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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 Carl C. Luedke, 35788867, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Reading, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Elmer L. Anderson, 36625711, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Marlin E. Noll, 33169935, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Lemoyne, Pennsylvania.

Private Edward J. Hausmann, Jr., 33169704, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank L. Romano, 36964591, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 December 1944. Residence: East St. Louis, Illinois.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Private First Class Robert E. Lawhead, 37735755, (then Private), Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 21 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, Private Lawhead and his heavy machine gun platoon was attached to a rifle company that was attacking an enemy-held mountain. The advancing company was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, pinning the men to the mountain side. Observing a comrade seriously wounded, Private Lawhead, with utter disregard for his life, courageously crawled 50 yards through a hail of small arms fire to his fallen comrade and then carried the helpless man over the fire-swept terrain to cover. As a result of Private Lawhead's valorous action, a wounded comrade was evacuated to safety, where medical aid could be administered expeditiously. Residence: Kearney, Nebraska.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony J. Balsamo, 36715010, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the afternoon of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Balsamo, while driving his battalion commander on an important mission, found the road mined. The battalion commander proceeded on foot, detecting mines, and Technician Balsamo skillfully and valorously brought the vehicle safely through the mined area. On numerous other occasions, he, with utter disregard for his life, drove his battalion commander on reconnaissance missions over mined roads and through artillery, mortar and small arms fire. His exemplary devotion to duty and his efficiency have greatly expedited successful coordination by his battalion commander between the artillery and the infantry. Residence: Freeport, Illinois.

Sergeant Walter J. Vollmer, 36553774, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action. On the night of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, it became necessary to clear the road forward of mines, abatis and booby traps to enable supporting armor and other vehicles to move up. Sergeant Vollmer, with his squad, was assigned the task of clearing the road. He personally made a reconnaissance

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of the road to determine the location of mines and, in addition, personally removed the more dangerous types of mines. Upon reaching the \* \* \* River, the squad came within a few yards of an enemy outpost. Sergeant Vollmer quietly dispersed his squad and then contacted each man in the darkness and ordered him to withdraw until the squad had escaped undetected. By his outstanding technical efficiency and qualities of leadership, Sergeant Vollmer succeeded in performing his mission without loss or injury to personnel and made it possible for tanks and infantry to advance, destroy the outpost and force a crossing of the river. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS O. ROSE, 01284402, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT ROSE, commanding Company "C", brilliantly led one platoon in a skillfully planned flanking movement to secure a route of approach for his Battalion. In securing the route of approach he strategically deployed one squad as a base of fire, placed two squads in a position of safety while he personally led the forward squad into a heavily wooded area, concealing a well fortified enemy emplacement. The exactness of his plan resulted in a swiftly executed movement so stupefying the enemy that they were forced to withdraw. He again moved rapidly forward, reestablished his base of fire, courageously led his squad ahead and cleared the high ground approaching the town of \* \* \*. Once more he dashed forward fearlessly with his squad and captured a bridge, which was set for demolition, before it could be destroyed. This entire action was accomplished in less than 30 minutes covering over 1,200 yards of enemy held territory. As a result of LIEUTENANT ROSE'S outstanding leadership the Battalion was able to move forward in an expeditious manner and captured the town without loss of personnel. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Private First Class Clarence J. Van Zomeren, 37668726, (then Private), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the action in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, 17 December 1944, Private Van Zomeren's squad reconnoitered Hill \* \* \* for an artillery observation post. Arriving at the base of the Hill, they detected the presence of the enemy in unknown strength on the crest. Private Van Zomeren covered the withdrawal of the squad as the enemy, approximately 20 men, started down the Hill. Private Van Zomeren met the enemy at a sharp turn on the trail and opened fire, killing the leader and causing the others to disperse. Private Van Zomeren's rifle jammed twice, but on both occasions he held his position, repaired his piece and continued firing until his squad leader ordered him to withdraw. As a result of his heroic act, performed with complete disregard for his life, the lives of his comrades were saved and they were able to continue and successfully complete their reconnaissance. Residence: Oskaloosa, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. KASPER, 01314921, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT KASPER led a platoon under cover of a rolling barrage of friendly artillery fire in a raid on enemy lines to secure prisoners. LIEUTENANT KASPER skillfully led his men through an intense hail of hostile machine gun fire to a sector of the enemy

