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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:

Private First Class Theodore Lovato, 37362330, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 25 January 1945, Private Lovato with elements of his platoon, occupied a house in the town of * * *, France, but were unable to progress further because of intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire coming from an adjacent house. Private Lovato, on his own initiative, dashed to the front of the enemy occupied house, hurled two hand grenades in a cellar window and forced 18 of the enemy to surrender, enabling his platoon to advance. Private Lovato's gallant actions were a source of inspiration to all his comrades and in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Center, Colorado.

Private First Class Howard Robertson, 34580992, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Robertson, aid man, himself wounded, voluntarily returned to an emergency aid station in a house, where four severely wounded men were left when his company was forced to withdraw. Later he braved enemy fire to move another wounded man to the house. He remained in the house in advance of our lines, tending the wounded and moving them to the basement as heavy and direct enemy fire blasted the roof of the house. He remained with the injured men until morning when they were located by a friendly litter team. He then assisted in the evacuation of the wounded to the aid station. His gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Waverly, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Lionel N. R. Frice, 36288406, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 25 January 1945, in

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the vicinity of * * *, France, the progress of Sergeant Price's platoon was halted by hidden enemy snipers and machine guns. With utter disregard for his life, Sergeant Price left his covered position and deliberately walked out into the open in order to draw fire and establish the location of the enemy. As the enemy opened intense fire upon him, Sergeant Price fell wounded, nevertheless, with exemplary fortitude, he called out fire directions to a supporting tank, which blasted the enemy positions, and our troops were then enabled to continue on their mission. Sergeant Price's courage and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Plain, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Albert J. Bury, 37541341, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 23 January 1945, near * * *, France, Sergeant Bury, in command of an isolated squad protecting a flank of his Company was attacked by a platoon of SS troops. In the intense fire fight that followed the squad was pinned to the ground and communication with the rest of the Company was cut. Sergeant Bury alone braved the withering enemy fire using his rifle and when his ammunition was exhausted threw hand grenades and fired anti-tank grenades eventually stopping the enemy attack as it reached a point about 15 yards from his position. Sergeant Bury then single-handedly pursued the retreating enemy throwing hand grenades. His action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Harry E. Boyer, 33433496, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 24 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, approximately 75 of the enemy attacked and captured a position occupied by Sergeant Boyer's squad. Leading the remainder of his squad in a drive to recapture the ground, Sergeant Boyer, charged across 125 yards of open, fire-swept terrain firing an automatic weapon. The ferocity of his attack resulted in the destruction of an enemy automatic weapon. He personally killed one of the enemy, wounded a second and took a third prisoner. Consolidating with the light machine gun section he continued the attack and, although wounded, he and his men regained the position. Sergeant Boyer's gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wampum, Pennsylvania.

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT SIDNEY A. PETRIE, 01045884, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 24 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT PETRIE's company was defending high ground when the enemy launched a heavy counterattack supported by tanks and preceded by intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Numerous casualties were suffered by his company, and consolidation and redistribution of the remaining men was imperative to a successful defense. In the face of the enemy's fire, LIEUTENANT PETRIE left the cover of his foxhole and moved his men to

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positions from which they successfully repulsed the counterattack. In this engagement, LIEUTENANT PETRIE was mortally wounded. His gallant devotion to duty and fortitude reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Park Rapids, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Eva M. Petrie (wife), 604 North 2d Street, Park Rapids, Minnesota.

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:

