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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, O1308820, Infantry, Company "G", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 8 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, O1081672 (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, O1318973, 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.

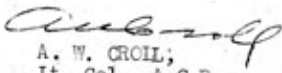
→ Sergeant Arthur E. Weissman, 39108631, Field Artillery, Company "C", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the period 22 and 23 December 1944, Sergeant Weissman kept vital communications intact as his company advanced in direct support of infantry elements in the 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 Oberheinriet, 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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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. II

I - 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES C. O'BRIEN, O180283, Field Artillery, Headquarters 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PONCE R. CRAIG, O117751, Field Artillery, Headquarters 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Meadville, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. SPANGLER, O355398, Field Artillery, Headquarters 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Dixon, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade Lawrence E. McDonald, 38424312, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 15 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Kalso C. Thompson, 38469730, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 10 March 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: McAlester, Oklahoma.

Sergeant Byron Powers, 34426793, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 10 November 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Coldwater, Mississippi.

Sergeant William F. Parra, 32390110, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "A", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 1 August 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant Dennis C. Scruggs, Jr., 34592042, Infantry, Service Company, 11th Infantry Regiment, from 18 to 22 March 1945, in Germany. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Staff Sergeant Richard E. Pearson, 35796087, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Piqua, Ohio.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JACK R. DUNBARHO, O1306076, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Denton, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. HENSON, JR., O5L6864, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 February 1945, in France. Residence: Monroe, Georgia.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JERRY L. SADIN, O1322967, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLIFFORD H. FORD, O521821, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 20 January to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fountain City, Tennessee.

CAPTAIN HORACE A. MILLER, O1284367, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Francisco, California.

CAPTAIN JACK W. BAILEY, O1295331, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Des Moines, Iowa.

MAJOR ALFRED J. TORRANCE, O1296118, (then CAPTAIN), Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Easton, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN NATHANIEL S. DOBOS, JR., O302765, Infantry, Company "H", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 15 March to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Orinda, California.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN E. PARKER, O1171710, Field Artillery, Headquarters 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New York, New York.

MAJOR THOMAS H. STILLWELL, O45A94A, Field Artillery, Headquarters 382d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Texarkana, Texas.

Master Sergeant John H. McClean, 33025960, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant Albert L. Gray, 37068567, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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First Sergeant Raphael A. Yingling, 33448987, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 15 March to 1 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Washington, D. C.

First Sergeant Edward J. Copeland, 6274906, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Smiley, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Charles J. Harbut, 36713253, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 5 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Allen F. Shive, 34591996, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Salisbury, North Carolina.

Sergeant Robert F. Erickson, Jr., 3745815, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant Walter Haki, 37327476, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 1 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Eveleth, Minnesota.

Master Sergeant Joseph J. Petrasch, 32339491, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Summit Hill, Pennsylvania.

→ Corporal Vincent J. Pollegriano, 32700187, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Ozone Park, New York.

→ First Sergeant George H. Rundquist, 39301971, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Camas, Washington.

→ Corporal George J. Nowicki, 32698496, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: College Point, New York.

→ Technical Sergeant William J. Noser, 36112466, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 12 March to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Mount Clemens, Michigan.

→ Technical Sergeant Leo P. Finzel, 37089864, Field Artillery, Company "F", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 26 November 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Dubuque, Iowa.

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→ Technical Sergeant Robert N. Linnstrom, 32698794, Field Artillery, Headquarters 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 1 January to 7 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Long Island, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL PAIS, 01012928, Cavalry, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion, from 11 December 1944 to 10 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Elyria, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade Winston R. Saitor, 31254783, Armored, Headquarters 781st Tank Battalion, from 8 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Rutland, Vermont.

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL W. SHARTEL, 01015167, Infantry, Company "D", 781st Tank Battalion, from 10 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Wauwata, Kansas.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOE W. HILL, 01326205, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Dallas, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDGAR A. HARRISON, 0526277, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Lawrence, Kansas.

