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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:

Private First Class Charles W. Windsor, 34962835, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France, Private Windsor, with the point squad, was pinned to the ground by intense enemy fire coming from two hidden bunkers about 50 yards to his front. Private Windsor ordered his companions to withdraw while he covered them with automatic weapon fire. Rising to an exposed position, Private Windsor poured fire into the hostile emplacements until all his ammunition was expended. The point having had a chance to withdraw, Private Windsor attempted to retreat but was caught by enemy fire and was forced to remain in a motionless position until nightfall at which time he reached the safety of his company. Private Windsor's actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Elkin, North Carolina.

Sergeant William E. Koch, 36417344, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Muhlhausen, France, the advance of the First Battalion was delayed by an enemy mine field. Sergeant Koch cleared a path through the mine field and then led the attacking troops through one by one to assure the safety of their passage. The last man to go through the field stepped on a mine and was seriously wounded. When an officer standing nearby attempted to go to his aid, he too stepped on a mine incurring serious injuries. Sergeant Koch, observing the wounded man lying in the field, directed the removal of the mines around the wounded so they could be evacuated without danger. Sergeant Koch's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Marshall, Michigan.

II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to following named individuals:

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II -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR (Cont'd)

Private First Class Clair E. Spires, 15078223, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the attack on Gundershoffen, France, on 15 March 1945, the bazooka team of which Private Spires was a member was cut off from adjacent forces by heavy automatic weapons fire. When the group received orders to withdraw, Private Spires volunteered to cross 100 yards of open territory to contact the remainder of the platoon. Leaping from his sheltered position Private Spires dashed across the area covered by machine gun and sniper fire and succeeded in delivering the message. Private Spires' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Langeville, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Esther Spires, (Wife), Route 1, Langeville, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Edward E. Hudson, 36548772, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945 near Uhrwiller, France, when Company "F", 410th Infantry, was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire and his platoon leader was wounded, Sergeant Hudson immediately took command. Despite additional fire from an enemy tank, he ran from man to man, reorganizing and deploying the platoon. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, he moved forward alone to locate the hostile positions and, although mortally wounded by direct tank fire, he succeeded in sending a message informing his commander of the location of the enemy. Sergeant Hudson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Greenbank, West Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Ora E. Hudson, (Mother), Greenbank, West Virginia.

Technical Sergeant Gerald T. Wendt, 36288474, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near Engwiller, France. Sergeant Wendt's platoon was pinned down by machine gun and sniper fire and part of the platoon was caught in mine fields. Sergeant Wendt, disregarding the enemy fire and the danger of mines, went forward to aid a wounded man. While rendering aid he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. His actions an inspiration to his men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Wendt, (Mother), 1732 S. 8th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

III -- 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 WALTER M. HOBSON, 0449958, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 November 1944, near St. Die, France, when the left platoon of Company "C", 410th Infantry, was pinned down by automatic weapons and sniper fire, LIEUTENANT HOBSON, second in command, quickly organized a group of men and led them to the rear of another platoon. Then advancing through the intense fire, he led his group to the right in a flanking movement against an enemy strongpoint. Killing three of the enemy and wounding and capturing several more, LIEUTENANT HOBSON and his men neutralized the position, enabling the company to continue its advance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Belton, South Carolina.

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Staff Sergeant Jake J. Wickman, Jr., 39588929, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 17 March 1945, near Mehweiler, France, when his platoon came under enemy cross-fire, Sergeant Wickman dashed across 150 yards of open terrain toward the enemy emplacements. Firing his rifle as he entered an enemy infested woods, Sergeant Wickman overran a hostile position and knocked out the last enemy soldier with a stroke of his rifle butt. His actions, which enabled the battalion to continue the attack, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Huntington Park, California.

Staff Sergeant Gordon L. Smith, 36548323, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, near Uhrwiller, France, fire from two enemy machine guns pinned down Sergeant Smith's squad. He immediately deployed his squad and, disregarding additional small arms fire as well as the machine gun fire, crawled forward alone. Throwing hand grenades from a close position, he knocked out one of the weapons, then leading his squad, he assaulted the second emplacement, knocking it out, capturing three and killing two of the enemy. Sergeant Smith's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Benoit, Michigan.

First Sergeant Glen M. Baucom, 37201443, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 near Uhrwiller, France, after screening smoke had lifted, two platoons of Company "F", 410th Infantry, were pinned down by mortar and artillery fire and became disorganized. Sergeant Baucom, disregarding the enemy fire, moved from group to group, directing reorganization, which resulted in the platoons moving to concealment. Sergeant Baucom's actions, which enabled contact to be made with the remainder of the company, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Parsons, Kansas.