CAPTAIN FREDERICK D. DURAND, 01030654, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 19 to 28 January 1945 in France. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class Daniel A. Sobczak, 36865934, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During a night raid on * * *, France, on 3 February 1945, severe enemy artillery and mortar fire inflicted numerous casualties on our troops, wounding Private Sobczak's squad leader and necessitating his evacuation. More than half of his squad was under fire for the first time, and Private Sobczak had been acting as assistant squad leader. Rallying and reorganizing his shaken squad, Private Sobczak, with exemplary skill and leadership, moved them forward and took over the mission of an adjacent unit which was pinned down. His efficiency and fortitude inspired his men to successfully accomplish their mission, and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Philip J. Dalton, 37446381, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 January 1945, Sergeant Dalton and his platoon spearheaded an attack in the vicinity of * * *, France, under severe enemy mortar and small arms fire which pinned them to the ground. Sergeant Dalton crawled through the hostile fire to report the situation to his company commander and was ordered to withdraw. He rejoined his platoon, established a base of fire as a covering force for his platoon's withdrawal and led them from the area. His superior leadership and knowledge of terrain enabled the platoon to execute this movement with only one casualty. His valorous action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Merle D. Brown, 37250426, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 January 1945, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment was attacking in the vicinity of * * *, France, when the enemy loosed a barrage of artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire on the troops. Observing a comrade fall wounded in the snow, Technician Brown, medical aid man, made his way 50 yards over mountainous terrain to the wounded man's side. Despite fire directed on him from an enemy machine gun, he administered aid to his comrade. Technician Brown's magnificent valor and utter disregard for

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his life were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Delaware, Iowa.

Private First Class Jacob Baranson, 32959665, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 January 1945, when the Third Battalion staged an attack in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Baranson accompanied the initial assault elements with a fellow litter bearer. The attacking forces met stiff resistance and were forced to withdraw. In the process of the withdrawal, Private Baranson and his companion observed several wounded lying on the open and fire-swept terrain. Unable to use a litter because of the intensity of the enemy fire, Private Baranson and his comrade placed the wounded on blankets and raincoats dragging them a distance of 300 yards to safety. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Weldon E. Jones, 37250395, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, Technician Jones, aid man, was accompanying a raiding party in the vicinity of * * *, France, when numerous casualties were inflicted on our troops. Without hesitation, Technician Jones rushed through heavy mortar, artillery, small arms and machine gun fire and succeeded in rendering aid and evacuating the wounded. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sharpsburg, Iowa.

Private First Class Curtis R. Schaeffer, 37400500, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 11 January 1945, when the Third Battalion staged an attack in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Schaeffer accompanied the initial assault elements with a fellow litter bearer. The attacking forces met stiff resistance and were forced to withdraw. In the process of the withdrawal, Private Schaeffer and his companion observed several wounded lying on the open and fire-swept terrain. Unable to use a litter because of the intensity of the enemy fire, Private Schaeffer and his comrade placed the wounded on blankets and raincoats, dragging them a distance of 300 yards to safety. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Private First Class Robert R. Jones, 17083495, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the evening hours of 24 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Jones, radio operator, on his own initiative, carried his radio across an enemy observed foot bridge after all communication lines had been severed between the third platoon of his company, who at the time was outposting the company's main line of resistance, and the company command post. Despite heavy enemy mortar fire he reached the isolated platoon and remained at his post throughout the night relaying fire directions to our artillery. His heroic actions enabled the isolated platoon to withdraw before a numerically superior enemy

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and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Washington, Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS E. BLACK, JR., O387442, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 4 February 1945, LIEUTENANT BLACK led advance elements of his company in a raid on * * *, France. As he and his men were entering the town, they were subjected to intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. LIEUTENANT BLACK was wounded in the elbow by machine gun fire from a building 25 yards away, knocking him to the ground, but spurning evacuation he led his men forward until their mission was accomplished. His personal bravery, displayed despite his painful wounds, was a source of inspiration to all the men about him. LIEUTENANT BLACK's heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Eagle Pass, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Henry F. White, 38047757, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, near * * *, France, when his company was withdrawing across open terrain under the intense fire of enemy machine gun, anti-tank and 20 millimeter automatic weapons, Sergeant White picked up a wounded comrade and carried him 200 yards through enemy fire to the safety of a building. Within a few minutes, Sergeant White, with complete disregard for his safety, picked up another wounded man and carried him 1000 yards over exposed and fire-swept terrain. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Alex J. Banashak, 17001621, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, Sergeant Banashak, member of a group covering the withdrawal of the Third Battalion from * * *, France, observed an enemy machine gun inflicting casualties on his company. Sergeant Banashak directed fire on the hostile position until his company and the covering force completed the withdrawal. As he was rejoining his men, Sergeant Banashak found a wounded man in an open field. He carried the casualty through the hostile fire for 500 yards to the comparative safety of a woods where he dressed the man's wounds and then summoned a litter squad to evacuate the man to an aid station. His magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wells, Minnesota.

