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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 following named individuals:

Sergeant Edwin J. Snickerson, 17091842, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 January 1945, Sergeant Snickerson was first scout of a combat patrol whose mission was to determine enemy dispositions in Lexington, France. While leading the patrol forward, a booby trap was detonated, alerting the enemy who immediately subjected the patrol to machine gun fire and concussion grenade blasts, wounding one man. Sergeant Snickerson voluntarily went forward, located the enemy positions, which enabled the patrol to lay down a covering fire. He then led two men forward and, after they evacuated the wounded man to safety, Sergeant Snickerson covered the withdrawal, returning to friendly lines with valuable information. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Trinidad, Colorado.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY F. CRENSHAW, 0550811, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945 near Reisdorf, German, when an attacking infantry battalion was halted by machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, LIEUTENANT CRENSHAW, forward observer, crawled 100 yards through a mine field and ahead of the forward infantry elements. Disregarding the fire directed at him, he stood up in full view of the enemy and adjusted our artillery fire effectively. LIEUTENANT CRENSHAW's actions, which permitted the battalion to continue its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Deposit, Alabama.

Sergeant Raymond C. Johnson, 37567587, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 25 April 1945, Company "L", 411th Infantry had infiltrated through enemy lines and were crossing a river near Landsberg, Germany, when machine gun and mortar fire inflicted several casualties. Observing one man wounded in the foot, Sergeant Johnson dashed through the hostile fire and carried him to safety. When his squad was again ordered to advance, Sergeant Johnson, realizing that leaving the casualty in the area would mean capture by the enemy, hoisted the man on his back and, still leading his squad, carried him under hostile fire for over a mile through the final phase of the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Owatonna, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Alfred A. Geets, 20230997, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945 near Gandershoffen,

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France, when the advance of his company was impeded by intense enemy automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Gueta charged forward over 200 yards of open terrain, shooting as he advanced. Closing in on the enemy he threw a hand grenade into the hostile emplacement completely neutralizing it. Although suffering from painful wounds received in this action he refused to be evacuated until ordered by his Commanding Officer. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Niagara Falls, New York.

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 following named individuals:

FIRST LIEUTENANT HERRBERT J. THOMPSON, 0546947, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany, when a rifle company, attacking enemy pillboxes, called for mortar fire, LIEUTENANT THOMPSON advanced toward the company, laying wire as he went. Obtaining the location of the hostile emplacements, he crawled forward 175 yards, laying wire to an advantageous position. Disregarding the machine gun and mortar fire, he laid in a prone position, directing effective mortar fire until the company captured the pillboxes. LIEUTENANT THOMPSON's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bristow, Oklahoma.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles W. Downey, 37446175, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 January 1945, the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry, attacking Sosenheim, France, over open ground, was sustaining heavy casualties and rapidly expending ammunition. Loading his truck with needed ammunition, Technician Downey drove through machine gun, mortar, artillery and tank fire to within 100 yards of leading troops. Quickly unloading the ammunition, he drove the truck to cover and, leaving it under guard of two riflemen, crossed the open terrain to give the company commanders the location of the dump. Technician Downey's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muscatine, Iowa.

Private First Class Clarence E. Stanyon, 37402385, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 April 1945 near Scherndorf, Germany, Private Stanyon was driving back to deliver a message when he was halted by a road block put up by infiltrating enemy forces. Dismounting, he began removing the block when three enemy soldiers fired on him with machine pistols. Grabbing his carbine, he opened fire and, pursuing the three men, succeeded in capturing one. He took the prisoner to the road block and, after forcing him to clear the road, drove on with the prisoner to deliver the message. Private Stanyon's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Alfonso H. Miller, 36549925, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 16 - 17 November 1944 near LaPelle, France, Sergeant Miller, anti-tank squad leader, voluntarily organized 15 men into a litter team to

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assist in the evacuation of casualties. Leading the men 400 yards over fire-swept terrain to four casualties, he led the group to the aid station. Sergeant Miller's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Vincent A. Autrey, 34821176, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action: On 16 March 1945 near Muhlhausen, France, Private Autrey, company messenger, was on his way to the battalion command post, when he observed a wounded officer lying in a mine field. Contacting litter bearers after delivering his message, he led the men, crawling 300 yards through the field under artillery and mortar fire to the casualty and assisted in the evacuation. Private Autrey's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Petersburg, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant Henry E. Van Slenbrouck, 36547622, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 28 November 1944 near Barr, France, when heavy machine gun fire, coming from the flanks, inflicted numerous casualties and disorganized his platoon, Sergeant Van Slenbrouck, platoon guide, assuming command, ran through the hostile fire to each man and reorganized the platoon. Then leading his platoon in a withdrawal, he directed his men to safety without further casualties. Sergeant Van Slenbrouck's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Monroe L. Cooperman, 32927373, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 near Muhlhausen, France, when the enemy subjected Company "I", 411th Infantry to artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private Cooperman, observing a wounded comrade, crawled 75 yards through the intense fire to the casualty. Lying in a prone position, he administered aid and then dragged the wounded man 75 yards to a covered position. Private Cooperman's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID K. STRAUB, 01323628, Infantry, Headquarters, (then Company "B"), 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 November 1944 near Fouchamp, France, forward platoons of a rifle company were attacking over open ground against enemy fortified positions in a wooded area when intense machine gun, mortar and small arms fire stopped the advance of the expert platoons. LIEUTENANT STRAUB, Machine-Gun Platoon Leader, quickly led one section through the hostile fire to give support and, upon reaching the wooded area, dashed back over the exposed terrain to guide his second section across the open terrain. When ammunition bearers became casualties, he picked up their ammunition, continued on, and rallying a group of riflemen, successfully contacted the company to render effective support. LIEUTENANT STRAUB's leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernie M. Loyd, 37230555, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 14

