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ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of AR 600-20, and by authority contained in Par. 1, SO No 6, Hq, 12th Army Group dated 8 January 1945, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 106th Infantry Division.

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Brigadier General, U. S. Army

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

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

Private First Class Robert S. Akers, 37465392, Corps of Engineers, Company "E", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 9 January 1945. Residence: Aurora, Colorado.

Private First Class Herman E. Dail, 34464208, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 9 January 1945. Residence: Kinston, North Carolina.

MAJOR JOHN E. RHEA, O454402, Cavalry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sergeant Thomas E. Shoup, 36402728, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Theodore J. Optie, 36716659, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 1 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Holliday, 19048706, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Long Beach, California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JACK GATEWOOD, O1826045, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 January 1945. Residence: Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

Private First Class Leonard P. Juozunas, 36547853, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Lucien J. Cayer, 31400497, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Rumford, Maine.

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 I - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private Lawrence L. Lowe, 33821859, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 December 1944. Residence: Ryan, Virginia.

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

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Boyd, 20429383, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,  
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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . I
- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. . . . . III

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

Technical Sergeant Marlin Combs, 6888496, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Combs, skillfully and courageously maneuvered a four man patrol into enemy territory to ascertain the exact location of hostile emplacements. Several previous patrols had been turned back as a result of the intense fire that was directed upon them as they approached the enemy strongpoints. Fully cognizant of these facts and realizing the imminent dangers confronting him, he, with utter disregard for his life, led his men forward in the face of withering fire. He purposely exposed himself to enemy observation in order to draw fire from the hostile emplacements. His boldness so confused the enemy they were forced to reveal their hidden emplacements hitherto undisclosed. After all the necessary information had been obtained, he skillfully withdrew his patrol to safety, without a casualty. As a result of Sergeant Combs' outstanding courage invaluable information relative to enemy defenses was reported to the tactical officers planning an attack, ultimately assisting greatly in the successful accomplishment of their mission. Residence: Bath, Kentucky.

Sergeant Lyndon Wasdin, 34682526, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, Sergeant Wasdin assisted in clearing enemy snipers from houses on the outskirts of \* \* \*, France, when he keenly observed an enemy flak wagon approaching. Sergeant Wasdin quickly stepped into the shadow of a building and waited until the hostile vehicle turned the corner near him. He courageously and boldly opened fire on the flak wagon at point blank range, confusing the crew. Despite the blast of 20 millimeter machine gun fire about him, Sergeant Wasdin continued to fire ferociously from his exposed position until he killed the vehicle commander. The hostile crew, completely bewildered and unnerved by this action, withdrew the flak wagon and fled from the area. Sergeant Wasdin's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, saved his comrades from a surprise attack by an armored vehicle, thus preventing casualties. Residence: Screven, Georgia.

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Corporal Merritt Kochan, 36543101, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 November 1944, during the action in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, it was imperative that a message be delivered to the rapidly advancing Third Battalion notifying the commanding officer of a change in plans and ordering him to hold in the \* \* \* area. Corporal Kochan was sent forward in a one-quarter ton truck to deliver the message. Halted by an enemy road block, Corporal Kochan left his vehicle and completed his mission on foot, a distance of five miles, through an area in which the enemy was still active. Locating the Battalion Command Post in \* \* \*, Corporal Kochan entered the town and reached his destination despite enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. By his heroic devotion to duty, performed with complete disregard for his safety, Corporal Kochan successfully delivered his message, materially assisting in the success of our operation. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Orla E. Williams, 20212844, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Williams was in command of a machine gun section supporting an infantry company in the attack. The infantry company at this point was located in pill boxes when the enemy launched a strong counterattack supported with flame-throwers. Sergeant Williams observing that immediate action was imperative, turned over his section to an assistant and dashed forth courageously, armed with hand grenades. He jumped into a trench in front of our infantry and boldly threw grenades in the midst of the attacking enemy. His rapidity of judgment and utter disregard for his life in the face of an onrushing enemy materially assisted the infantry troops in throwing the enemy into a complete rout. Residence: Ogdensburg, New York.

