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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

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

Private First Class Aural L. Hileski, 36412063, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Allegan, Michigan.

Private First Class Albert L. Shelby, 35730755, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 22 March 1945. Residence: Marion, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL E. BYRKETT, 01310061, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. HENSON, JR., 0546864, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Residence: Monroe, Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT STANLEY J. SCHLOSSBERG, 01322958, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Carl A. Porter, 36896102, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan.

Private First Class Edwin M. Springett, 36412008, Infantry, Company "H", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: South Haven, Michigan.

Private Vernel A. Cabaniss, 34964799, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: Gastonia, North Carolina.

Private First Class Arnold M. Bernstein, 32981409, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Bronx, New York.

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Private First Class Harold E. Hampton, Jr., 39273562, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Bellflower, California.

Technician Third Grade Earl M. Tiller, 13082908, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: Richmond, Virginia.

Corporal Abraham A. Lederman, 33283087, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McAULIFFE:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,  
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NUMBER - 91)

AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR . . . . . II

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:

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COLONEL CLAUDIUS L. LLOYD, 05796, Infantry, Headquarters, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, COLONEL LLOYD, in command of a tank-infantry task force, was in a forward position observing the progress of his troops when one of the tanks received a direct hit from an enemy anti-tank gun. The surprise caused the occupants of two tanks to dismount and the infantrymen started moving to the rear. Disregarding enemy mortar, artillery and anti-tank fire, COLONEL LLOYD calmly moved forward, directing his force to take proper deployment, and as a result, the enemy anti-tank position was knocked out and the attack moved forward. COLONEL LLOYD's display of outstanding leadership and coolness under fire reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ANDREW G. WAHLQUIST, 0541177, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, during an attack by Company "C" of enemy fortifications near \* \* \*, Germany, an intense concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire pinned our forces to the ground. LIEUTENANT WAHLQUIST, moved among his men, urging them forward, and when the second platoon lost its commander, he took over and organizing both platoons, continued the advance. Personally knocking out an enemy 88 millimeter gun with hand grenades he enabled the entire company to succeed in its mission. LIEUTENANT WAHLQUIST's superb coolness, fearlessness and leadership under fire reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tridell, Utah.

Private First Class Robert Griffith, Jr., 35881998, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, after the First Battalion, 409th Infantry had secured trenches facing enemy pillboxes, Private Griffith located a hostile observation post which was directing mortar and artillery fire into the battalion's area. Private Griffith left the protection of a trench and crept forward alone to eliminate the hostile position. Taking cover numerous times from

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the intense enemy fire, he reached the observation post and destroyed it with a single grenade. Private Griffith's actions, which eliminated a serious threat to our advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Elkatawa, Kentucky.

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN T. PIERCE, O4754, United States Army, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, during an attack on \* \* \*, Germany, GENERAL PIERCE went forward to contact a regimental commander and observe the results of the firing of our heavy artillery. Disregarding enemy sniper fire and artillery bursts landing within 15 yards of his position, GENERAL PIERCE gave counsel and information materially aiding in the capture of the town. The following day, despite harassing sniper activity, he again entered the town to deliver information from the Division Commander which was vital to successful operations to follow. GENERAL PIERCE's coolness and superb leadership under fire reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Manhattan, Kansas.

COLONEL DONOVAN P. YEUELL, O6736, Infantry, Headquarters, 41th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, heavy automatic weapon fire from two bypassed pillboxes threatened the advance of the 41th Infantry and caused numerous casualties. Locating the pillboxes, COLONEL YEUELL left his covered position and disregarding intense enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, ran 100 yards over open terrain to a nearby tank. COLONEL YEUELL then hammered on the hatch of the lead tank with his pistol butt, and after pointing out the position of the two pillboxes remained beside the tank and directed its fire. The pillboxes were knocked out, three of the enemy killed and seven taken captive. COLONEL YEUELL's actions, which enabled his regiment to continue its advance, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Gainesville, Florida.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star is awarded to following named individual:

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 Private First Class Jack Greener, 36449837, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, when a section leader was struck by a sniper's bullet, Private Greener, an aid man, exposed himself to sniper and machine gun fire while giving aid. When another man was wounded and evacuation was imperative, Private Greener again braved enemy fire to assist in carrying the wounded man through a barbed wire entanglement and across a road both covered by enemy machine guns. Private Greener's devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Spring Valley, Illinois.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . III

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:

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*John Schmitt*  
CAPTAIN DON A. HERBERT, 01296372, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Company "A", supported by armor, spearheading the battalion attack, was slowed down by intense enemy machine gun fire from five pillboxes and was immediately subjected to mortar fire. The tanks were unable to provide necessary support due to poor visibility. CAPTAIN HERBERT ran forward, climbed to the top of a tank and directed the gunner's fire with tracer ammunition from a .50 caliber machine gun on the tank turret. After silencing two of the pillboxes, the machine gun jammed, but CAPTAIN HERBERT remained atop the tank directing fire by voice and arm signals. Fire from the remaining pillboxes was sufficiently reduced to enable the assault squads to destroy the emplacements with demolitions. CAPTAIN HERBERT's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hazel Park, Michigan.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK FIRESTONE, 0550046, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany, two men, too severely wounded to be moved, were left on the field within 30 yards of an enemy machine gun when their company was forced to withdraw. CAPTAIN FIRESTONE, 3rd Battalion Surgeon, realizing their precarious position, went to their aid. Although he identified himself to the enemy as a medical officer, he was subjected to intense machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his life, CAPTAIN FIRESTONE, followed by a litter team, crawled 300 yards to the wounded men and, oblivious to the enemy fire, administered plasma, rendered medical aid and supervised their evacuation. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bronx, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. Powaga, Jr., 36548108, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the period 15-16 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, heavy casualties suffered by our troops and our aid men left only Technician Powaga and one other aid man to care for the wounded men of his battalion.

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Exposing himself continuously to the intense enemy machine gun, artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he worked tirelessly and skillfully rendering aid to the wounded and evacuating them. On one occasion he crawled through deadly machine gun cross-fire to treat six wounded men. Later he entered a mine field under enemy fire and ministered to the wounded. When evacuation of the wounded was halted by the severity of the action, he set up a collecting point in captured enemy dugouts and cared for the wounded until they could be evacuated. Technician Powaga's heroism and devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Levy W. Dickerson, 38607483, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, two seriously wounded men were lying less than 40 yards from an enemy machine gun position. Repeated attempts to evacuate the men failed, but Private Dickerson and another litter bearer twice crawled 80 yards under continuous intense fire, administered aid and then rising to a creeping position successfully evacuated the two men. Private Dickerson's devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wilson, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Vincent F. Laura, 19179421 (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, two seriously wounded men were lying less than 40 yards from an enemy machine gun position. Repeated attempts to evacuate the men failed, but Technician Laura and another litter bearer twice crawled 80 yards under continuous intense fire, administered aid and then rising to a creeping position successfully evacuated the two men. Technician Laura's devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Technical Sergeant John A. Vormehr, 37400432, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, Germany, an assault team led by Sergeant Vormehr was halted by intense fire from an enemy pillbox. Ordering his men to take cover, and disregarding fire from a second emplacement, Sergeant Vormehr crawled forward and threw two grenades into the embrasure of the pillbox. The grenades wounded two of the enemy, stunned six and forced them to close the embrasures, permitting a demolition crew to blow the door from the pillbox, resulting in the capture of the occupants. Sergeant Vormehr's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Le May, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Willie J. Norman, 18214548, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945 near \* \* \*, France, as Company "E" was neutralizing opposition which had temporarily halted its advance, Sergeant Norman located a hostile machine gun 500 yards behind the enemy line. Infiltrating his squad through the first line of enemy positions, he led his men through waist deep water and up a steep wooded slope, and in a swift assault neutralized the enemy position, taking