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December 1944 during a task force assault on Climbach, France, when forced to abandon his vehicle under heavy fire, Technician Loyd, wire team chief, secured his wire and equipment and advanced through the fire to the observation post of the task force commander. Although the area was under constant artillery fire, he completed the installation of the communication line, enabling the commander to direct supporting fire on enemy positions. Technician Loyd's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Carthage, Missouri.

Sergeant Wilbur L. Anderson, 35527385, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 November 1944 near Saulcy, France, Company "B", 411th Infantry was pinned down by mortar, artillery and machine gun fire and its ammunition supply was almost exhausted. Volunteering to secure ammunition, Private Anderson left his covered position and made his way 800 yards through the hostile fire. Returning over the fire-swept terrain to his company with ammunition, he enabled the company to resume the attack. Sergeant Anderson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ravenna, Ohio.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDWARD F. CARROLL, 02007004, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 November 1944 near Holtwald, France, when his platoon received a message for mortar fire to be directed on a defended road block, LIEUTENANT CARROLL ordered his men into positions to fire and then moved forward to locate the target. Disregarding constant enemy sniper fire, he climbed a steep open mountainside, carrying a reel of wire and, despite the reel being knocked from his hands by mortar shrapnel, he established his observation post. As a result of his effective fire directions, the battalion was able to continue its advance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT CLYDE E. RUCKER, 02007137, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 near Engwiller, France, when his platoon arrived at a critical point prior to the rest of the company, LIEUTENANT RUCKER reconnoitered the area. Finding that a cross road near his position along which the battalion was to pass was heavily mined and also discovering the presence of 300 of the enemy, he sent out messengers to warn the battalion of the danger. After two messengers were wounded, LIEUTENANT RUCKER, disregarding the enemy fire, crossed 300 yards of open terrain and reached the battalion with the information. Then recrossing the open terrain, he rejoined his platoon and held off an enemy attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tulsa, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE M. RUSTEJKAS, 01054779, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, LIEUTENANT RUSTEJKAS led his platoon in an attack against organized enemy positions in a woods near Engwiller, France. Disregarding small arms and mortar fire, he moved from squad to squad and contact was made with adjacent units. When he was wounded by automatic weapon fire, he instructed a continu-

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tion of the attack and, after being treated, assisted in giving first aid to the other wounded. LIEUTENANT RUSTEJKAS' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. RYERSON, 01306382, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 near Engwiller, France, when his company had been pinned down by automatic weapon fire, LIEUTENANT RYERSON moved his machine gun section to the left flank. Disregarding the enemy fire, as well as friendly fire, he led his men across the company front. When his ammunition bearers fell, LIEUTENANT RYERSON stopped, picked up the ammunition and, after reaching his position, succeeded in setting up and firing a machine gun. His actions, which enabled the company to resume its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Patterson, New Jersey.

III - 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 Charles L. Moore, 34943155, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 near Muhlhausen, France, when an assault team, attacking a fortified bunker, was pinned down by hostile fire which killed the leader, Private Moore, second in command, reorganized the men and started advancing by crawling. After killing three snipers, he ordered his men to prepare to advance by march fire, and then jumping to his feet, opened fire on a machine gun position only to be killed by the hostile fire. Private Moore's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lomora, Florida. Next of kin: Mrs. Charles L. Moore (Wife), Lomora, Florida.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEE E. ENGEN, 0545582, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 November 1944 near Raintraux, France, informed that the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry was pinned down and unable to evacuate the wounded, LIEUTENANT ENGEN, Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, organized three squads of men as litter bearers and led them 1500 yards to contact rifle companies. When the men were pinned down by hostile fire, he left his men in charge of the platoon sergeant and advanced forward to contact the unit, and then led the men forward to evacuate the wounded. As darkness prevented the evacuation of a seriously wounded man, LIEUTENANT ENGEN, disregarding mortar and artillery fire, remained keeping the man warm until he was evacuated. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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