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AWARD OF SILVER STAR I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. III

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:

→ Technician Fourth Grade Vincent T. Mues, 32698853, Field Artillery, Company "A", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the period 31 December 1944 to 1 January 1945, near Hostenback, Germany, Sergeant Mues, half-track driver, informed of an imminent counterattack, was ordered to withdraw with his vehicle. As he moved to the rear the vehicles were subjected to an intense barrage of enemy mortar fire. Sergeant Mues maneuvered his vehicle through the fire successfully but the vehicle behind him was struck by mortar fire and put out of action temporarily. Sergeant Mues left his own vehicle in cover, went to the road junction and amid a hail of enemy fire drove the stalled vehicle to safety. He continued to drive it for the remainder of the night from position to position under constant enemy machine gun, small arms, artillery and mortar fire thereby saving the gun and its crew. Sergeant Mues' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Woodhaven, New York.

→ Private Edwin J. Fiedler, 36780719, Field Artillery, Company "A", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of Uhrwiller, France, Private Fiedler, a connceor of a three-inch towed gun, while placing his gun into position was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy artillery. Having had no time in which to seek protection or dig in, casualties were mounting rapidly. Observing a wounded comrade lying in an exposed position on the open terrain Private Fiedler dashed to the side of the wounded man and carried him 75 yards through deep and slippery mud under constant enemy fire to reach an evacuation vehicle. Private Fiedler's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Belleville, Illinois.

→ Sergeant Joseph V. Harte, 32698951, Field Artillery, Company "C", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On 14 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ober Heinriet, Germany, Sergeant Harte and his crew were subjected to intense enemy artillery fire which blasted the wall of a house down on them. Despite injuries to the crew, Sergeant Harte, himself injured, directed the extraction of the vehicle in order that they would be able to accompany infantry units going forward to repulse a counterattack. Although the guns were damaged beyond their ability to fire, Sergeant Harte drove his vehicle forward and succeeded in assisting in the repulsion of the enemy's proposed counterattack. Sergeant Harte's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

II -- 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:

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL GORDON K. SMITH, 0360508, Finance Department, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Santa Monica, California.

Technician Fifth Grade Clifford J. Pogans, 36336240, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 103d Infantry Division, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Scales Mound, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Henry J. Daluga, 36713220, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company, from 8 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

CAPTAIN HAROLD P. PACHA, 01310486, Infantry, Headquarters VI Corps (then Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment), from 10 November 1944 to 30 March 1945 in France and Germany. Residence: Richland, Iowa.

CHAPLAIN (LIEUTENANT COLONEL) HARRY G. RONARD, 0370707, Corps of Chaplains, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Wilmette, Illinois.

FRED HURT, Field Director, American Red Cross, from 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Beckley, West Virginia.

MAJOR GEORGE W. LOVELESS, 01310226 (then CAPTAIN), General Staff Corps (Infantry), Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, from 1 January to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Matteson, Illinois.

CAPTAIN DUANE C. LYON, 0129915, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Battle Creek, Michigan.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER HENRY A. WIGBLAND, W2105549, Band Leader, 103d Infantry Division Band, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New York, New York.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES W. EASTON, 0310619, Medical Corps, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Akron, Ohio.

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

Private John M. Ritzler, 36882102, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 November 1944 to 28 January 1945 in France. Residence: Detroit, Michigan. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth Ritzler (Wife), 3575 Frederick Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL WICKS:

G. S. MELOY, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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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:

Master Sergeant Claud D. Morris, 6819780, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fresno, California.

Master Sergeant Robert T. Toborg, 37446180, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Muscatine, Iowa.

First Sergeant Kyle M. Slagle, 34497561, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, from 14 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Master Sergeant Franklin E. Moen, 32068025, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Merchantville, New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Lawrence E. Stackhouse, 37541386, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant George E. Myers, 33200292, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, from 15 November 1944 to 20 April 1945 in France and Germany. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

First Sergeant Anthony Skazynts, 36019223, Infantry, Cannon Company, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 5 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

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Technical Sergeant John H. Harvey, 6295555, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Paris, Texas.

Sergeant Nathan S. Thompson, 37326648, Field Artillery, Battery "B", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 January to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Browns Valley, Minnesota.