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seven prisoners. Although still behind enemy lines he withdrew to higher ground, deployed his squad, and for four hours successfully held his position against enemy attack. Sergeant Norman's actions, which secured a route of advance for his battalion, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Melvin, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman H. Berges, 37674589, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, the First Battalion, 411th Infantry was pinned down by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, suffering numerous casualties. Technician Berges, medical aid man attached to Company "D", made his way through the enemy fire, administering aid to the wounded. As other aid men became casualties, Technician Berges labored unceasingly, using captured enemy bunkers as emergency aid stations, and at times resorting to captured medical supplies to treat the wounded. Unmindful of enemy mine fields, he continued his work until all battalion casualties had been cleared from the battlefield. Technician Berges' resourcefulness and devotion to duty in saving the lives of numerous men reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Private First Class Herbert H. Brown, 36548725, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment attacking well entrenched enemy positions suffered several casualties from hostile machine gun and sniper fire. Private Brown, without hesitation, made his way through the enemy fire, and although each movement on his part brought direct fire upon him, he succeeded in reaching each of the wounded men, rendering efficient first aid. As soon as the enemy fire slackened, he returned and led a litter team to evacuate the wounded. Private Brown's actions, which resulted in the saving the lives of five men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Northville, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT THEODORE B. FORD, III, 0547992, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, after Company "L" had cleared a portion of \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT FORD was reconnoitering for a position to set up a road block when he observed an enemy self propelled weapon, preceded by two infantrymen, backing out of town and firing at our troops. LIEUTENANT FORD, without hesitation moved forward, capturing the two enemy infantrymen. Continuing on, he ran to close range, where machine gun fire from the self propelled weapon could not be brought to bear upon him. Despite pistol fire from the gun commander, LIEUTENANT FORD dropped a grenade into the open turret of the enemy weapon, knocking it out, killing one of the crew and putting two others to flight. LIEUTENANT FORD's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Monticello, Mississippi.

Private First Class John B. Elkmann, 32970817, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire pinned

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Company "C" to the ground and wounded all of the platoon and company messengers. When the company's radios failed to operate, Private Elkmann volunteered to act as a runner in order to maintain communications between the elements of the company. On six occasions, with utter disregard of his life, he crossed more than 300 yards of exposed terrain, in the face of the severe enemy fire, maintaining communications. His devotion to duty and his valorous actions enabled the company to coordinate its attack and accomplish its mission and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York.

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

Private Clyde E. Sprouse, 35072597, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Glenville, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Clifford E. Maxfield, 36288957, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Spring Valley, Wisconsin.

First Sergeant Paul J. Sabato, 13026650, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Carter H. Waters, 36720185, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Elvan F. Rosenberg, 37750582, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Naponee, Nebraska.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SEYMOUR B. SATTERWHITE, 0301720, Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Roxboro, North Carolina.

SECOND LIEUTENANT PERIAN C. CARPENTER, 01317487, Infantry, Company "E", (then Company "A"), 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Canton, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Lewis T. Jones, 36174496, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

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

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SECOND LIEUTENANT ALEX ARDREY, O2C07177, Infantry, Company "F", 41th  
Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Dennison, Texas.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . II

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:

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth E. Thorn, 37244209, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Company "D", 410th Infantry was subjected to a barrage of artillery and mortar fire. Two men were seriously wounded and were lying in an exposed position. Technician Thorn, aid man, despite the concentration of fire, crawled to their aid. Small arms, artillery, mortar and tank fire threatened his life, but realizing that evacuation was necessary if the two men were to be saved, Technician Thorn boldly rose to his feet and carried the men to safety. His extraordinary devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Unionville, Missouri.

Private First Class George E. Widner, 37539010, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Widner left his covered position, crossed the fire swept terrain, and in full view of the enemy dismounted a .50 caliber machine gun from a vehicle. Obtaining a ground mount for the machine gun from the same vehicle, he set up his gun and provided covering fire for the group. Private Widner's actions, which materially assisted the safe withdrawal of personnel and vehicles, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Topeka, Kansas.

