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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART II

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:

CAPTAIN EUGENE D. BLANDFORD, O1319167, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 10 November to 2 December 1944, in France. Residence: Fort Arthur, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Herbert Kerman, 36715731, Infantry, Service Company, 409th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 29 November to 1 December 1944, in France. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Joseph I. Knaebel, 37245893, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when artillery fire was needed on enemy fortified positions in the Siegfried Line, Corporal Knaebel moved through hostile small arms and mortar fire to within 300 yards of enemy positions. Remaining exposed, Corporal Knaebel transmitted fire directions over his radio, enabling the artillery to neutralize the emplacements. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Jefferson City, Missouri.

Technician Fourth Grade Vern A. Yeggy, 37196115, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when artillery fire was needed on enemy fortified positions in the Siegfried Line, Technician Yeggy, radio operator, moved through hostile small arms and mortar fire to within 300 yards of enemy positions. Remaining exposed, Technician Yeggy transmitted fire directions, enabling the artillery to neutralize the emplacements. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Riverside, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant George H. Harrison, 36714801, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, although detected by enemy observers and subjected to artillery and mortar fire, Sergeant Harrison remained exposed on the crest of a hill to direct

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mortar fire on enemy positions. He directed fire into a trench, neutralizing the position, and with one adjustment, destroyed a machine gun emplacement and wounded four of the crew. Observing an anti-tank gun hidden from the road and covering the route of advance of a task force, Sergeant Harrison directed six rounds into the position destroying the gun. Refusing relief, Sergeant Harrison continued to observe throughout the night and detecting blasts from enemy mortars, directed effective fire, which neutralized two positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

II -- 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 Rene Lopez, 6951805, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 382d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 10 March 1945. Residence: Mission, Texas.

Private First Class George W. Owens, 34459221, Field Artillery, Company "B", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 22 April 1945. Residence: Lillerton, North Carolina.

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

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

Private First Class James E. Wall, 34087598, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Clayton, Georgia.

Private First Class Herbert J. Shirley, 33893029, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 26 April 1945. Residence: Harrison City, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Norman V. Walters, 37745444, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 2 May 1945. Residence: Independence, Missouri.

Private Alfred Wachtel, 42182831, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Thomas P. Daly, 32974650, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Residence: New York, New York.

Technician Fifth Grade John T. Morris, 34784554, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 2 May 1945. Residence: Waco, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank Wertheim, 36714252, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, Germany, 2 May 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Eligio Castaneda, 38561739, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 27 April 1945. Residence: Del Rio, Texas.

Private First Class Arthur L. Stark, 17175775, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 27 April 1945. Residence: Coffeyville, Kansas.

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Private First Class Foy M. Whigstaff, 34777094, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 27 April 1945. Residence: Huntersville, North Carolina.

Sergeant Adelard J. Gemme, 31261261, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 December 1944. Residence: Worcester, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Joseph F. "ewiora, 36549784, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JETEL D. STANLEY, 02010650, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 14 April 1945. Residence: Gladewater, Texas.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individuals for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Staff Sergeant Allen A. Johnson, 37321548, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 29 March 1945. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Private First Class Arnold M. Bernstein, 32981409, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 January 1945. Residence: Bronx, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAURENCE B. JARNAGIN, 01318046, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Residence: Washington Court House, Ohio.

MAJOR WILLIAM P. KELEHER, 0453580, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 2 May 1945. Residence: Fruita, Colorado.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART II

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

Private First Class Lawrence F. Hensley, 34739416, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, an enemy counterattack forced a squad of Company "A", 409th Infantry to withdraw and leave a wounded man behind. Private Hensley, disregarding enemy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire, ran and crawled 400 yards over exposed terrain to reach the casualty. Exposed to the enemy fire as well as friendly fire, Private Hensley administered first aid and then moved the wounded man to a place of safety. His actions, in saving the life of a comrade, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Duff, Tennessee.

Private First Class David A. Vraspir, 17109915, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, when a comrade fell wounded, Private Vraspir made his way 150 yards through enemy machine gun and artillery fire to the man's side. Finding the man seriously wounded, he returned over the exposed terrain and, obtaining the aid of three men, again went forward to successfully evacuate the casualty. Private Vraspir's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hopkins, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Ivan M. Current, 37447722, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, Sergeant Current led his squad in an attack on a pillbox. When rifle-grenade and bazooka fire failed to stop the enemy fire coming from the pillbox, Sergeant Current crawled forward alone, and, disregarding hostile machine gun fire, threw several grenades into the embrasure forcing the occupants to withdraw from the emplacement. Sergeant Current's actions in clearing an enemy stronghold reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baldwin, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Allen A. Johnson, 37321548, Infantry, Company "I", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 20 March 1945, near * * *, Germany, while Sergeant Johnson was leading his squad in the attack a comrade was wounded. Ordering his squad to continue its advance, he rendered first aid to the casualty and then rushed back to his squad. Continuing the

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attack he shot a sniper who had wounded one of his men. After administering aid to his fallen comrade he again moved to the head of his squad and successfully captured his objective. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Private First Class Mason Guyton, 34418254, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Talladega, Florida.

Private First Class Frank J. Williams, 34461040, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Henderson, North Carolina.

Technical Sergeant Garfield Gladden, 32098043, Field Artillery, Company "A", 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Washington, D. C.

Technical Sergeant Coy H. Sparks, 18005067, Infantry, Company "A", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Athens, Texas.

Private First Class Raymond H. Bostick, 18202688, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Hoanne, Texas.

Private First Class Francis R. Nauman, 37641030, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Kirkwood, Missouri.

Private First Class Victor F. Cuttitta, 42185577, Infantry, Company "D", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND H. FURBEE, 01325154, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

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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 E. Quinn, 15358811, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Cleveland, Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT VARD M. PIERCE, 01316452; Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Baker, Oregon.

Private First Class Stanley I. Anderson, 37568624, Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Private First Class Gayle V. Price, 39578452, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: San Pedro, California.

Staff Sergeant Arthur B. Emmons, 35883111, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

Private First Class Donald R. McCaa, 13122477, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Cecil W. Shaw, Jr., 35749668, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Rankin, Illinois.

Private Chester M. Ingham, 31447938, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Greenville, Rhode Island.

Private First Class Albert E. Frey, 36643432, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. BURNS, 01295750, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: - Crookston, Minnesota.

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Sergeant Clyde F. Patterson, 37084703, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Williamsville, Missouri.

Private First Class Henry M. Michalski, 33940905, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant Rolland V. Robinson, 37446300, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 27 April 1945. Residence: Burlington, Iowa.

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MAJOR ERNEST J GILMAN, O456217, Infantry, having been relieved from detail in General Staff Corps with Troops, is relieved from duty as Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

MAJOR JOHN E RHEA, O454402, GSC (Cav), is relieved from duty as Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and is announced as Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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