Private First Class DeWayne A. Lanflier, 37692588, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. Company "C", 410th Infantry, was attacking the town of Uttenhoffen, France, on 15 March 1945. Private Lanflier's platoon was attacking on the flank of the town when two well-concealed enemy tanks opened fire on the company in an open field, pinning them to the ground. Private Lanflier stood exposed to the enemy and fired his bazooka at the tanks. Moving to within range, he fired effectively causing the tanks to withdraw and silencing enemy riflemen. Private Lanflier's outstanding courage and heroic actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muscatine, Iowa.

Private First Class Lyall V. Kniffin, 37235087, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. Company "C", 410th Infantry, in the early morning hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sessenheim, France, was repelling enemy counterattacks from entrenched positions wrested from the enemy the preceding day. The enemy seized the offensive and was forcing the company to withdraw. Private Kniffin remained at his post to cover the movement. He rose to a standing position and fired into the advancing enemy with his sub-machine gun, successfully impeding the enemy's progress and allowing his company to withdraw to a new position with a minimum number of casualties.

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His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Overland Park, Kansas.

Private First Class Robert E. Lewis, 39701602, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. Company "C", 410th Infantry, in the early morning hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of Sessenheim, France, was repelling enemy counterattacks from entrenched positions wrested from the enemy the preceding day. The enemy seized the offensive and was forcing the company to withdraw. Private Lewis remained at his post to cover the movement. He rose to a standing position and fired into the advancing enemy with his sub-machine gun, successfully impeding the enemy's progress and allowing his company to withdraw to a new position with a minimum of casualties. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pasadena, California.

Staff Sergeant Carl E. Mathias, 36443472, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. Sergeant Mathias was leading his squad on reconnaissance across a river near Hertwiller, France, on the night of 10 December 1944. He skillfully led the squad across the river in rubber boots and deeply penetrated enemy positions, thus acquiring vital information. Two men of his squad were wounded during the operation and Sergeant Mathias coolly directed their evacuation to safety on the other side of the river, all the time under enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Knowledge of enemy strongpoints secured by Sergeant Mathias' reconnaissance was invaluable in the attack shortly thereafter. His actions and devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Penn, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Harbor A. Gladden, 37244922, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 26 February 1945, when a platoon, withdrawing from Nieffern, France, after a raid, suffered numerous casualties from enemy automatic weapons fire and a mortar barrage, Sergeant Gladden entered a mine field to assist in evacuating the wounded. Despite a painful wound, he assisted in carrying a wounded aid man to safety. Returning to the mine field, he searched the area to make certain that all the wounded had been evacuated. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Louis E. Gillespie, 37246164, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 26 February 1945, when a platoon was assigned the mission of entering Nieffern, France, Sergeant Gillespie successfully led the men through mine fields into the edge of the town, only to be halted by enemy automatic weapons fire. During an ordered withdrawal several men were wounded by the enemy fire and by exploding mines. Sergeant Gillespie on two occasions entered the mine field and aided in the evacuation of the wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Horace G. Phelan, 36496145, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Muhlhausen, France, communications between the attacking infant-

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ry elements and the reserve battalion were severed by intense enemy artillery fire. Technician Phelan, radio operator, cognizant that radio was the only possible means of communication, left the shelter of a bunker and took up a position exposed to enemy fire. He successfully relayed messages to the reserve battalion, oblivious of the barrage that was striking about him, enabling them to bypass the enemy and successfully accomplish its mission. Technician Phelan's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Paris, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Philip Elbert, 12135933, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 3 May 1945, in the vicinity of Telfs, Austria, Sergeant Elbert led his squad forward with the mission of seizing a bridge across the Inn River. Arriving at the bridge he grabbed the guard, disarmed him and forced him to point out the location of demolition charges. The guard at the opposite end of the bridge became aware of the incident, fired upon the group and ran for aid. Acting quickly, Sergeant Elbert threw the charges into the river with the help of his squad, rushed to cover and covered the approaches to the bridge against 40 of the enemy firing from the opposite bank. Sergeant Elbert's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Edgar J. Shaffer, 36413176, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, in the attack on Oettingen, France, Sergeant Shaffer's squad was practically cut off from the rest of the company. Withdrawal for reorganization was the only solution to resume the attack, the terrain offering no protection whatsoever. Through total disregard for his own safety Sergeant Shaffer maneuvered to a firing point. There he placed rapid accurate fire on the enemy to provide cover for his men to rejoin the company. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Turner, Michigan.