Master Sergeant Sherman D. Johnson, 6242039, (then Technical Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 5 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Huntsville, Texas.

Master Sergeant Woodrow Studdard, 6950562, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March to 3 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class John E. Murphy, 37605167, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 to 18 March 1945 in France. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

First Sergeant George E. McAllister, 6911690, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Jesse A. Everett, 18048566, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 to 25 April 1945 in Germany. Residence: Stonewall, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Walter G. Baker, 36545852, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class John Corrois, 11113922, Armored, Company "C", 781st Tank Battalion, from 6 December 1944 to 6 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New Bedford, Massachusetts.

→ Staff Sergeant Paul Dennis, 32598754, Cavalry, Reconnaissance Company, 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 1 December 1944 to 4 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Richmond Hill, New York.

Staff Sergeant Julius E. Rottman, 36420963, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 7 April 1945 in France and Germany. Residence: Fremont, Michigan.

WARRANT OFFICER (JG) JAMES D. SMITH, W2108669, United States Army, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Town Creek, Alabama.

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CAPTAIN ALBERT J. DIMATTEO, 01715068, Dental Corps, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New York, New York.

CAPTAIN DENNIS E. WALTON, 01303234, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment, from 26 November 1944 to 4 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD P. JENNINGS, 01320045, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 2 December 1944 to 7 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: New Castle, Indiana.

MAJOR NEFF W. GRAHAM, 0378686, General Staff Corps, (Infantry), Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, from 9 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

CAPTAIN STEVEN B. DEROUNIAN, 01310231, Infantry, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Mineola, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY A. DEVOS, 02000703, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 9 February to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN S. LYON, 01317095, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 9 November 1944 to 4 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Needham, Massachusetts.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SAMUEL K. JENNINGS, #2108657, United States Army, Headquarters Battery, 364th Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Boone, Iowa.

CAPTAIN BYRON N. HARRISON, 01745292, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, from 16 November 1944 to 7 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Chandler, Indiana.

Master Sergeant Everett D. Emboden, 36048967, Infantry, Headquarters 103d Infantry Division, from 8 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Peoria Heights, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade Clifton J. Dowling, 36514664, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, from 11 November 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Clayton, Michigan.

CAPTAIN WILLARD O. BORKE, 0363121, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, from 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France, Germany and Austria. Residence: Hillsboro, North Dakota.

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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:

Private William T. Johnson, 34515969, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Townville, South Carolina.

CAPTAIN STEVEN B. DEROUNIAN, 01310231, (then FIRST LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 December 1944. Residence: Mineola, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEWIS J. ALEXANDER, 01306885, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina.

Private First Class Sidney L. Bookbinder, 32815955, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

FIRST LIEUTENANT FLOYD C. HILLER, 01325292, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 April 1945. Residence: Wheeling, West Virginia.

Master Sergeant John H. McLean, 33025960, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 November 1944. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Charles S. Bell, 3716410, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class William C. Crosby, 44025133, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Walterboro, South Carolina.

Private First Class James A. Parley, 32855078, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Albany, New York.

Private First Class George A. Kent, 32941852, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 17 December 1944. Residence: Kingston, New York.

CAPTAIN HERSCHEL S. ATENHOFER, 0967863, Infantry, Headquarters 411th Infantry Regiment, (temporary duty Headquarters 103d Infantry Division), France, 18 November 1944. Residence: Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Leroy F. Miller, 33837367, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: North Catawquan, Pennsylvania.

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Technical Sergeant Manford R. Logie, 37244546, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Marcelino, Missouri.

Private First Class Bronislaus S. Kokoszka, 42022538, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Erie, New York.

Private First Class Paul L. Wilson, 39859408, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Phoenix, Arizona.

Technical Sergeant Arrie L. Phillips, 18020925, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Boyd, Texas.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH F. KASUN, 01296040, Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, (then Company "L"), 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Bisbee, Arizona.

Private First Class Ivan L. Rose, 37748958, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Private Delmar A. Walker, 39693710, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Modesto, California.

Private First Class John G. Morlan, 16176421, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 November 1944. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Haskell B. Rosenberg, 12208029, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 March 1945. Residence: Rochester, New York.

