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

Private William B. Foreman, 20756847, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the dawn of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Foreman, anti-tank gunner was preparing a dug-in position for his gun when he observed an enemy mortar position in a cellar of a nearby farm house. After further exploration in the vicinity of the house, he realized that an attack on the strongpoint would endanger the lives of civilians inside. Private Foreman skillfully selected a position covering all exits from the cellar. He then boldly called to the enemy to surrender. The enemy stunned by his fearless action surrendered without firing a shot. As a result of Private Foreman's outstanding courage an enemy outpost of eight men surrendered and a sizeable amount of material was captured. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT RALPH F. DORAN, C2000653, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 11 January 1945. in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT DORAN with his patrol, was pinned to the side of a hill by intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. LIEUTENANT DORAN fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, quickly directed his patrol to cover and fearlessly dashed forward to a more advantageous position for observation on enemy emplacements. He courageously braved a hail of withering fire as he quickly made a rough overlay of enemy positions. When this feat was accomplished LIEUTENANT DORAN skillfully crawled over 300 yards of snow covered terrain to locate his artillery observer. The artillery observer immediately relayed information to the fire direction center and our artillery loosed a terrific barrage neutralizing the enemy strongpoint. LIEUTENANT DORAN reorganized his squad and moved toward the town of * * *, France. He dispersed his patrol on the outskirts of town and made a personal reconnaissance of the area. Finding a portion of the town weakly defended he quickly moved his men forward and remained in position until the remainder of his company reached the objective. As a result of LIEUTENANT DORAN'S courageous actions and outstanding leadership an enemy strongpoint was reduced and the patrol accomplished its mission successfully and expeditiously. Residence: Charleston, West Virginia.

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Sergeant Dave F. Farmer, 18014003, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 25 November 1944, in the rough terrain near * * *, France, the First Battalion of the 411th Infantry Regiment was pinned to the ground by intense enemy sniper and artillery fire. Observing the hostile small arms fire coming from a well fortified enemy artillery observation post that commanded the valley below, Private Farmer cautiously crawled 60 yards through the hail of hostile fire and then leaped to his feet and courageously charged the strong point, firing his rifle as he ran. Despite the fact that he had emptied his clip of eight rounds, Private Farmer's bold charge so unnerved the nine confused enemy that they immediately surrendered. Private Farmer's valorous act and utter disregard for his life, neutralized the source of hostile fire and enabled the battalion to proceed to its objective. Residence: Drumright, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Robert W. Frost, 11117589, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, the enemy lashed forth with a terrific 120 millimeter mortar barrage, which severed the lines of communication between the command post of Company "E" and battalion headquarters. Realizing the urgent necessity for reestablishing communications, Sergeant Frost, communications chief, with utter disregard for his life, undertook the mission of finding and repairing the break. Moving across the open, snow-covered terrain in full view of the enemy, oblivious to the incessant enemy fire, Sergeant Frost expertly and expeditiously effected the repairs. As a result of Sergeant Frost's heroic actions, the vital communications line was reestablished. Residence: Concord, Massachusetts.

Technician Third Grade Robert L. Christiansen, 32280840, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, in the rough terrain near * * *, France, the enemy loosed an intense barrage of small arms and artillery fire on Company "D" of the 411th Infantry Regiment and pinned the troops to the ground. Heeding a cry for assistance from a wounded comrade, Technician Christiansen, medical aid man, crawled 50 yards over the fire-swept terrain to administer aid to the helpless man. He quickly applied a tourniquet to stop the profuse flow of blood and then carried the casualty over the exposed terrain to a place of safety. Technician Christiansen's valorous action and utter disregard for his life saved his comrade from further injury or death and enabled the litter bearers to evacuate the man to the battalion aid station where professional medical treatment could be administered. Residence: Clarence, New York.

Private First Class David H. Brown, 34525557, (then Private), Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, one platoon of Company "A" came under the intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire. Noticing one man who was wounded as the platoon took cover, Private Brown courageously raced across 60 yards of fire-swept terrain to reach his wounded

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comrade. He dragged the wounded man to safety and summoned a medical aid man. While the medical aid man successfully evacuated the casualty, Private Brown, with complete disregard for his safety, remained to return the fire of the enemy, killing two who were still firing at the wounded man. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Private Brown materially assisted in the rescue of a wounded man and saved the life of a medical aid man. Residence: Nashville, Tennessee.

