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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

First Sergeant William E. Gorman, 33023383 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 28 November 1944, near Saulcy, France, Sergeant Gorman led seven men forward to build a bridge on a site known to be under enemy observation. He went forward 75 yards to reconnoiter and, drawing enemy sniper and machine gun fire, crawled back to his men and warned them of the impending danger. Despite the necessity of carrying lumber over a distance of one mile and frequently forced to take cover from artillery and small arms fire, he successfully completed the bridge. Sergeant Gorman's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lenni Mills, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Jerome M. Richels, 17158029 (then Corporal), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reisdorf, Germany, Sergeant Richels volunteered to organize a litter squad when the casualties were steadily mounting. Hastily organizing a litter squad, Sergeant Richels reconnoitered a route of evacuation for the wounded. While enroute he encountered an enemy machine gun emplacement that was raking the area of withdrawal. He worked his way to a position within 25 yards of the hostile strongpoint and with one well-placed grenade completely neutralized it. With the route of evacuation clear he directed the removal of the wounded in an efficient and expeditious manner. Sergeant Richels' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Private Robert G. Beach, 36591979, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gumbrechtshoffen, France, when his platoon was subjected to mortar and machine gun fire, Private Beach's assistant squad leader was wounded and lay in an exposed position. Exposing himself to the enemy fire, Private Beach ran to the side of the wounded man and dragged him 50 yards to a large shell hole. Administering first aid he remained with the casualty until darkness at which time Private Beach carried him 700 yards to the aid station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Roger E. Greider, 18162041 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 near Muhlhausen, France, Company "A", 411th Infantry, attacking over open ground met automatic weapon fire and was pinned to the ground with heavy casualties. Rising from his position, Sergeant Greider advanced through

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the intense fire, raking the hostile positions with automatic rifle fire. Neutralizing several enemy machine guns, he enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Sergeant Greider's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant James L. Myers, 15054571, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 28 November 1944, as Company "G", 411th Infantry entered Barr, France, Sergeant Myers led his squad forward and, discovering two enemy machine guns, killed the gunners with his automatic rifle fire. When the alerted enemy returned intense machine gun and self propelled gun fire, which knocked a wall down on his men, killing one and wounding several, Sergeant Myers engaged the enemy and drew their fire, enabling his squad and the platoon to withdraw to safety. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Earling, West Virginia.

Sergeant Paul W. Rechterman, 37447703 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 25 January 1945 near Schillersdorf, France, Company "L", 410th Infantry was advancing across an open field when intense machine gun grazing fire inflicted heavy casualties on one platoon and forced the men to take cover. Although the order was given to withdraw, Sergeant Rechterman crawled through the intense fire to two wounded men, moved them to cover and administered aid. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lost Nation, Iowa.

Corporal Cleveland H. Massey, 6355355, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 21 March 1945 near Bobenthal, Germany, when forward companies were in need of ammunition and rations, Corporal Massey voluntarily led a mule pack train over mountainous terrain with the supplies. After covering more than half the distance, the column was ambushed by an enemy patrol. Despite the intense small arms fire, Corporal Massey organized the men into a fighting squad and, holding off the enemy, enabled one of the men to safely withdraw the animals. Returning to the train, he successfully delivered the supplies to the companies. Corporal Massey's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Whitehall, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Samuel Weinstein, 36572581, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 4 January 1945 near Behron, France, when heavy enemy fire forced a patrol to withdraw, Sergeant Weinstein dragged a wounded man to cover of a trench where he administered first aid. Then, despite the lack of cover, he carried the casualty 200 yards through small arms fire to safety. Observing a friendly tank returning from its mission, he moved into the open, halted the tank, placed the wounded man aboard and directed his evacuation to an aid station. Sergeant Weinstein's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Master Sergeant Julius L. Hoffman, 6377656, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, enemy sniper fire held up the advance of the battalion and inflicted several casualties. Sergeant Hoffman, disregarding the sniper fire, ran forward 300 yards through an artillery and mortar barrage to contact two tanks and led them forward to silence the snipers.

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Although wounded by shrapnel, he completed his mission, permitting the battalion to continue its advance. Sergeant Hoffman's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kingsville, Louisiana.

Private First Class Norbert G. Drilling, 37655836, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 14 December 1944, near Climbach, France, Private Drilling volunteered to deliver information of an impending attack to a unit with which contact had been lost. Encountering a roadblock and receiving a hail of small arms and automatic weapons fire, Private Drilling dispersed his two men and with well-directed fire killed one of the enemy, forcing the remainder to flee. Continuing on over roads that had not been cleared of mines he succeeded in contacting the adjacent unit, furnishing it with the necessary information. On the return trip, after being halted by an enemy sentry, he opened fire and captured two more of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cresco, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Roy H. Hinshaw, 37246544, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffer, France, Sergeant Hinshaw's platoon was pinned down by artillery, mortar and heavy machine gun fire. Sergeant Hinshaw, disregarding the enemy fire, moved from squad to squad urging the men to continue their fire. The men, inspired by him, moved forward in the attack to complete their mission. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Columbia, Missouri.

Private First Class Friedman K. Hawkins, 37245743, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 April 1945, when fire from an adjacent battalion erroneously fell on the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry, in Munsingen, Germany, Private Hawkins voluntarily drove a group to contact the battalion. When he entered an enemy-held town, the enemy fired on the vehicle, forcing the men to dismount and return the fire. Observing a wagon train attempting to escape, Private Hawkins drove his vehicle alongside the wagon, forcing it to overturn in the street. He returned to his comrades and drove them to the battalion command post for reinforcements. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Clark, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Robert H. Zimmerman, 36288513, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 April 1945, when the point vehicle of a battalion motorized attack on Munsingen, Germany, was struck by anti-tank fire, leaving his platoon without a commander, Sergeant Zimmerman dismounted from the tank he was riding and took command of the platoon. Advancing through intense small arms, mortar and anti-tank fire, he directed the withdrawal of the men to safety and, remaining in an exposed position, directed the evacuation of the casualties. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Boyd, Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Bernetski, 33829841 (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, near Forbach, France, when intense small arms, and machine gun fire inflicted several casualties on Company "K", 411th

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Infantry, Technician Bernetski, attached aid man, crawled through the intense fire to each man, administered aid and then dragged the men 75 yards to safety. Crawling to another platoon, he administered aid to four men and dragged them 100 yards to cover. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Ray A. Miller, 34775361, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 November 1944, near Chalet, France, the Second Battalion, 410th Infantry was pinned down by 20 millimeter, artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Corporal Miller continuously checked, rechecked and repaired the communication lines between the attacking forces and the artillery, which enabled our artillery to direct accurate fire into the enemy positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Conover, North Carolina.