Private First Class Ernest M. Morris, 37402237, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Morris' company was defending high ground against an expected enemy counterattack. Private Morris, a machine gunner, keenly observed the first elements of the enemy forces approaching. He immediately put his weapon into action and placed accurate and devastating fire upon the enemy. He then turned his weapon over to his assistant, and summoned the supporting riflemen. With utter disregard for his life, he led them into position and established an effective base of fire. Private Morris' heroic actions, performed in the face of heavy mortar and small arms fire, resulted in the rout of the enemy counterattack and in the retention of vital terrain by our forces. Residence: Neelyville, Missouri.

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

Private First Class Charles H. Rowland, 38548093, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Rowland, ad-

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

wancing with the forward elements of his company, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Heeding the cries of a wounded comrade, he, with utter disregard for his life dashed forth from his place of safety to aid the injured man. Realizing further injuries would be inflicted on his comrade if instantaneous action was not taken, he courageously placed the wounded man on a blanket for fear of exposing him further to the direct fire that was raking the area, and cautiously dragged him to safety. As a result of Private Rowland's magnificent valor in the face of withering fire, the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Private Rowland has subsequently been reported as killed in action. Throughout this entire activity Private Rowland's outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Nederland, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Vera L. Rowland (Mother) Box 525, Nederland, Texas.

Private First Class Frank J. Horejs, Jr., 36712851, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Horejs, machine gunner, while under severe enemy shelling, courageously remained at his post, despite the withering fire that blasted the area. He placed fire on enemy positions with such deadly accuracy and effectiveness that they were forced to withdraw in disorganized retreat. His heroic efforts materially assisted artillery observers to successfully relay vital information to their fire direction center, which ultimately brought devastating fire on the retreating enemy. In the course of this activity Private Horejs was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Throughout this entire action Private Horejs' display of outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Agnes Horejs (Mother) 5207 South Fairfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of Section III, General Orders Number 12, this headquarters, dated 5 January 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Frank J. Horejs, 36712851, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . I  
AWARD OF AIR MEDAL . . . . . II

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 individual:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT P. ATKINSON, O1306531, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 20 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, LIEUTENANT ATKINSON, skillfully led his company against four well fortified enemy pillboxes. The enemy was dug-in around the emplacements in addition to occupying the pillboxes which increased the difficulty of assault. Under severe hostile artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire, he courageously stormed the fortification in a lead position with his company. The ferocity and boldness of his attack forced the enemy to withdraw. He immediately prepared a defense position to stabilize his company for any counterattacks that might ensue. Throughout the day and night LIEUTENANT ATKINSON brilliantly directed the repulsion of 10 fierce enemy counterattacks. During the heat of battle he personally dashed to each of his platoons directing their fire. He constantly exposed himself to the withering fire that blasted the area in order to be assured that his plans were being efficiently carried out. As a result of LIEUTENANT ATKINSON'S display of magnificent courage heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and a vital defensive position was secured. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

II -- 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 individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

SECOND LIEUTENANT F. EDWARD SMITH, O1185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 1 December 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Western France and Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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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 to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Joseph Kmetz, 37595638, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Niel E. Classon, 20709903, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Fargo, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant John S. Sierminski, 36401492, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Clayton E. Thomas, 37533328, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Residence: Topeka, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl R. Bellomy, 15065647, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HOWARD L. McCLOSKEY, 01825554, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 December 1944. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technical Sergeant Torbet E. Jennings, 34494894, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 December 1944. Residence: Parsons, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant Earl P. Hale, 18231629, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Markham, Texas.

Private First Class John J. Arendarczyk, 36625688, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Mike Yacnich, 37454981, (then Private), Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 November 1944. Residence: Lovilia, Iowa.

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Private First Class Marion J. Wojdan, 36544986, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945.  
Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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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 to the following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Sergeant Harlie W. Ervin, 34496064, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 November 1944. Residence: Finger, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE O. THOMAS, 02000677, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Residence: Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Private First Class Calvin D. Lash, 37669940, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Indianola, Iowa.

Private First Class William W. Victor, 36634562, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Tuscola, Illinois.