SECOND LIEUTENANT STAFFORD A. PATTERSON, O2005973, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, near * * *, Germany, Company "C" of the 409th Infantry Regiment was in position on Hill * *. Sergeant Patterson was acting as Company "D" liaison sergeant from a mortar section with Company "C" during two unsuccessful counterattacks of the enemy. Anticipating a heavier assault, Sergeant Patterson, at great personal risk, made a reconnaissance of hostile territory to determine the assembly area and routes of approach being used by the enemy. Aided by the information which Sergeant Patterson had secured, our 81 millimeter mortars were able to disrupt all attempts to storm our positions and inflict heavy losses in men and materiel on the enemy. By his heroism and devotion to duty, Sergeant Patterson vitally assisted in the repulse of the enemy. Residence: Wilson, North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. CALL, JR., O1296319, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT CALL, with the First Battalion, advanced over a mountain trail in readiness for a surprise attack on the town of * * *, France. All roads leading to the town were discovered to be impassable and the Battalion was cut off from its route of supply. Realizing immediate action was imperative, LIEUTENANT CALL volunteered to reconnoiter a new mountain trail over which supplies could be hauled. LIEUTENANT CALL fearlessly preceded the motor column on foot to probe for mines. As the necessity for supplies became more acute he jumped on the front bumper of his one-quarter ton truck continually searching and probing for the hidden mines. In the process of the move forward the vehicle struck a concealed mine, seriously injuring LIEUTENANT CALL. His heroic action in the face of imminent danger contributed materially in the clearing of an emergency route for the Battalion. Residence: Richmond, Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Marcus W. Hanson, 39042468, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Hanson, radio operator, was advancing with his company when they encountered stiff enemy resistance. Technician Hanson, carrying his radio, fearlessly remained with his company commander, as it was imperative that communication be maintained with higher headquarters. In order to carry the radio Technician Hanson was forced to drop his weapon and go forward unarmed. Enemy small arms, mortar, and machine gun fire constantly swept the area, but completely oblivious of the withering fire he remained with his commanding officer. On one

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occasion the company was ordered to withdraw to an advantageous position as the company commander advanced to an observation post to locate enemy positions. Technician Hansen, given the opportunity to withdraw, spurned the opportunity and accompanied his commanding officer to the forward position. As a result of Technician Hansen's heroic efforts the positions of important enemy installations were relayed to higher headquarters and these positions were ultimately neutralized by our artillery. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Technician Fourth Grade Gordon E. Sokolik, 37541328, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Sokolik, a radio operator, and an officer were acting as a forward observer party for an infantry battalion. Their observation post was subjected to a heavy barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire which wounded the officer, necessitating his evacuation. Realizing the vital importance of continued observation, Technician Sokolik, although without previous experience, undertook the duties of his fallen officer. Oblivious to the intense enemy fire, he skillfully and successfully directed and adjusted the fire of his battalion upon the enemy's observation post and upon other strategic targets. As a result of Technician Sokolik's initiative, efficiency and exemplary devotion to duty our artillery was enabled to neutralize the effective enemy fire. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE W. RANDALL, 01176773, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 21 December 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: New Castle, Pennsylvania.

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

Technician Fifth Grade Julian P. Castaneda, 39708460, Cavalry, Troop "B", 106th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squad (Mech), Germany, 1 January 1945. Residence: Garden Grove, California.

Technician Fifth Grade James E. Gilmorc, 37446409, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Missouri Valley, Iowa.

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Private First Class James J. Hickey, 32708244, Infantry, Company "M",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Bronx, New
 York.

Staff Sergeant La Verne R. Buckhahn, 16143788, Infantry, Company "L",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Elgin, Illinois.

Private First Class Walter V. Smith, 39209618, Infantry, Company "K",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Sacramento,
 California.