Private First Class George Tyme, 33305602, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action from 15 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Private Tyme, lineman and radio operator throughout the battalion combat operations, by his coolness under adverse conditions and efficient work with forward observers, assisted in knocking out enemy positions. During the Italian campaign he repaired communication lines under heavy artillery barrages and many times under small arms fire. His excellent work has been of the highest standard and reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant George N. Shirley, 34426284, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievements in action from 15 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Throughout the company's combat operations Sergeant Shirley has maintained communications in a superior manner. In the landing at Salerno, Italy, although wounded when establishing a forward command post, Sergeant Shirley refused to be evacuated and stayed during the campaign establishing necessary communications. At Salerno, when the company was entirely surrounded by the enemy, he took up the duties of a rifleman and maintained an outpost. His actions contributed greatly to the combat efficiency of the company and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Shubuta, Mississippi.

Sergeant David I. Durham, 34391649, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action from 9 September 1943 to 8 May 1945. On the Anzio Beachhead, Sergeant Durham maintained an outpost for two months that was under constant enemy artillery fire and exposed to danger of numerous enemy patrols. Throughout the subsequent action in Italy, France, Germany and Austria, his courage and sound judgment contributed highly to the combat efficiency of his company. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Scottsboro, Alabama.

First Sergeant Ralph G. Jessop, 33169897, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action from 10 November 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Through his calmness, courage, ability and leadership, Sergeant Jessop has contributed much to the combat efficiency of his company. On numerous occasions he displaced his nor-

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lar squad well forward to break up strong enemy counterattacks and protect advanced infantry elements. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: York, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Millie E. Tanner, 34442965, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 10 June 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria, Sergeant Tanner, Motor Sergeant, by his exceptional diligence, ingenuity and capabilities succeeded in creating and maintaining a superior motor supply to the firing platoons. Several times he has exposed himself to enemy fire to retrieve disabled vehicles, and working under direct enemy observation, has salvaged these vehicles at a time when they were critically needed, greatly contributing to the combat efficiency of the company. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wadley, Georgia.

Private First Class Roy H. Dooley, 33649313, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 February 1944 near Pediglicone, Italy, when an extremely heavy enemy counterattack severed telephone communication lines between his mortar position and the forward observer, Private Dooley volunteered to repair the line. Disregarding intense machine gun, small arms and sniper fire, he passed through several enemy patrols and repaired the line in five separate places over an area of 1200 yards. Private Dooley's actions in restoring communications at a critical period reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Thaxton, Virginia.

Private First Class Edward J. Reilly, 35067424, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. Throughout his company's combat operations during the period 10 November 1944 to 6 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria, Private Reilly's quick thinking, alertness and devoted attention to duty as first scout saved his squad and platoon from suffering many casualties and materially aided in the success of the company's missions. Private Reilly's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lakewood, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Milton C. Hickman, 37541901 (trng Sergeant), Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945 near Behren, France, when a squad was pinned down by small arms and mortar fire and cut off from the remainder of the platoon, Sergeant Hickman crawled 50 yards through the hostile fire with a mortar tube and ammunition. Directing fire on enemy trenches, he enabled the squad to return to the platoon and continue in the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Montrose, Minnesota.

Private First Class Tilford Locklear, 34464863, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 February 1945, during a night raid on Rothbach, France, when the order came for the withdrawal, not all of the casualties had been evacuated. Private Locklear, aid man, organized litter squads and, advancing through heavy mortar fire, evacuated the wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lumberton, North Carolina.

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Technical Sergeant James Danato, 36714856 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 3 February 1945, near Rothbach, France, when his company was pinned down by machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant Danato, weapons platoon sergeant, took command of a machine gun squad and placed the gun in an exposed position. Directing machine gun fire, he neutralized an enemy emplacement, enabling the company to continue its advance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Robert J. McCarthy, 36288693, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Schillersdorf, France, Corporal McCarthy made repeated trips through sniper and machine gun fire to bring much needed ammunition to his machine gun platoon. On the return trips he assisted in the evacuation of wounded to the aid station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Superior, Wisconsin.

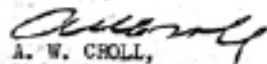
Private First Class Donald R. McCaa, 13122477, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 April 1945 near Schlattstall, Germany, when his platoon was halted by machine gun, small arms and bazooka fire from well dug in positions, Private McCaa was wounded. Despite his wound and the heavy enemy fire he killed one of the enemy nearest him and directing the fire of two other men, he pinned the enemy down enabling his platoon to withdraw. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROY S. HENDERSON, 02010657 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 January to 31 January 1945, near Rothbach, France, LIEUTENANT HENDERSON maintained a heavy machine gun position only three hundred yards from the enemy. Although his position was constantly subjected to sniper and automatic weapons, mortar and artillery fire, and suffered several direct hits, he remained and frustrated all enemy attempts to penetrate our main line of resistance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Placentia, California.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. II

I - AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES C. O'BRIEN, O1480283, Field Artillery, Headquarters 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONOE R. CRAIG, O1177751, Field Artillery, Headquarters 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Meadville, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. SPANGLER, O355398, Field Artillery, Headquarters 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Dixon, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Lawrence E. McDonald, 38424312, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 15 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Kalso C. Thompson, 38469730, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 10 March 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: McAlester, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Byron Powers, 34426793, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 10 November 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Coldwater, Mississippi.

Sergeant William F. Farrs, 32390110, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Dennis C. Scruggs, Jr., 34592042, Infantry, Service Company, 11th Infantry Regiment, from 18 to 22 March 1945, in Germany. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Staff Sergeant Richard E. Pearson, 35796087, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Piqua, Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK R. DUNHAMCO, 01306076, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Denton, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. HENSON, JR., 0526864, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 February 1945, in France. Residence: Monroe, Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JERRY L. SMITH, 01322967, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLIFFORD H. FORD, 0521821, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 20 January to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fountain City, Tennessee.

CAPTAIN HORACE A. MILLER, 01284367, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Francisco, California.

CAPTAIN JACK V. BAILEY, 01295331, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

MAJOR ALFRED J. TORLANCE, 01296118, (then CAPTAIN), Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Easton, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN NATHANIEL S. DOBOS, JR., 0302765, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 15 March to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Orinda, California.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN E. PARKER, 01171710, Field Artillery, Headquarters 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New York, New York.

MAJOR THOMAS H. STILLWELL, 0454944, Field Artillery, Headquarters 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Texarkana, Texas.

Master Sergeant John H. McClean, 33025960, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Albert L. Gray, 37068567, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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First Sergeant Raphael A. Yingling, 33448987, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 15 March to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Washington, D. C.

First Sergeant Edward J. Copeland, 6274906, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Sibley, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Charles J. Haribut, 36713253, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Allen F. Shive, 34591996, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Salisbury, North Carolina.

Sergeant Robert F. Erickson, Jr., 37445815, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Walter Haki, 37327476, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Evoloth, Minnesota.

Master Sergeant Joseph J. Petrasch, 32339491, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Summit Hill, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Vincent J. Pollegriano, 32700187, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Ozone Park, New York.

First Sergeant George H. Sundquist, 39301971, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Omas, Washington.

Corporal George J. Nowicki, 32698496, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: College Point, New York.

Technical Sergeant William J. Moser, 36112466, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 12 March to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Leo P. Pinzel, 37089864, Field Artillery, Company "F", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Dubuque, Iowa.