Private First Class Paul R. Cole, 35244824, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 January 1945. Residence: Cortland, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant James D. Isenberg, 20323532, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Private Michael L. Hampton, 38018137, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,  
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II

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 Albert C. Swanson, Jr., 36412817, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the morning of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Swanson, in company with another soldier, was detailed to lay wire to a forward artillery observation post. In spite of heavy enemy mortar fire Private Swanson succeeded in reaching his destination with the wire. During the afternoon of the same day, while on a similar mission, enemy mortar fire destroyed his vehicle. Despite this serious handicap Private Swanson assisted in completing the task of laying the wire and then carrying the radio to the forward observer's position. On the following night, Private Swanson was detailed to establish communication between Division Artillery Headquarters and an advanced field artillery battalion. In spite of the darkness, rugged terrain and the fact that enemy patrols were known to be in the area, Private Swanson assisted in maintaining communication. By his devotion to duty and complete disregard for his safety, communication was maintained at a critical time, thus materially contributing to the success of the operation. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Edmond H. Harleman, 36287811, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Harleman, on his own initiative, went forth fearlessly to assist in clearing a road block known to be booby-trapped. The success of the tactical operation depended on the removal of the road block in order that tanks, tank destroyers, and anti-tank guns could move forward as a flank protection. Fully cognizant of the impending dangers confronting him, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously pursued his task. During the progress of the removal, a booby-trap exploded, killing an enlisted man and wounding an officer. Despite this serious handicap he worked diligently and tirelessly until the mission was accomplished. As a result of Private Harleman's outstanding devotion to duty the supporting elements of the attack were able to proceed forward in an expeditious manner. Residence: Rockville, Missouri.

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Sergeant Cecil O. Knight, 20834157, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. From 19 November through 21 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Knight worked tirelessly and valorously maintaining liaison wire communications. Notwithstanding his extreme fatigue and despite the severe enemy shellfire to which he was subjected during this time, Sergeant Knight, with exemplary devotion to duty, efficiently directed his section and successfully performed his missions. On one occasion, in darkness and rain, he penetrated the enemy lines under artillery, mortar and small arms fire and established a communications line between his battalion and a battalion of our infiltrating infantry. As a result of Sergeant Knight's heroic achievements, communications were maintained continuously between infantry elements and the artillery. Residence: Roff, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Robert G. L. Harris, 13186001, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in \* \* \*, France, Private Harris, automatic rifleman, and his company were fighting from house-to-house when one of his comrades was seriously wounded. Private Harris immediately ran to the casualty and found the man suffering from severe chest wounds necessitating immediate aid before he could be moved. Despite his exposed position near a window and a shell-blasted wall, he skillfully and expeditiously administered aid to the injured man. Oblivious to the withering hostile small arms fire, Private Harris then assisted in evacuating his comrade to safety. As a result of Private Harris' valorous action, the life of an injured man was saved. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

CAPTAIN THOMAS P. WHITE, JR., 0461531, (Then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 12 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN WHITE, with his company in the attack, was pinned to the ground by a sudden and intense barrage of enemy artillery and machine gun fire. The company being in open terrain was unable to find cover from the devastating enemy fire. Realizing immediate action was imperative, CAPTAIN WHITE, with utter disregard for his life, dashed forward to the head of his company. In full view of the enemy he ran to each of his platoon leaders, directed the successful deployment of their platoons and maneuvered them into strategic positions. Despite the withering fire that blasted the area, he courageously continued on his mission. As a result of CAPTAIN WHITE'S outstanding leadership an enemy counterattack was repulsed and the company continued successfully to its objective. Residence: Cordesville, South Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Delmar L. Robbins, 37465487, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the morning of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Robbins, in company with another soldier, was detailed to lay communication lines to a forward artillery observation post. In spite of heavy enemy mortar fire, Technician Robbins succeeded in reaching his destination with the wire. During the afternoon of the same day, while on a similar mission, enemy mortar fire destroyed his vehicle. Despite this serious handicap, Technician Robbins assisted in completing the task of laying the wire

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and then removed the radio from the wrecked vehicle and carried it to the forward observer's position. On the following night, Technician Robbins was detailed to establish communication between Division Artillery Headquarters and an advanced field artillery battalion. In spite of the darkness, rugged terrain and the fact that enemy patrols were known to be in the area, Technician Robbins assisted in maintaining communication. By his devotion to duty and complete disregard for safety, communication was maintained at a critical time, thus materially contributing to the success of the operation. Residence: Canton, South Dakota.