Staff Sergeant Peter M. Gaerts, 6580870, Infantry, Company "E", 409th
 Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Beardale, Minne-
 sota.

Private First Class Keith B. Palm, 36955261, Infantry, Company "A",
 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Chicago,
 Illinois.

Private First Class George H. Bosch, 36361701, Infantry, Company "E",
 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Chicago,
 Illinois.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES C. ROBISON, 0331685, Infantry, Detached Service,
 attached 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence:
 Columbia, South Carolina.

Private First Class Howard Robertson, 34580992, Medical Department,
 Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Resi-
 dence: Beverly, Alabama.

IV -- AWARD OF 2nd OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART: Under the provi-
 sions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the 2nd
 Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named in-
 dividual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY M. KNARR, JR., 02005957, (then Technical Ser-
 geant), Infantry, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 January 1945. Residence:
 Joliet, Illinois.

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I -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

Private First Class George E. Amar, 34509802, (then Private) Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 22 November 1944. While two litter bearers were carrying a wounded man across a footbridge which spanned a turbulent, swollen river, one of them lost his balance and fell into the icy waters. He obtained a precarious hold on the side of the bridge, but, being unable to swim, he was in imminent danger of drowning as the swift current destroyed his tenuous grasp. Hearing the litter bearer's cries for help, Private Amar, with utter disregard for his own life, plunged to the rescue. Seizing the edge of the bridge with one hand and his struggling comrade with the other, Private Amar fought to keep his comrade's head above water. Although numbed by the icy waters and in constant danger of being swept under the bridge, Private Amar resolutely sustained his comrade until assistance arrived. As a result of Private Amar's heroic action, a comrade's life was saved. Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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II -- 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 the following named individuals:

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD G. SELEMS, 01322813, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 15 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, progress of our tanks and tank destroyers was delayed by four enemy road blocks, heavily mined and booby trapped. Knowing that these vehicles were needed to protect our flanks, LIEUTENANT SELEMS voluntarily assisted in neutralizing the mines and booby traps. During the destruction of the road blocks a booby trap exploded, killing one enlisted man, wounding an officer and stunning LIEUTENANT SELEMS. After the other officer had been treated, LIEUTENANT SELEMS consented to leave the area for medical observation. After being dismissed from the aid station he fearlessly returned to the task of clearing the road. By his devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety, LIEUTENANT SELEMS vitally as-

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sisted in the task of clearing the blocked road thereby enabling supporting tanks and tank destroyers to reach their forward positions. Residence: Franklin, New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES L. PEPPER, 01300075, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. Throughout the day and night of 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT PEPPER brilliantly and courageously directed the activities of his company while under concentrated machine gun and mortar fire. He led his company to an assigned position in the clouded mists of dawn. As the mist lifted all contact with adjacent units on both flanks was cut off by enemy fire leaving LIEUTENANT PEPPER and his company in an isolated and exposed position. Enemy machine guns on both flanks, hitherto undisclosed because of limited visibility, opened fire, pinning the company to the ground in the terrific cross-fire. LIEUTENANT PEPPER fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, fearlessly dashed from platoon to platoon imparting a plan of withdrawal. He, then personally led two platoons through a hail of withering fire to protection. Then he was assured that the two platoons were in comparative safety, he again boldly braved the fire-swept terrain to rescue the remainder of his company. As he was skillfully leading the remainder of his group to cover, a flank enemy counterattack was launched. LIEUTENANT PEPPER quickly organized a holding force and brilliantly repulsed the enemy, forcing them to withdraw to their trenches. The entire company, reorganized, began withdrawing to a more strategic position when another counterattack was launched on the left flank. LIEUTENANT PEPPER once again displaying superb operative ability set up a base of fire and again repulsed the hostile action. As a result of LIEUTENANT PEPPER'S aggressiveness and outstanding leadership, two violent enemy counterattacks were repulsed and his company was able to successfully withdraw from a precarious position with a minimum of casualties. Residence: Bloomfield, Missouri.

III - 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT TILLMAN J. OXFORD, JR., 0554205, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 8 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Lakeland, Florida.