CAPTAIN ROBERT H. KRAMER, 01296710, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Delbert R. Butterfus, 36231926, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Warren, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Chester D. Clawson, 37183611, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 11 November 1944 to 16 March 1945, in France. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Sergeant Albert E. Soreni, 33335533, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FERRY B. RICE, 01038804, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 25 March 1944 to 8 May 1945, in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Sergeant Ray O. Kelsey, 37247507, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fredonia, Kansas.

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Sergeant Paul E. Oplinger, 33294821, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "F", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 9 July 1943 to 8 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Arona, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Raymond D. Mettlian, 33213399, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 10 July 1943 to 5 May 1945, in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Martinsville, Virginia.

Staff Sergeant Thomas A. Moran, 33335550, Chemical Warfare Service, Company "B", 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion, from 14 September 1944 to 6 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MAJOR RICHARD H. WEST, 0268809, Field Artillery, Headquarters 38th Field Artillery Battalion, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Johnnie B. Adams, 34574169, Infantry, Service Company, 405th Infantry Regiment, from 19 April to 5 May 1945 in Southern Germany and Western Austria. Residence: Atlanta, Georgia.

First Sergeant Herman E. Scott, 36550428, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Vern A. Groons, 6216162, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Omaha, Nebraska.

First Sergeant William E. McWen, 6251964, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Technical Sergeant John P. Hallenbeck, 37447418, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Leavens, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Leonard H. Marppinen, 36198849, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chassell, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Leslie E. Berry, 17161957, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

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 individuals:

Private First Class Robert B. Gibbs, 37533323, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic in action. On 7 January 1945 near

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Schillerdorf, France, Private Gibbs advanced across 200 yards of open terrain in the face of concentrated enemy fire to drive a number of SS troops from an outpost they had captured during an attack. In the process of the attack Private Gibbs was mortally wounded, but he accounted for the killing of several of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Kansas City, Missouri. Next of kin: Mrs. Ora P. Gibbs, (Mother), 3604 Thompson Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Private First Class Emerson W. Weaver, 35096630, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 22 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, Private Weaver, aid man, was informed that a wounded man had been left lying on the road when the remainder of the group took cover because of enemy barrages. Without hesitation Private Weaver dashed to the side of the wounded man, dragging him to the protection of a shallow ditch. While administering first aid Private Weaver was struck by enemy fire, falling mortally wounded. His outstanding bravery reflects the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Van Buren, Indiana. Next of kin: Mrs. Margerite Weaver, (Mother), Van Buren, Indiana.

Private First Class Charles T. Zuendel, 34732772, Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 26 January 1945, during an attack on Schillerdorf, France, Private Zuendel saw a comrade fall wounded. Disregarding heavy tank and small arms fire, Private Zuendel ran to the side of the wounded man, but in the process of administering aid he was mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Memphis, Tennessee. Next of kin: Mrs. Clara B. Zuendel, (Mother), 1747 Peich Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Sergeant Paul B. Birdsong, 34788002, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in action from 26 December 1944 to 22 April 1945 in France and Germany. Sergeant Birdsong, squad leader, displayed high devotion to duty and outstanding leadership in leading his squad in the completion of many hazardous tasks, always with the greatest consideration for his leaders and his men. While accomplishing an extremely hazardous mission he was mortally wounded by a mine explosion. Residence: Miami, Florida. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Birdsong, (Mother), 257 NW 54th Street, Miami, Florida.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PIERCE:

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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:

Staff Sergeant Jack P. Wilburn, 20831949, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945 after two platoons had entered Bohringen, Germany, the third platoon was subjected to heavy small arms and machine gun fire from the edge of town. Although wounded, Sergeant Wilburn opened fire with his sub-machine gun and knocked out one enemy machine gun. Lying on the ground, he urged his squad to continue and directed its attack on two other machine gun nests, successfully neutralizing them. His actions which prevented the enemy from attacking the rear of the company reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: AGO, Oklahoma.

