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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy is awarded following named individuals:

\* CAPTAIN JACK A. PIERSON, 01305983, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Julian Migani, 13073271, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance (IM) Company, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Curtis V. Donoho, 39238436, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance (IM) Company, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Hollywood, California.

\* FIRST LIEUTENANT JULIUS S. SEDENSKY, 01634309, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

First Sergeant Robert J. Hess, 32287533, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Syracuse, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS P. STEINER, 02000749, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fort Jervis, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SYDNEY E. SEELSON, 01641814, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Linden, New Jersey.

Private First Class Lyle H. Arneson, 20744943, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 13 March 1943 to 8 May 1945 in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Jamestown, North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Jacob Kirschenmann, 37169825, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 13 March 1943 to

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8 May 1945 in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Regent, North Dakota.

Private First Class Clyde E. Walters, Jr., 19126706, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 13 March 1943 to 8 May 1945 in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Redondo Beach, California.

Technician Fourth Grade Michael E. Brennan, 37198787, Field Artillery, Company "C", 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 13 March 1943 to 8 May 1945 in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Moorland, Iowa.

Sergeant Daniel P. Ashelman, 33057376, Field Artillery, Company "C", 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 13 March 1943 to 9 May 1945 in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Stillwater, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul L. Bondarenko, 37169335, Field Artillery, Company "C", 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 13 March 1943 to 8 May 1945 in North Africa, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Minot, North Dakota.

MAJOR ROBERT J. O'LEARY, 01166577, Field Artillery, Headquarters 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 10 March to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Residence: Glenburn, North Dakota.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ORMOND A. FORTE, JR., 01822983, Field Artillery, Headquarters 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 10 December 1944 to 15 February 1945 in France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

MAJOR LEROY H. SAMPLE, 0295690, Infantry, Headquarters 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 10 March to 1 May 1945 in France and Germany. Residence: Mt Clemens, Michigan.

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

Staff Sergeant Ernest W. Cottenham, 36203876, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Lampson, Wisconsin.

Private First Class John D. Freialinger, 36648224, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant T. J. Swift, Jr., 3932474, (then Private), Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Flomath Falls, Oregon.

Corporal Gilbert L. Forch, 37246817, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 February 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Kansas.

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Technician Fourth Grade Fred B. Mahady, 36101646, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Marie D. Brown, 37250426, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Delaware, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Hendrickson, 39085295, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 April 1945. Residence: Emeryville, California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT LURIE, 0546870, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Long Beach, New York.

MAJOR WILLIAM E. WILLIS, JR., 0291451, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 March 1945. Residence: Fountain Inn, South Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES W. O'CONNELL, 02007025, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Bowman, North Dakota.

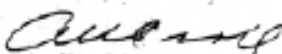
Private First Class Michael Lentick, 36324536, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, France, 11 February 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Paul R. Vance, 28164685, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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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 to following named individuals:

Technical Sergeant Victor L. Campbell, 3457449A, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "NW", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 5 December 1944 near Selestat, France, Sergeant Campbell, acting as an observer for the heavy mortar platoon, voluntarily crossed 200 yards of exposed terrain to set up an OP in an advantageous position. Disregarding mortar and small arms fire, he stopped, hooked up his telephone and transmitted fire orders to the gun position. His accurate direction of mortar fire forced the enemy into the open where our heavy machine guns inflicted numerous casualties. His action reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fairburn, Georgia.

Private First Class Harvey L. Whitenack, 6562514, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945 near Schillersdorf, France, after Private Whitenack had dragged two casualties to safety, another call for an aid man was made. Disregarding small arms and machine gun fire, he left his covered position and running through an exposed orchard reached the casualty and dragged him to the safety of a barn, which was being used as a temporary aid station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mendocino, California.

Private First Class Robert G. Angel, 35557136, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 6 March 1945, Private Angel voluntarily lead a patrol into Neiffern, France, to obtain information relative to enemy dispositions. The patrol was forced to repeat its mission on two successive nights due to the moonlight which revealed its presence. On the third attempt, Private Angel, crawled to within 100 yards of an enemy machine gun position, probing the road for mines. The information obtained by him materially assisted in the later successful attack on the town. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Elkhart, Indiana.

Sergeant Charles R. Atkinson, 1716893A, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 near Engwiller, France, when his company was held up by enemy small arms, machine

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gun and self-propelled weapon fire, Sergeant Atkinson brought his machine gun forward. After firing a few bursts, his gun jammed, but despite the enemy fire he sat upright and repaired his gun, then Sergeant Atkinson continued effective fire by cradling the gun in his lap. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Washington, Iowa.

Sergeant Willie R. Partin, 35706222, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 near Uhrwiller, France, after his squad leader was wounded, Sergeant Partin immediately reorganized the squad and continued the attack. When his squad was pinned down by artillery, machine gun and small arms fire he crawled forward 200 yards and throwing two hand grenades into a hostile emplacement, killed two of the enemy and forced eight more to surrender. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: King, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Garland V. Sharp, 36548760, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 April 1945 in Erkenbrechtsweiler, Germany, Sergeant Sharp, alone in the attic of a house, saw the enemy forming for an attack. Leaving the house he made his way to the edge of town and disregarding machine gun fire, he fired into the enemy forces. When the enemy were less than 300 yards distant, he organized a group in a strong defensive position and withstood the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan.

