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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. I
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. III
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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 Walter Gage, 36715026, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Freeport, Illinois.

Sergeant William A. Dau, 17157265, (then Technician Fourth Grade). Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 8 December 1944 to 24 March 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CAPTAIN CHARLES E. THORNE, 01310527, (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters 410th Infantry Regiment, from 20 to 21 November 1944, in France. Residence: Augusta, Maine.

Technician Fourth Grade George Schmidt, 35059823, (then Private First Class), Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 5 December 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Lorain, Ohio.

First Sergeant Joseph A. Adamski, 16049795, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "D", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 10 July 1943 to 6 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Warren C. Sharp, 37207923, Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 28 February 1945, in Italy and France. Residence: Chanute, Kansas.

Technician Fourth Grade Leonard R. Crosten, 35394876, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 September 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Elkins, West Virginia.

Technician Fifth Grade James J. McGrann, 13124641, Chemical Warfare Service Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 1 December 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: North Wales, Pennsylvania.

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CAPTAIN CAMILLE J. PELLETIER, 01010275, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, from 6 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New York, New York.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH J. KOLLAR, 0366418, Infantry, Headquarters 781st Tank Battalion, from 15 February to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New York, New York.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH J. GRAHAM, 01015665, Infantry, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion, from 6 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Floral Park, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR B. BEST, 01016194, Infantry, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion, from 15 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Indianapolis, Indiana.

CAPTAIN ORON C. SOUDERS, 01015647, Infantry, Service Company, 781st Tank Battalion, from 6 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Brockport, Illinois.

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:

Staff Sergeant James F. McDougald, 32801434, Field Artillery, Company "B", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in action from 7 September 1944 to 21 April 1945 in France and Germany. Sergeant McDougald, Company Supply Sergeant, worked long hours and performed his duties in a highly commendable manner. His devotion to duty enabled the company at all times to be supplied with critical items. In pursuit of his duties, he was mortally wounded by enemy small arms fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New York, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Monai McDougald (Wife), 1890 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York.

III -- 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 CHARLES J. KOEHLER, 02005958, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Joseph M. Patterson, Jr., 13175217, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 13 May 1945. Residence: Haverford Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Jack J. Underwood, 36409881, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Blanchard, Michigan.

Private First Class John J. Latecki, Jr., 35904443, (then Private), Infantry Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Evansville, Indiana.

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Private First Class Raymond S. Wilton, 36401486, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 25 April 1945. Residence: Jackson, Michigan.

Private First Class Joseph G. Manena, 36715494, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Donald J. Link, 36288802, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 23 December 1944. Residence: Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Robert L. Gage, 37738885, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 December 1944. Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class Irvin D. Goldberg, 42135713, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant Carl E. Mathias, 36443472, (then Private First Class), Inf., Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Pana, Illinois.

Sergeant Francis P. Daly, 17069226, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Walter F. H. Hitz, 37242291, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 January 1945. Residence: Hudson, Kansas.

IV -- 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:


FIRST LIEUTENANT CURTIS O. SMITH, 0132579, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Residence: Peoria, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER P. FRIDINGER, 01319615, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: South Portland, Maine.

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

First Sergeant George G. Quinsky, 36716009, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 28 November 1944, after a withdrawal during the fighting in Barr, France, Sergeant Quinsky, hearing cries from the wounded, discarded his rifle and crawled, unarmed, 300 yards up a street to the area. Despite intense fire from enemy positions only 50 yards distant, he located two men and, after administering first aid, assisted them to safety. Sergeant Quinsky's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

First Sergeant Homer E. Dybvig, 35623530, (then Sergeant) Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 19 December 1944, near Reisdorf, Germany, when Company "G", 411th Infantry, was counterattacked by a numerically superior enemy, Sergeant Dybvig made his way through the intense fire to his men, encouraging them to repel the enemy. Throwing every available grenade, he momentarily held the attack and then led his men from their positions in an attack at pointblank range, driving the enemy back. Sergeant Dybvig's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dayton, Ohio.

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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT EUGENE COLEMAN, 02011581, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 April 1945, during an attack on Munsingen, Germany, LIEUTENANT COLEMAN was leading a motorized reconnaissance group, searching out enemy resistance, when a direct hit from enemy anti-tank gun destroyed his vehicle, killing the driver and wounding him and one other. Despite his wound and the continued enemy fire, he administered aid to the wounded man before attending to his own wound. LIEUTENANT COLEMAN's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Seattle, Washington.