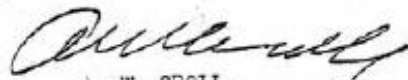
II -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individual:

CAPTAIN DANIEL J. LEVENSON, O1296051, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, CAPTAIN LEVENSON with his company, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing the seriousness of their plight and the necessity of an immediate withdrawal, CAPTAIN LEVENSON dispatched messengers to each of his platoon leaders with a plan devised for their withdrawal. When the messengers were unable to carry out their mission because of the withering fire, CAPTAIN LEVENSON, with utter disregard for his life, dashed forward amid a hail of enemy fire and personally contacted each of his platoon leaders. He courageously remained in an exposed position until the last member of the company had reached safety and then supervised and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. By his display of superb operative ability, his company was relieved from a dangerous position and the wounded were evacuated in an expeditious manner. Residence: Bronx, New York.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

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

Corporal Leslie L. Galbraith, 37245539, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Cross Timbers, Missouri.

Private First Class Sidney W. Tyler, 20939633, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Green River, Wyoming.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ERNEST H. POOL, JR., 0540993, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 November 1944. Residence: Ottawa, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Edwin C. Dodds, 18059622, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward G. Howard, 37203128, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 13 January 1945. Residence: Phillipsburg, Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. MITCHELL, 01822712, Field Artillery, Company "C", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: Gary, Indiana.

Private Herman Senn, 37656704, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Melvin, Iowa.

Private First Class Neal Ross, 39616449, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Belgrade, Montana.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ERNEST H. POOL, JR., 0540993, Infantry, Anti-tank Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Ottawa, Illinois

Private First Class Mitchell L. Gogola, 36867910, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Quick, 37244821, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. . . . . II

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:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT L. DONIGAN, 0263634, Coast Artillery Corps, Headquarters 534th AAA (AW) Battalion. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 August to 22 December 1944, in Southern and Eastern France. Residence: Evanston, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil T. Coldiron, 35806553, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period of 20 to 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Technician Coldiron, litter bearer, fearlessly assisted in establishing a first aid station less than 100 yards from enemy positions. Hostile artillery and mortar fire raked the area constantly. Completely oblivious of the danger confronting him, Technician Coldiron worked courageously and indefatigably for over 36 hours to aid and comfort the wounded. He supervised the removal of the wounded from the battlefield to the aid station, constantly exposing himself to the withering fire of the enemy. Heedless of physical exhaustion, he worked with untiring efforts until the last wounded man was attended. As a result of Technician Coldiron's heroic actions the lives of two comrades were saved, the wounded were attended and many more were evacuated efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Hamilton, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Eriel J. Put, 36572118, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Put, surgical technician, was moving forward when the battalion to which he was assigned became involved in a violent fire-fight. Technician Put was informed that litter bearer teams a short distance away had been fired upon and wounded by the enemy. Heedless of the withering fire that blasted the area he dashed fearlessly forward to the area where the injured men were located. Braving the constant hostile fire he carefully devised a plan to evacuate the wounded men and assisted in carrying one of them to safety. As a result of Technician Put's outstanding courage in the face of imminent danger, the life of a wounded comrade was saved. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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Technician Fourth Grade Walter R. Clark, 36413255, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* , France, enemy forces loosed a ferocious barrage of machine gun fire on the flank platoon of Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, pinning the platoon to the ground and cutting it off from the rest of the company. Observing several men of the flank platoon lying helplessly wounded, Technician Clark courageously crawled through the hail of hostile cross fire to each man and administered aid. Despite the withdrawal of the platoon to covered positions, Technician Clark remained to tend the wounds of his comrades until litter bearers were able to evacuate the men under the cover of darkness. As a result of Technician Clark's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, his wounded comrades were given expeditious and skillful medical attention until the men could be carried to the battalion aid station. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Edward A. Kozlowski, 36549255, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the evening of 14 December 1944, the Second Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment had advanced beyond \* \* \* , France, and had suffered numerous casualties from the enemy mortar and small arms fire. A medical vehicle was put out of action and it was necessary to evacuate many of the seriously wounded by litter. Private Kozlowski, a battalion headquarters driver, fully aware that the road was heavily mined and under the direct fire of the enemy, twice drove over three miles of road to evacuate two seriously wounded men. By his heroic devotion to duty, performed with complete disregard for his safety, Private Kozlowski saved the lives of the two wounded men. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Walter J. Sternberger, 37704452, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the advance on \* \* \* , France, 29 and 30 November 1944, Private Sternberger, company radio operator, was moving forward with his commanding officer when his commander was wounded and evacuated to the rear. Without further orders, Private Sternberger worked his way to the executive officer and continued on. For a period of 36 hours, during which time the executive officer and the officer next in command were wounded, Private Sternberger, on each occasion, braved the intense enemy shell fire and sought out the officer assuming command. For 36 hours he remained by his radio and maintained constant communication between his commanders and battalion headquarters. For twelve hours, during this period, Private Sternberger acted as sentry and on another occasion went forward with an artillery observer to transmit fire control orders against an enemy counter-attack. As a result of his heroic devotion to duty and his complete disregard for safety, the company maintained essential communication with battalion headquarters and an enemy counterattack was repulsed. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