Private First Class Lee O. McGeorge, 35878228, (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Island City, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth W. Miller, 34497543, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Residence: Whitehaven, Tennessee.

Sergeant Brossie A. Dantone, 34632111, (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Residence: Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Technician Fifth Grade Warren G. Sellers, 34653374, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Residence: Calivants Ferry, South Carolina.

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Private First Class Warren T. Hoskins, 15372216, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Residence: Newport, Kentucky.

Private First Class John C. Sefton, 35131278, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 24 April 1945. Residence: Cincinnati, Ohio.

Private First Class Kenneth W. Geddes, 37590581, (then Private), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Sergeant Rouben H. Weaver, Jr., 13092090, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Easy Q. Short, 19015520, (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 April 1945. Residence: Benton, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade George M. Farrell, 13076535, Infantry, Service Company, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 15 April 1945. Residence: Falls Church, Virginia.

Technician Third Grade James M. Smith, 34494919, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Decaturville, Tennessee.

Private First Class Charlie B. Vann, Jr., 34794454, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: Durant, Florida.

First Sergeant Benjamin W. Scruggs, 6562758, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 29 November 1944. Residence: Live Oak, California.

Staff Sergeant John T. Scannell, 36548056, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 28 April 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Gilbert J. Welter, 36907553, (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 February 1945. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant Delwin H. Leners, 36289066, (then Corporal), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Sauk City, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Roland G. Krause, 36550525, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Herbert G. Miller, 36679932, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 February 1945. Residence: Springfield, Illinois.

Sergeant Francis W. Shedd, 34546603, Infantry, Company "W", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 6 March 1945. Residence: Orlando, Florida.

First Sergeant Fred A. Rutherford, 6544252, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah.

Private First Class Raymon J. Tuitman, 36657851, (then Private), Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal Russell E. Woodruff, 36409898, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Residence: Shepherd, Michigan.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALBERT A. EAGLER, 0430232, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Residence: Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Frank A. Vastola, 42180062, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 23 March 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class Carl J. Slavicko, 33685116, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Washington, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Joe Van Veldhuizen, 37697802, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Residence: Hull, Iowa.

Private First Class William C. Washburn, 44030656, (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 April 1945. Residence: Blountsville, Alabama.

Private First Class Robert E. Bartz, 16102143, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 December 1944. Residence: Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Private First Class James P. Crittendon, 37777049, (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 18 April 1945. Residence: Tripoli, Iowa.

Sergeant Wallace B. Questad, 39665362, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 27 April 1945. Residence: Tacoma, Washington.

First Sergeant Russell H. Phillippi, 38078322, Infantry, Company "M", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 22 November 1944. Residence: Woodville, Texas.

III -- AWARD OF 2d OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, 22 September 1943, as amended, the 2d bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to following named individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD L. McCLOSKEY, O1825554, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: San Francisco, California.

IV -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR, REVOCATION. So much of Section I, General Orders 164, this Headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, as pertains to award of Silver Star to FIRST LIEUTENANT VERNON E. DAVIS, O1323570, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

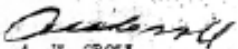
V -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of Section II, General Orders 162, this Headquarters, dated 2 June 1945, as pertains to award of Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) to Private First Class Emerson V. Weaver, 35096630, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

VI -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AMENDMENT. So much of Section II, General Orders 172, this Headquarters, dated 5 June 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to CAPTAIN DUANE C. LYON, as reads "O129915", is amended to read "O129915".

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL WICKS:

ROBERT E. MYERS,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Actg. Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


A. V. CROLL,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO 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 Harland B. Davis, 36401259, Infantry, Company "F", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 15 March 1945 near Zinswiller, France, when an intense artillery barrage wounded his comrade, Private Davis left the shelter of his fox hole and ran 75 yards through the barrage to the side of the wounded man. After administering first aid, he dragged the casualty to a fox hole which was too small to hold both men. Placing the casualty in the fox hole, Private Davis remained beside him rendering aid for thirty minutes until the artillery barrage lifted. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Highland, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Colin E. Spencer, 14C21185, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 2 May 1945, near Seefeld, Austria, when it became imperative to lay a communication line to the Liaison Officer, Sergeant Spencer was given the task. Although not knowing the exact location of the Liaison Officer, he started laying the line. After bypassing two enemy patrols he reached the coordinate, where the officer was last reported, but unable to find him, Sergeant Spencer continued on. Finally locating the officer, he established communications enabling artillery fire to be directed more accurately. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hickory, North Carolina.