MAJOR WALTER E. WINTER, 023465, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. MAJOR WINTER, disregarding the enemy fire, traversed 300 yards of open terrain, reached an exposed vehicle, and although the vehicle was twice hit by mortar and machine gun fire, successfully backed it 500 yards to a place of safety. Securing a radio, MAJOR WINTER then returned to an observation point and directed artillery fire into the enemy positions, which enabled the party to withdraw

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without casualties. MAJOR WINTER's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lancaster, New York.

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

Private First Class Edward Smith, 38473551, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Smith, without hesitation, ran across the fire swept terrain to a truck, and despite the enemy fire falling around him, succeeded in backing the vehicle 500 yards to a concealed position. Private Smith's actions, in saving a valuable truck, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Diboll, Texas.

Private Lewis E. Jossey, 20427516, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Jossey, without hesitation, ran across the fire swept terrain to his vehicle, and despite the enemy fire falling around him, succeeded in backing the vehicle 500 yards to a concealed position. Private Jossey's actions, which materially assisted in the safe withdrawal of personnel and saved a valuable truck, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Starkville, Mississippi.

Technical Sergeant Luke A. McMurray, 36412388, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Sergeant McMurray ran and crawled 250 yards across the fire swept terrain to his battalion commander to receive instructions. After obtaining orders, he recrossed the open ground, supervised the setting up of a machine gun and directed its fire, while two vehicles were withdrawn. Sergeant McMurray's actions, which materially assisted the safe withdrawal of the party, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Flint, Michigan.

Private Vincent A. Carr, 36553804, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Carr, a member of a section sent forward to relieve the reconnaissance party, on three occasions deliberately exposed himself to draw enemy fire, in order for his comrades to determine the exact location of the enemy. Private Carr's actions, a source

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of inspiration to those about him, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Evanston, Illinois.

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I -- 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 individual:

Private Leo J. Banach, 36287901, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 27 January 1945, in \* \* \*, France, sporadic enemy artillery and mortar fire forced a rifle platoon to seek shelter in a house. Unable to locate the position of the enemy guns, Private Banach, on his own initiative, went outside to observe the hostile fire. Private Banach discovered the source of the enemy fire, and as he stood in the doorway of the building, shouting directions to the phone operator, an artillery shell landed nearby, fatally wounding him. Private Banach's actions, which enabled our artillery to silence the enemy fire, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Posine, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mrs. Laura A. Banach, (wife), 216 Madison Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

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:

Sergeant Ralph Crawford, 39903504, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On the night of 12 February 1945, near \* \* \*, France, a patrol of which Sergeant Crawford was a member was advancing within forty yards of suspected enemy machine gun positions when two of the men were wounded by a mine. The enemy immediately lighted flares and swept the ground with machine gun fire, forcing the patrol to withdraw. Learning that a comrade lay helplessly wounded, Sergeant Crawford, disregarding continuous machine gun fire and enemy flares, crawled 30 yards to the casualty, dragged him to a covered position and administered first aid. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Yerington, Nevada.

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Private First Class Otto G. Hein, 37542521, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 242d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 16 January 1945, in \* \* \*, France, a heavy enemy artillery barrage, preceding an armored supported infantry attack, severed telephone lines between the forward observers post and the relay radio. Realizing that immediate communications were necessary to adjust our artillery fire, Private Hein, with the assistance of one man, moved his radio through enemy fire into the tower of a burning railroad station. Despite the fact that the tower was repeatedly hit by enemy artillery shells, he remained at his post transmitting fire directions, which enabled our artillery to repulse the enemy attack. Private Hein's actions, a source of inspiration to his comrades, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN S. CLARK, 01998095, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, LIEUTENANT CLARK, leader of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they neared a woods and found it was too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. His outstanding leadership was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Darwin K. Helmick, 16012710, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, Sergeant Helmick, member of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they neared a woods and found it too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. Sergeant Helmick's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jonesville, Michigan.

