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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, is awarded following named individuals:

Sergeant Harvel Bennett, 38388552, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Lapeer, Michigan.

CAPTAIN LEO CAWTHON, JR., 01172407, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 30 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Childress, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL W. STABLES, 01181120, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, on 22 April 1945, in Germany. Residence: Barre, Vermont.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert Elderbroom, 42026256, Field Artillery, Company "A", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 30 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Syracuse, New York.

Staff Sergeant Victor M. Konieczski, 16170095, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Alexander McIntosh, 32698450, Field Artillery, Company "A", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 27 November 1944 to 1 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GORDON E. SATHE, 01308386, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Jackson, Minnesota.

Sergeant Louis S. Lancour, 36287790, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

CAPTAIN RAYMOND C. DE FORGE, 01106678, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Montpelier, Vermont.

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MAJOR WILBUR R. DONALDSON, O3M104, General Staff Corps, (Adjutant General's Department), Headquarters, 103d Infantry Division, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: El Cerrito, California.

FIRST-LIEUTENANT FREDERICK G. YARLOTT, O1O15568, Cavalry, Headquarters 781st Tank Battalion, from 6 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Newtonville, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAMSON W. CLEMENS, O1O10051, Cavalry, Headquarters 781st Tank Battalion, from 1 July 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana.

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. GILLESPIE, O1541818, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters Detachment, 328th Medical Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: St. Joseph, Michigan.

Master Sergeant Robert M. Sullivan, 11017444, Finance Department, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, from 21 October 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Palmer, Massachusetts.

Technician Fourth Grade Cornelius C. Griess, 37088782, Infantry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, on 5 May 1945, in Austria. Residence: Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

CAPTAIN CLARK R. ROMINGER, O494977, Medical Corps, Company "B", 328th Medical Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Waukon, Iowa.

CAPTAIN DANIEL BRIGHT, O511087, Medical Corps, Company "C", 328th Medical Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Jacksonville, North Carolina.

CAPTAIN JOHN W. DONALD, O517420, Medical Corps, Company "A", 328th Medical Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Pineapple, Alabama.

MAJOR ARTHUR D. WILSON, O1821200, Medical Corps, Company "D", 328th Medical Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Carrollton, Illinois.

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

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:

Private First Class John D. McCauley, 33711688, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Oil City, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Milton Martin, 32878963, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 January 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant Clinton H. Norrgard, 37327206, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Milaca, Minnesota.

Private First Class James W. West, Sr., 34895581, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 January 1945. Residence: Waynesville, North Carolina.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER D. WOOLDRIDGE, 01182311 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

Private First Class Kenneth J. Palm, 36955257, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, Austria, 5 May 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Alfred B. Adams, 34768727, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Atlanta, Georgia.

Private First Class Ernest L. Dessecker, 33910035, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Residence: New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Private First Class Raymond J. Martin, 36973772, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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I - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private First Class Benjamin H. Heckel, 42142356, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Morristown, New Jersey.

Private First Class Thomas Miller, 34630372, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 March 1945. Residence: Belen, Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Frank Svaco, 35096963, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Gary, Indiana.

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

Private First Class Donald O. Wilson, 37446243, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Rhodes, Iowa.

Private First Class Harry W. Patterson, 37345260, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 30 April 1945. Residence: Gunnison, Colorado.

III -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. REVOCATION. So much of Section II, General Orders Number 127, this Headquarters, dated 14 May 1945, as pertains to award of Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart to Private First Class Keith R. Palm, 36955261, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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- AWARD OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I
- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR . . . . . II
- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . III
- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . . IV

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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER BARBOUR, 02000699, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, while leading his platoon in an attack on Neuhausen, Germany, LIEUTENANT BARBOUR was painfully wounded in both legs. Lying in an exposed position and unable to reach cover due to his wounds, LIEUTENANT BARBOUR continued to direct his platoon and the fire of attached tank destroyer guns against the enemy emplacements. Not until the enemy had been routed from the town did he submit to evacuation. LIEUTENANT BARBOUR's outstanding leadership and his refusal to leave his platoon in a critical situation reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ecorse, Michigan.

Private First Class George E. Rice, Jr., 37704749, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 27 January 1945, during a house to house fight in Schillersdorf, France, Private Rice took command of a machine gun squad when his squad leader was wounded. Placing his squad in a safe position, he crawled forward alone, carrying his machine gun. Remaining in an exposed position, and disregarding bazooka and heavy machine gun fire, he knocked out the enemy bazooka with his accurate fire. Private Rice's actions which enabled his company to continue its advance reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pueblo, Colorado.

