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GENERAL ORDERS)
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- AWARD OF SILVER STAR I
- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
- AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL 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 individual:

Corporal George A. Schelhorn, Jr., 33525637, Infantry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, when an infantry battalion lost contact with the regimental command post, Corporal Schelhorn voluntarily drove a staff officer through hostile territory to establish communications. Approaching an enemy column, Corporal Schelhorn opened fire and with the aid of the officer dispersed the column, and continued on. Subjected to enemy machine gun fire from an ambush, the two men quickly took cover and engaged the enemy, until Corporal Schelhorn was wounded, at which time both men were forced to surrender. Escaping from a hospital, he persuaded an enemy soldier to desert, who in turn led him to friendly lines, where Corporal Schelhorn reported the situation to his commanding officer. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Alexandria, Virginia.

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 to following named individual:

Staff Sergeant Francis B. McKenney, 32267503, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, the company to which Sergeant McKenney was attached as radio operator, was pinned down by heavy 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. Sergeant McKenney's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wilmington, Delaware.

III -- AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, 4 May 1943, as amended, and with the concurrence of the Headquarters Commandant, the Good Conduct Medal is awarded to following named enlisted men, 803d Ordnance (IM) Company, for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

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Technician Fourth Grade	Bohrer, Charles H.	32386787
Technician Fifth Grade	Carabotta, Anthony T.	35534547
Private First Class	Gregg, David W.	39245307
Private First Class	Green, Clifton	36782861
Technician Third Grade	Harmon, Robert J.	32846347
Private First Class	Katzman, Sidney M.	12184683
Technician Fifth Grade	Kennington, James R.	34783806
Private First Class	Keziah, Sam F.	34852166
Technician Fifth Grade	Leyh, Walter M.	35525619
Private First Class	Mills, Chester E.	31429415
Technician Fifth Grade	Mokritsky, Frank J.	33482954
Private	O'Gara, Mark V.	37741573
Private First Class	Pritzen, Douglas T.	18082337
Corporal	Riggs, William E.	34464766
Private First Class	Sobocinski, Louis J.	35915698
Technician Fifth Grade	Walsh, John M.	32355709
Technician Fifth Grade	Westmoreland, Ray H.	34893798
Technician Fourth Grade	Zolensky, Lawrence S.	33262075

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- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL III
- AWARD OF THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL IV
- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART V
- REVOCAION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL VI

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 to following named individuals:

MAJOR ERNEST J. GILMAN, 0456217, Infantry, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment (then General Staff Corps, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 9 November 1944 to 10 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HARRY WEBER, 01328206, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, after previous patrols had failed to secure information concerning roads and bridges near * * *, France, LIEUTENANT WEBER and another soldier infiltrated through enemy lines in an attempt to obtain the information. He crawled through mine fields, passed within five yards of known enemy strongpoints, crossed two streams and, despite constant flares, reached an advantageous observation point. After remaining within five yards of an enemy sentry for one and a half hours, LIEUTENANT WEBER successfully returned to friendly lines with the valuable information that had been obtained. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Summerville, South Carolina.

Sergeant Chester L. LaMoureux, 37249642 (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 12 March 1945, after previous patrols had failed to secure information concerning roads and bridges near * * *, France, Sergeant LaMoureux and an officer infiltrated through enemy lines in an attempt to obtain the information. He crawled through mine fields, passed within five yards of known enemy strongpoints, crossed two streams, and, despite constant flares, reached an advantageous observation point. After remaining within five yards of an enemy sentry for one and a half hours, Sergeant LaMoureux successfully returned to friendly lines with the valuable

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information that had been obtained. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lake City, South Dakota.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MELVIN F. HUTH, O377452, Medical Corps, Headquarters, 328th Medical Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 20 April to 4 May 1945 in Germany and Austria. Residence: Baraboo, Wisconsin.