SECOND LIEUTENANT MILO F. SAREMBA, 02007011, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, during an attack on Les Mortries, France, Company "K", 411th Infantry, was pinned down on an open field by mortar and artillery fire and

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intense cross fire from two enemy machine guns. LIEUTENANT SAREMBA crossed 200 yards of open terrain, three times, in order to direct artillery fire on the enemy positions. Later, ordered to withdraw, he crawled through the hostile fire, contacting each man and directing his withdrawal. Then he, himself, withdrew. LIEUTENANT SAREMBA's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Superior, Wisconsin.

Technician Fourth Grade Willard C. Randall, 37447474, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, when attacking infantry sustained heavy casualties near Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Technician Randall went forward in his vehicle and started evacuating the wounded. Observing enemy fire falling near a wounded man, he crawled 150 yards with a litter to the casualty, administered aid and, although momentarily stunned, dragged the man on the stretcher to the vehicle. Technician Randall then drove his vehicle to the aid station. His actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class Jack L. Tracton, 32983113, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 November 1944, when a convoy was ambushed near Andlau, France, and the men were forced to seek cover, Private Tracton crawled 25 yards to an advantageous position and fired his carbine, wounding two of the enemy. Although lightly wounded by artillery fire, he continued to fire until the enemy was routed. Private Tracton's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Lawrence C. Adler, 37708667, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schillersdorf, France, Private Adler, radio operator, was assigned the task of locating his Battalion Commander to contact the respective company commanders by radio when the intense fire of the enemy made wire communications impossible. Crawling through mine fields and open terrain in direct fire of the enemy, Private Adler succeeded in locating his Battalion Commander and vital communications were resumed. Private Adler's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Long Mount, Colorado.

Technical Sergeant John J. Hastert, 36713464, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 29 December 1944, in the vicinity of Gabvingen, France, Sergeant Hastert, mortar platoon sergeant, observed attacking infantry troops pinned down by intense enemy fire. Immediately registering the location of the enemy, he directed fire on the emplacement. His position was revealed to the enemy who in turn fired smoke shells, hindering his observation. Without hesitation, he left his position, dashed forward to a new one, set up his guns in the face of intense fire and succeeded in neutralizing one enemy emplacement and screening our movements by the use of smoke projectiles. Sergeant Hastert's actions which enabled the troops to move forward reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Joliet, Illinois.

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First Sergeant Merle E. Marshall, 37400231, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, in the vicinity of Ingwiller, France, Sergeant Marshall observed the attacking elements of the battalion halted by intense enemy fire. Without hesitation, he assembled his sections, crawled over 1200 yards to a strategic point and in the face of intense fire directed his guns on an enemy observation post knocking it out. When one of his gunners was wounded, Sergeant Marshall dragged the wounded gunner to safety, returned to the gun and firing it himself - knocked out the enemy observation post and two gun emplacements. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: West Plains, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant Ralph J. Blackmore, 37245535, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bobenthal, Germany, Sergeant Blackmore advancing against the formidable defenses of the Siegfried Line with his machine gun squad was pinned down by intense enemy cross fire. Observing that one of his sections was completely cut off by the hostile fire, he advanced to a strategic position, located the source of enemy fire, returned to his section, deployed it into advantageous positions for firing and succeeded in neutralizing the two hostile emplacements. Sergeant Blackmore's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: El Dorado Springs, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Randall B. Miller, 32671729, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 November 1944, in the vicinity of Maisongoutte, France, Technician Miller, radio operator, received an important message to be dispatched to his battalion. In the process of disseminating the information the enemy opened up with an artillery barrage wounding Technician Miller and damaging his vehicle. Despite his wounds, Technician Miller remained at his radio continuing to dispatch the message and when the barrage lifted succeeded in driving his vehicle to cover. Technician Miller's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Buffalo, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd J. McVey, 37532359, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Technician McVey, lineman, volunteered to climb a pole in the face of intense enemy fire in order to place vital communication wires out of range of tanks which up to this time had been constantly disrupting communications. Although sniper fire blasted at the pole, Technician McVey remained coolly in position until the wire was properly in place. Technician McVey's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Crowberg, Kansas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JEROME J. DAHMEN, 0538529, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 March 1945, in the vicinity of Bobenthal, Germany, LIEUTENANT DAHMEN, Battalion S-4, organized a mule pack train to carry supplies to attacking infantry troops over rugged mountain terrain. In the process of the move a roadblock was encountered and after three hours of tedious work it was finally removed. Further along the trail LIEUTENANT DAHMEN and his group were ambushed by the enemy, an incident which ac-

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counted for five men and 11 mules being lost. With the pack train badly disorganized and the supplies scattered LIEUTENANT DAHMEN quickly reorganized the remainder of his crew and delivered the vital supplies to the attacking infantrymen. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Moscow, Idaho.