Private First Class Carl J. Efford, 33903938, Infantry, Company "F", 41th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 10 December 1944, near Belres, France, when a rifle platoon, attacking high ground was pinned down by intense enemy fire, Private Efford placed his machine gun in an exposed position and fired on three enemy emplacements. Although the hostile fire was directed upon his position, he remained and directed accurate fire, killing three enemy machine gunners and forcing the remainder of the crew to flee in disorder. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Baltimore, Maryland.

33903938 Carl J. Efford

Private First Class William Mielots, 36818191, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On the night of 28 November 1944 Private Mielots was guarding the company command post in Andlau, France, when he observed an enemy soldier in a vineyard 50 yards distant. Firing his rifle, Private Mielots dashed toward the soldier, demanding his surrender. Observing nine more of the enemy about to ambush the command post, he opened fire and, despite the enemy's close range fire, killed two of the enemy and forced the remainder to flee. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Pepper, Jr., 14157891, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 16 March 1945 near Zinswiller, France, Sergeant Pepper volunteered to clear a road of anti-tank mines in order that supporting tanks could be brought up. Disregarding mortar and machine gun fire, he moved down the side of the road. Upon reaching the mines he tied four of them together and detonated them in a safe position. After he removed the mines, a platoon of tanks moved forward and directed effective fire into the enemy emplacements. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Pittsburg, Tennessee.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. DEEPLIE, JR., 026310, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 22 April 1945, while reconnoitering a route of approach to Gutenberg, Germany, LIEUTENANT DEEPLIE was subjected to artillery and small arms fire but continued on and formed a plan for the clearing of the town. Sending his runner back to bring up his company, he placed himself at its head and led it down a 300 foot cliff and cleared the town. His outstanding leadership and planning enabled the town to be taken without loss to our troops and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Staff Sergeant Joseph S. Zielonka, 36549192, (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 January 1945, near Schillerdorf, France, Sergeant Zielonka was injured during a counterattack by SS Troops. Although his arm and shoulder were temporarily paralyzed, he remained with his machine gun section and directed the repair of one gun. Discovering an ammunition shortage, he made his way alone over 500 yards and returned with the vital ammunition. Only then did he permit himself to be evacuated. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Raymond E. Wooten, 6389924, Infantry, Cannon Company, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 10 January 1945 near Behren, France, when Company "F", 411th Infantry, was ordered to withdraw, fire from two machine guns and snipers prevented its withdrawal. Private Wooten called for support from Cannon Company and learning of an ammunition shortage used only three rounds to adjust fire on the enemy emplacements and then directed fire which eliminated the two machine guns, killing five of the enemy and forcing the snipers to withdraw. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Vass, North Carolina.

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Sergeant Diego C. Ross, 38462856, Infantry, Company "B", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 9 February 1945, sergeant Ross volunteered to lead a reconnaissance patrol to determine enemy dispositions near Bischwillz, France. When fired upon by the enemy, he cautioned his men not to return the fire. After obtaining valuable information, he led the patrol back to friendly lines by crawling through a mine field. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Helotes, Texas.

Technician Third Grade Henry Unger, 35530391, Infantry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Seventh Army, (then Headquarters Company, 411th Infantry Regiment). For heroic achievement in action. On 18 March 1945, near Wingen, France, when a sniper fired upon the LPV team's vehicle, Technician Unger immediately leaped from it and dashed toward the sniper's position. Disregarding the sniper's fire, he charged the position, firing his pistol forcing the enemy to surrender. Questioning the prisoner, he obtained valuable information of other snipers and positions which was rapidly passed on to forward rifle companies, permitting the capture of them without casualties to our troops. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Waynard A. Brooks, 31466855, Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 19 December 1944, near Reisdorf, Germany, when the enemy threw grenades into his company's positions, Private Brooks stood up in his position and hurled several fragmentation grenades into the hostile trenches. Then rising again, he fired his automatic rifle, forcing the enemy to take shelter in a pillbox. Private Brooks continued to fire on the emplacement, enabling his company to save from its position and to evacuate the wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Cherry Field, Maine.