Private First Class Leicester E. Moshier, 36412339, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, near * * *, France, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, was subjected to heavy fire from enemy machine guns, anti-tank and 88 millimeter guns, forcing the company to withdraw over open and exposed terrain. Private Moshier picked up a wounded man, carried him 150 yards to the safety of a house and after treating his wounds, carried the wounded man 1000 yards through enemy fire to safety. His heroic action was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

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Private First Class Tony J. Ernst, 37595631, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. At dawn on 19 January 1945, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment was counterattacked by the enemy and was forced to withdraw from the wooded area near * * *, France. During the process of the move, an officer was severely wounded, and due to the intensity of the enemy shelling and machine gun fire, he could not be evacuated. When the shelling had partially subsided, Private Ernst and a comrade made their way over the field and carried the wounded officer to comparative safety where medical aid could be administered. Private Ernst's outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Browerville, Minnesota.

Private Frank S. Monett, 31306199, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. At dawn on 19 January 1945, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment was counterattacked by the enemy and was forced to withdraw from the wooded area near * * *, France. During the process of the move, an officer was severely wounded, and due to the intensity of the enemy shelling and machine gun fire, he could not be evacuated. When the shelling had partially subsided, Private Monett and a comrade made their way over the field and carried the wounded officer to comparative safety where medical aid could be administered. Private Monett's outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade William F. Klemmer, 36716167, 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 Klemmer, aid man, went forward under intense enemy small arms and artillery fire to render aid to a wounded comrade after several previous attempts by aid men had been frustrated due to the intensity of the fire. In the process of rendering aid he, himself, was wounded. Nevertheless he continued his efforts and efficiently treated the injured man. Returning to the command post he once again administered aid to an injured man and then submitted to evacuation. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Edward T. Smith, Jr., 18124985, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Smith, with his platoon, was subjected to an intense barrage of mortar fire. Sergeant Smith quickly deployed his men as he observed the enemy grouping for an impending counterattack. He assembled three men, led them forward and met the proposed counterattack before it could be successfully launched. He directed his men to continue firing their weapons and throwing grenades until he could return and bring up a machine gun. He succeeded in getting the machine gun into an advantageous position and directed accurate fire into the enemy. Although Sergeant Smith was wounded in this action he remained at his post aiding in the successful repulsion of the enemy attack. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Vernon, Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Gerald J. Dougherty, 39564263, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 3 February 1945, during a raid on * * *, France, Technician Dougherty, machine gunner, was pinned down by severe enemy machine gun and automatic rifle fire while acting as a covering force for his platoon's attack. As his squad leader and ammunition bearer were wounded in the initial phase of the attack, Technician Dougherty deliberately crawled forward alone, under intense enemy fire to a position less than 50 yards from the enemy strongpoint. Completely oblivious of the dangers confronting him he continued firing into the enemy emplacement until it was reduced to a point where his platoon was able to advance and neutralize it completely. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Long Beach, California.

Sergeant Robert L. Schroeder, 37542288, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 to 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Schroeder, wireman, continually exposed himself to intense enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire to maintain efficient communications between adjacent units and Company "G", which was defending the main line of resistance. His untiring efforts under hazardous and trying conditions of weather and terrain were a source of inspiration to his entire company. Sergeant Schroeder's exemplary devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Evansville, Minnesota.

Sergeant Homer B. Norris, Jr., 18073833, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Norris and his squad were pinned down by enemy automatic weapon and machine gun fire as they attempted to storm an enemy held house. Sergeant Norris cautiously crawled to a position away from his squad and opened fire with his automatic weapon in order to draw the enemy's fire upon himself. This fearless act enabled his squad to rush forward, overrun the strongpoint, and capture three of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlotte, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade James W. Brown, 16170257, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, Technician Brown, aid man, accompanied initial elements of assault forces on a raid on * * *, France. Technician Brown observed casualties being inflicted on an adjacent platoon, and upon receiving permission to leave his protective cover, he dashed 150 yards across an open field swept by intense enemy fire, rendered effective aid to the wounded and assisted in their evacuation. His heroic actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Zanesville, Ohio.