Sergeant Saylor L. Long, 35092368, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945, near Sessenheim, France, as Company "A", 410th Infantry, was returning after a dawn attack, it was subjected to heavy mortar and small arms fire from enemy elements which had been previously bypassed. Sergeant Long, a machine gun squad leader, without hesitation carried his machine gun to an exposed position and for 30 minutes engaged the enemy in a fire fight. This bold action so disrupted the hostile group that their attention was diverted from the remaining members of the company who continued across the open terrain without casualties. Sergeant Long's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hammond, Indiana.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSIAH T. MAHAR, 02016351, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 January 1945, near Sessenheim, France, while on a mission to reinforce friendly troops who were being attacked by numerically superior forces supported by armor, LIEUTENANT MAHAR's company was ambushed and the company commander wounded. LIEUTENANT MAHAR skillfully and quickly reorganized the company, built up a skirmish line, effected an orderly withdrawal and inflicted heavy casualties

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on the enemy. LIEUTENANT MAHAR's rapid appraisal of the situation and prompt action reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lubec, Maine.

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

Staff Sergeant Donald A. Strang, 36411650, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 in the vicinity of Muhlhausen, France, Sergeant Strang leading the point squad in the attack was severely wounded by the initial intense barrage of enemy mortar fire. Despite the severity of his wounds he located the source of hostile fire and dispatched a messenger with the information to the battalion command post. Informed by return messenger that the battalion was withdrawing Sergeant Strang skillfully and successfully directed the withdrawal of his squad although unable to accompany them. Sergeant Strang's outstanding heroism was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lansing, Michigan. Next of kin: Mr. Edward Strang, (Father), 2301 Kores River Drive, Lansing, Michigan.

V -- 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 WILLIAM M. KASPER, 023210, (then MAJOR), Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Miesenheim, France, COLONEL KASPER skillfully and brilliantly deployed his troops against bitter enemy opposition. The speed of his onslaught was so great that he advanced three kilometers beyond his flank protection. One flank was pinned down by intense enemy fire and COLONEL KASPER quickly maneuvered one company to their aid. A personal foot reconnaissance by COLONEL KASPER divulged the location of several enemy emplacements. By self-directed fire missions, the artillery to his front was silenced. He then swung one company in a flanking movement on Schirlenhof, capturing the town. Heavy fire held up the right flank necessitating immediate action. COLONEL KASPER organized a back force and in a sweeping movement captured the town of Forstheim. His sound judgment and tactical knowledge cleared the regimental zone of the enemy and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Staunton, Virginia.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH GENOVESI, 02011783 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 December 1944 near Clinbach, France, when the advance of the First Battalion was halted by fire from a concealed enemy machine gun, LIEUTENANT GENOVESI led a squad to the flank to locate the emplacement. After locating the hostile gun by its muzzle flashes, he ordered his men to cover and, crawling forward alone, threw a grenade into the enemy position. As he threw a second grenade, he was wounded by fire from another machine gun and, despite the wound, made his way to the company commander, informing him of the exact locations of the enemy guns. LIEUTENANT GENOVESI's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant William T. Ebbs, 38342543 (then Corporal), Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. Company "C", 410th Infantry, on 15 March 1945, was attacking the town of Uttenhoffen, France. Sergeant Ebbs was a squad leader of the platoon making a flanking attack when two enemy tanks pinned the company down in an open field. On his own initiative, Sergeant Ebbs made a personal reconnaissance, located the tanks and directed artillery fire on them, disabling one. The company was forced to withdraw, but Sergeant Ebbs remained at his post, opened fire at the remaining tank with anti-tank grenades and a bazooka until the crippled tank was forced to retreat. As a result of Sergeant Ebbs' outstanding valor and coolness, his company successfully withdrew and many lives were saved. Sergeant Ebbs' actions were of the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Gilroy, California.

Private First Class Albert J. Reeder, Jr., 18162432, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near Cundershoffen, France, fire from three concealed enemy machine guns pinned Company "G" to the ground wounding Private Reeder. When a call was received for the radio which Private Reeder was carrying, he rose to his feet and disregarding the enemy fire and his own wound made his way to the platoon leader. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Gotebo, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Jess D. Conlee, 18073415, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, Sergeant Conlee led a three man assault on two machine gun emplacements holding two houses in

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Uhrwiller, France. Continuing forward and throwing grenades, he knocked out the nearer emplacement, killing two of the enemy. Under covering fire of his squad, he dashed forward and again using grenades, knocked out the second hostile gun and captured 12 enemy soldiers. Sergeant Conlee's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bryan, Texas.

Private First Class Emmett W. Fontaine, 14115903, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 March 1945, near Reichshoffen, France, when two men were wounded near a bypassed enemy-held town, Private Fontaine remained behind to care for them. Realizing the men were suffering from cold, he crept to a nearby house from which machine gun fire had been coming, entered the basement and, firing a shot through the door, forced two enemy soldiers to surrender. Assisted by one of the prisoners, Private Fontaine carried his wounded comrades into the house and then remained on guard and cared for the wounded through the night until friendly troops captured the town. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Martinsville, Virginia.