Technical Sergeant James T. Wilson, 36552191, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 December 1944 near Gundersheim, France, Sergeant Wilson and his squad went forward with attacking elements to lay mines. When artillery, mortar and sniper fire were directed upon the crossroads where the mines were to be laid, he had his men dig in. Disregarding the enemy fire, he, alone, proceeded to lay the pattern of mines and returning to the squad placed two bazooka teams to cover the crossroads. Forced to remain in their positions for 12 hours because of enemy fire, they later assisted in the capture of six enemy snipers. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Dearborn, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT B. MELTON WRIGHT, 02005992, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945, the First Platoon, Company "C", 411th Infantry, spearheading the attack on Oettingen, France, was suddenly subjected to intense enemy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. Arming himself with a bazooka, LIEUTENANT WRIGHT rose to a standing position and disregarding the intense fire, coolly fired five rounds into the enemy emplacements reducing the enemy fire sufficiently to enable most of his platoon to withdraw. His bazooka ammunition exhausted, LIEUTENANT WRIGHT continued firing with his carbine until the entire platoon withdrew to safety. Only then did he withdraw to join his company. LIEUTENANT WRIGHT's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Austin, Texas.

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Technician Fifth Grade Everett R. Maribugh, 36412676, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 1 March 1945, in the vicinity of Schillensdorf, France, Company "H", 411th Infantry, came under an intense enemy shelling. Technician Maribugh, aid man, standing in an open courtyard was injured severely along with several other soldiers. Notwithstanding his own wounds, Technician Maribugh rushed to one of the injured men and dragged him to cover. He ran into an adjacent building for his aid kit just as a second shell landed nearby. While working on the wounded man Technician Maribugh collapsed from the pain of his wound. His outstanding devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Harbor Springs, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD W. MEYER, 02011734, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, in the vicinity of Nieder Schlettenbach, Germany, LIEUTENANT MEYER, leading his platoon in the attack, observed the forward elements of the assault platoon pinned down by enemy fire coming from several well fortified pill boxes. Cognizant that the only means of overcoming the pill box was by direct assault, LIEUTENANT MEYER overwhelmed two of the strongpoints amid a hail of small arms fire, forcing 37 of the enemy to surrender. When a third pill box still offered stiff resistance LIEUTENANT MEYER quickly organized and led a four man patrol to the rear of the fortification, forcing the 10 enemy occupants to surrender. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Edward P. Hardin, Jr., 18073775, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945 near Uhrwiler, France, Company "F" was subjected to intense artillery, mortar, automatic weapons and small arms fire, suffering numerous casualties. Private Hardin on his own initiative carried most of the wounded through the heavy enemy fire to safety. Returning to the platoon and finding it without leadership, he made his way to an adjacent platoon for orders. Receiving instructions, he returned, completely reorganized and deployed the platoon so that the company's line could be held. Although wounded during the attack, he remained until all his orders were properly executed. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: University City, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Robert S. Mizell, 18201579, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 22 November 1944 near Marsay, France, when two squads were pinned down by small arms and artillery fire, Sergeant Mizell ran across open terrain to inform the leader of the support squad of the situation. Leading the squad in a flanking movement, he assaulted the hostile position, killing four and capturing 11 of the enemy. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

Technical Sergeant Earl P. Hale, 18231629, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945 near Ootingen, France, Sergeant Hale, following behind an attacking platoon, observed the men infiltrate through barbed wire entanglements to assault an enemy strongpoint. The enemy allowed them to clear the entanglements and then opened up with an

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intense barrage of mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing that withdrawal was the only solution, Sergeant Hale crawled 75 yards to the barbed wire and, completely exposed to enemy fire, cut a route of escape for the trapped platoon. Sergeant Hale's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Markham, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Robert M. Crum, 12170906, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945 near Outenberg, Germany, when enemy sniper and bazooka fire forced one squad to withdraw, Sergeant Crum held fire and protected the flank of the company by emplacing two BARs and opening fire. Immediately after the company had taken its objective and were reorganizing, it was counterattacked on the flank. Sergeant Crum, seizing one of the BARs, himself, and ordering a gunner to follow, ran through small arms and machine gun fire to put his guns into position, breaking up the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Britain, Connecticut.