Private First Class Lawrence A. DuBois, 16120675, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, Private DuBois, acting communications sergeant, accompanied initial assault elements in a raid on * * *, France. During a severe concentration of enemy artillery fire, all communication lines between Company "C" and batta-

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lion headquarters were severed, leaving the radio as the only means of communication. When Private DuBois observed the company radio operator struck by shrapnel, he dashed to his side, cut the radio from the injured man's back and maintained communication with battalion headquarters. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cobden, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade John J. Narkus, 36548909, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, Technician Narkus, aid man, accompanied assault elements in a raid on * * *, France. Inside the town the platoon adjacent to Technician Narkus' suffered several casualties and without regard for his life, he dashed across a fire-swept street, heading a cry for medical aid. He tended the wounded man, supervised his evacuation and then recrossed the street under intense fire to rejoin his platoon. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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 individual:

Sergeant James B. Earley, 39288861, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his squad was pinned down by enemy fire, Sergeant Earley managed to crawl clear of the enemy fire and contact elements of his company to bring relief to his squad. Returning close to the enemy positions, he threw hand grenades into their emplacements until he was fatally wounded by an enemy grenade. As a result of his heroic actions five of the enemy were taken prisoner and four were killed. Sergeant Earley's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Holdenville, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Earley, (Mother), 699 East 5th Street, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN H. KIRBY, 01324423, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 24 January 1945, near * * *, France, LIEUTENANT KIRBY, in command of a rifle platoon whose mission was to outpost the main line of resistance, observed approximately 75 of the enemy deploying to attack his position and cut off the route of escape. He placed his men into position, allowed the enemy to approach within 30 yards and then ordered his men to open fire, inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. Before the enemy regained their composure, LIEUTENANT KIRBY ordered one squad to escape and set up a base of fire to cover the other two squads in their withdrawal. LIEUTENANT KIRBY's outstanding leadership enabled the platoon to withdraw without a casualty and was in

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accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Ashton W. Weaver, 37246614, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 to 29 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Weaver, wireman, continually exposed himself to intense enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire to maintain efficient communications between his company and adjacent units. His untiring efforts under hazardous and trying conditions of weather and terrain were a source of inspiration to the entire command. Private Weaver's exemplary devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Phelps City, Missouri.

VI -- 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 THOMAS F. CRUSINBERRY, 0545576, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 February 1945. Residence: Brookings, South Dakota.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL TEAL THERRELL, 0354062, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 February 1945. Residence: Bennettsville, South Carolina.

VII -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. Section I, General Orders Number 51, this headquarters, dated 4 February 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to certain named individual as reads "Private First Class Donald Harkowitz, 12013141, 409th Infantry Regiment", is amended to read "Private First Class Donald Harkowits, 12013141, 409th Infantry Regiment".

VIII -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, AMENDMENT. So much of General Orders Number 79, this headquarters, dated 22 December 1944, as pertains to Private First Class John Kwak, 33078485, 410th Infantry Regiment, as reads "29 November 1944" is amended to read "10 December 1944".

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

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

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platoon commander and platoon sergeant were wounded in the advance, Sergeant Cogozzo immediately assumed command of the platoon, displaying superb judgment and outstanding leadership. Through his efforts the successful completion of the platoon's mission was expeditiously accomplished. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Earl E. Sprague, 31466854, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, Private Sprague participated in a raid, with his company, on * * *, France. As the company commander called for searchlights to be played on the town, a hostile machine gun opened fire on Private Sprague and his platoon. He located the source of fire and sprayed the strongpoint with his automatic weapon as he advanced toward the enemy. He succeeded in destroying the machine gun nest, materially assisting his platoon in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Private Sprague's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Machias, Maine.

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

Staff Sergeant Bryan B. Kirby, 38437576, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 8 February 1945. Residence: Seagoville, Texas.