Corporal Edward F. Murphy, 36712060 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 March 1945, near Reichshoffen, France, when communications were lost between separated units of the First Battalion, 411th Infantry, Corporal Murphy, disregarding artillery and sniper fire, proceeded to contact the organizations. Discovering several wounded men on his route, he continued on, located the units, directed them to the main body of troops and, receiving permission to aid the men, returned to the casualties. Finding one with his legs shattered, he used his own outer garments to keep the man warm and throughout the night attended a tourniquet until friendly troops arrived. Corporal Murphy's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CAPTAIN SPILMAN B. GIBBS, 01310096, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 March 1945 near Gundershoffen, France, when Company "F", 410th Infantry, attacking over 1000 yards of open terrain, was pinned down by intense small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire, CAPTAIN GIBBS ran and crawled 150 yards through the intense fire to an exposed position to observe enemy machine gun emplacements. He then directed artillery fire, neutralizing the hostile positions and, returning to his company, led the men in the attack. CAPTAIN GIBBS' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: West New York, New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWEL W. WOODFIN, 01545549, Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the advance of a task force in the vicinity of Climbach, France, on 16 December 1944, LIEUTENANT WOODFIN went forward with attacking infantry troops to lend aid and medical treatment. Intense enemy artillery, mortar and self-propelled weapon fire resulted in severe casualties at the head of the advancing column. LIEUTENANT WOODFIN quickly assembled his medical supplies and went forward amid intense enemy fire. Selecting an area slightly defiladed he improvised an aid station and during a period of three hours administered aid to the wounded. Under constant fire he directed and assisted the litter bearers in evacuating the wounded to the aid station. LIEUTENANT WOODFIN's actions

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were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mexia, Texas.

Private First Class Robert R. Enterline, 33828350, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 3 February 1945, after a night raid on Rothbach, France, Private Enterline remained behind covering the withdrawal of his battalion. Despite intermittent artillery and small arms fire, he directed his machine gun section, refusing to withdraw until all members of his company reached safety and all the wounded were evacuated. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ashland, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Oscar W. Hundley, 34596053, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 April 1945, after enemy troops had surrounded Erkensbrechtsweller, Germany, during the night, and had pinned down our troops, Sergeant Hundley set up his machine gun at the outskirts to give protective fire to the riflemen. Knocking out an enemy vehicle and killing the occupants, he then displaced his gun to a new position. His gun immediately became the target of small arms, automatic weapons and bazooka fire, but disregarding this fire and although wounded he remained exposed, effectively directing the fire of his machine gun. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina.

Private First Class Allen A. Platter, 18114831, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 November 1944, near Ville, France, when the Second Battalion, 410th Infantry was halted by a road block and subjected to small arms and automatic weapons fire, Private Platter emplaced his heavy machine gun in an exposed position. Disregarding the intense fire, he continued firing his gun, breaking the enemy's resistance and enabling the battalion to continue its advance. Private Platter's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Houston, Texas.

Private First Class Wallace G. Gilbert, 37702792, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, when an attacking rifle company was pinned down by small arms, automatic weapon, mortar and artillery fire, Private Gilbert emplaced his heavy machine gun in an exposed position and fired on the hostile emplacements until his gun was put out of action. Heeding a call from a group for a bazooka, he secured a bazooka and ammunition from his squad and, moving 100 yards through intense fire, delivered it to his position, repaired the machine gun and continued in the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hollywood, California.

Private First Class William M. Maupin, 14119051, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, near Hagwiller, France, when his squad leader was wounded during an attack, Private Maupin assumed command of the squad, set up his heavy machine gun and covered the advance of attacking riflemen. Private Maupin's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cleveland, Tennessee.

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Private First Class Warren L. Nilson, 36951675, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 November 1944, near Sauley, France, when the point of his company was pinned down within 25 yards of enemy positions by machine gun and sniper fire, Private Nilson maneuvered to a covered position and fired on the enemy positions, enabling several men to withdraw. Reporting the situation to his platoon leader, he voluntarily advanced through the intense fire to an advantageous position and directed mortar fire, neutralizing the emplacements. Private Nilson's actions, which enabled the company to resume its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Escanaba, Michigan.

Private First Class Earl M. Rinick, 33551107, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 April 1945, near Erkenbrochweiler, Germany, when the enemy launched a counterattack supported by artillery and mortar fire in attempt to retake the town, Private Rinick remained at his post, disregarding heavy small arms fire and the fact that his machine gun was hit three times and the front sight knocked off, Private Rinick delivered effective fire into the attacking enemy, materially assisting in the repulse of the counterattack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Anacostia, D. C.