Private First Class Kenneth F. Rogers, 17099620, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of Reisdorf, Germany, Company "B" lost communication with the battalion command post due to intense enemy fire disrupting the lines. Private Rogers, messenger, on many occasions braved intense and devastating enemy fire to deliver important messages relative to the position of the enemy to the Battalion Commander. On one return trip he found that his Company Commander had been seriously wounded. He hastily constructed a litter, gave first aid and then directed his evacuation under fire and over treacherous mountain terrain. Private Rogers' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lindsborg, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Edward E. Champagne, 6701242, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 15 March 1945 near Engwiller, France, an enemy mortar and artillery barrage pinned Company "H", 410th Infantry, to the ground, inflicting numerous casualties. Sergeant Champagne, disregarding the enemy barrage and small arms fire, rose to his feet and moved from man to man, administering aid. He then organized litter teams from the walking wounded and supervised the evacuation of all casualties. Sergeant Champagne's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sackets Harbor, New York.

Private First Class Paul J. Williams, 36410373, (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945, near Muhlhausen, France, the forward attacking company entered a mine field and was subjected to intense enemy and artillery fire. Seeing two men seriously injured, Private Williams entered the mine field and rendered first aid, despite the heavy enemy fire. One man having died, he lifted the remaining wounded man and carried him out of the mine field. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cement City, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Donald D. Cryer, 35068148, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 24 April 1945, near Munsingen, Germany, when the leading vehicle of a column was hit by fire from an enemy self-propelled gun, killing the driver and wounding a second occupant, the column immediately dispersed. Sergeant Cryer ran 200 yards to the rear amid the hostile fire, obtained a one-quarter ton truck, and returned, moved the casualty to his vehicle and drove him to an aid station. Sergeant Cryer's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Corporal William R. Monat, 37566945, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 10 December 1944, near Schirlendorf, France, when enemy machine gun and mortar fire killed a member of a wire team and pinned the others to the exposed terrain, Corporal Monat secured a reel of wire and by short dashes through the hostile

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Fire, continued to lay the wire. Although the fire became so intense that he was forced to crawl 100 yards, Corporal Monat pushed the reel ahead of him, successfully reaching the battalion command post. Then, observing enemy mortar and artillery fire strike an emergency aid station, wounding and killing several men, he assisted in evacuating the wounded through the hostile fire to covered positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Virginia, Minnesota.

Private First Class James A. Roush, 35902117, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 29 November 1944, during the attack to seize Barr, France, Private Roush, discovering a sniper in a window above him, crawled forward five yards, rose to his knees and hurled a grenade into the window, killing the sniper. Then, informed that his platoon was cut off and unable to evacuate the casualties, he stripped himself of all equipment except his rifle and, dashing from cover to cover, successfully contacted litter bearers and led them to his platoon. Private Roush's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Portland, Indiana.

First Sergeant Russell H. Phillippi, 38078322, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 2 December 1944 near Ebersheim, Germany, Sergeant Phillippi, despite an enemy barrage of small arms, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, maneuvered his section into a position to repulse an enemy counterattack. Crawling forward to his advance section, he discovered three men lying wounded and the section disorganized. Reorganizing the men, he returned to the rear, secured an aid man and a litter team and directed the evacuation of the casualties. Sergeant Phillippi's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Needville, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Robert C. Heinsch, 13170851, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 March 1945 near Erlenbach, Germany, when machine gun and rifle fire from two pillboxes halted the advance of his platoon and inflicted several casualties, Sergeant Heinsch led his squad toward the enemy emplacements. Disregarding the heavy fire he maneuvered his squad to a position from which the enemy fire was silenced. Continuing the attack, he captured the crew of the two emplacements and forced a large group of the enemy to surrender. His aggressive actions which cleared a route of advance for the Battalion reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH J. HIRSCHBERG, 0469911, Field Artillery, Headquarters 383d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action from 9 November 1944 to 3 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. CAPTAIN HIRSCHBERG, Artillery Liaison Officer, many times subjected to small arms, automatic weapons, artillery, mortar and rocket fire, controlled artillery observers, supervised the installation of communications and planned defensive and offensive artillery fire, at all times providing the best artillery support possible to the Third Battalion, 410th Infantry. In one instance, 30 November 1944, near Trembach, France, CAPTAIN HIRSCHBERG, directed artillery fire which completely neutralized two enemy batteries allowing the Third Battalion, 410th Infantry, to continue their advance. CAPTAIN HIRSCHBERG's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newark, Ohio.