IV - 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. KASPER, 01314921, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Residence: New Bedford, Massachusetts.

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Private Andrew J. Furda, 33762325, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Hindber, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Hilton W. Woodke, 37665462, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Schaller, Iowa.

Private First Class Frank Sullivan, 31364960, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Corporal Render M. D. Spencer, 14118295, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 23 December 1944. Residence: St. Augustine, Florida.

V - 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:

Technician Fifth Grade Elton R. Jacobsen, 37542290, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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

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SECOND LIEUTENANT DALE C. GRUBEL, G2000700, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT GRUBEL was leading his platoon in the attack on an enemy emplacement when it was subjected to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. In spite of the imminent dangers confronting him he secured the enemy position and then fearlessly crawled several hundred yards over snow-covered terrain with bullets raking his path to report the situation to his company commander. Given orders to withdraw his platoon from this precarious position, LIEUTENANT GRUBEL once more braved the fire-swept area and on his move forward was struck in the leg by hostile fire rendering it useless. Despite the severity of his wound LIEUTENANT GRUBEL pushed courageously forward until he reached his platoon and then led them back to safety. As a result of LIEUTENANT GRUBEL'S outstanding leadership and courageous action his platoon was relieved from a dangerous position and saved from annihilation. Residence: Sioux City, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM P. GANNAWAY, O1115263, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 16 December 1944 LIEUTENANT GANNAWAY was given a platoon mission of constructing a 50 foot fixed bridge over the * * * River, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Working in darkness and bitter cold, with materials not readily accessible, and in the face of enemy small arms and mortar fire, LIEUTENANT GANNAWAY demonstrated exemplary courage, resourcefulness and efficiency. His heroic actions so inspired his men that the bridge was completed before daybreak, thus enabling vital supplies to move rapidly to our forward elements. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR J. E. YONKERS, O172349, Field Artillery, Reinforced Assault Gun Platoon, 781st Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Coffeyville, Kansas.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM M. KASPER, O23210, (then MAJOR), Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Staunton, Virginia.

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. KEHS, O1169190, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. BURTON, O1171475, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Cleburne, Texas.

CAPTAIN LAWRENCE L. McDONALD, O318710, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Park Ridge, Illinois.

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:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES F. ROBERTS, O21920, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France. Residence: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR I
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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 to the following named individuals:

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Private Alexander T. Schimsa, 37402318, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment met stiff opposition from enemy troop shelters and pillboxes as the company attacked an enemy-held mountain. Observing a soldier lying helplessly wounded on the exposed and fire swept mountain side, Private Schimsa, medical aid man, alternately crawled and ran through a hail of small arms, mortar fire and rolling grenades to the injured man's side. Quickly determining the casualty was paralyzed from a serious wound in the back and in need of urgent medical attention, Private Schimsa oblivious to the hostile fire and falling grenades, courageously dragged and carried his comrade 100 yards up the precipitous slope to the safety of a troop shelter where he administered skillful and expeditious aid. Private Schimsa's gallantry and utter disregard for his life saved a wounded comrade from certain death and assisted in the treatment and evacuation of 10 more of his wounded comrades. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

CAPTAIN JACK R. FREEMAN; 01292682, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, CAPTAIN FREEMAN was in the fore of the lead platoon of his company as it advanced on the strongly entrenched enemy. The mission of CAPTAIN FREEMAN'S company in this, its initial engagement, was to seize a wooded area on the far side of a valley. Other companies had previously assaulted this salient but had been driven back by the intense enemy fire. Realizing that the advance of his regiment was predicated upon the success of his company's mission, CAPTAIN FREEMAN carefully and skillfully deployed his men for the attack. As the company moved forward, the enemy unleashed a terrific barrage of small arms, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, severely wounding CAPTAIN FREEMAN in the leg. Notwithstanding the severity of his injury, he pushed relentlessly forward directing and encouraging his men. The company, inspired by his magnificent valor, drove forward to the woods. Refusing to halt for medical aid, CAPTAIN FREEMAN reorganized

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the company and personally directed the clearing of the woods until all enemy resistance was overcome. As a result of CAPTAIN FREEMAN'S exemplary leadership an important objective was taken and his bravery continues to be a source of inspiration to his men. Residence: Cheyenne, Wyoming.