Private First Class Gustaf Scher, 37327153, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, Private Scher, member of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they neared a woods and found it too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. Private Scher's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Isanti, Minnesota.

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

Sergeant Michael T. Engle, 38553119, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, Sergeant Engle, member of a four man patrol, penetrated three miles of hostile territory between \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, at times passing within ten yards of enemy sentinels. Noting minefields enroute, they neared a woods and found it too heavily outposted to enter. Prior to daylight, the patrol moved to an open field where the men dug slit trenches and remaining concealed throughout the day, located artillery and mortar positions. After dark the patrol returned to friendly lines possessing vital information for future operations. Sergeant Engle's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jackson, Mississippi.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIE J. RUSSELL, 02000731, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 January 1945, during an attack near \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT RUSSELL and two of his men had established an observation post 100 yards in advance of our troops when intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire forced the lead rifle company to withdraw. Quickly deploying his men, LIEUTENANT RUSSELL crawled forward to a better position and located the hostile machine gun. Firing his own weapon and directing the fire of his two men, LIEUTENANT RUSSELL silenced the enemy weapon and killed the crew. LIEUTENANT RUSSELL's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Seagoville, Texas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT LEO J. GIOVANNINI, 02000654, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 18 January 1945, near \* \* \*, France, LIEUTENANT GIOVANNINI made his way through an intense barrage of hostile artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire to forward positions of a rifle company to direct cannon fire on concealed enemy positions 100 yards away. Despite the continued hostile barrage, and friendly fire falling only 50 yards from him, LIEUTENANT GIOVANNINI remained in his position until his well directed fire neutralized the hostile strongpoints. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Eveleth, Minnesota.

Corporal Anton G. Swenson, 17158037, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During an attack on \* \* \*, France, on 18 January 1945, fire from friendly tanks was falling into an area occupied by our advancing troops and communication could not be established. Corporal Swenson, radio operator, learning the frequency of the tank radios, attempted to contact them but was unable to do so because of the heavy woods. He deliberately left the cover of the woods, ran into the open and, despite the enemy artillery and mortar barrages falling about him, set up his radio. Although shrapnel tore his clothing, Private Swenson remained and succeeded in contacting the tanks, ordering them to raise their fire. Corporal Swenson's actions, which prevented casualties among our troops, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Charlson, North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl J. Hords, 36550546, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action.

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

On 15 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, a truck struck a mine near Battery "C"'s position and caught fire. Technician Hordos, battery aid man, dashed to the vehicle and directed three casualties to safety. He assisted in the evacuation of a wounded man from the vehicle and, after administering first aid, amputated the casualty's partially severed leg. Disregarding the presence of enemy mines and exploding ammunition, he then evacuated the last casualty from the flaming truck. Technician Hordos' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class George E. Widner, 37539010, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, a group from the 384th Field Artillery Battalion, reconnoitering for battery positions, was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private Widner left his covered position, crossed the fire swept terrain, and in full view of the enemy dismounted a .50 caliber machine gun from a vehicle. Obtaining a ground mount for the machine gun from the same vehicle, he set up his gun and provided covering fire for the group. Private Widner's actions, which materially assisted the safe withdrawal of personnel and vehicles, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Topeka, Kansas.

III -- 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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individuals:

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROGER M. WICKS, 012082, USA, Headquarters, 103d Division Artillery. For meritorious service in action. During the period 15 March to 25 March 1945 his superior leadership, anticipatory planning, and aggressive personal reconnaissance were largely responsible for the superlative artillery support received by the 103d Infantry Division in its break-through of the Siegfried Line. His performance of duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from State of New York.

COLONEL HENRY J. P. HARDING, 015179, Infantry, Headquarters, 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in the planning and execution of the attack of his regiment in its advance through the Siegfried Line from 15 March 1945 to 25 March 1945 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, Germany. Residence: Stevenson, Washington.