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Technical Sergeant Robert N. Lennstrom, 32698794, Field Artillery, Headquarters 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 1 January to 7 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Long Island, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL PAIS, 01012928, Cavalry, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion, from 11 December 1944 to 10 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Elyria, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Winston R. Saitor, 31256783, Armored, Headquarters 781st Tank Battalion, from 8 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Rutland, Vermont.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL W. SHARTEL, 01015167, Infantry, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion, from 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Winnetka, Kansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOE W. HILL, 01326205, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDGAR A. HARRISON, 0526277, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Lawrence, Kansas.

CAPTAIN ROBERT H. KRABER, 01295710, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Delbert R. Butterfus, 36231926, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Warren, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Chester D. Clawson, 37183611, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 11 November 1944 to 16 March 1945, in France. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant Albert E. Serani, 33335533, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FERRY B. RICE, 01038804, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 25 March 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant Roy O. Kelsey, 37247507, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fredonia, Kansas.

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Sergeant Paul E. Oplinger, 33394821, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "F", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Arona, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Raymond D. McMillan, 33213999, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 10 July 1943 to 5 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Martinsville, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Thomas A. Foran, 33395550, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 14 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MAJOR RICHARD H. WEST, 0268909, Field Artillery, Headquarters 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Johnnie B. Adams, 34574169, Infantry, Service Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 19 April to 5 May 1945 in Southern Germany and Western Austria. Residence: Atlanta, Georgia.

First Sergeant Herman E. Scott, 36550428, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Vern A. Grooms, 6216162, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

First Sergeant William E. Moxon, 6251964, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Technical Sergeant John P. Hallenbeck, 37447418, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Leuchs, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Leonard H. Marppinen, 36193849, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chassell, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Leslie E. Berry, 17161937, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

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 individuals:

Private First Class Robert B. Gibbs, 37533323, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action, on 21 January 1945 near

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Schillerdorf, France, Private Gibbs advanced across 200 yards of open terrain in the face of concentrated enemy fire to drive a number of SS troops from an outpost they had captured during an attack. In the process of the attack Private Gibbs was mortally wounded, but he accounted for the killing of several of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Ora P. Gibbs, (Mother), 360 1/2 Thompson Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class Emerson V. Weaver, 35096630, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Private Weaver, aid man, was informed that a wounded man had been left lying on the road when the remainder of the group took cover because of enemy barrages. Without hesitation Private Weaver dashed to the side of the wounded man, dragging him to the protection of a shallow ditch. While administering first aid Private Weaver was struck by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. His outstanding bravery reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Van Buren, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Marguerite Weaver, (Mother), Van Buren, Indiana.

Private First Class Charles T. Zuendel, 34732772, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 26 January 1945, during an attack on Schillerdorf, France, Private Zuendel saw a comrade fall wounded. Disregarding heavy tank and small arms fire, Private Zuendel ran to the side of the wounded man, but in the process of administering aid he was mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Memphis, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara S. Zuendel, (Mother), 1747 Perich Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant Paul B. Birdsong, 34788002, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in action from 26 December 1944 to 22 April 1945 in France and Germany. Sergeant Birdsong, squad leader, displayed high devotion to duty and outstanding leadership in leading his squad in the completion of many hazardous tasks, always with the greatest consideration for his leaders and his men. While accomplishing an extremely hazardous mission he was mortally wounded by a mine explosion. Residence: Miami, Florida. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Birdsong, (Mother), 257 NW 54th Street, Miami, Florida.

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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 Lawrence M. Burnett, 42018452 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 January 1945, near Sessenheim, France, after his squad leader was wounded, Sergeant Burnett reorganized and led the squad in an ordered withdrawal. After obtaining permission from his platoon leader, Sergeant Burnett made his way through automatic weapons and mortar fire in an attempt to locate casualties. Locating a wounded member of his squad, he administered first aid and then carried the casualty to safety. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Warren J. Hanna, 36412840, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945 near Reisdorf, Germany, when the rifle company to which Technician Hanna was attached was pinned down by enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire and communications were out, he returned to obtain a radio. Returning to the company with the radio, he noticed enemy activity to his left front. Setting up his radio in an exposed position, he disregarded the fire and directed fire missions into the enemy positions, neutralizing their fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Saugatuck, Michigan.

*First Sergeant Benjamin W. Scruggs, 6952758, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the period from 15 to 16 March 1945, Sergeant Scruggs was moving forward when the company came under a barrage of enemy fire. He organized a carrying party of four to resupply the attacking elements with ammunition and led them through a mine field to the supply dump. Later in the day when rations and water were running low, Sergeant Scruggs again organized a carrying party, led them through 1,400 yards of enemy-infested woods, procured the supplies and brought them back to the company. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: East Salinas, California.

CAPTAIN DONALD E. MCSURLEY, 01318685 (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Bierville, France, CAPTAIN MCSURLEY, Regimental Communications Officer, was directed to establish wire communications across the Meurthe River in order that the attack could be coordinated against the enemy. CAPTAIN MCSURLEY, along with two wire teams,

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near Worgl, Austria. Upon arriving in Worgl he contacted by telephone the commander of a small task force protecting the castle from attacking SS Troops and learning that assistance was needed immediately radioed a nearby infantry division for reinforcements. After assuming command and organizing all troops in Worgl against possible attack, he accompanied infantry elements in the relief of the task force. Rapid evacuation was necessary due to the tactical situation and he successfully returned to the Division Command Post with the liberated French officials. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Gerald W. O'Connell, 36286950 (then Staff Sergeant), Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 25 January 1945 when an enemy counterattack forced a platoon to withdraw from Nieffern, France, one of Sergeant O'Connell's squads was isolated. Sergeant O'Connell, disregarding enemy machine gun and artillery fire, crawled and ran through alleys of the town to his men and after organizing them led the squad to our lines. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Leonard L. Jones, 38397493 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 30 January 1945 after one squad of a platoon had entered Nieffern, France, the remaining squads were pinned down by machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Discovering an enemy machine gun that was holding up the advance, he disregarded the enemy fire and led a machine gun squad into a position from which they were able to silence the enemy gun. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Walters, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Frank E. Russell, 33031922, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, near Nieffern, France, Private Russell's platoon was pinned down by machine gun and small arms fire. He crossed the remnants of a blown bridge and exposed himself in order to draw fire, thereby disclosing the enemy positions. His platoon, following closely behind, overran the hostile emplacement. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Forrest W. Artley, 33513362, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 December 1944, near Climbach, France, when three men of the company headquarters, following attacking rifle platoons, were seriously wounded by an artillery and mortar barrage, Private Artley crawled through the intense fire to each man and administered aid. Advancing forward 100 yards, Private Artley crawled from position to position searching for aid men, leading them to the wounded and assisting in the evacuation of the casualties. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class James L. Whitney, 36409675, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 December 1944, near Bobenthal, Germany, while assisting in the preparation of an observation post, Private Whitney received a shrapnel wound in the leg. Refusing to be evacuated, he permitted a medical aid man to treat