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Private First Class Matthew J. Dunay, 31149365, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Dunay, medical technician worked courageously and tirelessly throughout the day evacuating the wounded. In one instance he was informed that a wounded man was lying in open terrain exposed to severe enemy fire. With utter disregard for his life, Private Dunay fearlessly dashed to the injured man's side and carried him to safety. On another occasion he waded across a half submerged foot bridge over the \* \* \* River to evacuate another comrade lying seriously wounded. Private Dunay was under constant enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire throughout the entire day but not once did he falter in relentlessly pursuing his heroic tasks. Through Private Dunay's display of outstanding courage, prompt medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously to two wounded comrades. Residence: Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant Grady W. Cheek, 34573158 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the evening of 28 November 1944, during the attack on \* \* \*, France, Company "H" was in support of the lead company. On the outskirts of the city, an undiscovered German strongpoint, equipped with an anti-tank gun, opened fire at point-blank range, momentarily halting the attack. Sergeant Cheek was forced to crawl 50 yards along a street that was being raked by enemy machine gun fire in order to reach his machine gun section. Deliberately exposing himself to the intense machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy, Sergeant Cheek reorganized his section, effectively returning the fire. By his devotion to duty and his disregard for safety, Sergeant Cheek contributed materially to the destruction of a dangerous enemy strongpoint that had slowed the progress of the battalion. Residence: Canon, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur L. Barker, 37275738, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 1 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Barker, fearlessly braved withering enemy fire in order to reestablish contact with his battalion. The battalion had been out of communication with higher headquarters for several hours necessitating vital communication lines to be laid with the least practicable delay. Sergeant Barker personally laid wire over two miles of road despite the fact that intense enemy artillery and mortar fire raked his path. He established a listening post on the fire-swept road but still unable to contact his battalion he jumped on a passing vehicle and proceeded forward. Upon reaching the edge of a town where he thought the battalion might possibly be located, he directed his vehicle to cover and advanced into town, as the town was still partially occupied by the enemy. Mortar and artillery shells were falling in the street as he went forward. He boldly went from house to house finally locating the battalion command post. As a result of Sergeant Barker's magnificent valor, communication was reestablished between his battalion and higher headquarters which ultimately assisted materially in the success of his battalion's mission. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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

Staff Sergeant David J. Sloane, 33037457, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, a rifle company encountered stern opposition while attacking enemy fortified positions. Evacuation of the many wounded men by litter was slow because of the withering fire from the hostile pillboxes. Realizing the injured men were in need of immediate medical attention, Sergeant Sloane secured bottles of plasma and medical supplies and courageously crawled over the fire-swept terrain to each wounded man to render aid. Sergeant Sloane then directed the evacuation of the casualties, despite the ferocious automatic and artillery fire about him. Although he was wounded in two places and unable to move, he refused to be evacuated until all the other wounded men were carried to safety. As a result of Sergeant Sloane's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, the wounded men were given prompt and expeditious medical attention and evacuated to a battalion aid station for professional medical treatment. Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