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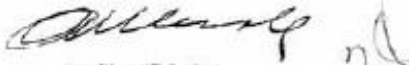
lines and successfully killed five and captured six of the enemy. Observing hostile fire from a nearby village directed on his group as fifteen enemy soldiers attempted a flanking movement, he courageously moved to an exposed position to hold off the attack while his men withdrew to protective cover. Despite the heavy rifle and machine gun fire, LIEUTENANT KASPER held the enemy until the last man crawled to safety before he rejoined his platoon. LIEUTENANT KASPER'S valorous action and utter disregard for his life enabled his battalion command post to interrogate the prisoners and to prepare for an attack. Residence: New Bedford, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER K. HOFFMAN, JR., 01296376, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, the 411th Infantry Regiment was in a defensive position on one flank when the enemy launched a counterattack against Company "I". LIEUTENANT HOFFMAN, in command, faced a force that outnumbered his rifle company and displayed a heavier fire power. An artillery barrage preceding the attack caused some casualties. There was little cover and the ground was covered with water. The company was scattered and exposed as the counter-attack developed. LIEUTENANT HOFFMAN, with complete disregard for his safety, moved over the flooded terrain and despite enemy shells and small arms fire directed at him, succeeded in contacting and encouraging every man in his command. He reorganized and inspired men successfully repulsed the enemy attack. Because of his outstanding leadership and heroism, Company "I" held its ground and protected our flank from further enemy counterattacks. Residence: Dansville, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY A. SCHWEIKERT, JR., 02005977, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 6 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT, leader of a four man assault team, under intense enemy small arms and grenade fire, skillfully led his men forward to a house known to be occupied by the enemy. Upon reaching the house the assault group was subjected to severe hostile rifle fire coming from the edge of a wooded area less than 100 yards distant. Fully cognizant that instantaneous action was imperative, LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT, with utter disregard for his life, dashed amid a hail of withering fire to a shed approximately 15 yards from the house. Dark obscured visibility to less than 200 yards resulting in the assault patrol's covering force being unable to discern the forward activities. LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT boldly and courageously exposed himself to the enemy in order to draw fire away from his men. Oblivious of the continuous fire concentrated on him he valiantly remained at his post to cover his group. As a result of LIEUTENANT SCHWEIKERT'S outstanding courage the assault patrol successfully accomplished its mission capturing five of the enemy. Residence: North Arlington, New Jersey.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR . . . . . II

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 individual:

Staff Sergeant Kelvin D. Baldwin, 36547280 (then Private First Class) Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the evening of 28 November 1944, the Second Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment was attacking \* \* \*, France, when a well concealed anti-tank gun opened fire at close range, forcing personnel to cover and holding up the advance of the battalion. Realizing that further advance of the battalion was impossible until the enemy gun was destroyed, Sergeant Baldwin courageously crawled under withering fire for 20 yards along a street until he reached the company's heavy machine guns. Taking one of the guns in his arms he laboriously crawled back to an advantageous position from which he could fire directly into the enemy position. His accurate fire succeeded in knocking out the enemy anti-tank gun. By his gallant act, performed with complete disregard for his safety, Sergeant Baldwin eliminated a serious obstacle and the battalion was able to move forward to its objective. Residence: Crosswell, Michigan.

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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 the following named individual:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN C. SHEEHAN, JR., 0546876, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN and his platoon were given the mission of clearing a heavily defended wooded area which was impeding the advance of the 411th Infantry Regiment. To reach the woods, it was necessary to traverse an open area of approximately 200 yards which was subjected to terrific enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN promptly and expeditiously devised a plan of movement which he imparted to his squad leaders. He then, with utter disregard for his life, preceded his men across the open area, skillfully directing their progress. Moving through the hail of fire to a creek, which was an intermediate objective, LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN regrouped his platoon and was again driving forward when he was struck by

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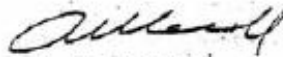
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enemy fire falling mortally wounded. His men, inspired by LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN'S courage, moved forward and took their objective. Throughout this entire action, LIEUTENANT SHEEHAN'S magnificent valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Macon, Georgia. Next of kin: Mrs. John C. Sheehan (Mother) 109 Culver Street, Macon, Georgia.

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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:

Technician Fifth Grade Donald R. Kleon, 37326967, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Sebeka, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade William O. Bernhart, 33247222, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 7 January 1945. Residence: Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Private Gifford J. Henthorne, 37577675, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

~~Private Floyd W. Brown, 3946035, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Yakima, Washington.~~

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

Private Edward W. Havens, Jr., 36715515, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 14 January 1945. Residence: Rockford, Illinois.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant LeRoy W. Blohm, 37446134, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, while Company "C" was moving forward against heavy enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Blohm noticed a man fall wounded in open terrain where he was exposed to further injury and possible capture. From his position of cover, Sergeant Blohm courageously exposed himself to the intense automatic fire of the enemy to crawl 75 yards over open and snow covered ground to the wounded soldier. He then carried the wounded man back to a place of safety where medical aid could be administered. Isolated from his company, Sergeant Blohm remained with the medical aid men and their patients throughout an enemy counterattack that followed, during which he was wounded. By his devotion to duty and utter disregard for safety, Sergeant Blohm rescued a wounded comrade and prevented his capture by the enemy. Residence: Clinton, Iowa.