CAPTAIN ROBERT R. TRAVERS, O1549396, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 9 November 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

MAJOR ALLAN E. SHOLLENBERGER, O395925, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 13 December 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Howard E. Crouch, 33313324, Infantry, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 9 November 1944 to 9 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 to following named individuals:

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.

MAJOR SHELDEN D. ELLIOTT, O519660, Army of the United States, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 10 November 1944 to 10 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Falls Church, Virginia.

MAJOR GEORGE H. SCHAFER, O396946, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 April to 6 May 1945 in Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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 individual for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE T. BURTON, 01174796, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 30 April 1945 in Eastern France and Germany. Residence: Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. CLARK, JR., 0554185, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 March to 24 April 1945 in Germany. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LARRY G. GENEACH, 0541227, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 14 March to 27 April 1945 in Eastern France and Germany. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LLOYD D. HUSKINS, 01171606, Field Artillery, Headquarters 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 20 March to 29 April 1945 in Germany. Residence: Boonford, North Carolina.

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:

Private First Class Harold J. Ott, 42001863, Infantry, Company "B", 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 March 1945. Residence: Garfield, New Jersey.

Corporal Lenet L. St Martin, 38655721, Infantry, Company "F", 41th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 March 1945. Residence: Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J. Bernetskie, 33829841 (then Private First Class), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: New Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Paul V. Webster, 14116554, Infantry, Company "A", 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 February 1945. Residence: Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

Private First Class Joseph C. Noel, 36549887, Infantry, Company "C", 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Harold E. Worsley, Jr., 39580967, Infantry, Company "E", 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 12 January 1945. Residence, Beaumont, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert G. Garner, 34666631 (then Private), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Newport, North Carolina.

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Sergeant Ralph Crawford, 39903504, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Yerington, Nevada.

Corporal Gordon K. George, 39913943 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class Martin E. Mielcarek, 36550318, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth E. Boyd, 34464871, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 18 March 1945. Residence: Mooresville, North Carolina.

Private First Class Dennis N. Walker, 35809743, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Hazelton, Indiana.

Corporal Kenneth O. Cameron, 39256146, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class Thomas Musolino, 32106335, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 February 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Joseph J. Zimago, 33134151, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company (then Private, Company "F", 148th Infantry Regiment), New Georgia, British Solomon Islands, 18 July 1943. Residence: McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

VI - REVOCATION OF AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of Section I, General Orders No. 128, this Headquarters, dated 15 May 1945, as pertains to award of Bronze Star Medal to Corporal Joseph I. Knaebel, 37245893, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked.

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MAJOR WILBUR R. DONALDSON, O314104, GSC (AGD), is announced as Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
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- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL III
- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART IV

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:

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Staff Sergeant John E. Lockhart, 18004068, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 December 1944, during an attack near * * *, France, three rifle platoons were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire coming from a building on the company's flank. Sergeant Lockhart, after ordering his squad to take cover, crawled forward 30 yards, alone, and although exposed to the enemy fire, rose to a kneeling position, fired a rifle grenade, setting the building on fire and forcing the enemy to withdraw. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kaw City, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Louis V. Colbert, 20211335, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 3 February 1945 during an attack on * * *, France, when strong enemy resistance forced Company "I", 411th Infantry to withdraw 1000 yards over open terrain, Sergeant Colbert remained behind covering the withdrawal of the men. As he was returning to friendly lines, he assisted a comrade, who was wounded in both legs and unable to walk, to safety. Sergeant Colbert's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Rochester, New York.

Private First Class Agapito V. Fira, 38673224, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945 near * * *, France, when intense enemy machine gun, rifle grenade and small arms fire forced two platoons to withdraw, Private Fira, machine gunner, crawled forward alone, to cover the withdrawal. Disregarding the hostile fire, he remained in an exposed position, firing into the enemy emplacements until members of both platoons had reached safety, then he, himself, withdrew. His actions which permitted the platoons to withdraw with a minimum of casualties, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sinton, Texas.