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his wound and then returned to his task until the mission was completed. Private Whitney's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Sergeant Arthur M. Tanner, 36342338 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, near Oettingen, France, Company "G", 411th Infantry, crossing high ground, was subjected to mortar, machine gun and small arms fire and was forced to withdraw. Sergeant Tanner, disregarding the intense fire remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Firing rapidly in an effort to disrupt the enemy fire, he remained in a forward position until all the men had withdrawn to safety. Sergeant Tanner's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Henry A. Miesle, 35556671, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 November 1944, near LeCour, France, a heavy enemy barrage and sniper fire inflicted numerous casualties upon the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry. Knowing that the litter bearers were ahead with front line companies, Corporal Miesle hastily organized a litter squad and despite the enemy fire crossed the open terrain on three different occasions, successfully evacuating the wounded. His actions, which saved the lives of many men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fremont, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth E. Boyd, 34464871 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945, in the vicinity of Metzingen, Germany, Sergeant Boyd, Squad Leader, was assigned the mission as part of a task force to check enemy activities in a nearby enemy-held town. Approaching the town in the lead vehicle Sergeant Boyd encountered intense enemy fire. Ordering his vehicle to cover he dispersed his men and went forward on a foot reconnaissance to determine the strength of the enemy. Ascertaining the enemy to be at company strength Sergeant Boyd skillfully made his way under intense fire, contacted his men and moved them to the protection of a building where they could hold off the enemy until further help could be obtained. Running back to a group of tank destroyer guns, he carefully and accurately gave fire directions forcing the enemy to withdraw from the town. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Moresville, North Carolina.

CAPTAIN JAMES O. ELLIS, 0385030, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 December 1944, near Uttenhoffen, France, when a bypassed enemy machine gun inflicted casualties on the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry, and forced the men to disperse, CAPTAIN ELLIS organized an eight-man patrol and led the men in a flanking movement against the position. He halted the patrol and moved forward, alone, to within 25 yards of the emplacement. Then, demanding their surrender, he charged the surprised crew, capturing eight of the enemy. CAPTAIN ELLIS' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Moline, Illinois.

Sergeant Richard M. Solosky, 36860665 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Sergeant Solosky, lead scout, observed a soldier fall wounded as a result of enemy mortar fire. Disregarding

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his personal safety, Sergeant Solosky worked his way forward under intense fire to reach the wounded man. Dressing his wounds, he dragged him to a covered position. When a medical aid man was killed attempting to reach their position, Sergeant Solosky crawled 400 yards to a tank, explained the situation to the driver, led the tank back to the position and evacuated the wounded man. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Midland, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Raymond E. Shore, 6831426, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Sergeant Shore, Intelligence Sergeant, observed that immediate action was imperative when the attacking elements of the battalion were pinned down in its attempt to storm the Siegfried Line. When the forward radio operator had been killed by enemy action, Sergeant Shore crawled to the abandoned radio and issued accurate fire directions to the artillery. His actions enabled the artillery to direct devastating fire on the enemy emplacements thus relieving the pressure on the pinned down infantrymen. Sergeant Shore's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

Private First Class Curtis D. Hopson, 37743120, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the attack on Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, 22 March 1945, the Executive Officer was seriously wounded. Private Hopson, acting squad leader in the light machine gun section, upon his own volition and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crept and crawled 75 yards to the side of the stricken officer, heedlessly throughout the intense enemy fire. After administering first aid he successfully assisted the wounded officer to a position where the officer was removed to the aid station. Private Hopson's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class Edward W. Karkut, 36712637, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. Company "G", 411th Infantry, on 22 March 1945, attacking near Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, into the defenses of the Siegfried Line, was pinned down for two hours by enemy mortar, automatic weapons and machine gun cross fire. A member of a machine gun section was wounded during a withdrawal for reorganization. Private Karkut, on his own initiative, crept and crawled through the rubble of fallen trees and barbed wire, amid the cross fire, to his wounded comrade, administered aid and assisted him to safety. Private Karkut's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Clyde R. Manchester, 37090133, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Cyril L. Monte, 37446236 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 January 1945, during an attack on Schillerendorf, France, against enemy shock troops, when enemy machine gun fire seriously wounded a comrade, Sergeant Monte crawled over open ground to the man. After locating the hostile emplacement he dragged

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the casualty 200 yards through the intense fire to the safety of a house. Sergeant Hente then informed his commanding officer of the location of the enemy emplacement, enabling the mortar section to destroy it. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muscatine, Iowa.

Sergeant Sigmund J. Kinder, 32505205 (then Private), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 17 March 1945, near Zinswiller, France, Sergeant Kinder was assisting in unloading ammunition when an artillery and mortar barrage dashed one man and wounded two others. Dashing into the street, he guided the shocked man to a cellar. Then, returning to the wounded man he assisted them to shelter. After administering aid, Sergeant Kinder placed the wounded in his vehicle and drove through the shell fire to the aid station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant William C. Ortagus, 34547524 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of Barr, France, Company "G", was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. Sergeant Ortagus followed his squad in a flanking movement in an attempt to set up a strategic position for firing at the enemy. In the process of the move the squad leader was wounded and assistant squad leader killed. Sergeant Ortagus, realizing that immediate action must be taken, assumed command of the squad and quickly deployed them into firing positions. From his new position Sergeant Ortagus discovered an enemy machine gun emplacement, which he neutralized with rifle and grenade fire, and spotted six enemy tanks approaching. He directed rifle grenade fire against the tanks forcing them to withdraw. Returning to his squad, he rendered first aid to two wounded men while under intense fire and led the remaining men back to the company. Sergeant Ortagus' outstanding valor reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jacksonville, Florida.

First Sergeant William T. Connors, 32341091, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Yonkers, New York.

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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:

Staff Sergeant Jack P. Wilburn, 20831949, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945 after two platoons had entered Bohringen, Germany, the third platoon was subjected to heavy small arms and machine gun fire from the edge of town. Although wounded, Sergeant Wilburn opened fire with his sub-machine gun and knocked out one enemy machine gun. Lying on the ground, he urged his squad to continue and directed its attack on two other machine gun nests, successfully neutralizing them. His actions which prevented the enemy from attacking the rear of the company reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ada, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant James T. Wilson, 36552191, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 December 1944 near Gundersheim, France, Sergeant Wilson and his squad went forward with attacking elements to lay mines. When artillery, mortar and sniper fire were directed upon the crossroads where the mines were to be laid, he had his men dig in. Disregarding the enemy fire, he, alone, proceeded to lay the pattern of mines and returning to the squad placed two bazooka teams to cover the crossroads. Forced to remain in their positions for 12 hours because of enemy fire, they later assisted in the capture of six enemy snipers. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT B. MELTON WRIGHT, 02005992, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945, the First Platoon, Company "G", 411th Infantry, spearheading the attack on Orlingen, France, was suddenly subjected to intense enemy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. Arming himself with a bazooka, LIEUTENANT WRIGHT rose to a standing position and disregarding the intense fire, coolly fired five rounds into the enemy emplacements reducing the enemy fire sufficiently to enable most of his platoon to withdraw. His bazooka ammunition exhausted, LIEUTENANT WRIGHT continued firing with his carbine until the entire platoon withdrew to safety. Only then did he withdraw to join his company. LIEUTENANT WRIGHT's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Austin, Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Everett R. Maribugh, 36412676, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 1 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schillersdorf, France, Company "H", 411th Infantry, came under an intense enemy shelling. Technician Maribugh, aid man, standing in an open courtyard was injured severely along with several other soldiers. Notwithstanding his own wounds, Technician Maribugh rushed to one of the injured men and dragged him to cover. He ran into an adjacent building for his aid kit just as a second shell landed nearby. While working on the wounded man Technician Maribugh collapsed from the pain of his wound. His outstanding devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Harbor Springs, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD V. MEYER, 02011784, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, LIEUTENANT MEYER, leading his platoon in the attack, observed the forward elements of the assault platoon pinned down by enemy fire coming from several well fortified pill boxes. Cognizant that the only means of overcoming the pill box was by direct assault, LIEUTENANT MEYER overwhelmed two of the strongpoints amid a hail of small arms fire, forcing 37 of the enemy to surrender. When a third pill box still offered stiff resistance LIEUTENANT MEYER quickly organized and led a four man patrol to the rear of the fortification, forcing the 10 enemy occupants to surrender. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Edward P. Herdin, Jr., 18073775, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945 near Uhrwiller, France, Company "F" was subjected to intense artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and small arms fire, suffering numerous casualties. Private Herdin on his own initiative carried most of the wounded through the heavy enemy fire to safety. Returning to the platoon and finding it without leadership, he made his way to an adjacent platoon for orders. Receiving instructions, he returned, completely reorganized and deployed the platoon so that the company's line could be held. Although wounded during the attack, he remained until all his orders were properly executed. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: University City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Robert S. Mizell, 18201579, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 22 November 1944 near Marsay, France, when two squads were pinned down by small arms and artillery fire, Sergeant Mizell ran across open terrain to inform the leader of the support squad of the situation. Leading the squad in a flanking movement, he assaulted the hostile position, killing four and capturing 11 of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Earl P. Hale, 18231629, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945 near Ootingen, France, Sergeant Hale, following behind an attacking platoon, observed the men infiltrate through barbed wire entanglements to assault an enemy strongpoint. The enemy allowed them to clear the entanglements and then opened up with an

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intense barrage of mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing that withdrawal was the only solution, Sergeant Hale crawled 75 yards to the barbed wire and, completely exposed to enemy fire, cut a route of escape for the trapped platoon. Sergeant Hale's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Markham, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Robert M. Crum, 12170906, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945 near Outenberg, Germany, when enemy sniper and bazooka fire forced one squad to withdraw, Sergeant Crum held firm and protected the flank of the company by emplacing two BARs and opening fire. Immediately after the company had taken its objective and were reorganizing, it was counterattacked on the flank. Sergeant Crum, seizing one of the BARs, himself, and ordering a gunner to follow, ran through small arms and machine gun fire to put his guns into position, breaking up the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Britain, Connecticut.

Private First Class William R. Wright, 37475388, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, when Company "L", 410th Infantry, attacking the enemy in Gumbrechtshoffen, France, was stopped by a blown bridge which was covered by artillery fire, Private Wright secured several boards and planks from nearby wreckage and constructed a foot-bridge. Although now subjected to small arms fire from the enemy near the opposite bank, he completed the bridge and then led the assault across the river. Private Wright's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Burwell, Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES V. LAURO, 01691704, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, (then Company "D"), 8yd Chemical Mortar Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 16 October 1944, near Jussarupt, France, when a call was received for a forward observer from advanced infantry elements, LIEUTENANT LAURO made his way forward in the face of enemy 170 millimeter and mortar fire. Upon reaching the infantry observation post, the enemy simultaneously launched a counterattack supported by tanks and self-propelled weapons. Borrowing a radio, he crawled several hundred yards to an isolated company under heavy enemy fire and directed mortar fire to within 200 yards of his own position. Heavy pressure forced the withdrawal of infantry units and he again exposed himself to bring direct fire upon the enemy, knocking out one tank and forcing two others to withdraw. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ozone Park, New York.

Private First Class Edwin A. Brown, 20756529, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 January 1945 near Sessenheim, France, when enemy tank fire disorganized his heavy machine gun squad and killed his squad leader, Private Brown, despite the intense fire, took command and reorganized the squad. Observing a hostile counterattack, he assisted in setting up his machine gun and directed accurate fire into the enemy. Although wounded in the hand by shrapnel, he remained at his gun for three hours until riflemen successfully drove the enemy back. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mariana, Arkansas.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNON E. DAVIS, O1323670, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, LIEUTENANT DAVIS leading a small group fought his way into Erkenbrechtswiller, Germany, after a rifle company had been surrounded there. Refusing a demand of surrender he exposed himself to enemy fire placing his men in strategic positions. Locating the area in which the enemy was forming for the attack he disregarded mortar and artillery fire and ran to the artillery observer pointing out the exact location of the attacking enemy. The resultant artillery fire aided in breaking up the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Roxana, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade Wesley J. Brookhouse, 36716268, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, while delivering fire missions on machine gun positions in Erkenbrechtswiller, Germany, enemy pressure forced the entire observation post group to take cover. Although machine gun fire forced him to the ground and mortar shells dropped nearby, Technician Brookhouse remained exposed operating his radio. His actions which enabled our artillery to silence the machine gun emplacements reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Oak Park, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONN RUOTOLO, O547923, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, near Hornu, Germany, when the advance of the Third Battalion, 41th Infantry, was halted by enemy small arms, sniper and machine gun fire, LIEUTENANT RUOTOLO crawled forward 150 yards to a position from which to direct artillery fire into the enemy positions. Remaining exposed and disregarding the enemy fire, he directed accurate fire forcing the enemy to withdraw. His actions which permitted the battalion to continue its advance reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

Sergeant Anthony W. Haglund, 32698443, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Eisenheim, Germany, Sergeant Haglund using his tank destroyer to draw enemy fire in order to ascertain the source for advancing infantry elements moved his vehicle into the open, immediately drawing a barrage of enemy machine gun and self-propelled weapon fire. Without hesitation he opened fire with his 76 millimeter gun and fired 11 rounds directly into the enemy strongpoint. Investigation showed that Sergeant Haglund had destroyed three enemy machine gun nests and had crippled a self-propelled gun. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD E. PAULSON, O545592, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945, given the mission of taking prisoners near Kerbach, France, LIEUTENANT PAULSON led his platoon to within 300 yards of the enemy. Then leading his assault group forward, he deployed his men, caught the enemy by surprise and neutralized a hostile automatic weapon. By careful maneuvering during a 30-minute fire fight, LIEUTENANT PAULSON and his men captured several

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of the enemy, inflicted numerous casualties and safely withdrew under the fire of his covering force. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Private First Class Estel D. Combs, 37250409, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 14 December 1944, near Pfaffensbrunn, France, after a temporary motor pool had been established near a road block, the enemy attacked under cover of darkness. Private Combs, disregarding small arms and machine gun fire, secured a bazooka and moved forward toward the enemy. Spotting a muzzle flash from an enemy machine gun, he fired his bazooka into the emplacement, killing one of the enemy crew and forcing the remainder to withdraw. Pursuing the enemy, he personally captured four of them. Private Combs' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Market, Iowa.

