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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 individual:

SECOND LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE O. THOMAS, O2000677, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 December 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, a patrol led by LIEUTENANT THOMAS, was fired upon by enemy riflemen from a well dug in position. LIEUTENANT THOMAS crawled forward alone, threw a hand grenade, wounding one of the enemy and forcing two others to surrender. Deploying a newly arrived squad, he led them forward in an attack routing approximately 30 enemy troops. Returning to his company which was now under enemy mortar and artillery fire, he led a platoon, in the face of continuous enemy fire, capturing a hostile observation post thereby securing a safe route for his battalion. LIEUTENANT THOMAS' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tucumcari, New Mexico.

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:

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Quick, 37244821, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 December 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, Company "G" suffered heavy casualties from constant enemy counterattacks and intense automatic weapon, grenade and mortar fire. Sergeant Quick, after his entire squad had become casualties, remained alone in his forward position and single-handedly repulsed several enemy attempts to infiltrate. Half an hour later, when seven men, remnants of one platoon, reached his position, he organized and deployed the group and continued the stubborn resistance until relieved by another company. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Charles E. Wells, 37246353, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 19 January 1945, strong enemy pressure forced Sergeant Wells' platoon to withdraw over a kilometer of open ground. Dis-

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regarding enemy machine gun and 20 millimeter automatic weapon fire, Sergeant Wells remained alone in an exposed position covering their withdrawal with his rifle. When all his men reached safety, he moved slowly back, protecting the rear of his platoon from any possible enemy infiltration. Sergeant Wells' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hutchinson, Kansas.

Private First Class Jack D. Hamrick, 14188260, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 20 February 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, fire from an enemy machine gun pinned our troops to their foxholes. Private Hamrick, machine gunner, after locating the hostile emplacement, was unable to bring effective fire upon it, whereupon he deliberately left his foxhole and dashed 40 yards over open terrain to man another machine gun. Disregarding the enemy fire now directed upon him, he engaged the enemy and succeeded in knocking out the hostile gun and killing the crew. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Shelby, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOE D. MURPHY, JR., 0544599, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 December 1944, a small force, commanded by LIEUTENANT MURPHY, assigned the mission of securing ground surrounding captured pillboxes near * * *, Germany, suffered numerous casualties and were forced to withdraw to alternate positions by a fierce enemy counterattack. Two messengers sent by LIEUTENANT MURPHY to summon aid were delayed for several hours by hostile fire. Although intense enemy mortar barrages and sniper fire had further depleted his group, he reorganized his men and stubbornly held the positions, thereby protecting the regiment's left flank. His action reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Halifax, Virginia.

III -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

Master Sergeant Roy E. Brown, 6535294, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 6 February to 20 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

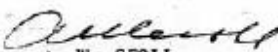
IV -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Sam H. Kanlet, 37701549, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Denver, Colorado.

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- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION I
- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL II
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL III
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL IV

I -- 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 Allen G. Thurman, 37672297, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 18 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, Germany, Private Thurman, automatic rifleman, after several of his comrades became casualties, remained alone in a forward position, repulsing numerous enemy attempts to infiltrate. After exhausting his ammunition in repulsing a heavy counterattack, Private Thurman discovered an enemy crew firing anti-tank grenades into his company area causing heavy casualties. Discarding mortar, artillery, and grenade barrages, he ran 25 yards, picked up a wounded man's rifle and ammunition and with direct and accurate fire succeeded in neutralizing the hostile position. Private Thurman's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Next of kin: Mr. Allen G. Thurman, (Father), 1948 First Avenue, NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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

Staff Sergeant Everett C. McCall, 37447665, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism displayed on 23 December 1944, * * *, France. Sergeant McCall was informed that a flaming truck, which had been halted within 200 yards of the regimental command post, contained one and one half tons of high explosives. Realizing the imminent danger of an explosion, he summoned his platoon and directed them to throw snow and dirt on the burning side of the truck. He then fearlessly climbed into the rear of the truck and unloaded the burning explosive containers, as well as a burning five gallon can of gasoline. The burning containers were extinguished a safe distance away. Sergeant McCall's actions, which prevented a disaster and saved a valuable truck, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

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

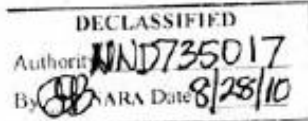
Private First Class Leander A. Spaeth, 37326658, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 February 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Spaeth's comrades had completed loading a truck with ammunition and mines when a concentration of enemy mortar fire fell in the area, scoring a direct hit on the rear of the vehicle. Realizing the disaster that would soon follow, Private Spaeth, heedless of cries of warning, attempted to smother the flames and save the truck. Private Spaeth fought the fire until flames swept over the ammunition and he was forced to take cover from the resulting explosion. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Freeport, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Laverne Carlisle, 38522071, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Carlisle and his squad were pinned down by grazing enemy machine gun fire coming from a building on the company's right flank. Crawling forward to a slight depression, Sergeant Carlisle placed his rifle fire into the doors and windows of the house, preventing the enemy from firing on the remainder of the company. The company began to withdraw, and although the enemy, in an encircling movement, isolated Sergeant Carlisle and his squad, he continued his fire, enabling the company to withdraw successfully. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Mansfield, Louisiana.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RAYMOND D. BARRETT, 0554183, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 8 February 1945 in a night raid on * * *, France, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment was pinned to the ground by automatic weapon fire. Oblivious to the intense enemy fire, LIEUTENANT BARRETT, forward observer, remained in an exposed position, directing devastating artillery fire into the enemy emplacements, enabling the company to accomplish its mission. LIEUTENANT BARRETT's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT OLIVER B. MANNING, 01181028, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 January 1945 in the vicinity of * * *, France, LIEUTENANT MANNING, forward observer with an infantry unit, although ill, requested and received permission to remain at his post. The following morning the enemy launched a counterattack supported by a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire. Unable to obtain necessary observation from his position, LIEUTENANT MANNING crawled forward over exposed terrain, located an advantageous observation post and directed friendly artillery fire, which diverted the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Vance, Mississippi.

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IV -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BRISCOE, O532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 February to 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Decatur, Alabama.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Master Sergeant Roy E. Brown, 6535294, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 February to 1 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

CAPTAIN EUGENE B. JOHNSON, O1174604, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 13 January to 27 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

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