Staff Sergeant Samuel T. Gann, 38467903, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "A", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 24 November 1944, near Malsougnatte, France, when machine gun fire on the company's flank inflicted several casualties, Sergeant Gann maneuvered through the hostile fire and located the hostile gun. He fired his automatic rifle from the hip, silencing the machine gun and killing a four man crew. Sergeant Gann's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Tulsa, Oklahoma.

First Sergeant John A. Lovold, 6861608, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 4 May 1945 in Brenner, Austria, Sergeant Lovold organized a motorized patrol of two vehicles to advance through hostile territory to contact elements of the Fifth Army in Italy. Enroute, Sergeant Lovold passed artillery crews and enemy road blocks. At one point when four of the enemy stopped the patrol at a road block, Sergeant Lovold fully loaded a mounted machine gun, ordered the gate to be opened, and continued on. Advancing several miles farther, Sergeant Lovold and his

men effected the linking up of the Seventh and Fifth Armies. Sergeant Lovold's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Redfield, South Dakota.

Technician Third Grade James M. Smith, 34494919, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 23 November 1944, near Maisongotte, France, when artillery fire inflicted casualties, Technician Smith made his way through the hostile fire and administered aid. After all the casualties had been evacuated, he then searched the entire area for additional casualties before seeking cover. Technician Smith's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Decaturville, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant Elmer W. Lauf, 33267202, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 26 November 1944 in Maisongotte, France, when artillery fire struck a vehicle and set it into flames, Sergeant Lauf, advanced toward the vehicle. Before reaching the vehicle, a shell burst wounded two nearby soldiers and himself. Disregarding his own wound, Sergeant Lauf carried one of the men to the aid station, and then returning to the vehicle, searched the area for casualties, before allowing his injury to be dressed. Sergeant Lauf's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Fair Oaks, Pennsylvania.

Technician Third Grade John B. Gontjes, 37446225, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For Heroic achievement in action. On 26 November 1944 near Maisongotte, France, when artillery fire inflicted heavy casualties, Technician Gontjes left his place of safety, recruited three infantrymen to act as litter bearers, and evacuated the wounded. On the night of 18 January 1945, near Schirwoffen, France, when a vehicle fell from a bridge into a creek, pinning the occupants under the water, he organized a rescue party and, although hindered by darkness, directed the removal of the men without loss of life. Residence: Sibley, Iowa.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES W. BOLDING, 02007136, (then Technical Sergeant), Infantry, Company "M", 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 29 November 1944, near Herwarth, France, when a rifle company was subjected to heavy artillery fire, and forced to withdraw under an enemy counterattack, LIEUTENANT BOLDING replaced his machine gun section to cover the withdrawal. Personally firing one of the guns, he successfully repulsed the counterattack, permitting the company to withdraw. After the entire company reached safety, he himself, withdrew. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Johnson City, Tennessee.

→ Staff Sergeant Lee M. Sowers, 35253567, Field Artillery, Company "M", 824th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. On 31 December 1944 near Hostenbach, France, during an impending enemy counterattack, Sergeant Sowers split his platoon in two sections and took command of one section. During the night despite enemy attacks, shell fire and broken com-

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munications, he kept his section intact by his cool judgment and action. Ordered to fall back to previously selected positions, he made the necessary withdrawal until contact with his platoon leader and company was made. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Vincennes, Indiana.

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

Technical Sergeant Harry E. Van Slambrouck, 36547622, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "I", 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 November 1944. Residence: Crosspointe, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Thomas R. Lowe, 37246118, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "K", 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Topeka, Kansas.

Private First Class Elmer J. McCarthy, 33804530, Infantry, Company "K", 41th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 2, April 1945. Residence: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

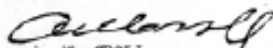
Private First Class Joseph F. Jordan, 16126726, Infantry, Company "I", 41th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant George J. Speigl, 36547483, Infantry, Company "I", 41th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

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