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

Private First Class William M. Worcester, 38026690, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 22 April 1945, Private Worcester, despite intense machine gun and anti-tank gun fire, drove forward, leading a motorized point of a battalion attack on Munsingen, Germany. Assisting an officer to locate enemy positions, he continued on until the vehicle was struck by a direct hit from an anti-tank gun. Private Worcester's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Weatherford, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Juanita F. Worcester, (Wife), 148 North Main Street, Weatherford, Texas.

III - 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:

Private First Class Robert J. Meier, 35794870, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, the Second Battalion, 410th Infantry, was pinned down by artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private Meier moved forward over 800 yards of open terrain in the face of the heavy enemy fire, and firing his BAR silenced two enemy machine gun emplacements. In the process of the attack Private Meier was mortally wounded. His actions which enabled the battalion to accomplish its mission reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hamilton, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Meier, (Mother), 120 Garfield, Hamilton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant James J. Taylor, 32921947, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near Engwiller, France, Sergeant Taylor's platoon spearheading the attack of the battalion came under heavy fire while crossing an open field. Disregarding the enemy fire, he remained in an exposed position directing all his men to cover. While attempting to reach cover himself, after all the men reached safety, Sergeant Taylor

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was mortally wounded by machine gun fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Irvington, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Taylor, (Mother), 2 Chapman Place, Irvington, New Jersey.

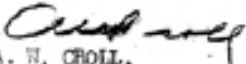
CAPTAIN HARRY T. WISE, JR., O1296136, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 20 January 1945, near Seckenheim, France, when a withdrawal was ordered, CAPTAIN WISE, assuming command of the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry, moved through intense mortar and artillery fire contacting all commanders in the battalion zone. After orienting each unit on the route of withdrawal, CAPTAIN WISE led the battalion to new defensive positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby S. Wise, (Mother), 309 W. Greenwood Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

Private First Class Sammy P. Schiaglione, 36550042, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Perbach, France, attacking elements came under a terrific barrage of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire inflicting severe casualties. Private Schiaglione, aid man, with complete disregard for his own safety rushed into the fire-swept terrain to administer first aid to the wounded. Completely oblivious of the intense fire that raked the area he coolly and efficiently tended the wounded men until he fell mortally wounded. Private Schiaglione's outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Schiaglione, (Mother), 7843 Durand, Detroit, Michigan.

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

Sergeant Thomas J. Gaidos, 36712779, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, near Mulhausen, France, when the Communications Officer was wounded and intense mortar fire knocked out a wire line from the Observation Post to the Battalion Command Post, Sergeant Gaidos, wire chief, took charge of the platoon. Passing through a mine field, Sergeant Gaidos repaired the line under enemy fire and returned to the Observation Post where he resumed direction of the communications personnel to maintain communications with the forward elements and also with Regiment. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Joseph Zannarelli, 31470165 (then Private), Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 25 January 1945, an attack by SS troops forced Company "I" to withdraw from Nieffern, France, and enemy machine gun fire cut off the route of escape of Private Zannarelli and two comrades. Disregarding mortar and small arms fire, Private Zannarelli crawled forward 100 yards and destroyed the enemy emplacement by well placed hand grenades. His actions which assured the successful withdrawal of the main body reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Providence, Rhode Island.

Private First Class Edgar S. Martin, 34290652, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 April 1945, Company "G", 410th Infantry was surrounded near Erkenbrechtweiler, Germany, with one squad isolated and a wounded man who needed immediate medical attention. Private Martin voluntarily ran and crawled four hundred yards through small arms and machine gun fire to reach the casualty's side. Still under the heavy fire he administered aid to the wounded man. His actions in saving the life of a comrade reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: De Ridder, Louisiana.

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Technical Sergeant Guthrie J. Shaffer, 37440218 (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 January 1945, near Nieffern, France, when heavy enemy pressure forced the withdrawal of our main body of troops, Sergeant Shaffer remained behind with his machine gun squad, covering the withdrawal. Moving from gun to gun and disregarding enemy small arms fire he continued to effectively fire upon the enemy. He remained in his position for 24 hours giving protecting fire and holding off the enemy until the order was given for his section to withdraw to our main defense line. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Arlington, Iowa.

Technician Fifth Grade William E. Forsyth, 36412346, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 27 January 1945, during a night raid on Bischholtz, France, when the patrol ran into stiff enemy resistance, Technician Forsyth rediced for additional artillery fire to prevent the enemy from reinforcing his outposts. Crawling through enemy machine gun and small arms fire, he returned 700 yards to our main line of resistance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Flushing, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Lewis C. Korody, 36714501, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 January 1945, when Company "K", 410th Infantry withdrew after a raid on Nieffern, France, Sergeant Korody saw a wounded man lying 500 yards distant in an exposed position. Disregarding enemy small arms and self propelled weapons fire he made his way over the exposed terrain and after administering aid, improvised a sled and pulled the casualty to safety. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Aurora, Illinois.

First Sergeant Audrey R. Walters, 6289961, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, near Uhrwiller, France, Company "I", with attached machine gun squads, coordinating an attack with an adjacent company, was passing through mine fields when the machine gun crew lost contact due to a smoke screen. Sergeant Walters disregarding the danger of mines reconnoitered the area and successfully reestablished contact. When the smoke cleared the enemy directed artillery fire into the rear of the column, at which time Sergeant Walters immediately directed the troops to safety. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Houston, Texas.

Sergeant Nick Fograich, 36550473 (then Private-First Class), Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 17 January 1945, near Seckenheim, France, when the advance of Company "A", 410th Infantry was halted by fire from enemy tanks and artillery, Sergeant Fograich's machine gun squad moved forward to support it. When his squad leader was wounded Sergeant Fograich immediately took command and disregarding the enemy fire, set up his machine gun and began firing, although wounded, he remained at his post until the situation was under control. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Monroe, Michigan.

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Private First Class Charles O. Reynolds, 33621404 (then Private), Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 25 January 1945, attacking SS troops forced Company "I", 410th Infantry to withdraw from Niefern, France, leaving Private Reynolds and two comrades isolated. When one of his comrades was wounded, Private Reynolds picked him up and carried him 400 yards through intense small arms and mortar fire to safety. His actions in saving the casualty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Arlington, Virginia.

Private First Class Robert W. Taylor, 38513377, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, during an advance near Offwiller, France, Private Taylor, lead scout, observing dug-in enemy positions, halted the company and ordered the men to cover. Although wounded by hostile fire, he made his way back, informing the company commander of the situation, and then assisted in directing our artillery fire on the emplacements. Private Taylor's actions, which enabled the company to continue its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hamilton, Texas.