Private First Class Paul A. Foley, 31285580, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 January 1945, near Muhlhausen, France, when the attacking enemy forced our troops to withdraw, Private Foley carried a sick comrade 300 yards through enemy small arms and machine gun fire to safety. He then remained behind covering the withdrawal of eight other soldiers. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

CAPTAIN EARL C. THOMAS, 01296938, Infantry, Headquarters 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: East Grocco, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Bill Hodges, 34151064, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945 near Schillersdorf, France, Sergeant Hodges' platoon was pinned down in an open field by heavy small arms and automatic weapon fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, he contacted each man personally and directed the withdrawal, while furnishing covering fire. Only after the last man had withdrawn did he, himself, withdraw. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Alexandria, Louisiana.

Sergeant George S. Kosmaka, 36545904, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On

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28 November 1944 near Hohwarth, France, when a rifle company was ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Koszick's platoon remained to cover the withdrawal. In the act of withdrawing himself, he heard the shouts of two wounded men. Returning to the casualties, he administered aid and hid them in the underbrush. After remaining all night behind enemy lines, he led the two wounded men to safety of our own lines. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant Ludwig K. Gauger, 31249101, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 November 1944, when Company "D", 410th Infantry was ambushed near Jusso, France, Sergeant Gauger, lead scout, went forward, alone, to reconnoiter enemy positions. Finding the enemy positions vacated, he returned and gave the information to his company commander. Early the next morning, during a fire fight, he protected a wounded man by shielding him with his own body. Sergeant Gauger's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Winsted, Connecticut.

Private First Class William H. Snedley, 36410842, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For heroic achievement in action. On 9 February 1945, near Uersach, France, after a patrol had been forced to withdraw against accurate machine gun fire, Private Snedley, discovering that a comrade was missing, advanced again into the area. Seeing the man pinned down by hostile fire, he crawled to an exposed position, and, firing his sub-machine gun into the hostile emplacement, enabled his comrade to withdraw to safety. Private Snedley's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Farwell, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT SHELDON L. THOMPSON, 0135944, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 775th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 9 July 1944 near Wieso, Italy when his patrol failed to contact another patrol at a blown-out bridge, LIEUTENANT THOMPSON ordered his men to remain behind and then crossed the stream to reconnoiter before leading the men on. Although fired on by a platoon of the enemy and severely wounded, he maintained a volume of fire with his sub-machine gun, and, shouting directions to the men, enabled the patrol to withdraw. LIEUTENANT THOMPSON's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pacific Grove, California.

II -- 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 following named individual:

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLIFFORD M. HOLMES, 01824319, Field Artillery, Company "B", 775th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 9 April 1945 near Blaufelden, Germany, when self-propelled guns and a strongpoint pinned down attacking infantry LIEUTENANT HOLMES advanced on foot through the hostile fire and, after reconnoitering for more than an hour, returned to lead each section of his tank destroyer platoon into advantageous positions. Directing

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the fire, he destroyed one self-propelled gun, forced another to withdraw and, directing fire on the strongpoint, forced 80 of the enemy to surrender. LIEUTENANT HOLMES' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Portland, Oregon.

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

AWARD OF FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Technician Third Grade Frank H. Bennett, 36102333, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 9 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Leo W. Albert, 6975636, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: New York, New York.

Private First Class John R. Purdy, 36572408, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant John R. Tolalve, 94581736, Infantry, Headquarters Company Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 7 May 1945. Residence: Gullman, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Edward A. Koslowski, 36549255, (then Technician Fifth Grade); Infantry, Headquarters Company Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH M. GREENUP, 0488796, (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 November 1944. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

CAPTAIN MILTON P. SAUND, 01296096, Infantry, Service Company, (then Company "D"), 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Lilly, Pennsylvania.

AWARD OF SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Private First Class Richard T. Carson, 36613954, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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MAJOR CHARLES O. ERWIN, O379805, GSC(OE), having been detailed as a member of the General Staff Corps, with troops, is assigned to General Staff duties as assistant to assistant Chief of Staff, G-4.

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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 to following named individuals:

Private First Class Syllus P. Luckadoo, 34922927, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 March 1945 near Muhlhausen, France, Private Luckadoo's platoon was halted by automatic weapon and artillery fire and its withdrawal was prevented by a well placed machine gun. Private Luckadoo, disregarding the enemy fire, crawled to the top of an embankment and, firing two well aimed shots, killed the gunner and assistant gunner of the machine gun emplacement, enabling his platoon to withdraw. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sewanee, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Gilbert R. Ryback, 36960105, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 14 December 1944 near Lampersloch, France, Sergeant Ryback was first scout for his company when he observed an enemy self-propelled gun. Opening fire immediately, he killed the observer standing in the turret of the vehicle and, despite machine gun fire, continued harassing fire, permitting a group to flank the gun and force its withdrawal. In the action that followed 90 prisoners were taken. Sergeant Ryback's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sergeant William A. Knott, 34464717, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 April 1945 near Schorndorf, Germany, when a roadblock halted the advance of an attacking battalion, Sergeant Knott, riding the lead vehicle, drove forward in order to bring effective fire on the enemy emplacement. Disregarding small arms fire, he reached a point within 100 yards of the enemy end, personally manning the mounted machine gun, fired effectively and disorganized the enemy. He then returned to the battalion commander with vital information relative to the roadblock which was then destroyed by our artillery fire. Sergeant Knott's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Stovall, North Carolina.