CAPTAIN DAVID B. MOSELEY, 01296405, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 24 April 1945, near Reidshelm, Germany, CAPTAIN MOSELEY drove forward through hostile territory to contact an adjacent unit. Approaching the rear of an escaping enemy wagon train, he opened fire and killed two of the enemy. Returning to his unit he organized a small force and led them in an attack on the supply train, killing 15 of the enemy, capturing 40, and leaving the remainder of the wagon train in complete disorder. After making proper disposition of the prisoners he completed his mission. CAPTAIN MOSELEY's actions, which led to the capture of the town, were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ennis, Texas.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM M. KASPER, 023210, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 April 1945,

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men to attack, Private Jaskot dashed out of the woods, directed fire into the hostile group until he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. Private Jaskot's actions, which enabled the squad to repulse the attack and protect our tanks, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Passaic, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Fisher (Mother), 66 Wall Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Corporal John F. Gordy, 32695423, Field Artillery, Company "A", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 10 April to 4 May 1945; in Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Gordy, (Mother), 3307 Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, New York.

IV -- 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, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy, is awarded following named individuals:

MAJOR LESTER R. MOFFATT, 0257235, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 30 April to 3 May 1945, in Germany and Austria. Residence: Malvern, Pennsylvania.


FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM P. GANNAWAY, 01115263, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 29 April to 4 May 1945, in Germany and Austria. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK D. DURAND, 01030654, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, from 29 April to 3 May 1945, in Germany and Austria. Residence: Junction City, Kansas.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE F. HOAGLIN, 01308820, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 6 February 1945, LIEUTENANT HOAGLIN led his platoon in a night raid on Kindwiller, France, with the mission of taking prisoners. Approaching to within 50 yards of the village, before being discovered and subjected to machine gun and small arms fire, he led his men against the enemy positions, destroying the hostile machine gun emplacements with hand grenades and automatic weapon fire. LIEUTENANT HOAGLIN led his men into several houses, captured seven of the enemy and then, remaining behind as the men withdrew, directed the evacuation of the wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Scott, Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND P. RUPPEL, 01081672 (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 14 January 1945, near Oettingen, France, two platoons of Company "G", 411th Infantry, attacking enemy positions on high ground, were pinned down by enemy machine gun and small arms fire coming from the flanks and high ground. After deploying his men to secure the best cover and concealment, LIEUTENANT RUPPEL, although wounded, crawled through the intense fire to a forward observer and pointed out the hostile positions. He then returned over the exposed terrain to his men, reorganized the platoons and successfully withdrew under cover of our artillery. LIEUTENANT RUPPEL's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Beaver, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK O. GRACEY, 01318973, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 April 1945, near Schorndorf, Germany, when resistance from an enemy platoon prevented the battalion vehicles from following advancing riflemen, LIEUTENANT GRACEY returned to the rear, organized and led a small force against the entrenched enemy. After placing his men in a covered position, he personally went forward to demand the surrender of the enemy force who immediately opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons. LIEUTENANT GRACEY maneuvered his small force, and directing fire into the hostile position, forced thirty of the enemy to surrender. His actions which opened a route of supply

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reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Breckenridge, Texas.

Private First Class Arthur R. Meyer, 32866724, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 8 February 1945, in a night raid on Kindwiller, France, Private Meyer, disregarding enemy machine gun and small arms fire, made his way into a house from which the fire was coming. After throwing a concussion grenade into the basement, he rushed down the stairway demanding that the enemy surrender. His bold actions resulted in the capture of seven of the enemy. After the signal had been given to withdraw, Private Meyer remained behind to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hollis, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT DELOS H. YANCEY, 02011785, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 April 1945, near Lindorf, Germany, when additional ammunition was needed for front line troops, LIEUTENANT YANCEY voluntarily went forward to reconnoiter a safe route for the vehicles. Discovering the only route available to be mined, he dismounted and personally began to remove the mines. Despite constant enemy sniper fire and a heavy mortar barrage, he cleared the road and then organized and led a group of drivers forcing the enemy to withdraw. LIEUTENANT YANCEY's actions which opened a supply route to forward elements reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Atlanta, Georgia.