Private First Class Charles S. Hall, 38716410, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 April 1945, in the vicinity of Munsingen, Germany, Private Hall accompanied a reconnaissance patrol forward to contact an adjacent unit. On the approach of a nearby village the patrol was cut off by enemy patrols. Displaying sound judgment and alertness, Private Hall jumped from the lead vehicle and engaged the enemy in a fire fight until the vehicles had an opportunity to turn around and escape. He fired his last round of ammunition, jumped on the last vehicle to leave town thereby saving the entire group from capture or annihilation. Private Hall's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS E. ORTO, 0491197, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 during an attack near Offwiller, France, LIEUTENANT ORTO advanced with the lead company, reconnoitering for positions for his supporting heavy weapons platoon. Each time the riflemen advanced, he moved forward selecting new positions in order to give immediate support. When his platoon received a heavy concentration of artillery fire, resulting in casualties and disorganization, he left his covered position despite the intense fire, reorganized his group and displaced forward in continuous support of attacking infantry. LIEUTENANT ORTO's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Evansville, Indiana.

Private First Class Albert E. Frey, 36643432, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945, when the enemy made a counterattack in Erkenbrechtweiler, Germany, Private Frey manned his heavy machine gun. Although thrown to the ground and painfully wounded, he returned to his gun and delivered fire on the enemy until the companies withdrew into town. Sent back to the battalion aid station, he had his wound dressed and then, refusing evacuation, returned to his platoon. Private Frey's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH L. KEOUGH, 01308238, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, near Howarth, France, Company "I", 410th Infantry was subjected to artillery and small arms fire during an attack, inflicting casualties, and forcing the company to withdraw. Organizing a rescue party, LIEUTENANT KEOUGH improvised litters and led the group through the artillery fire to the wounded men, evacuating them to safety. Discovering one man still missing, he once more entered the area and, although finding the soldier dead, carried him 600 yards to the edge of a woods. LIEUTENANT KEOUGH's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newton, Massachusetts.

Private First Class John W. Ervin, 17116541, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder-Schlettenbach, Germany, Private Ervin observed several of his comrades fall wounded as the result of enemy fire. Rushing forward, he removed the aid packets from some of his dead comrades and brought them back for aid men to use on the many wounded. He once again braved enemy fire when the need for water became critical and brought back a sufficient supply to ease the wounded. Private Ervin's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: McCook, Nebraska.

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

Private First Class Emmett W. Fontaine, 14115903, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder-Schlettenbach, Germany, Private Fontaine, messenger, observed several wounded comrades lying in open terrain under enemy fire. Without hesitation he dashed to the aid of the men. Realizing the necessity for immediate evacuation, he picked up one of the wounded and carried him to safety. Quickly organizing a litter team, he supervised and helped in carrying the wounded. In the process of a trip, one of his companions was killed by the severity of the fire and several others wounded. Despite the extreme dangers that confronted him, Private Fontaine completed his mission. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Martinsville, Virginia.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) HOWARD M. KINLAW, 0545367, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 April 1945 near Munsingen, Germany, three men in the point of a battal attack were wounded and brought back to the rear of the column where CHAPLAIN KINLAW assisted in rendering medical aid. When approximately 100 of the enemy suddenly attacked the flank of the column, CHAPLAIN KINLAW, shouting a warning began moving the wounded into a shallow ditch beside the road and, remaining exposed through the fire fight, continued rendering aid to the wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: North, South Carolina.

Sergeant Louis I. Gare, 12135677, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945 near Neuffen, Germany, when the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry was halted by automatic weapons

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fire, the vehicle containing the communication radio was abandoned. Sergeant Gare, Assistant Squad Leader, realizing that if the vehicle were destroyed, the battalion would be without contact and ignoring the intense fire, turned the vehicle around and drove it to a covered position, despite the fact the vehicle had been hit several times. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

Technician Third Grade Marvin J. Gaebe, 39160093 (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, near Bobenthal, Germany, elements of Company "M", to which Technician Gaebe was attached as aid man, were advancing from the cover of woods to a trench in an exposed clearing when they were met by intense enemy fire. Seeing one of the leading riflemen hit, Technician Gaebe, cognizant of the severity of the wound and possibility of further wounds, left the trench and crawled 40 yards to the injured soldier where he administered first aid and evacuated the wounded man to cover at the rear of the column. He then recrossed the area covered by enemy fire and rejoined his platoon. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Santa Barbara, California.

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

MAJOR OSBORN COOPER, 01299996, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 April 1945, near Pfullingen, Germany, when his battalion, advancing through a valley, was stopped by a road-block and forced to seek cover from intense small arms and automatic weapons fire. MAJOR COOPER moved up and down the column, directing the emplacement of supporting weapons. Ordering smoke to be placed on the enemy positions to screen the troops, he moved to the head of the column and led the battalion through the valley, bypassing the enemy positions, and continued the advance. MAJOR COOPER's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ronan, Montana.

IV -- 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 individuals:

Private First Class Charles E. Jarrett, 33533644, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945 in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Private Jarrett crawled 45 yards to a strategic position in order to direct fire from a friendly tank on an enemy strongpoint. Effective fire through the efficient directions of Private Jarrett resulted in the neutralization of a hostile emplacement. On his return to cover, Private Jarrett was struck by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bassett, Virginia. Next of kin: Mrs. Della M. Jarrett (mother), Bassett, Virginia.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT LEONARD R. DEMMER, O1314602, Infantry, Cannon Company, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the crossing of the Meurthe River near Saulcy, France, on 22 November 1944, a foot bridge was the only means of crossing the narrow but swift stream. One rifle company had effected a crossing when bypassed enemy positions on the far side of the stream opened fire on the unit preparing to cross. LIEUTENANT DEMMER, Executive Officer, having emplaced his guns to support the crossing, called for and registered cannon fire on the position holding up the advance. Due to his courageous action in the face of intense enemy fire and by deliberately registering fire on enemy positions so close to his own that he was endangered by his own shell bursts, LIEUTENANT DEMMER neutralized an enemy strong point holding up the advance of the Regiment and contributed materially to the success of the operation. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Niles, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Sylvia E. Demmer (Wife), 7009 Milwaukee, Niles, Illinois.