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,
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- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL 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:

Staff Sergeant Chester L. Bailey, 38030535, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, Sergeant Bailey and his squad, riding tanks, went forward to raid a house in the vicinity of * * *, France. After the tanks had advanced as far as practicable, the squad dismounted and, as they approached within 200 yards of their objective, the enemy pinned them to the ground with machine gun fire. Sergeant Bailey jumped from his position and unable to signal the nearby tanks went to the tank positions and led them forward. Informed that the road was mined, Sergeant Bailey advanced under fire to within 35 yards of the enemy, located the mines and removed them by hand. Sergeant Bailey then rejoined his squad, led them forward, and captured four of the enemy. His gallant actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hico, Texas.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION. 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 Frank C. Nonnamaker, 18107323, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 30 January 1945, after a successful raid in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Nonnamaker and his squad were withdrawing to a covered position, when he observed a wounded comrade lying in an enemy mine field. He voluntarily entered the mine field to give aid to his wounded comrade, lying less than 100 yards from an enemy machine gun nest. Private Nonnamaker was last seen going forward to administer first aid to the injured man. His self-sacrifice reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ponca City, Oklahoma. Next of kin: Mr. Floyd F. Nonnamaker, 333 South Elm, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

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III -- 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:

Private Roscoe T. Fry, 37527353, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the night of 25 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Fry, member of an outpost squad, was guarding a foot bridge in front of the main line of resistance when attacked by a superior enemy force. While his squad withdrew to safety, Private Fry remained to hold back the hostile force. Although wounded by a grenade, he continued to hold off the enemy with his weapon until it jammed. Resorting to hand grenades he valiantly held his position until struck by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spickard, Missouri. Next of kin: Mr. Herman Fry, (Father), Route 4, Spickard, Missouri.

IV -- 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 John Pedosuk, 35602435, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 25 January 1945, during a counterattack by Company "A" on * * *, France, the company was subjected to intense enemy machine gun fire which inflicted casualties on one of the platoons and pinned it down. Realizing the wounded were in need of immediate evacuation, Private Pedosuk, driver of a medical vehicle, voluntarily drove forward, carried the wounded to the vehicle, and, oblivious to the hostile fire, brought them over the exposed terrain to safety. Private Pedosuk's valorous actions served as a source of inspiration to all and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

Private First Class Carl A. Anderson, 39465231, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, Private Anderson, aid man, accompanied Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment in an attack on Hill * * * in the vicinity of * * *, France. In the process of the advance, intense enemy artillery and automatic weapon fire was directed on the group, inflicting casualties. Notified of the plight of two wounded men, lying in an exposed position, Private Anderson rushed to their side, through intense fire, and speedily administered first aid. Determining the wounds to be serious, he twice more braved the hostile fire and carried them to safety, where they were quickly evacuated. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dayton, Washington.

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

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 V - AWARD OF AIR MEDAL (Cont'd)

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KREBS, O1182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 13 December 1944 to 3 February 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. CLARK, JR., O554185, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

Private Joseph D. Murphy, 33614461, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Danville, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Charles E. Thompson, 36715901, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Paul B. Birdsong, 34788002, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Miami, Florida.

Sergeant LeRoy E. Ham, 34573120, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Marietta, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Willard J. Mason, 36411895, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Midland, Michigan.

Private First Class Warren H. Land, 37400479, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Leesburg, Missouri.

Private First Class John W. Holloway, Jr., 11110143, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Private First Class Norman M. McKinley, 36400939, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 13 February 1945. Residence: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sergeant Robert A. Heideman, 36711484, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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- AWARD OF SILVER STAR I
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL III
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL IV
- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART 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:

Private Henry J. Czajka, 32932495, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the morning of 8 February 1945, in a raid by Company "G" on * * *, France, four men of Private Czajka's squad were trapped by hostile machine gun fire during a fire-fight. Private Czajka made his way through the enemy fire close to the emplacement and threw grenades into the position, completely neutralizing it. Private Czajka then attracted the attention of one of his trapped comrades, pointed out a route of escape and, as the four men withdrew, he covered them until they had reached safety. His gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

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II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to following named individual:

Technical Sergeant Willard A. Springborn, 17156664, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, Sergeant Springborn was leading his platoon in a raid on * * *, France, when they encountered intense enemy automatic weapon fire. He dispersed his platoon beside a house for protection, and boldly walked into the street toward the source of fire. He rapidly determined the position of the emplacement and with several accurately placed hand grenades succeeded in silencing it. Sergeant Springborn's gallant actions enabled his platoon to successfully accomplish its mission and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