Private First Class Harry C. Dunn, 36626234, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, intense enemy artillery, mortar and automatic weapon fire inflicted numerous casualties upon Company "A", 411th Infantry and prevented the evacuation of the wounded. Private Dunn, *40* ~~aid~~ man, disregarding the heavy

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fire, dashed 100 yards over open terrain, located and guided a tank to the woods where he had dragged several of the seriously wounded men. He then placed the casualties on the tank and directed their evacuation. Private Dunn's actions, which saved the lives of several men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Louis T. Rajczyk, 36716180, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, when a rifle company reached the banks of the Danube River, it was subjected to enemy sniper fire from buildings on the opposite bank. Corporal Rajczyk, radio operator, moved forward and assisted in setting up his radio, and although exposed to sniper and artillery fire, remained in an exposed position transmitting fire directions to our artillery which neutralized the sniper fire. Still exposed to the artillery fire, he assisted in carrying the radio to safety. Corporal Rajczyk's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Lloyd A. Anderson, 37542206, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 April 1945, near * * *, Germany, when a rifle company reached the banks of the Danube River, it was subjected to enemy sniper fire from buildings on the opposite bank. Corporal Anderson, member of a forward observer party, moved forward and assisted in setting up a radio, and although exposed to sniper and artillery fire, remained in an exposed position assisting in transmitting fire directions to our artillery which neutralized the sniper fire. Still exposed to the artillery fire, he assisted in carrying the radio to safety. Corporal Anderson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Technical Sergeant George J. Speigl, 36547483, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, during an attack on * * *, France, when a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage wounded his platoon leader and inflicted several other casualties, Sergeant Speigl immediately took command. Disregarding the enemy fire, he crossed 250 yards of exposed terrain, contacted and reorganized all elements of his platoon, and led them from the area. Sergeant Speigl's outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant William J. Seaton, Jr., 34193507, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 August 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Germany, and Austria. Residence: Mount Pleasant, Tennessee.

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 individual:

SECOND LIEUTENANT FREDRICK J. WATSON, 01326883, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 March 1945, near * * *, France, one platoon of Company "E", 411th Infantry was pinned down and isolated

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when intense machine gun and rifle grenade fire from well emplaced enemy positions forced the balance of the company to withdraw. LIEUTENANT WATSON, seeing that numerous casualties were being inflicted upon his troops, picked up a bazooka and disregarding the intense fire, moved forward, firing in an attempt to neutralize the enemy positions. After firing several rounds which succeeded in considerably reducing the hostile fire, he was mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Next of kin: Mr. John F. Watson, (Father), 2312 13th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individuals:

CAPTAIN SAMUEL M. CROWWELL, O1295329, Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when sniper fire inflicted numerous casualties upon our troops, CAPTAIN CROWWELL left the safety of the advance regimental command post, and although exposed to the enemy fire, entered an abandoned tank and directed .50 caliber machine gun fire into the hostile area. After materially reducing the sniper fire, he located an enemy pillbox 1000 yards distant, which he knocked out with 75 millimeter fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth H. Grabowski, 16151868, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, near * * *, France, Company "F", 411th Infantry suffered several casualties when it entered a concealed mine field and was immediately subjected to enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire. Technician Grabowski, aid man, crawled forward, administered aid to a seriously wounded man and then carried him 300 yards to a place of safety. Technician Grabowski's actions in saving the life of a fellow soldier, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hamtramck, Michigan.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ARTHUR H. SLOGGATT, O1019347, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, Austria, 1 May 1945. Residence: Richmond Hill, New York.

Technician Fourth Grade Lester M. Brandenburg, 37435224, Armored, Company "B", 781st Tank Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Residence: Clinton, Iowa.

Technician Fourth Grade Lyle L. Nelson, 37436322, Armored, Company "C", 781st Tank Battalion, Germany, 2 April 1945. Residence: Lenox, Iowa.