Private First Class Anthony A. Bravata, 32111524, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Bravata, member of an assault team, crawled fearlessly toward an observation post, known to contain an undisclosed number of the enemy. Upon reaching the observation post, which was located in a house, he encountered heavy enemy fire coming from two windows. As one of his comrades threw a grenade into one room he courageously jumped through a window into the adjacent room in order to take the prisoners without firing a shot. His boldness and daring so stupefied the confused enemy they readily surrendered. As a result of Private Bravata's outstanding courage three of the enemy were captured single-handedly and the assault team successfully accomplished their mission. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Corporal Thomas McManemy, 37400799 (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 and 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal McManemy, a litter bearer, worked tirelessly and heroically for 36 successive hours without sleep or rest evacuating his wounded comrades. With utter disregard for his life, Corporal McManemy advanced five times through heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to bring five seriously wounded patients to an aid station two miles to the rear. Corporal McManemy's heroic actions, his fortitude and his exemplary devotion to duty in the face of imminent danger resulted in the administering of effective medical aid to five seriously wounded comrades. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

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Private Edward J. Northrup, 37542305, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Northrup, a member of a litter bearer squad, was searching the battlefield for wounded. A sudden burst of enemy artillery and mortar fire wounded one of his comrades and forced Private Northrup and the other members of the squad to seek cover. Seeing his comrade fall, Private Northrup and another member of the squad fearlessly abandoned their shelter and crawled to the aid of the injured man. They administered first aid and started to evacuate their comrade when another violent burst of fire wounded Private Northrup's arm so severely that amputation was subsequently required. In spite of his wound, Private Northrup valorously continued to assist in the evacuation of his comrade. Not until his patient had been brought to safety did Private Northrup consent to his own evacuation. His heroic devotion to duty and his exemplary fortitude saved the life of his comrade. Residence: Redby, Minnesota.

Private First Class William R. Kochevar, 37566576, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the evening of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, while his unit was attacking a German strongpoint, Private Kochevar was with his squad in the attack on a German observation post. He keenly observed two hand grenades coming over the top of a house and saw them fall close to his squad leader who was lying prone. With complete disregard for his life, Private Kochevar threw himself on top of his leader as the grenades exploded. One grenade exploded only four yards from them, wounding Private Kochevar in the back. Private Kochevar did not report his injury until after the platoon had attained its objective. By his heroism, in the face of almost certain death, Private Kochevar saved the life of his squad leader. Residence: Buhl, Minnesota.

Private First Class James H. Hardy, 39037932, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Hardy, a member of a litter squad, was searching the battlefield for wounded. A sudden burst of enemy artillery and mortar fire wounded one of his comrades and forced Private Hardy and other members of his squad to seek cover. Seeing his comrade fall, Private Hardy and another member of his squad fearlessly abandoned their shelter and crawled to the aid of the injured man. They administered first aid and started to evacuate their comrade, when another violent burst of fire seriously wounded the soldier who was assisting Private Hardy. Despite his increased burden, Private Hardy valiantly moved onward until both his wounded comrades were brought to safety. His heroic devotion to duty and his exemplary fortitude saved the life of a comrade. Residence: Santa Cruz, California.

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Private First Class John M. Sawyer, 15301868, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Sawyer, a surgical technician, was driving a vehicle toward the forward medical aid station when suddenly a heavy enemy artillery barrage raked the area; wounding several of our men. Private Sawyer, immediately perceiving the exigencies of the situation, set up an emergency aid station, constructed an improvised Red Cross and removed the casualties to the shelter of a demolished house nearby. He then contacted a litter squad, and, after rendering first aid to the wounded, directed their evacuation to the rear. As a result of Private Sawyer's initiative and his expeditious improvisation under difficult circumstances, many wounded men were effectively evacuated and given prompt medical attention. Residence: Middletown, Ohio.

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

Private First Class William F. James, 36715113, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 20 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private James, with his company, was pinned to the ground for over 14 hours by intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Observing many casualties ensuing as a result of this withering fire, he, with two other comrades, crawled fearlessly toward the known enemy strongpoint, attempting to flank it. Fully cognizant that any movement of his body would draw fire, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously set up an automatic weapon covering the hostile emplacement. Before his weapon could be put into action he was struck by a burst of machine gun fire, from a hitherto undisclosed point, mortally wounding him. His valorous actions so inspired the men about him that they increased their activity with renewed vigor and both enemy strongpoints were neutralized. Throughout this entire action, Private James' display of outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Metropolis, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Lena M. James (Mother), 319 Ophia Street, Metropolis, Illinois.

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