Sergeant Gordon E. Wright, 31253494, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 30 April 1945, in an attack on Scharnitz, Austria, Sergeant Wright and several other men of Company "C", 409th Infantry were wounded. Although suffering from painful wounds, Sergeant Wright refused medical attention and assisted in evacuating the more seriously wounded men across a turbulent stream and an open valley, which were covered by enemy sniper and heavy machine gun fire. Not until all the wounded had been cleared from the field, did he submit to evacuation. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chelsea, Vermont.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND H. FURBEE, 01325154, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 4 May 1945, near Zirl, Austria, when the First Platoon, Company "C", 409th Infantry was pinned down by the enemy small arms and 20 millimeter automatic weapons fire, LIEUTENANT FURBEE, executive officer, rushed to the men and encouraged them to move on in the attack. Under his leadership the platoon moved on, seized its objective and inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy. In the attack that followed LIEUTENANT FURBEE personally killed an enemy sniper and moved from platoon to platoon encouraging the men. His outstanding leadership reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD BRAY, 01322418, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 April 1945, as



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Company "K", 411th Infantry, advanced on the town of Honau, Germany, it was halted by intense enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. LIEUTENANT BRAY moved into an area completely exposed to enemy fire in order to relay the position of the enemy to the artillery. He fearlessly remained in position successfully directing and calling more accurate directions to the artillery resulting in the complete neutralization of the hostile strongpoint. LIEUTENANT BRAY's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Houston, Mississippi.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT LURIE, 0546870, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 26 November 1944 in the vicinity of Saulcy, France, LIEUTENANT LURIE, Ammunition and Pioneer platoon leader, advanced with attacking infantry elements constantly checking the status of the ammunition supply. When he found that the supply was running low he proceeded back to the battalion supply point which necessitated his wading through the icy waters of a swift stream. Having located the supply point he quickly organized a five man team to haul the ammunition to the brink of the stream. Under constant enemy fire he transported the ammunition across the river braving the icy stream many times. This accomplished, the ammunition was hand carried for a distance of one kilometer at which point LIEUTENANT LURIE personally distributed the vitally needed ammunitions to the companies. LIEUTENANT LURIE's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Long Beach, New York.

MAJOR WILLIAM E. WILLIS, JR., 0291451, Infantry, (then CAPTAIN), Headquarters First Battalion, (then Headquarters Second Battalion), 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 18 March 1945, in the vicinity of Longensulbach, France, MAJOR WILLIS, in the command of the rear command post of the battalion, received orders changing the original plans of the battalion's advance. Cognizant that the plans must reach the battalion commander without delay MAJOR WILLIS went forward with meager knowledge of the battalion's location as all communication had been lost due to the swiftness of the advance. Encountering an eight man enemy patrol along the route MAJOR WILLIS skillfully outmaneuvered them and escaped undetected. After a laborious and hazardous four hour search he located the advance battalion command post and delivered the vital information. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Franklin, North Carolina.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH N. GREINER, 0488796, (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, (then Company "F"), 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of Les Coures, France, one platoon of Company "F", 411th Infantry, in the advance, was cut off from the rest of the company by intense enemy artillery fire. CAPTAIN GREINER, realizing that communications must be reestablished, made a hasty reconnaissance under intense fire to determine the best route of approach. The route selected, CAPTAIN GREINER returned to the company and with the aid of a forward observer made his way with the necessary wire over 900 yards of fire-swept terrain. Contact established, communications were relayed to the artillery which ultimately neutralized the enemy emplacements. CAPTAIN GREINER's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT BRUCE E. HAMIL, O1823437, Field Artillery, Company "C", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 3 December 1944 to 15 April 1945 in France and Germany, LIEUTENANT HAMIL skillfully and carefully made reconnaissances of enemy territory for all missions. Always at the lead of his men, no matter how dangerous the mission, LIEUTENANT HAMIL added immeasurably to the successes of the platoon. In many instances during particularly savage fighting he moved from destroyer to destroyer in order to be assured that the maximum in efficiency and fire power was being expended. His heroic actions were a source of inspiration to those about him and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Arthur E. Weissman, 39108631, Field Artillery, Company "C", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 and 23 December 1944, Sergeant Weissman kept vital communications intact as his company advanced in direct support of infantry elements in the attack on Fort Reget, France. Intense enemy artillery fire constantly disrupted communications, necessitating Sergeant Weissman's going forward under fire to repair the breaks. Communications were maintained adding immeasurably to the coordination between the tank destroyers and the infantry. On 14 April 1945, near Obr Heinriet, Germany, when placed in command of a destroyer during an emergency, Sergeant Weissman responded brilliantly by displaying outstanding leadership and assisting in the repulsion of a counterattack by the enemy. Sergeant Weissman's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Francisco, California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT MARLIN W. KENEE, O1296384, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Muhlhausen, France, LIEUTENANT KENEE was informed that the forward regimental liaison officer had been seriously wounded by a mine and that he was to assume his duties. The only approach to the forward observation post was through a heavily mined field but oblivious of personal danger, he proceeded through the mine field on foot. During his trip across the field, enemy fire was severe adding immeasurably to the dangers of the hidden mines. Encountering several wounded men lying in the field LIEUTENANT KENEE made repeated trips from the scene of the wounded to the aid station to direct their evacuation. When all the wounded had been cleared LIEUTENANT KENEE went forward and assumed his duties as liaison officer. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Duncannon, Pennsylvania.