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1 -- 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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT ARTHUR H. SLOGGATT, O1019347, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, near Hefferried, Germany, when a combat team met heavy small arms fire and fire from a self-propelled weapon, LIEUTENANT SLOGGATT dismounted from his lead tank. Advancing forward on foot and disregarding the enemy fire, he directed the fire of his tanks, successfully reducing the enemy infantry fire, neutralized the self-propelled gun and assisted in the capturing of two battalions of artillery. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Richmond Hill, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEWIS S. ALEXANDER, O1326885 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near Opwiller, France, after LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER's platoon had successfully crossed a mined area, the men were pinned down by small arms, machine gun and artillery fire. Observing an enemy machine gun, LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER crawled forward 300 yards, waded a stream and approached the hostile position. He hurled two grenades into the emplacement and then, firing his carbine, killed two fleeing occupants. LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD E. HOLLEN, O1325293, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945 near Bobenthal, Germany, when a forward rifle company was pinned down by intense machine gun mortar and artillery fire and unable to withdraw, LIEUTENANT HOLLEN, crawled forward of the company with wire and a telephone and directed mortar fire. Despite the intense fire directed on him, he neutralized two machine guns and registered smoke on an observation post, enabling the company to withdraw. Fired on by a machine gun as he assisted a wounded man to withdraw, LIEUTENANT HOLLEN secured an abandoned bazooka, loaded it and, rising to a kneeling position, scored a direct hit on the position. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

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Private First Class Robert L. Worden, 37547289, Awarded, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 2 May 1945, near Scharnitz, Austria, when an infantryman was wounded on the opposite side of the Glessen River, the bridge was out and it was impossible to evacuate him. Private Worden, with one other man, despite small arms and sniper fire and the swift icy current, swam the river to give first aid to the casualty. His actions in saving the life of a comrade reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private Robert R. Jones, 11091046, Service Company, 781st Tank Battalion, For gallantry in action. On 2 May 1945, near Scharnitz, Austria, when an infantryman was wounded on the opposite side of the Glessen River, the bridge was out and it was impossible to evacuate him. Private Jones, with one other man, despite small arms and sniper fire and the swift icy current swam the river to give first aid to the casualty. His actions in saving the life of a comrade reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Somerville, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Victor R. Kostiw, 20624924, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, when a rifle platoon, attacking high ground, was halted by intense enemy automatic weapons fire, Private Kostiw advanced alone carrying his light machine gun 500 yards through the intense fire. Entering a dugout, he captured eight of the enemy and a machine gun, enabling the platoon to continue its advance. Private Kostiw's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WALTER E. KUNZE, JR., 01328049, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near Muhlhausen, France, when forward elements of Company "A", 411th Infantry, were pinned down by machine gun and sniper fire, they were subjected to an artillery and mortar barrage which inflicted numerous casualties. LIEUTENANT KUNZE began crawling forward toward an enemy machine gun emplacement, stopping momentarily to fire his sub-machine gun. Crawling to within 25 yards of the emplacement he destroyed the gun with hand grenades and then charged the position killing the crew. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

Private First Class James L. Strong, 37645386, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 18 March 1945 near Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, when Company "F", 411th Infantry, was pinned down by intense machine gun fire from several pillboxes, Private Strong armed himself with four grenades and crawled 100 yards to a pillbox. He then exposed himself to the intense fire and throwing one grenade into the aperture, killed one of the enemy and forced two more to surrender. Private Strong's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Knox City, Missouri.

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

Master Sergeant Calvin S. Elliott, 20380906, Armored, Service Company, 781st Tank Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Danville, Virginia.

CAPTAIN ROBERT G. FEATHER, 01155286, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. 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: Benton Harbor, Michigan.

MAJOR WALTER E. WINTER, 023465, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Lancaster, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HENRY C. HALL, 01998121, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 January to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. SCOTT, 0516658, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. 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: Scotia, New York.

MAJOR THOMAS J. BEGAN, 0454884, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. 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: Dallas, Texas.

CAPTAIN ARTHUR C. COUCH, 01172465, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 928th Field Artillery Battalion. 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: St. Louis, Missouri.

CAPTAIN ERNEST H. McILWAIN, JR., 01171672, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Prescott, Arizona.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLYDE E. CURRIE, JR., 01172428, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 April to 5 May 1945, in Germany, and Austria. Residence: Kinsman, Ohio.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL MERLE S. MITCHELL, 0180305, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 November 1944 to 23 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Pontiac, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Fritz, 14128397 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 January 1945, near Rothbach, France, when an order was given for advance troops to withdraw, Sergeant Fritz made his way through small arms and mortar fire to deliver the message. While withdrawing from an advanced position, he crawled to a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position and rendered first aid. He then returned for an aid man and assisted in the evacuation of the casualty. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charleston, South Carolina.

WARRANT OFFICER (JG) EUGENE A. FIOCCHINI, W2124200, United States Army, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. 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: Fortuna, California.

CAPTAIN KENNETH M. BENNETT, 01295983, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. 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: Norwalk, Connecticut.

Private First Class Thomas A. Seeburger, 19119224, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 January 1945, in the vicinity of Forbach, France, Private Seeburger accompanied a 12-man patrol as land scout. Infiltrating a mile behind enemy lines the raiders encountered an enemy mine field. Volunteering to go through the field, Private Seeburger crawled ahead deactivating eight mines as he went along. A short distance into the mine field the group was fired upon by an enemy machine gun wounding a member of the patrol. Private Seeburger immediately went to his aid, took the wounded man's automatic rifle and crawled forward to locate the enemy position. From a strategic point he observed the machine gun nest, opened fire and killed the crew. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Clovis, California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES B. KEEGAN, 01318807, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. 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: Santa Rosa, California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD A. JOHNSON, JR., 01310251, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

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

Private First Class Edward F. Steck, 33704797, Infantry, Company "E", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 December 1944, in the vicinity of Miesheim, France, Private Steck was pinned down when enemy observers spotted his mortar position and opened fire. While his squad withdrew to safety, Private Steck remained in position and despite a serious leg wound, continued to direct fire into the enemy emplacement until the enemy was forced to abandon its gun. Private Steck's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Stanley A. Bennett, 16127209, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bobenthal, Germany, Technician Bennett, radio operator, volunteered to go forward to keep communication lines intact when the severity of enemy fire caused them to be constantly disrupted. Throughout the day Technician Bennett drove along the line of communications repairing and restoring them until seriously wounded by shrapnel. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

CAPTAIN LEO E. BOYLE, 01305287, Infantry, Service Company, 41th Infantry Regiment. 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: Gladwyne, Pennsylvania.

SECOND LIEUTENANT EARL E. PEELER, 02014867 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "A", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 April 1945, in the vicinity of Mader Schlettenbach, Germany, the attacking elements of Company "A" were momentarily stopped by enemy fire, which inflicted many casualties. LIEUTENANT PEELER, selected a group of men and led them boldly up a hill, storming an enemy strongpoint from which fire had been coming. With one bold stroke he assaulted the pill box and silenced it. LIEUTENANT PEELER's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Conover, North Carolina.

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

Private First Class Louis B. Richardt, 35723175, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Evansville, Indiana.

Technician Third Grade Chris S. Meeuwenberg, 36410955, Medical Department, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion, Austria, 28 May 1945. Residence: Fremont, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald I. Clodfelter, 15312718, Medical Department, Company "E", 328th Medical Battalion, Austria, 28 May 1945. Residence: Greencastle, Indiana.

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 III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private First Class Harold R. Vidson, 36412250, Medical Department,
 Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion, Austria, 23 May 1945. Residence:
 Grand Rapids, Michigan.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of Section II,
 General Orders No. 15, this Headquarters, dated 29 May 1945, as pertains to
 award of Bronze Star Medal to SECOND LIEUTENANT EUGENE COLEMAN, 02011581, In-
 fantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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