II -- 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 Chester N. Juziorski, 36870166, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOE D. MURPHY, JR., 0544559, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 January 1945. Residence: Halifax, Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES F. LASALLE, JR., 01170049, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Private First Class William H. Haul, 37609999, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

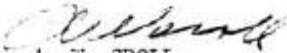
Staff Sergeant Samuel L. Musial, 36715280, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant George A. Olsen, Jr., 36715163, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Residence: Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

By command of Brigadier General McAULIFFE:

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

Private First Class Ejalmar M. Engeland, 37541978, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Engeland, with his litter squad, was ordered to evacuate five wounded enlisted men from an enemy-held town. Under cover of darkness, Private Engeland led his squad one mile forward through an area being swept by enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in reaching the casualties. While returning to our lines with two of the wounded men, the litter squad came under a heavy enemy artillery barrage that wounded one man and forced the rest to the shelter of a pillbox. Private Engeland courageously made his way through hostile shellfire to rescue the wounded man and bring him to the safety of the pillbox. After successfully evacuating the three wounded men, Private Engeland again led his squad forward to evacuate the remainder of the casualties. By his heroism and devotion to duty, six wounded men were evacuated from enemy-held territory to the safety of our lines where medical aid could be efficiently administered. Residence: Baarton, North Dakota.

Private First Class Carl Belcher, Jr., 35655053, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Belcher moved forward with the leading elements of his company in the attack on an enemy strongpoint. The advance was made under terrific enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In the process of the move Private Belcher, keenly observed a wounded comrade lying helpless in the open terrain, a 100 yards to his right, completely exposed to the withering enemy fire. Without hesitation, Private Belcher courageously crawled the entire distance to the side of his wounded comrade, as enemy fire raked his path. He quickly and efficiently administered first aid and on completion of this task realized evacuation from this precarious position was imperative. He picked up the wounded man and fearlessly carried him 150 yards over the fire-swept terrain to a position of cover. When he was certain his comrade was in a position of safety, he dashed to the forward elements of his company and continued the attack. Residence: Poco, West Virginia.

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Private First Class Frank N. Hansen, 36288293, (then Private) Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 and 20 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, many of our men were wounded by intense enemy fire. Realizing the necessity of promptly evacuating the men, Private Hansen, a litter bearer, worked continuously without rest or relief to bring them to the aid station. With utter disregard for his life, he repeatedly traversed more than 1000 yards of difficult, mountainous terrain in the face of heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to carry out his mission. As a result of Private Hansen's exemplary devotion to duty, notwithstanding his extreme fatigue and the imminent danger confronting him, the lives of several wounded men were saved. Residence: Niagara, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Eugene C. Yackel, 37569151, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945 our troops were engaged in a strategic withdrawal in the vicinity of * * *, France. As his company, under intense enemy fire, moved past the outskirts of the town, Private Yackel discovered four wounded members of his company in the cellar of a house. Realizing the plight of these men, Private Yackel stationed himself to guard them. When two enemy soldiers rushed into the house, he engaged them in a fire fight, and although he was wounded in the arm, Private Yackel succeeded in killing both of the enemy soldiers with his accurate fire. Despite his wound, Private Yackel valorously remained on guard until help was secured and the wounded men were evacuated. As a result of his heroic actions, his four wounded comrades were saved from capture, and evacuated to the safety of our lines where medical aid was expeditiously administered. Residence: Sanborn, Minnesota.