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:

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

Private First Class William J. Freise, 33940936, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 8 February 1945, Private Freise was a member of a holding force blocking off a section of town in a raid on * * *, France. After two assault teams had withdrawn, Private Freise himself, ordered to withdraw, observed six of the enemy pursuing the withdrawing platoons. He quickly seized a nearby sub-machine gun to increase his fire power and with the aid of hand grenades rendered the enemy incapable of further fire. He successfully covered the withdrawal and was the last man to leave town. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John C. Jex, 16152021, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During a night raid by the First Battalion on * * *, France, on 3 February 1945, Sergeant Jex and his platoon were assigned the mission of evacuating wounded. Sergeant Jex, working without rest or relief, repeatedly crossed more than 1000 yards of enemy observed, fire-swept, terrain to rescue the wounded. Although shrapnel tore his field jacket and each trip necessitated crossing a stream 18 feet wide and neck deep, Sergeant Jex pursued his tasks heedless of personal danger. His actions saved the lives of many men and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Huron, Michigan.

Private First Class Milton W. McCreary, 33582446, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 4-5 February 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, the need for additional telephone wire became acute and no new wire was available. Private McCreary, assistant wireman, and his communication sergeant voluntarily made a search and located usable wire within 150 yards of the enemy. That night, despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire which fell about them, they secured the wire and made the necessary installations, traversing more than 2500 yards laterally along our lines, while within 150 yards of the enemy. Private McCreary's resourceful and heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant George B. Hippee, 36289074, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 4-5 February 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, the need for additional telephone wire became acute and no new wire was available. Sergeant Hippee, communication sergeant, and an assistant wireman voluntarily made a search and located usable wire within 150 yards of the enemy. That night, despite heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire which fell about them, they secured the wire and made the necessary installations, traversing more than 2500 yards laterally along our lines, while within 150 yards of the enemy. Sergeant Hippee's resourceful and heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

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 achievement while participating in aerial flight:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BRISCOE, 0532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 28 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Decatur, Alabama.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT EUGENE S. HUFF, 01184525, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 December 1944 to 2 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Seminole, Oklahoma.

V -- 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:

Private First Class Robert D. Hickman, 20754883, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 February 1945. Residence: Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Private First Class Doy A. Barnette, 35847978, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 February 1945. Residence: Erbacon, West Virginia.

Private Hayden J. Land, 34592568, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Residence: Schulls Mills, North Carolina.

Private First Class Thomas J. Fagan, 37149088, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 February 1945. Residence: Lusk, Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant Albert Becker, 37243626, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 February 1945. Residence: St. Joseph, Missouri.

Private First Class Carl J. Julius, 39467110, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Residence: Yakima, Washington.

Private First Class David E. Boormann, 37447723, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Sergeant William M. Ramsey, 34495766, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Gainesboro, Tennessee.

Private Albert F. Kirnbauer, 36956618, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Technician Fifth Grade John A. Paulson, 37541934, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Kathryn, North Dakota.

Private First Class Richard E. Bacla, 16143575, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Davenport, Iowa.

Private First Class Kenneth E. Blanchard, 37447891, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Nashua, Iowa.

Private First Class Roy A. Bjork, 33449356, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Baroka, South Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul F. Childers, 36624850, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas C. Duvall, 34574442, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Toccoa, Georgia.

Private First Class William H. Fortune, 20737859, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 19 February 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Arnold B. Goulson, 37541147, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Benson, Minnesota.

Private Joseph W. Karmal, 36545887, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

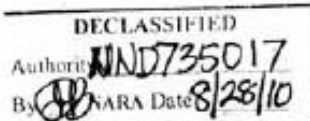
Sergeant Rolland V. Robinson, 37446300, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Private Dean A. Sempert, 19134869, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Lejeune Wilson, 18218400, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Ft. Worth, Texas.

Private Martin Vishnevsky, 11094799, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Hartford, Connecticut.

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 V - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Technician Fifth Grade James T. Young, 37244761, Corps of Engineers,
 Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Resi-
 dence: Neosho, Missouri.

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