Private First Class William R. Wright, 37475388, Infantry, Company "L", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, when Company "L", 410th Infantry, attacking the enemy in Gunbrochtshoffen, France, was stopped by a blown bridge which was covered by artillery fire, Private Wright secured several boards and planks from nearby wreckage and constructed a foot-bridge. Although now subjected to small arms fire from the enemy near the opposite bank, he completed the bridge and then led the assault across the river. Private Wright's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Burwell, Nebraska.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES V. LAURO, 01691704, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Chemical Warfare Service, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, (then Company "D"), 83d Chemical Mortar Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 16 October 1944, near Jussarupt, France, when a call was received for a forward observer from advanced infantry elements, LIEUTENANT LAURO made his way forward in the face of enemy 170 millimeter and mortar fire. Upon reaching the infantry observation post, the enemy simultaneously launched a counterattack supported by tanks and self-propelled weapons. Borrowing a radio, he crawled several hundred yards to an isolated company under heavy enemy fire and directed mortar fire to within 200 yards of his own position. Heavy pressure forced the withdrawal of infantry units and he again exposed himself to bring direct fire upon the enemy, knocking out one tank and forcing two others to withdraw. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Ozone Park, New York.

Private First Class Edwin A. Brown, 20756529, Infantry, Company "D", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 17 January 1945 near Sessenheim, France, when enemy tank fire disorganized his heavy machine gun squad and killed his squad leader, Private Brown, despite the intense fire, took command and reorganized the squad. Observing a hostile counterattack, he assisted in setting up his machine gun and directed accurate fire into the enemy. Although wounded in the hand by shrapnel, he remained at his gun for three hours until riflemen successfully drove the enemy back. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Marianna, Arkansas.

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FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNON E. DAVIS, O1323670, Infantry, Company "E", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, LIEUTENANT DAVIS leading a small group fought his way into Erkenbrechtswiller, Germany, after a rifle company had been surrounded there. Refusing a demand of surrender he exposed himself to enemy fire placing his men in strategic positions. Locating the area in which the enemy was forming for the attack he disregarded mortar and artillery fire and ran to the artillery observer pointing out the exact location of the attacking enemy. The resultant artillery fire aided in breaking up the attack. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Roxana, Kentucky.

Technician Fifth Grade Wesley J. Brookhouse, 36716268, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945, while delivering fire missions on machine gun positions in Erkenbrechtswiller, Germany, enemy pressure forced the entire observation post group to take cover. Although machine gun fire forced him to the ground and mortar shells dropped nearby, Technician Brookhouse remained exposed operating his radio. His actions which enabled our artillery to silence the machine gun emplacements reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Oak Park, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONN RUOTOLO, 0547923, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 928th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 23 April 1945; near Hombu, Germany, when the advance of the Third Battalion, 41th Infantry, was halted by enemy small arms, sniper and machine gun fire, LIEUTENANT RUOTOLO crawled forward 150 yards to a position from which to direct artillery fire into the enemy positions. Remaining exposed and disregarding the enemy fire, he directed accurate fire forcing the enemy to withdraw. His actions which permitted the battalion to continue its advance reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Newark, New Jersey.