Private First Class Gordon V. Whitney, 36540981, Armored, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion, Germany, 8 April 1945. Residence: Salisbury, Massachusetts.

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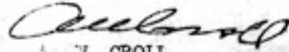
Private First Class Louis N. Lala, 38313338, Armored, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, Germany, 7 April 1945. Residence: Algiers, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Robert R. Brown, 32479065, Armored, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, Germany, 15 April 1945. Residence: Grand Island, New York.

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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:

Technical Sergeant Martin J. O'Grady, 36547497, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 30 April 1945, near Scharnitz, Austria, Company "C", 409th Infantry was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and 20 millimeter automatic weapon fire, and suffered heavy casualties. Sergeant O'Grady seeing that his platoon was hardest hit, rose to his feet, and armed only with a pistol charged the enemy positions in an attempt to draw fire from his men, only to fall mortally wounded as he reached the hostile emplacements. His men inspired by his sacrifice immediately resumed the attack and succeeded in overcoming all resistance. Sergeant O'Grady's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Evelyn O'Grady (Wife), 1028 Lansing Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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 Elvis D. Wallace, 38399258, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 January 1945, near Niedermora, France, one platoon of Company "K", 409th Infantry was outposting a building near an enemy occupied woods, was attacked by approximately 75 of the enemy. When the hostile force threatened the only escape route, Sergeant Wallace remained in the building and fired on the enemy while his comrades withdrew. Despite the intense fire he succeeded in killing seven of the enemy and wounding several others. His actions which permitted the platoon to withdraw reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Arden R. Frantz, 35166200, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 30 April 1945, a tank-infantry task force, protected on the flanks by Sergeant Frantz's platoon, was subjected to enemy machine gun, sniper and 20 millimeter automatic weapon fire as it approached Scharnitz, Austria. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Frantz led his platoon in an attack over difficult terrain, destroying three

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20 millimeter automatic weapons, capturing 15 of the enemy and forcing the remainder to withdraw. His outstanding leadership which enabled the task force to continue its advance reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: North Manchester, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Gordon F. Walker, 35338813, Infantry, Company "G", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 November 1944, Sergeant Walker voluntarily went forward with attacking infantry elements to establish an advance base of operations in Saulcy, France. Forced to abandon his vehicle on three occasions and seek cover from intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, and despite the fact that the vehicle was spun around by concussion of landing shells, he succeeded in reaching the town. Although snipers were still active in the town, he successfully completed his mission, materially assisting infantry elements in the coordination of activities and the ultimate crossing of the Moselle River. Sergeant Walker's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Evanston, Illinois.

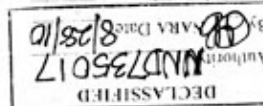
FIRST LIEUTENANT STERLING A. BATTE, JR., 01058170, Infantry, Company "K", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 April 1945 when the attack on Hegenlohe, Germany, was halted by intense enemy machine gun fire, and two armored cars brought forward were unable to fire into the enemy positions due to bazooka fire and limited visibility, LIEUTENANT BATTE ordered his men to take cover. Disregarding the enemy fire, he ran forward, located the hostile machine gun and bazooka positions and directed the fire of the armored cars, which knocked out the enemy positions. His actions, which cleared the route of advance of the company, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Louisville, Mississippi.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR P. RITCHEY, 01051342 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "M", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945, after two platoons had entered Muhlhausen, France against strong enemy resistance, LIEUTENANT RITCHEY's company commander and second in command were wounded and evacuated. Orienting his platoon sergeant, LIEUTENANT RITCHEY moved forward into the town, reorganized the two forward platoons and led the company in a house to house fight, successfully clearing his sector of the town. LIEUTENANT RITCHEY's outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wilpre, Texas.

