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GENERAL ORDERS)

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
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:

Private First Class Henry A. Cieslak, 13186233, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action: During the twilight hours of 26 November 1944, Private Cieslak's heavy machine gun platoon was supporting a rifle company in the attack on * * *, France, when the enemy loosed an intense artillery and mortar barrage on the advancing troops. Despite the five wounds which he received in his hands, back, and chest from devastating tree bursts, he refused to be evacuated and continued in the successful attack on the village. Throughout the night and the following day, he manned his machine gun against persistent hostile counterattacks and consented to evacuation only after the enemy attempts had ceased. Private Cieslak's magnificent valor and spirit of duty assisted materially in killing approximately 100 of the enemy and was a source of inspiration to all his comrades. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class Espie R. Black, 34593050, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action: During the night of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Black, member of a four man litter team, courageously maneuvered his way through enemy lines in search of wounded comrades. While searching the area diligently, he observed two of the enemy advancing toward him. Private Black displaying keen emotional stability and undaunted courage, quickly ordered his team to withdraw to positions of safety and went forward to meet the enemy. He engaged one of them in conversation, cleverly pointing to the red cross on his helmet and gesturing in such a manner as to imply that a large body of troops was immediately behind him. The enemy officer to whom he was speaking suggested they continue on their respective missions. Private Black again assembled his litter team and they continued on their mission unshaken by this incident. His magnificent valor saved his three comrades from capture enabling them to thoroughly search the area and successfully evacuate many wounded comrades. Residence: Windsor, North Carolina.

Technician Fourth Grade Cleveland L. Windes, 37400689, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment.

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

For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 23 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, to which Technician Windes was attached, as medical aid man, was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire. Informed that one of the men had been wounded, Technician Windes went forward and examined the soldier, whom he found to be mortally wounded. While he was examining the first casualty, another soldier nearby was wounded. Technician Windes, ignoring the extreme danger and with utter disregard for his life, moved to the second casualty, administered first aid and successfully evacuated the man to safety. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Technician Windes saved the life of a comrade. Residence: West Alton, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Harold F. Bausch, 36288100, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, the infantry platoon, to which Technician Bausch was attached as aid man, suffered several casualties as it pushed forward against heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Notwithstanding the devastating enemy fire, Technician Bausch valorously moved from one wounded man to another rendering aid. When the aid man of an adjacent platoon became a casualty, Technician Bausch took over the duties of his fallen comrade. With utter disregard for his life, he traversed the sector of both platoons, a distance of more than 500 yards, seeking the wounded and administering aid to them. As a result of Technician Bausch's exemplary devotion to duty and his efficiency in the face of imminent peril, many of his comrades' lives were saved. Residence: Lancaster, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Edward C. Gandy, 18047788, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the dawn and daylight hours of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Gandy observed a counterattack pending on the left flank of his company. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, as his company was withdrawing to a more strategic position, Sergeant Gandy quickly assembled a squad and deployed them for direct fire on the enemy positions. Protective cover was not available, and despite the small arms and mortar fire that blasted the area, Sergeant Gandy, dashed from man to man in order to be assured that effective and accurate fire was being placed on the hostile forces. His boldness and aggressive actions performed with utter disregard for his life repulsed the enemy counter-attack forcing the hostile group to withdraw to their trenches. As a result of Sergeant Gandy's courageous actions his company was saved from being cut off and was materially assisted in their successful withdrawal. Residence: Cameron, Texas.

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:

Technician Fourth Grade Fred E. Lacy, 17175146, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During

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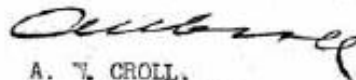
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the action preceding the entry of our troops into the town of * * *, France, on 23 November 1944, four men of Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, were wounded. Technician Lacy, in spite of the intense machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy, repeatedly crossed the fire-swept terrain to rescue the four wounded until all had been safely evacuated. When our troops entered the town, Technician Lacy, in the absence of a medical officer, organized an aid station, supervised and administered aid to the wounded until relief arrived in the afternoon. Because of his heroism and devotion to duty, many lives were saved and medical aid was administered efficiently and expeditiously. Technician Lacy was subsequently reported killed in action in a later engagement. Throughout this entire activity his actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Overland Park, Kansas. Next of kin: Mr. Everett E. Lacy, (Father), 8017 Proctor, Overland Park, Kansas.

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- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART I
- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART II
- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION III

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 James E. McGeary, 33949230, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 January 1945. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Herman E. Bailey, 37542090, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Residence: Waterville, Minnesota.

Private Arleigh E. Bullis, 22854603, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 January 1945. Residence: Ausable Forks, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade James W. Brown, 16170257, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Zanesville, Ohio.

Private First Class Russell H. Campbell, 36896416, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Marvin McCart, 34581010, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Phenix City, Alabama.

Private First Class David Grabstein, 22423730, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Sergeant Kent Horne, 39580323, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Tucson, Arizona.

Private First Class William H. Kinsley, 18059643, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Alameda, California.

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

CAPTAIN WILLIE W. J. BARRIOS, 01295981, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 37, this headquarters, dated 20 January 1945, as pertains to Private Floyd W. Brown, 39460435, 411th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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 Rodney T. Steinmetzer, 39616891, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Residence: Kalispell, Montana.

Private First Class Percy J. Downs, 35759173, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Residence: Hundred, West Virginia.

Private First Class Irre J. Darnell, 38397499, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 January 1945. Residence: Temple, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Kornasiewicz, 36549302, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES K. LUCK, JR., 0546869, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Americus, Georgia.

CAPTAIN CURTIS C. NEELEY, 01296408, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Newtazewell, Tennessee.

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