Sergeant Arpad J. Kovacs, 36547994, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 April 1945 near Stollenfeld, Germany, when a one quarter ton truck hit a mine, the vehicle was demolished

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and four occupants were wounded. Sergeant Kovacs, suffering from a broken arm, disregarded his pain and rendered aid to his critically injured company commander as well as to the two other injured men. He continued his assistance until he fell to the ground unconscious. Sergeant Kovacs' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class James D. McFarland, 37746020, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 March 1945 near Nieder Schlotenbach, Germany, when Private McFarland's company was cut off by machine gun, mortar, artillery and small arms fire and ordered to withdraw, eight men were isolated from the company. Private McFarland, upon learning of the plight of the eight men, disregarding the enemy fire, crossed 75 yards of fire-swept terrain, contacted the men and personally led them to the safety of our lines. Private McFarland's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: California, Missouri.

Sergeant William G. Schwab, Jr., 35151290, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 26 November 1944 near Contraint, France, Sergeant Schwab led his squad over a new route to contact an adjacent company. Passing through a village, he was informed that the enemy still occupied a few of the buildings. When a heavy fire fight ensued, Sergeant Schwab made his way to his bazooka gunner, obtained the weapon and returned to the point of the heaviest fire. Deliberately exposing himself to the enemy fire, he fired one rocket, knocked out a machine gun, killed the crew and forced 13 of the enemy to surrender. Sergeant Schwab's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

Private First Class Clifford L. Tripp, 11018549, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 March 1945 during the rapid advance from Jogenthal, France to Bobenthal, Germany, it was necessary to lay 24 miles of wire to maintain communications. In the movement forward when a half mile section of a mined road was encountered, Private Tripp voluntarily drove his vehicle along the mined road laying wire. Then summoning his wire crew, he continued his mission and succeeded in providing constant communications. Private Tripp's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Leslie A. Wallace, 37250431, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 10 January 1945 near Theding, France, after Company "H", 411th Infantry had established a forward mortar observation post, the battalion was pinned down by artillery, mortar and machine gun fire which severed the communication wire. Sergeant Wallace, disregarding the hostile fire, crawled 300 yards and repaired the line. After returning to his foxhole, he once again exposed himself to crawl 400 yards to repair another break. His actions, which enabled the observer to direct effective counterfire, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Anamosa, Iowa.

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Private First Class John G. Arnold, 36546236, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 14 December 1944, Private Arnold was hauling his company's machine guns and mortars in his vehicle during a task force attack on Climbach, France, when the forward elements of the column were pinned down by intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, suffering heavy casualties. Driving forward through the hostile fire, he distributed weapons and ammunition to the weapons platoon and then, driving 1000 yards forward to the crest of a hill where several men lay wounded, evacuated two men to the aid station. Returning several times, he continued to evacuate the casualties until his vehicle was disabled by hostile fire. Private Arnold's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Yale Rice, 33375460, Infantry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

CAPTAIN CHARLES E. PETERSON, 01542088, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Carroll, Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DUGALD W. HUDSON, 0397334, Infantry, 103d CIC Detachment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Greenville, South Carolina.

Technician Fifth Grade Neil B. Adair, 37446008, Infantry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: West Hartford, Connecticut.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM A. BRUCK, 01312077, Infantry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Miles, Michigan.

Private First Class Francis R. Petka, 36288759, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 11 March 1945, Private Petka, leading a patrol on a mission to set up roadblocks in enemy territory, after noticing an enemy patrol entering our lines, notified the outpost guard and continued on his mission. Continuing on, he set up two roadblocks near Nieffern, France, four miles behind the enemy lines on their main supply route and then safely returned to his company. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Holcomb, Wisconsin.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH L. OOK, O460097, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Belton, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Edward L. Ferrin, 32156692, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 and 14 December 1944 near Gunstedt, France. Residence: West Orange, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Robert L. Vickery, Jr., 36715487, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT VIRGIL E. DOBBS, 02007005, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945 near Forbach, France, when his company met stiff resistance and suffered numerous casualties, LIEUTENANT DOBBS went forward under machine gun and small arms fire to assume command of the company. Ordered to withdraw, he personally contacted all men of the company and, after seeing that all wounded were evacuated, led the company in a rapid withdrawal without further casualties. LIEUTENANT DOBBS was reported killed in a subsequent action. His outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Plano, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs Ous Dobbs, (Mother), 503 North Center Avenue, Plano, Illinois.

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