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Private First Class Benny Naujokos, 33050005, Armored, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 April 1945, in the vicinity of Oberelchingen, Germany, Private Naujokos, with his crew, was assigned the mission of making a reconnaissance of a bridge over the Danube. In the process of the move the tank came under intense enemy fire, disabling the tank and wounding Private Naujokos. Spurning evacuation, he returned to the tank, resumed his duties as bow gunner and assisted in repairing the disabled tank. When the repairs were completed and reinforcements arrived, Private Naujokos submitted to evacuation. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Reno L. Toniolo, 33294842, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. From 12 July 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria, Sergeant Toniolo, by his outstanding ability as a gunner, a squad leader and then platoon leader, did much in gaining the confidence of officers and men of his platoon. On numerous occasions, he has taken charge of the platoon and under intense fire has successfully supported advances by infantry elements. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Grapeville, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond G. Pullen, 34426691, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. From 9 November 1943 to 8 May 1945 in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Technician Pullen distinguished himself by his tireless zeal and his coolness under enemy fire. Many times exposed to enemy small arms, artillery and mortar fire he remained in position and by his able assistance in maintaining communications, was instrumental in repelling enemy attacks. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Quincy, Mississippi.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRED J. KULAGA, 01039434, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroism in action. On 29 August 1944, at Briancon, France, Company "C" was attacked by a battalion of enemy troops. Despite intense small arms, artillery and mortar fire, LIEUTENANT KULAGA established and maintained small arms defenses on the right flank of the company that held the enemy force from advancing for a period of four hours and allowed other friendly forces to withdraw. When ordered to withdraw his Company, LIEUTENANT KULAGA calmly and efficiently organized his men and withdrew to a zone of safety with a minimum of casualties. LIEUTENANT KULAGA's actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman E. Adams, 34826806, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 14 December 1944, when strong enemy forces overran his company in Mittlewher, France, Technician Adams drove over an exposed road in order to establish contact with an adjacent unit. Despite shrapnel hits on his vehicle from artillery and mortar fire, he made three trips over the road, maintaining contact. Disregarding intense heavy machine gun fire, he maintained liaison

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between his platoon and the company, permitting the effective delivery of heavy mortar fire which broke up the enemy counterattack. Technician Adam's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Trion, Georgia.

Corporal Americo J. Giammaria, 33305612, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. Throughout the Battalion's operations in Italy, France, Germany and Austria, Corporal Giammaria accompanied forward observers to dangerous observation posts during attacks and consolidations of positions by forward infantry elements. His work has been characterized by his willingness to expose himself to enemy fire in order that wire communications be continuous and uninterrupted. Corporal Giammaria's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

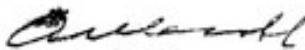
Technician Fifth Grade Thomas V. Bush, 34443073, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 25 May 1944 near Anzio, Italy, Technician Bush volunteered to transport badly needed ammunition to gun positions during daylight hours, a mission which had previous to that time been considered impossible except under cover of darkness. His mission was accomplished under mortar and small arms fire, enabling the company to continue fire during the final attack on the Anzio Beachhead. Technician Bush's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dublin, Georgia.

Private First Class Julius D. Vogel, 33392412, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "C", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 13 October 1944, near Bruyeres, France, during an enemy counterattack, Private Vogel was with advance infantry elements as a radio operator for a forward observer. Disregarding intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he remained in an exposed position relaying fire missions which enabled the mortars of his platoon to neutralize two enemy machine guns and repulse the enemy attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

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ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of paragraph 6a, AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 103d Infantry Division during the temporary absence of Major General ANTHONY C. McAULIFFE, O12263, USA.

J. T. Pierce
J. T. PIERCE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army.

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