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near Kirchheim, Germany, when enemy 88 millimeter artillery, machine gun, self-propelled gun and mortar fire forced a task force to disperse, COLONEL KASPER, taking cover in a culvert with eight men, organized them into a defense and beat off an attack by a numerically superior enemy. Observing an eight man enemy patrol approaching under cover of darkness, he placed four men at each entrance to the culvert and, waiting until the patrol was within ten yards, directed a barrage of fire that killed all eight of the enemy. COLONEL KASPER then withdrew his men through small arms and machine gun fire to covered positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Staunton, Virginia.

Private First Class Lawrence F. Hensley, 34739416, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 2 May 1945, near Auland, Austria, when Company "A", 409th Infantry suffered several casualties from 20 millimeter machine gun, automatic weapon and small arms fire as it attacked an enemy held hill, Private Hensley, aid man, disregarding the hostile fire, exposed himself to administer aid to several casualties. Later in the day near Reich, Austria, when three comrades were wounded by machine gun fire, he again exposed himself to enemy fire to administer aid to each man. Private Hensley's actions, which saved the lives of several men, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Duff, Tennessee.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES C. ROBISON, 0331685, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, when two forward companies of his battalion were surrounded in Erkenbrechtsweller, Germany, by a numerically superior enemy, COLONEL ROBISON personally led a supporting company through intense small arms and mortar fire into the town. Later, when a unit attempted to contact the battalion, he again crossed the exposed terrain under fire, coordinated the attacks on the enemy positions and directed artillery and mortar fire, successfully securing the town. COLONEL ROBISON's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Morgantown, West Virginia.

Private First Class Albert H. Brown, 17001360, (then Private), Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop. For gallantry in action. On 8 March 1945, during a night raid on enemy gun positions at Rothbach, France, the patrol of which Private Brown was a member entered a mine field and two men were seriously wounded. Disregarding heavy small arms fire, Private Brown crawled forward, rendered first aid to the wounded men and carried them, one by one, out of the mine field to a position from which they were evacuated. Private Brown's actions, which saved the lives of two comrades, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Aberdeen, South Dakota.

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

Private First Class Ernest T. Rassfield, 39038601, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, when Company "B", 411th Infantry, attacking enemy positions on a hill, was erroneously fired on by machine-gun and 76 millimeter gun fire from our tanks, Private Rassfield attempted to contact the armored

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column by radio. Unable to communicate with the tanks because of the heavy woods, he moved into open and fire-swept ground and, again attempting to contact the tanks, fell mortally wounded. Private Rassfield's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: San Francisco, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Theresa Spencer, (Mother), 32 Felton Street, San Francisco, California.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH L. KEEBY, O1823168, Field Artillery, First Reconnaissance Platoon, 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 2 May 1945, near Scharnitz, Austria, when the leading vehicle of a task force was hit by enemy fire, LIEUTENANT KEEBY immediately took the lead position in his armored car. Disregarding heavy enemy anti-tank, small arms and machine gun fire, he moved forward to seize critical bridges located in the town. When an anti-tank shell knocked out his armored car he was fatally wounded by machine gun fire. His aggressive actions which disclosed the enemy gun positions and led to the capture of the town reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Quercia M. Keeby, (Wife), 6120 Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL F. CARLINO, O1315027, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, when his platoon was pinned down by intense small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, LIEUTENANT CARLINO ran to each squad, reorganizing his platoon. Leading his men forward against concealed and dug in enemy positions he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. LIEUTENANT CARLINO's actions, which inspired his men to successfully capture their objective, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Albany, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Virginia L. Carlino, (Wife), 48 South Ferry Street, Albany, New York.

SECOND LIEUTENANT BURTON W. PHEGLEY, O1328515, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, LIEUTENANT PHEGLEY led a combat patrol to secure and hold high ground near Erkenbrechtsweiler, Germany, so that the rest of Company "E", 410th Infantry could join two surrounded rifle companies in the town. Although halted by small arms and artillery fire several times, he continually reorganized his group and aggressively led the men against the enemy positions until mortally wounded by sniper fire. LIEUTENANT PHEGLEY's outstanding leadership, which enabled the company to enter the town, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Modoc, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Betty G. Phegley, (Wife), Route 1, Modoc, Illinois.

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

Private First Class Matthew J. Jaskot, 32592642, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 2 May 1945, near Auland, Austria, when Company "A", 409th Infantry attacking through a woods was being held up by sniper fire, Private Jaskot observed a group of enemy soldiers with rocket launchers maneuvering in an attempt to fire on our tanks. Ordering his

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