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Effective this date Headquarters 103d Infantry Division is reorganized at APO 470, U. S. Army, in accordance with T/O & E 7-1, dated 13 January 1945, as changed by Changes 1, dated 15 February 1945.

Total authorized strength Headquarters 103d Infantry Division is forty-two (42) Officers, eight (8) Warrant Officers and one hundred seven (107) Enlisted Men.

Requisition or disposition of personnel and equipment, and submission of reports, will be accomplished as prescribed in paragraph 3c, Circular 9, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 13 March 1945, as amended by Section I, Circular 11, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 14 April 1945.

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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 to following named individuals:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD C. THOMAS, O21289, General Staff Corps (Infantry), Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action. From 20 April to 5 May 1945, COLONEL THOMAS, by his sound anticipatory planning of G-3 activities, made possible a cohesive and coordinated attack, which resulted in the Division's rapid advance through Southern Germany, into Austria, and a subsequent link up with elements of the American Fifth Army in the Brenner Pass. COLONEL THOMAS materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the Division's objective. Residence: Atchison, Kansas.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT E. MYERS, O349098, General Staff Corps (Quartermaster Corps), Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action. From 20 April to 5 May 1945 during the 103d Infantry Division's advance through Southern Germany and into Austria, COLONEL MYERS, Division G-4, through his persevering efforts, furnished superior supply support to the rapidly moving troops. COLONEL MYERS, in meeting and overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles, materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the Division's objective. Residence: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

MAJOR ELAND WEST, O314671, General Staff Corps (Field Artillery), Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action. During the period 20 April to 5 May 1945 in the Division drive through Southern Germany and into Austria, MAJOR WEST, Division G-2, secured accurate information relative to enemy plans and disposition through his sound judgment and comprehensive analyses of intelligence reports and personal reconnaissances. His alertness and initiative in contacting the commander of the German forces defending Innsbruck, Austria and demanding and receiving their surrender were instrumental in saving the lives of many men. MAJOR WEST played a major role in the successful accomplishment of the Division's objective. Residence: Norman, Oklahoma.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RALPH S. CHILDS, O246801, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For meritorious service in action. During the period 20 April to 5 May 1945, under COLONEL CHILDS' outstanding leadership, superior and aggressive engineer support was given the 103d Infantry Division in its rapid drive through Southern Germany and into Austria.

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Working under unfavorable conditions, his uninterrupted support materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of the Division's objective.
 Residence: Bethesda, Maryland.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUBERT E. STRANGE, O21231, Infantry, Headquarters 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in action. During the period 19 April to 5 May 1945, COLONEL STRANGE, Regimental Commander, exercised superior control and made expert deployment of his troops with unusual speed over difficult terrain and under hazardous conditions in the Regiment's drive through Southern Germany and into Austria. Throughout this drive his tireless and expert performance of duty materially contributed to the successful accomplishment of his Regiment's objective. Residence: Loogootee, Indiana.

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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:

Staff Sergeant Edward A. Tomcavage, 36550461, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Residence: Birmingham, Michigan.

Corporal John G. Calhoun, 34043695, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Memphis, Tennessee.

Private First Class Francis J. Dominianni, 32812102, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Springfield Gardens, New York.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART I
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART II

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

Technical Sergeant Daniel M. Quinlivan, 36626210, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 3 May 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private Lester L. Barnette, 44042205, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 3 May 1945. Residence: Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Private First Class William H. Sadler, Jr., 34706153, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 2 May 1945. Residence: Mobile, Alabama.

CAPTAIN RICHARD W. CLIFFORD, 01296322, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 April 1945. Residence: Pine Plains, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Richard B. Grendel, 36122019, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Residence: Inkster, Michigan.

Sergeant Robert E. Paul, 36449117, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 April 1945. Residence: Bloomington, Illinois.

Private First Class Fred C. Berrier, 37711678, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Cokeville, Wyoming.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Woolsey, 35706268, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: French Lick, Indiana.

Private First Class Jack C. Niklas, 16175931, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 5 May 1945. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

Private First Class Leo C. Jordan, 35088914, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 5 May 1945. Residence: Galena, Ohio.

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Private First Class Sherman F. Dewey, Jr., 36225585, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 5 May 1945. Residence: Manistique, Michigan.

Sergeant Edward E. Rutenbeck, 17169679, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 3 May 1945. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Albert H. Pike, Jr., 32340954, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 3 May 1945. Residence: Katonah, New York.

Private First Class Steele Barnett, 19119684, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 3 May 1945. Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Joseph L. Gilman, 11023691, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Dublin, New Hampshire.

Private First Class Edmund Jablonowski, 36549240, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class William H. Neimoyer, 12204945, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Private Ervin M. Evans, 44013042, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Farmville, North Carolina.

Private First Class Irving Stiefel, 13127067, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank W. Szmyd, 36728509, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Robert R. Collins, 18226462, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Beaumont, Texas.

Sergeant Carney W. Langford, 39084558, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Visalia, California.

Private Sie V. Gideon, 37245734, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Taneyville, Missouri.

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II -- 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 individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Marion K. Hagan, 39217335, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class Keith R. Palm, 36955261, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 5 May 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Clarence A. Jennings, 37536760, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 5 May 1945. Residence: Spearville, Kansas.

