Private), Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Tampa, Florida.

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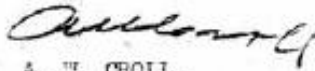
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VIII -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 50, this headquarters, dated 2 February 1945, as pertains to Sergeant William R. Parnell, 14081858, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, is revoked.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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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 following named individuals:

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Private First Class Floyd A. LaPoint, 31403715, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, the enemy launched a counterattack in great strength under the cover of intense artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, necessitating a withdrawal by our troops. When the machine gunner whose weapon was protecting the left flank of Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment was struck by enemy fire, Private LaPoint, assistant gunner, immediately took over the weapon. With utter disregard for his life, he maintained his position in the face of the enemy fire, directing a withering stream of fire from his own weapon upon the advancing hostile forces, temporarily disorganizing them. While thus engaging the enemy, Private LaPoint was himself wounded, but with exemplary fortitude and devotion to duty, he remained at his gun, despite his injury, covering our troops as they moved to more advantageous positions. As a result of Private LaPoint's gallant actions, the ominous threat to the company's flank was frustrated, and a successful withdrawal was effected. Residence: Bradford, Vermont.

MAJOR LESTER L. LAMPERT, JR., 022100, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. At 250430 January 1945, the enemy launched a sudden, fierce attack from several directions on the town of * * *, France. In addition to MAJOR LAMPERT's Command Post, elements of other infantry and tank destroyer units were located in the town. The hostile force, later identified as a battalion of SS Troops, were equipped largely with automatic weapons and were dressed in white clothing, making them almost invisible against the snow. The handicap of darkness and the fact that the enemy troops were shouting in English made identification of our own men possible only by recognition of voices. Quickly realizing that a determined resistance by our own small, scattered and heterogeneous forces would result in heavy casualties and capture, MAJOR LAMPERT placed himself in command of all the troops he could gather and organized them into a fighting unit to bring about their orderly withdrawal and to delay the enemy attack. Exposing himself constantly to the close range automatic fire, and calmly issuing his orders, he inspired the confidence of the men about him who fiercely

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resisted the attack, enabling others to withdraw. He finally assembled his force on a line of defense outside of town after having fearlessly directed delaying action from five successive positions. He then rapidly organized his diverse forces into a closely knit defense. By his fearlessness displayed in the face of the enemy's direct fire, and by his superb leadership and organizational ability, MAJOR LAMPERT executed an efficient and orderly withdrawal. Numerous casualties were prevented by his gallant actions. Residence: El Paso, Texas.

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

Private First Class Joseph J. Micaletti, 16170139, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company, France, 9 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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