→ Sergeant Anthony W. Haglund, 32698443, Field Artillery, Company "B", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 4 April 1945, in the vicinity of Unter Eisenheim, Germany, Sergeant Haglund using his tank destroyer to draw enemy fire in order to ascertain the source for advancing infantry elements moved his vehicle into the open, immediately drawing a barrage of enemy machine gun and self-propelled weapon fire. Without hesitation he opened fire with his 76 millimeter gun and fired 11 rounds directly into the enemy strongpoint. Investigation showed that Sergeant Haglund had destroyed three enemy machine gun nests and had crippled a self-propelled gun. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT DONALD E. PAULSON, 0545592, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "I", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 6 January 1945, given the mission of taking prisoners near Kerbach, France, LIEUTENANT PAULSON led his platoon to within 300 yards of the enemy. Then leading his assault group forward, he deployed his men, caught the enemy by surprise and neutralized a hostile automatic weapon. By careful maneuvering during a 30-minute fire fight, LIEUTENANT PAULSON and his men captured several

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of the enemy, inflicted numerous casualties and safely withdrew under the fire of his covering force. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Private First Class Estel D. Combs, 37250409, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 14 December 1944, near Pfaffenbronn, France, after a temporary motor pool had been established near a road block, the enemy attacked under cover of darkness. Private Combs, disregarding small arms and machine gun fire, secured a bazooka and moved forward toward the enemy. Spotting a muzzle flash from an enemy machine gun, he fired his bazooka into the emplacement, killing one of the enemy crew and forcing the remainder to withdraw. Pursuing the enemy, he personally captured four of them. Private Combs' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: New Market, Iowa.

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

Private First Class William M. Worcester, 39026690, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 22 April 1945, Private Worcester, despite intense machine gun and anti-tank gun fire, drove forward, leading a motorized point of a battalion attack on Munsingen, Germany. Assisting an officer to locate enemy positions, he continued on until the vehicle was struck by a direct hit from an anti-tank gun. Private Worcester's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Weatherford, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Juanita F. Worcester, (Wife), 118 North Main Street, Weatherford, Texas.

III - 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 Robert J. Meier, 35794870, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 16 March 1945, near Gundershoffen, France, the Second Battalion, 410th Infantry, was pinned down by artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private Meier moved forward over 800 yards of open terrain in the face of the heavy enemy fire, and firing his BAR silenced two enemy machine gun emplacements. In the process of the attack Private Meier was mortally wounded. His actions which enabled the battalion to accomplish its mission reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hamilton, Ohio. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Meier, (Mother), 120 Garfield, Hamilton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant James J. Taylor, 32921947, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 15 March 1945, near Engwiller, France, Sergeant Taylor's platoon spearheading the attack of the battalion came under heavy fire while crossing an open field. Disregarding the enemy fire, he remained in an exposed position directing all his men to cover. While attempting to reach cover himself, after all the men reached safety, Sergeant Taylor

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was mortally wounded by machine gun fire. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Irvington, New Jersey. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Taylor, (Mother), 2 Chapman Place, Irvington, New Jersey.

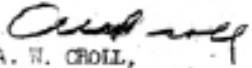
CAPTAIN HARRY T. WISE, JR., G1296136, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 20 January 1945, near Soesheim, France, when a withdrawal was ordered, CAPTAIN WISE, assuming command of the Third Battalion, 411th Infantry, moved through intense mortar and artillery fire contacting all commanders in the battalion zone. After orienting each unit on the route of withdrawal, CAPTAIN WISE led the battalion to new defensive positions. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby S. Wise, (Mother), 309 W. Greenwood Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

Private First Class Sammy P. Schiaglione, 36550042, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 10 January 1945, in the vicinity of Forbach, France, attacking elements came under a terrific barrage of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire inflicting severe casualties. Private Schiaglione, aid man, with complete disregard for his own safety rushed into the fire-swept terrain to administer first aid to the wounded. Completely oblivious of the intense fire that raked the area he coolly and efficiently tended the wounded men until he fell mortally wounded. Private Schiaglione's outstanding valor was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Schiaglione, (Mother), 7843 Durand, Detroit, Michigan.

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