Corporal Ralph H. Trudelle, 36411995, Infantry, Company "M", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

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

Private Frederick M. Heck, Jr., 36547924, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, Private Heck, a truck driver, was wounded when a convoy was strafed by enemy planes. Realizing the shortage of transportation facilities, he concealed his wound and continued driving until the convoy reached its destination. Only then did he submit to medical attention. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade James J. Johnston, 36887011, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, a convoy of empty trucks passing through territory previously reported cleared of the enemy, was ambushed and Technician Johnston's truck was knocked out. Technician Johnston and two other men, although subjected to enemy fire on several occasions and forced to swim a river, succeeded in taking four prisoners and returning to our lines. Valuable information was furnished to infantry units maintaining road blocks in the area. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Port Huron, Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Jerry P. Francka, 37075589, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, a convoy of empty trucks passing through territory previously reported cleared of the enemy, was ambushed and Technician Francka's truck was knocked out. Technician Francka and two other men, although subjected to enemy fire on several occasions and forced to swim a river, succeeded in taking four prisoners and returning to our lines. Valuable information was furnished to infantry units maintaining road blocks in the area. His

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actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bolivar, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade William C. Thomas, 34572892, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, a convoy of empty trucks passing through territory previously reported cleared of the enemy, was ambushed and Technician Thomas' truck was knocked out. Technician Thomas and two other men, although subjected to enemy fire on several occasions and forced to swim a river, succeeded in taking four prisoners and returning to our lines. Valuable information was furnished to infantry units maintaining road blocks in the area. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Marietta, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade John P. Nagle, 37622819, Battery "C", Field Artillery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, the company to which Technician Nagle was attached as radio operator, was pinned down by heavy enemy small arms fire. Disregarding the hostile fire, he moved forward from the rear of the column over 150 yards of open terrain to establish radio communication with his battalion and the resulting artillery fire drove the enemy from his positions. Technician Nagle's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Overland, Missouri.

Private Kermit L. Coots, 36899909, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 2 May 1945, near * * *, Austria, when a rifle company was held up by fire from dug-in enemy positions Private Coots, radio operator, made his way down a street under small arms fire to a house where he assisted in transmitting fire missions on the hostile positions. Private Coots' actions which materially assisted the infantrymen in seizing the town, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lexington, Kentucky.

Corporal Joseph I. Knaebel, 37245893, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 2 May 1945, near * * *, Austria, when a rifle company was held up by fire from dug-in enemy positions Corporal Knaebel, artillery liaison corporal, made his way down a street under small arms fire to a house where he assisted in transmitting fire missions on the hostile positions. Corporal Knaebel's actions which materially assisted the infantrymen in seizing the town, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jefferson City, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Erwin C. Keppler, 36412613 (then Private First Class), Field Artillery, Battery "B", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, when an attacking rifle company was subjected to artillery and heavy small arms cross fire, Technician Keppler, at the rear of the column, made his way to the forward observer. Disregarding the enemy fire, he remained in an exposed position transmitting

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fire directions which permitted the company to withdraw. Later in the day he again exposed himself to hostile fire to transmit fire directions to our artillery, which broke up an enemy counterattack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Corporal Walter H. Scheel, Jr., 37447483, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945, near Schlattal, Germany, when an attacking rifle company was subjected to artillery and heavy small arms cross fire, Corporal Scheel, at the rear of the column made his way to the forward observer. Disregarding the enemy fire, he remained in an exposed position transmitting fire directions which permitted the company to withdraw. Later in the day he again exposed himself to hostile fire to transmit fire directions to our artillery, which broke up an enemy counterattack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

CAPTAIN JOE L. MILLER, 01172999, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 9 November 1944 to 4 May 1945, throughout the Germany Campaign from the Vosges Mountains, through the Siegfried Line, and into Austria. Residence: Houston, Texas.

CAPTAIN JACK E. DEBOLPH, 01171516, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 9 November 1944 to 4 May 1945, throughout the Germany Campaign from the Vosges Mountains, through the Siegfried Line, and into Austria. Residence: Tigerton, Washington.

II -- 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 flights:

MAJOR WILLIAM R. PRESTON (then CAPTAIN), 01175545, Field Artillery, Headquarters 103d Division Artillery, from 22 November 1944 to 26 March 1945 in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES G. CONNOR, 01185787, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 February to 23 March 1945 in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Pensacola, Florida. Next of Kin: Mrs. Corinne M. Connor, (Mother), 316 East Gadsden Street, Pensacola, Florida.

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 service while participating in aerial flight:

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AWARD OF THE SIXTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT F. EDWARD SMITH, 01185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 19 March to 26 March 1945, in Eastern France and Germany. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BRISCOE, 0532123, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 26 February to 24 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Decatur, Alabama.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANTHONY P. CALABRO, 01171478, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March to 24 March 1945 in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: West Medford, Massachusetts.

V -- 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:

Sergeant Alexander McBain, 32699117, Armored, Company "A", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 11 April 1945. Residence: Jackson Heights, New York.

Private First Class James P. Albert, 36713256, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 3 May 1945. Residence: Iuka, Illinois.

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