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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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH GENOVESI, 02011783 (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 March 1945, near Nehwiller, France, after the enemy in strongly defended emplacements had beaten off several attacks with machine gun cross fire and mortar barrages, reducing LIEUTENANT GENOVESI's platoon to 17 men, he formed the platoon into a wedge formation with automatic weapons at the apex. Leading his men 100 yards across open terrain through the intense fire, he knocked out two machine guns in the enemy's first line of defense, continued on to the second line of defense and neutralized two more machine guns. Although the platoon had been reduced to 10 men, he then drove to the rear defenses and captured a battery of heavy mortars, crushing the enemy's resistance. LIEUTENANT GENOVESI's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Wilfred J. Dunn, 36543045, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945 near Zinswiller, France, during an attack by the Second Battalion, 411th Infantry, Sergeant Dunn voluntarily returned to the rear to obtain additional wire when the supply was exhausted. Disregarding an intense artillery barrage, he made his way to the rear and when fired upon by three enemy soldiers in a well dug-in emplacement, he crawled four hundred yards to a point out of range. Reaching the battalion command post, Sergeant Dunn obtained the wire and securing the aid of two men started the return trip. Upon reaching the enemy emplacement from which he was fired upon, he immediately opened fire with his sub-machine gun, killing two of the enemy and wounding a third. Sergeant Dunn's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Saginaw, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Dean V. Waldo, 36293499 (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 November 1944, near LaBolle, France, when his platoon became isolated from the company by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant Waldo voluntarily moved forward to find a route by which the platoon could re-join the company. Discovering a well dug-in position manned by six of the enemy,

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he immediately opened fire, killing five and wounding another. Although painfully wounded in the shoulder and stunned by a grenade blast, he returned and informed his platoon commander of the cleared route. Sergeant Waldo's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Westfield, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant John T. Dorsey, Jr., 34809191 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the night of 13 February 1945 Sergeant Dorsey in the process of leading a raiding party on Niffern, France, was subjected to intense machine gun fire which pinned down his group. Crawling forward he observed the fire coming from the window of a building a short distance away. Turning the assault group over to his second in command, he crawled forward in the face of intense fire to a position directly below the window. Throwing a grenade into the building, he completely destroyed the gun and crew. On his return trip Sergeant Dorsey was fired upon by a hidden sniper. Observing the flash from the sniper's gun he hunted him down and killed him with one well-placed shot. Sergeant Dorsey's outstanding valor is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Opelika, Alabama.

Private First Class John H. Steppling, 39149705, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945 as Company "L" was advancing on the town of Muhlhausen, France, it encountered severe enemy resistance. Private Steppling observed his squad leader fall wounded and exposed to harassing enemy fire. Without hesitation, he left his place of cover and amid intense enemy fire crawled in the direction of his wounded squad leader. A wire fence separated him from his comrade but despite the severity of the enemy fire that raked his position Private Steppling cut a hole in the fence, reached his wounded leader and carried him to safety. Private Steppling's gallantry reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cloverdale, California.

CAPTAIN CHARLES T. BOYLE, 01310390, Infantry, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 27 April 1945 CAPTAIN BOYLE leading a quartering party into the town of Mark Waldt, Germany, observed four of the enemy dash into a house on the outskirts of town as he approached. He dismounted, ordered his quartering party to cover and entered the house forcing the enemy to surrender. Dispatching these prisoners to the rear, CAPTAIN BOYLE, with his interpreter, were advancing further when they observed a group of Germans fleeing into a wooded area. Advancing toward the group, the enemy opened fire seriously wounding the interpreter, knocking the pistol out of CAPTAIN BOYLE's hand and perforating his clothes in many places. Grabbing the rifle from his fallen interpreter, he advanced into the wooded area, killing one of the enemy, wounding several others and forcing the remainder to surrender. Placing these prisoners under guard, he assembled his quartering party, advanced upon the town and forced the surrender of 180 of the enemy forces occupying the town. CAPTAIN BOYLE's actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Boston, Massachusetts.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD L. RABER, 01310305, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Barr, France, LIEUTENANT RABER was leading a ration convoy to advancing infantry elements when fired upon by a five man enemy patrol, armed with automatic weapons. Realizing the immediate necessity of neutralizing the patrol in order that the ration supply could resume its schedule, LIEUTENANT RABER directed his driver to cover and armed only with a carbine sought out the hostile patrol. He flanked the enemy and opened fire from a distance of 20 yards, killing three and capturing two. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cortland, New York.

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

Staff Sergeant Dean V. Waldo, 36293499 (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, Company "I" was temporarily halted on its advance toward Muhlhausen, France, by two concealed enemy machine gun emplacements. Sergeant Waldo, observing that the slightest movement drew heavy enemy fire and that casualties were being sustained, crawled forward into a nearby shell hole and located the two hostile emplacements. Removing all his equipment and grabbing two hand grenades he rushed one hostile emplacement, throwing the grenades. The boldness of his attack wounded one of the enemy and stunned the balance of the crew into surrender. Unarmed he dashed to the rear of the second emplacement and demanded they surrender or be grenaded. The armed crew having witnessed the destruction of the adjacent emplacement surrendered without resistance. Sergeant Waldo's outstanding conduct reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Westfield, Wisconsin.

III -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to following named individual:

Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth R. O'Brien, 36712669, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 13 May 1945 near Innsbruck, Austria. Technician O'Brien was assisting in unloading captured enemy ammunition when an explosion occurred, wounding and knocking him unconscious. Regaining consciousness, Technician O'Brien called for his companion who was still in the truck and receiving no answer, tried to pull him off the smoking truck. Able to use only his right arm, he continued the attempt, then slipped and fell as another explosion rocked the vehicle. He then struggled to his feet, moved to the cab, blew the horn and shouted for assistance. Technician O'Brien's actions in attempting to aid a comrade reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Wayne, Illinois.

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 is awarded following named individuals:

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CAPTAIN GEORGE D. TURNER, JR., 01171396, Field Artillery, Headquarters 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany, and Austria. Residence: Portsmouth, Virginia.

SECOND LIEUTENANT HENDRICK G. STONE, 01185600, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945. Throughout operations in France, Germany and Austria, LIEUTENANT STONE repeatedly exposed himself to small arms, mortar and artillery fire, making personal reconnaissances and placing his forward observers in advantageous positions. Numerous other times LIEUTENANT STONE disregarded the enemy's fire to personally direct mortar fire in order to quickly neutralize hostile emplacements holding up the Battalion's advance. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pierson, Florida.

CAPTAIN WILLIE W. J. BARRIOS, 01295981, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 9 December 1944, near Gundershoffen, France, when an attacking company was halted by intense machine gun and mortar fire, CAPTAIN BARRIOS directed the supporting weapons platoon to fire on the hostile positions. He then ordered a rifle platoon to move in a flanking movement on the enemy. Advancing from the rear, the platoon captured an 81 millimeter mortar and a crew of eight men. Continuing the encircling movement, the platoon captured 10 enemy riflemen, enabling the company to continue its advance. CAPTAIN BARRIOS' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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