Private First Class James H. Barr, 37257232, Infantry, Company "A", 109th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 May 1945, near Auland, Austria during an armor supported attack by Company "A", 109th Infantry, Private Barr discovered an enemy rocket emplacement occupied by eight men which was a threat to our armor. Disregarding small arms and machine gun fire, Private Barr opened fire and with two well aimed shots, killed two of the enemy, and then in a bold rush forced the remaining six to flee from the emplacement. His aggressive actions which permitted the company to continue its advance reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pochontia, Arkansas.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WALTER L. HURST, 01058848, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 March 1945, LIEUTENANT HURST was leading a five man patrol into Reisdorf, Germany to determine enemy dispositions when small arms fire from a numerically superior enemy forced the patrol to scatter. LIEUTENANT HURST, instead of returning to our lines, waited until darkness, then attacked and subdued a member of an enemy patrol and brought the prisoner back for questioning. Valuable information was obtained on which to base future operations. LIEUTENANT HURST's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Houston, Texas.

Corporal George M. Holmes, 32058295, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 April 1945, near Munsinger, Germany, Corporal Holmes, aid man, observing a comrade fall wounded during an attack, ran forward to administer aid. While treating the man's wounds, two enemy soldiers approached him and stated that 10 armed enemy were in the nearby woods. Corporal Holmes ordered the two men to carry his comrade to our lines and then entered the woods. Encountering the ten enemy soldiers, he convinced them that further resistance was futile, at which time they ceased firing and followed Corporal Holmes to our lines to surrender. Corporal Holmes' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Patterson, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Erwin T. Brown, 34255701, Infantry, Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division. For meritorious service in action from 15 September 1943 to 4 May 1945, in England, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany and Austria. As driver for the Deputy Division Commander of the 101st Airborne Division and the Commanding General of the 102d Infantry Division, Sergeant Brown conscientiously and faithfully demonstrated superior skill and devotion to duty. Frequently exposed to enemy artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant Brown habitually displayed coolness and reliability. His superior performance of duty contributed to the successful combat operations of the 101st Airborne Division and 102d Infantry Division. Residence: Greensboro, North Carolina.


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 Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individual:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DICK WEGENER, 0366663, Ordnance Department, 803d Ordnance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 15 April to 8 May 1945, in Southern Germany and Austria. Residence: Tyler, Texas.

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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:

Sergeant Arthur B. Mayo, 34465793, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Avery C. Moore, 36550482, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 February 1945. Residence: Rochester, Michigan.

Sergeant Albert C. Smith, 35712696, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Winslow, Indiana.

First Sergeant Samuel H. Scroggs, 6544814, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Bell, California.

Staff Sergeant Clarence K. Hubble, 37446234, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Muscatine, Iowa.

Private First Class Monroe I. Nachman, 20642716, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Lewis T. Ransom, 42144323, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Penfield, New York.

Corporal George M. Holmes, 32058295, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 April 1945. Residence: Paterson, New Jersey.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy C. Lawson, 17169468, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Private Henry D. Davis, 44046446, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Ashland, Mississippi.

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Private First Class John J. Zammett, 42119681, Infantry, Company "A",
 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Ovid, New York.

Sergeant Robert J. Sudman, 36583269 (then Corporal), Infantry, Company
 "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Allen
 Park, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert N. Stout, 32924413, Infantry, Company "K",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 November 1944. Residence: Paterson,
 New Jersey.

Private First Class Roy K. Mosher, 31470089, Infantry, Company "D",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 February 1945. Residence: Waltham,
 Massachusetts.

Private First Class David T. Cobo, 34574427, Infantry, Headquarters Com-
 pany, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 December 1944.
 Residence: Toccoa, Georgia.

Private First Class Richard B. Lancaster, 3657169, Medical Department,
 Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Resi-
 dence: Hazel Park, Michigan.

Sergeant James A. Smith, 36712741 (then Private First Class), Infantry,
 Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence:
 Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class John A. Richard, 36288726, Infantry, Company "A",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 November 1944. Residence: Superior,
 Wisconsin.

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