Private First Class Vincent J. Di Liberato, 33810803, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the night of 3 February 1945, the first platoon of Company "C", 411th Infantry was pinned to the ground by enemy mortar and artillery fire as it attacked Rothbach, France. Private Di Liberato, carrying his platoon's radio, braved the fire swept terrain to locate his platoon leader. Although cautioned to take cover he continued his mission, and as he handed him the vitally needed radio, Private Di Liberato was wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Floyd H. Stuart, Jr., 34496225, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, when Company "F", 410th Infantry was subjected to artillery, mortar and sniper fire and pinned down by automatic weapon cross fire, Sergeant Stuart and two of his men were wounded. Disregarding the enemy fire and his own wound, Sergeant Stuart remained exposed directing his squad to cover and concealment. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Whiteville, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade James V. Lamb, 37245557, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, the platoon to which Technician Lamb was attached, suffered heavy casualties when subjected to mortar and artillery barrages as well as sniper and machine gun fire. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Technician Lamb ran over 200 yards of open terrain and exposed to the enemy, rendered first aid to the wounded. His actions, an inspiration to the men of the platoon, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cairo, Missouri.

Private First Class Franklin P. Boss, 34833145, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, when the forward elements of a rifle company were pinned

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down by machine gun and small arms fire after crossing a stream, Private Bass, machine gunner, and his squad attempted to cross an open field to assist the men. Successfully crossing the field, he discovered his comrades pinned down in the middle of the field. He made his way through the fire to the men, secured the tripod, replaced his gun and delivered effective fire, enabling the company to resume its advance. Private Bass' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hartsfield, Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HUGH C. CHANCE, O1320428 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 January 1945, near Offweiler, France, when a flanking attack by enemy storm troopers penetrated our lines and captured a town in the rear of Company "E", 410th Infantry, LIEUTENANT CHANCE assumed command of the company and attempted to withdraw. Unable to penetrate through the enemy line, he selected a new route, and, despite the moonlight night, successfully infiltrated the large body of troops to our new lines. LIEUTENANT CHANCE's action reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jonesville, Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade Teribio J. Castanera, 39918386, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 near Muhlhausen, France, when an officer fell wounded in an exposed position from machine gun grazing fire, Technician Castanera crawled to the casualty and, lying in a prone position, administered aid. He then attempted to evacuate the officer, only to intensify the hostile fire. When an enemy soldier, 20 yards distant, threw a grenade within four yards of his position and further wounded the officer, he again administered aid and waiting until dark, dragged the man to safety. Technician Castanera's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Francisco, California.

Staff Sergeant John J. Astringer, 33608213, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 April 1945, near Nurtlingen, Germany, when Company "E", 411th Infantry was halted by intense machine gun and tank fire, Sergeant Astringer made his way to the rear to secure a radio. Returning to a position in advance of the forward elements, he set up his radio and, despite continuous enemy fire, he directed mortar and artillery fire into the enemy positions, forcing them to withdraw. Sergeant Astringer's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Scranton, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN HENRY P. DEL SIMONE, O1171517, Field Artillery, Headquarters 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 30 November 1944 near Itterswiller, France, when strong enemy counterattacks threatened the forward elements of the fire direction center, CAPTAIN DEL SIMONE immediately placed guards on all sides and continued to direct artillery fire. Although his section was under mortar fire and a fire fight was taking place only a few hundred yards from him, he continued efficient fire directions, saving an infantry company from almost certain annihilation. CAPTAIN DEL SIMONE's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Richmond, California.

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Private First Class Jacob D. Sweet, 13145308, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack on Muhlhausen, France, rifle companies suffered heavy casualties from artillery, mortar and automatic weapon fire. Routes of evacuation of the wounded were cut off by the intense fire, necessitating an emergency aid station in one of the houses. Informed that many of the casualties were seriously wounded, Private Sweet crawled 100 yards over exposed terrain to the house, dragging an aid chest containing plasma. He then assisted in the administering of plasma to the seriously wounded and dressed the wounds. After reconnoitering and discovering a route of evacuation, Private Sweet made a crude litter, enabling several of the men to be carried to the battalion aid station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Washington, D.C.

Private First Class Arthur J. Sullivan, 31376918, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near Bobenthal, Germany, a rifle company assaulting enemy fortified positions suffered heavy casualties and was halted in its advance. Observing a man lying wounded and exposed to hostile fire, Private Sullivan left the cover of a tank trap where he had been caring for the wounded and crawled 15 yards over exposed terrain to the casualty. Disregarding intense artillery and mortar barrages and fire from enemy pillboxes, he administered aid and then dragged the man to safety of the tank trap. Private Sullivan's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Meriden, New Hampshire.