IV -- 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 service while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. TICKLIFFE, JR., 01182485, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT, 18th Field Artillery, and VI Corps Artillery), from 31 May to 20 August 1944, in Italy and Southern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

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V -- 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 service while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. WICKLIFFE, JR., O1182485, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS J. PRIER, O1173612, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 January to 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT BERNARD F. HEANEY, O1181626, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 December 1944 to 16 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: New York, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. WICKLIFFE, JR., O1182485, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 29 January to 16 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT AL C. WICKLIFFE, JR., O1182485, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 August 1944 to 23 January 1945, in Southern and Eastern France. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN W. WASKELL, O1183358, Field Artillery, Headquarters 242d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 January to 28 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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

Private Roscoe J. Huff, 36557514, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Hudson, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph A. Moche, 38655782, (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Opelousas, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles R. Hess, 39267025, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Pomona, California.

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 VI - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Technician Fourth Grade Stephen J. Sabocki, 6150198, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 March 1945. Residence: Southington, Connecticut.

Private First Class Dennis H. Allen, 37509076, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Nobe, Missouri.

Private First Class Victor M. Friemer, 36546654, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Huron, Michigan.

Private First Class Leonard Tobias, 42179736, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant Robert C. Heinsch, 13170851, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Minor J. Van Camp, 36957270, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Pontiac, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade John P. Kohn, 36410929, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Hubbardston, Michigan.

VII -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 93, this headquarters, dated 27 March 1945, awarding the Silver Star to Private First Class George E. Widner, 37539010, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked.

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- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART . . . . . III

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

*For 600-45, 22 Sept 1943, and 600-45, 22 Sept 1943, as amended*

Private First Class Paul M. L'Heureux, 37452628, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 242d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 January 1945, in \* \* \*, France, a heavy enemy artillery barrage, preceding an armored supported infantry attack, severed telephone lines between the forward observer's post and the relay radio. Realizing that immediate communications were necessary to adjust our artillery fire, Private L'Heureux voluntarily assisted in moving the relay radio through heavy enemy fire into the tower of a burning railroad station, which had been repeatedly hit by artillery shells. When the radio was operating and his presence no longer required, Private L'Heureux left the observation post and acted as a sniper until the enemy attack was repulsed. Private L'Heureux's display of fortitude and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Upland, Nebraska.

Corporal Adolph Zasadil, 16128539, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 242d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 January 1945, in \* \* \*, France, a heavy enemy artillery barrage, preceding an armored supported infantry attack, severed telephone lines between the forward observer's post and the relay radio. Corporal Zasadil, disregarding the heavy enemy fire, located and repaired the break. Despite the observer's suggestion that he seek cover, Corporal Zasadil remained in the observation post and assisted the observer. On two other occasions Corporal Zasadil braved enemy fire to repair the lines. His actions, which enabled accurate artillery fire to be directed upon the enemy forcing them to withdraw, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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

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Private Aubrey M. Brundick, 33907153, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.


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

Private First Class Jesse S. Kendrick, 14161792, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Valdosta, Georgia.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MCAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART . . . . . II

I -- 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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individual:

COLONEL GUY S. MELOY, JR., O16892, Chief of Staff, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action during the period 15 to 25 March 1945, in France and Germany. COLONEL MELOY's superior coordination of all Staff functions contributed greatly to the Division's successful penetration and ultimate breakthrough of the Siegfried Line. Residence: Lanham, Maryland.

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

Staff Sergeant John D. Taggart, 37143669, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 December 1944. Residence: Turnerville, Wyoming.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM M. KASPER, O23210, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Staunton, Virginia.

Master Sergeant Julius L. Hoffman, 6377656, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Kingsville, Louisiana.

Private First Class Paul D. Anderson, 37327643, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Faribault, Minnesota.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McAULIFFE:

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