Private First Class Richard A. Wagner, 13173446, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 21 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Wagner learned that some of our wounded were in the cellar of a house in an enemy-held town. In order to reach them it was necessary to cross 2000 yards of open terrain covered by enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Private Wagner, with complete disregard for his safety, twice worked his way across the fire-swept area to assist in the evacuation of the wounded men. By his efforts and devotion to duty, five soldiers, in dire need of medical attention, were saved from capture and safely evacuated to our lines where medical aid was administered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

Private First Class Milton L. Moreland, Jr., 42084243, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945, during a strategic withdrawal by our troops from the vicinity of * * *, France, severe enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire prevented the immediate evacuation of five of our wounded. Shortly after midnight, the litter squad of which Private Moreland was a member, moved across more than a mile of open terrain through intense enemy fire to evacuate their

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comrades from the town, which was then in enemy hands. With utter disregard for his life, and with exemplary devotion to duty, Private Moreland assisted in the evacuation of the wounded man until he, himself, was wounded by a shell fragment. As a result of Private Moreland's heroic action, five wounded men were saved from capture and removed to the safety of our lines where effective medical aid was administered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: Riverton, New Jersey.

Private First Class Richard T. Lamey, 37545138, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Lamey, acting as a member of a covering force for his company during a strategic withdrawal, observed a wounded comrade lying helpless in the snow. When it became necessary for him to withdraw to a position of safety he spurned cover and dashed fearlessly to the side of his wounded comrade. Despite the withering fire that raked his path, he courageously picked up the wounded soldier, placed him on his back and carried him over 1000 yards, in full view of the enemy, to the shelter of a wooded area. As a result of Private Lamey's outstanding courage a wounded comrade was saved from enemy capture and medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously to the injured man. Residence: Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

MAJOR SAMUEL G. SWISHER, 01042964, Coast Artillery Corps, Operations Officer, Headquarters 534th AAA (AT) Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 July 1944 to 22 December 1944, in Southern France. Residence: Elko, Nevada.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert L. Shepherd, 35223986, Infantry, Company "C", 781st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. During the morning hours of 17 January 1945, Technician Shepherd, artillery mechanic, was on guard duty near the company command post in * * *, France, when an enemy artillery shell struck in a courtyard adjacent to a truck containing kitchen equipment and small arms and rocket launcher ammunition which was parked in a barn. Due to the concussion from the explosion, the stove on the truck overturned and set fire to the vehicle. Realizing the imminent danger to his comrades and the command post should the ammunition explode, Technician Shepherd dashed to the truck and courageously drove it down the street, away from the troops and the surrounding buildings. As he took cover, the ammunition, enveloped in flames, exploded and demolished the vehicle. As a result of Technician Shepherd's magnificent valor and utter disregard for his life, the threat to the nearby troops and the adjacent buildings was eliminated. Residence: Bethesda, Ohio.

Private First Class Harold A. Wente, 37447033, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the early morning hours of 22 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, supported by a heavy machine gun platoon of Company "H", was subjected to intense hostile fire as the enemy prepared to launch a counterattack. Private Wente, a machine gunner, immediately noted a position

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some 30 yards distant from which more effective machine gun fire could be delivered upon the enemy. Without hesitation, he picked up his weapon and a box of ammunition and dashed over the fire-swept terrain to his new position. From this vantage point, he unleashed a fierce barrage of flanking fire upon the enemy. Private Wente's initiative and fortitude in the face of imminent danger contributed materially to the repulsion of the enemy counterattack. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Lois A. Brown, 6284676, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Brown, with his machine gun platoon, observed the attacking elements of the First Battalion pinned to the ground by intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Sergeant Brown keenly observed the enemy fire coming from a wooded area directly in front of our attacking forces. Fully cognizant that immediate action was imperative, he, with utter disregard for his life, dashed fearlessly forward to locate an advantageous position for his guns. The position located, he courageously returned to his platoon and led them forward to his newly found positions. Despite the withering fire that constantly raked the area he brilliantly placed his guns and then ran from gun to gun directing effective and accurate fire on the enemy. His well directed fire was so effective, the enemy fire was reduced to a minimum, allowing one company of the battalion to sally forth in a flanking movement, capturing 100 of the enemy. Residence: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

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

Private Helmer M. Eichten, 37310406, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 14 December 1944, Private Eichten, driver of a two and a half ton truck, was transporting foot troops of a task force en route to attack * * *, France. Several times heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrages made it necessary for the men to detruck and seek cover. During a particularly heavy barrage, Private Eichten, at the order of his truck officer, supervised the detrucking of the foot troops, and then found cover. Realizing that the intense enemy shelling would probably result in the destruction of his vehicle, Private Eichten, with utter disregard for his life, determined to move the truck to a position of safety. Leaving his sheltered position, he valorously succeeded in driving the truck to a less exposed area when a burst of enemy fire mortally wounded him. Private Eichten's display of outstanding courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wanda, Minnesota. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Eichten (Mother) Wanda, Minnesota.