Private First Class Donald J. Horn, 37481498, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 November 1944 during an attack near LaBolle, France, Private Horn, carrying the company's radio, was wounded while crossing an open field subjected to 88 millimeter, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Disregarding his wounds, he continued on and, although wounded the second time, he refused to be evacuated until the radio was given to the communication sergeant. Private Horn's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Carroll, Nebraska.

First Sergeant David E. Barbour, 34303255, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during period 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Four Oaks, North Carolina.

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

Staff Sergeant Lewis B. Hill, Jr., 33728432, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 1 February 1945, after a patrol had been forced to withdraw from Bischholtz, France, in the face of enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, Sergeant Hill requested and received permission to reenter the town to locate a seriously wounded member of the patrol. Disregarding the enemy fire he located the casualty and establishing a route of withdrawal carefully carried the wounded man to our lines. His actions in saving a comrade reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class Joe D. Genser, 38662261, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, near Mieschen, France, Private Genser, First Scout, led Company "A", 410th Infantry, successfully through several mine fields, despite artillery and mortar barrages. When forward elements were delayed by sniper fire protecting an 88 millimeter piece, Private Genser went forward alone to eliminate the obstacle. The First Platoon, inspired by his actions, followed him in the attack and was successful in overrunning the emplacement, killing one, wounding three and capturing nine of the enemy. His actions, which enabled the company to continue its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Paragould, Arkansas.

MAJOR WILLIAM R. PARKER, 01296416 (then CAPTAIN), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action on 16 March 1945, near Uttenhoffen, France. When two attacking rifle companies were halted in their advance by heavy automatic weapons fire. MAJOR PARKER made his way laterally across the front to contact the companies. Changing the plan of attack he then moved forward to an open position and disregarding the enemy fire directed heavy artillery and mortar barrages, enabling the two companies to take the town. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Private First Class Floyd R. Cashmore, 36965192, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 30 November 1944 near Ebersheim, France, Private Cashmore, advancing far ahead of his platoon, observed the enemy forming for a counterattack. Despite intense small arms, machine gun, mortar and shell fire, he fired on the enemy until his rifle was shattered by hostile fire. Seizing a rifle from a wounded comrade, he again

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opened fire, killing four of the enemy and stopping the attack as his platoon continued to advance. Private Cashmore's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wadsworth, Illinois.

Private First Class Norman J. Walsh, 31296942, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944 near LaBolle, France, when enemy machine gun fire from an emplacement 30 yards distant pinned down the lead platoon, Private Walsh, scout, made his way to a position on the flank of the emplacement. He then charged the hostile crew with his rifle, killing one of the enemy and forcing the others to withdraw. Remaining in an exposed position, he covered the advance of his platoon until wounded by a mortar burst. Private Walsh's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Technical Sergeant Harry W. Hermann, 36413151, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 April 1945, near Schlabtstall, Germany, when his platoon leader was wounded, Sergeant Hermann immediately assuming command, deployed his men to deliver maximum fire power on the enemy. As the hostile fire increased, he moved from squad to squad, directing a short withdrawal, and then crossed 100 yards of exposed terrain, reporting the situation to the Company Commander. Sergeant Hermann, ordered to again withdraw, returned to his men, and directed the withdrawal of the platoon and the evacuation of the wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baroda, Michigan.

Sergeant Donald W. Clem, 13184972 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 30 November 1944, when a rifle company attacking near Itterwiller, France, was subjected to artillery, machine gun and small arms fire, a request for mortar support was made. After Sergeant Clem's squad leader and second gunner became casualties, he moved his mortar to an exposed but advantageous position. Disregarding the artillery bursts around him, Sergeant Clem simultaneously sighted, fired and sensed the rounds of his mortar, knocking out an enemy machine gun. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Frederick, Maryland.

Private First Class James A. Reid, 19181394, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945 near Bahreh, France, when Company "F", 411th Infantry, was pinned down by machine gun and sniper fire, Private Reid crawled forward over 50 yards of exposed terrain firing with his BAR. Jumping to his feet when the enemy fire slackened, he dashed forward 25 yards, threw a grenade, killing one enemy machine gunner and forcing three others to surrender. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. BARTUS, 02000809, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 5 February 1945 LIEUTENANT BARTUS was leading his platoon in a night attack on Rothbach, France, when it was pinned down by an enemy mortar barrage. Urging his men forward he directed their entrance into the town and was immediately subjected to a volley of hand grenades. Although stunned by a grenade and disregarding artillery and machine gun fire, he led his men against hostile machine gun emplacements,