Corporal Kenneth Kohn, 35551395, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 11 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Corporal Kohn, a machine gunner, and his squad were in support of an advancing Infantry unit. As Corporal Kohn and his squad moved forward to a new position from which effective fire could be placed upon a dangerous enemy strongpoint, a heavy barrage of enemy mortar and machine gun fire knocked the machine gun from Corporal Kohn's shoulder and forced his squad to seek cover. Realizing the necessity of eliminating the enemy's strongpoint, Corporal Kohn, with utter disregard for his life, again shouldered the gun and bravely pushed forward alone. Making his way through a hail of enemy fire, he established an effective position, and, operating the machine gun single-handedly neutralized the enemy strongpoint. Corporal Kohn's fortitude and devotion to duty enabled the infantry to advance successfully. Residence: Toledo, Ohio.

Private First Class George F. Taylor, 39620012 (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 29 November 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Private Taylor and a group of medical aid men were following closely behind front line companies to establish a forward aid station when the exposed men were pinned to the ground by an intense barrage of heavy artillery, mortar,

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machine gun, and rifle fire. Hearing a cry for assistance from a wounded comrade, Private Taylor, courageously crawled over 50 yards of shell-blasted terrain to the injured comrade. He skillfully and expeditiously administered aid and then laboriously crawled over the fire-swept terrain, dragging the helpless soldier to safety. In another action, during the twilight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a rifle company and attached tank and tank destroyer units sustained severe casualties when enemy forces loosed a heavy barrage of artillery, mortar, and small arms fire on the attacking troops. Private Taylor, as a litter bearer, exposed himself to the hostile fire as he repeatedly crossed the difficult and mountainous terrain, assisting in the evacuation of the many casualties. With great devotion to duty and utter disregard for his life, he worked untiringly far into the night for eleven hours carrying the helpless soldiers to the battalion aid station. Private Taylor's valorous acts saved the lives of many of the wounded and enabled all the casualties to receive prompt and professional medical treatment. Residence: Big Sandy, Montana.

Staff Sergeant Jerry G. Howard, 37400620, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sergeant Howard with his company occupied a strategic position while a heavy mist limited visibility to a marked degree. As the mist lifted the position proved to be in direct observation of the enemy. Hostile forces immediately opened fire with heavy machine guns and rifle fire from the right flank forcing the company to seek cover. Fully cognizant of the impending dangers confronting them, Sergeant Howard with utter disregard for his life, assembled his squad and led them fearlessly to the right flank to protect the company in its withdrawal. With no cover available Sergeant Howard deployed his men so skillfully it enabled them to fire effectively and accurately into enemy positions. He remained at his post until the last man in the company had reached safety and single-handedly held off the enemy until each member of his squad withdrew. Not until he was assured that every man had reached protection would he, himself, withdraw. As a result of Sergeant Howard's display of magnificent valor the entire company was able to withdraw from a precarious position without a casualty. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant Lawrence H. Ketel, 37327306, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action. During the period 19 to 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \* and \* \* \*, Germany, Sergeant Ketel, tank commander of a tankdozer, constantly exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to expedite movement of tanks and infantry. On 19 December he courageously moved forward under intense enemy small arms and machine gun fire to fill in a cratered culvert 25 feet wide. Infantry units had been unable to advance because of the intensity of fire, thus roads had to be made available for tank movements. On 20 December Sergeant Ketel again went forward under intense enemy fire to reconnoiter an anti-tank ditch 25 feet wide which was impeding our progress. He skillfully directed his crew in overcoming the obstacle while constantly exposed to enemy observation. As a result of Sergeant Ketel's outstanding courage and fearless devotion to duty two difficult obstacles were

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removed and our tanks and infantry were able to advance in an expeditious manner. Residence: Bigelow, Minnesota.

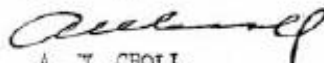
Technician Fifth Grade Arthur D. Alexander, 36714992, Medical Department, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Technician Alexander was the leader of a litter squad, operating in advance of infantry elements, administering aid and evacuating the wounded. An intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage pinned infantry and medical aid men to the ground and inflicted several casualties. With utter disregard for his life, Technician Alexander led his squad through a hail of mortar, artillery and sniper fire in search of the wounded. He repeatedly aided and evacuated wounded men from an area swept by the withering fire of the enemy until he was wounded himself. As a result of Technician Alexander's heroism, many lives were saved and professional medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Harrisburg, Illinois.

Private First Class Israel H. Chilcott, 16169168 (then Private), 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 Chilcott, member of a litter squad, worked untiringly night and day assisting battalion aid men in the evacuation of wounded men under intense artillery and mortar fire. He repeatedly crossed the shell-blasted terrain courageously carrying the injured men to safety. Oblivious of physical exhaustion he did not cease until all the wounded had been carried to safety. On one occasion he dashed forward to administer aid to one of his fallen comrades, despite the hostile fire and the warnings of the nearby men. Private Chilcott's valorous acts saved the lives of many wounded and enabled them to receive prompt and professional medical treatment. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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