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III -- 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY BETTONEY, O1166667, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 November 1944 to 2 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Stoughton, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R. POWELL, O1180666, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 December 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LLOYD D. HUSKINS, O1171606, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 2 December 1944 to 10 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Boonford, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LARRY G. GENEBAUGH, O541227, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE V. McVICKER, O548543, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 15 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Grove, Iowa.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. REINSCH, O1180023, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Geneva, Nebraska.

IV -- 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 Earl J. Roche, 36712899, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Paul J. Behnke, 36288288, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 26 January 1945. Residence: Marinette, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Alfred A. Gore, 6271776, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 21 January 1945. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

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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 Wiley W. Durham, 36549334, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Corporal Duane E. Wingard, 36548254, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Norman E. Meyer, 37246192, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Sergeant Allen E. McCoy, 36289085, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Herley C. Wynn, 37327278, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Menasha, Minnesota.

Private First Class John F. Lawlor, 36548616, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan.

Private Raymond N. Devoe, 31099467, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Eagle Lake, Maine.

Staff Sergeant Arthur G. Thomann, 35391821, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: Weeling, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl D. Lusgrave, 37244833, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Newton, Missouri.

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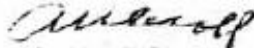
Technician Fourth Grade Leslie D. Pierce, 30103483, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Culdesac, Idaho.

Technical Sergeant August J. Bielicke, 37400663, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

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NUMBER - 48)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:

Technician Fifth Grade Marcus W. Hansen, 39042468, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Hansen, in the process of a strategic withdrawal with his company, was subjected to a terrific barrage of enemy automatic weapon and machine gun fire. From his precarious position he observed a wounded comrade lying on the fire-swept, exposed terrain in full view of the enemy. Without hesitation, Technician Hansen, gallantly dashed over 500 yards to the side of the injured man, completely oblivious of the withering fire that blasted the area about him. In full view of the hostile forces he courageously picked up the wounded man and carried him 500 yards to the comparative safety of a nearby wooded area, as bullets raked his path. At the edge of the woods he met a litter team and turned his wounded comrade over to them for evacuation and then returned to a foxhole near the edge of the woods. Observing another wounded soldier in an open field 300 yards to his front, he once again braved enemy fire and gallantly dashed to the injured man's side. With complete disregard for his life, he boldly picked up the injured man and through a hail of fire carried him to the safety of the woods. There his comrades' wounds were dressed and he was speedily evacuated. As a result of Technician Hansen's outstanding courage and gallant actions two wounded soldiers were saved from enemy capture and professional medical attention was rendered efficiently and expeditiously. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Sergeant John T. Scannell, 36548056, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the day and night of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Scannell and his mortar platoon were in support of Company "L" during an attack, when they met severe enemy resistance. Enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire swept the area making the position of the company extremely dangerous. Because of the severity of the hostile fire the company was ordered to withdraw. In the process of the withdrawal Sergeant Scannell keenly observed six wounded comrades lying helpless on the exposed and fire-swept terrain. Without hesitation, he, with utter disregard for his life, gallantly braved the withering fire time and again to evacuate each of the six injured men to the safety of a

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nearby building. After each man had been removed from his position of extreme danger, Sergeant Scannell courageously remained with them for a period of over four hours administering efficient first aid and comforting his suffering comrades. As darkness fell he fearlessly returned to friendly lines under the constant threat of hostile action, organized a litter team and skillfully led them back to the place of security where his wounded comrades were located. This movement required a great deal of skill and courage as the territory in which they were traveling was still enemy-held. He then led the litter team, with the wounded, back to friendly territory. As a result of Sergeant Scannell's magnificent courage and gallant actions the lives of two comrades were saved and the entire group of six received prompt and efficient professional medical attention. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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