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knocking them out. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John F. McBurney, Jr., 31385085, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 11 December 1944 in a village near Woerth, France, Private McBurney moved to the side entrance of a courtyard adjoining a house while a comrade covered the rear entrance in an attempt to locate an enemy machine gun emplacement. Observing two enemy soldiers dash across the street and hide behind the house, Private McBurney attempted to run across the courtyard only to be forced to take cover from hostile machine gun fire. He then crawled the remainder of the distance to the house and, discovering the enemy about to shoot his comrade, fired his weapon, killing one of the enemy and forcing the other to surrender. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Sergeant Richard Barrett, 37011436, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 30 November 1944 near Itterswiller, France, when Company "C", 410th Infantry, met strong resistance, a call for mortar support was made. Sergeant Barrett, disregarding enemy artillery and mortar fire, led his squad forward to the leading platoon. Despite a painful wound, he remained in position and calling for another mortar squad, directed the fire of both mortars, knocking out an enemy machine gun which had delayed the advance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pratt, Kansas.

Technician Fifth Grade Hersh Z. Horowitz, 36201559, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945, near Nauffen, Germany, when forward companies of the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry, were pinned down on exposed terrain by enemy machine gun fire, Technician Horowitz emplaced his mortar in an exposed position. Despite intense fire directed at him, he sighted, loaded and fired the weapon, alone, and gradually reduced the hostile fire, enabling the battalion to make a flanking attack on the emplacements. Technician Horowitz's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant William Hamilton, 17084768 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944 near Bobenthal, Germany, when his company was subjected to machine gun, mortar and automatic weapons fire, suffering many casualties, Sergeant Hamilton went to the aid of the wounded. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire he crept and crawled 75 yards to the sides of three fallen comrades and after administering first aid, carried each one to safety. His actions in saving the lives of three men reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sweetwater, Texas.

Private First Class Francis H. Benoit, 38490726, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, near Weisdorf, Germany, when his platoon was making a flanking movement on a pillbox to relieve the pressure on other elements of the company, it was fired upon by numerous automatic weapons. Private Benoit, disregarding the enemy fire, stood up and directed the fire of a bazooka team, silencing a hostile machine

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gun emplacement. In the action that followed he silenced a machine gun by killing one of the crew. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Church Point, Louisiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD L. McCLOSKEY, 01825554 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 January 1945 near Rothbach, France when the advance element of a battalion was pinned down by artillery, mortar and interlocking machine gun fire LIEUTENANT McCLOSKEY led two platoons forward to establish a base of fire to cover the withdrawal of the men. As he ordered his men into positions, the enemy loosed a severe concentration of fire upon the two platoons that lasted for an hour. He then made his way 300 yards through intense fire and, upon contacting his company commander, was informed that the advance element had safely withdrawn. LIEUTENANT McCLOSKEY returned to his platoons and, crawling to each position, directed small groups to safety, until all the men had withdrawn. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Francisco, California.

SECOND LIEUTENANT STEPHAN W. KIPGEN, 02000655 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, near Bobenthal, Germany, after Company "E", 411th Infantry, had taken two concrete emplacements, intense enemy fire from a third pillbox halted the company's advance and cut off LIEUTENANT KIPGEN's platoon. Directed to take defensive positions, LIEUTENANT KIPGEN ordered his men to cover and, despite the hostile fire, moved forward on a reconnaissance for advantageous positions. He then led his platoon forward and directed each man to positions, enabling the company to beat off subsequent counterattacks. LIEUTENANT KIPGEN's leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Long Island, New York.

First Sergeant Francis B. Kilroe, 37327622 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On the evening of 30 November 1944 in the town of Hochhoffen, France, a cannon platoon supporting the advance of foot troops received a fire mission to neutralize strong enemy resistance. Simultaneous with this fire mission came a strong enemy artillery barrage falling on and near the cannon platoon position wounding two men, as well as destroying platoon equipment. Sergeant Kilroe, despite the intense enemy fire, stayed at his post as chief of section, successfully completing the fire mission, enabling the Infantry to seize their objective. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant Harley S. Martin, 36411843 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 4 December 1944, in the vicinity of Ebersheim, France, a cannon platoon was moving into position to support the foot troops when it was halted by heavy enemy fire. Sergeant Martin, realizing the seriousness of the situation, left the protection of his fox hole to aid in getting the howitzer and prime mover moved to safety. Due to his courageous action in the face of heavy enemy fire, equipment vital to the successful conduct of the operation was saved from destruction. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

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Technical Sergeant John L. Doshen, 35210126 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, after the capture of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, was accomplished, Sergeant Doshen was advancing with his platoon into the formidable defenses of the Siegfried line when they encountered intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. Sergeant Doshen, locating the pillbox from which the fire was coming, directed his squad to cover, chose two men as a covering force and advanced to within 50 yards of the hostile emplacement. He then deployed his two companions into strategic positions of cover, crawled to within 25 yards of the strongpoint and knocked out an anti-tank gun with a well placed rifle grenade, forcing the occupants of the pillbox to withdraw. Sergeant Doshen's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Worthington, West Virginia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH L. TURECEK, 02000747 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Medical Administrative Corps, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 19-21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Reisdorf, Germany, LIEUTENANT TURECEK, director of litter squads, worked indefatigably in supervising the evacuation of 107 casualties. Despite the formidable defenses of the Siegfried Line, difficult terrain, and personal physical exhaustion, LIEUTENANT TURECEK worked tirelessly and without heed for personal danger. In many instances in the absence of aid men he expeditiously and efficiently rendered aid to the wounded and personally evacuated the wounded when the litter squads were overburdened. LIEUTENANT TURECEK's actions served as a source of inspiration to those about him and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Raymond P. Burzynski, 36549206, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945 near Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Sergeant Burzynski was advancing with elements of his company when they were subjected to intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant Burzynski from his place of concealment heard the cries of a wounded soldier. Observing the injured man a short distance away, Sergeant Burzynski crawled from his place of cover, reached the wounded man and administered first aid under terrific fire. Sensing further danger if the man were not evacuated at once, he picked him up and carried him through a barrage of fire to safety. Sergeant Burzynski's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANK MUCCI, 02000702, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 2 May 1945 after a rifle company had occupied Reith, Austria, enemy automatic weapon fire from commanding heights prevented it from continuing the attack. LIEUTENANT MUCCI, Forward Observer, left cover of a house and, exposing himself, adjusted artillery fire, which neutralized the hostile positions. His aggressive action, which permitted the company to resume the attack, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private John J. Nieszgoda, 36545845, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945 near Gundersheffen, France, when intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire held up an attacking infantry company, Private Nieszgoda discovered a wounded man lying in an exposed position. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Private Nieszgoda left

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his sheltered position, ran across the open terrain and dragged the casualty 75 yards to safety. His actions, which saved the life of a wounded comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant George D. Uhrich, 33149112, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 7 February 1945, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France, Company "B", came under an intense barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Sergeant Uhrich, after completing the inspection of his men, observed one man struck by machine gun fire and fall wounded in open terrain. Without hesitation, Sergeant Uhrich rushed to the side of the wounded man under intense fire and dragged him to safety. Sergeant Uhrich's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Ralph J. Raunschuh, 37640960, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 January 1945, in the vicinity of Rothbach, France, private Raunschuh, second scout, met intense enemy fire as he approached the Siegfried Line. Upon reaching cover after a withdrawal, Private Raunschuh was told that the first scout was wounded and lying in a position about 30 yards from the enemy. Private Raunschuh left his shelter and crawled to the aid of the wounded man. From a position of less than 30 yards from the enemy, he dressed his comrade's wounds and then dragged him to a position of safety. Private Raunschuh's actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant John J. Zinatravich, 31258543 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 April 1945, in the vicinity of Neuffen, Germany, Sergeant Zinatravich, machine gun section leader, with his section was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Seeing the location of the enemy emplacements he quickly deployed his men into strategic positions for firing and sprayed the hostile strong points with deadly fire. When the company was given the order to withdraw Sergeant Zinatravich remained in position covering the withdrawal and personally taking over one of the machine guns when the gunner was wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: East Millbury, Massachusetts.

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I -- 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:

Private First Class Dannie F. Mosley, 34832984, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Lyerly, Georgia.

Private First Class Larry L. Hodges, 14167151, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 December 1944. Residence: Stokes, North Carolina.

Private First Class Ernest C. Goethel, 36710439, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Allen A. Johnson, 37321548, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class Clayton H. Rippey, 39462439, Infantry, Company "E", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: La Grande, Oregon.

Private First Class Henry A. Rolowicz, 36636283, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Stanley G. Russell, 12170877, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Albany, New York.

Sergeant Thomas W. Brock, 16186086, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 February 1945. Residence: Eurokin, Illinois.

Private Edwin G. Foster, 34590223, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Austria, 28 May 1945. Residence: Statesville, North Carolina.

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Private First Class Harry A. Goodwin, 13114717, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Austria, 28 May 1945. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade Marcellus J. Williams, 36286394, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Austria, 28 May 1945. Residence: Highland, Wisconsin.

Private First Class William E. Hicks, 37521392, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Austria, 28 May 1945. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

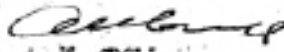
II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND P. RUPPEL, 01081672, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 January 1945. Residence: Beaver, Pennsylvania.

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