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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART	I
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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 the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Technician Fourth Grade Lloyd C. Penny, 37446140, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: Swaledale, Iowa.

Private First Class Bennie C. Mobley, 34575942, Corps of Engineers, Company "B", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Savannah, Georgia.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond L. Weidman, 19018712, Quartermaster Corps, 103d Quartermaster Company, France, 9 December 1944. Residence: Hiawatha, Kansas.

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

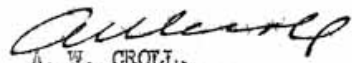
Staff Sergeant Theron C. Barron, 6272127, Infantry, Cannon Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 2 December 1944. Residence: Houston, Texas.

III -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 72, this headquarters, dated 18 December 1944, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Theron C. Barron, 6272127, 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION 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 following named individuals:

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) MILBUR L. WALTON, 0522343, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters, 410th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the period 10 November 1944 to 17 December 1944, in the drive through the * * * Mountains to the * * * Plains, CHAPLAIN WALTON continuously exposed himself to intense enemy fire to give aid and comfort to the wounded. On numerous occasions he valiantly held church services for his men while devastating fire raked the areas nearby. He worked tirelessly throughout the days and nights, never faltering no matter how hazardous the conditions might be, and completely oblivious of personal physical exhaustion. When assistance was needed to render aid or evacuate the wounded, CHAPLAIN WALTON was invariably present to help wherever needed. His untiring efforts, outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life served as an inspiration to all. Residence: Smith Station, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Peter E. McGee, 6709206, Infantry, Company "K", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant McGee, with his platoon, was pinned down by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. The concentration of fire became so intense it was deemed necessary for the platoon to make a strategic withdrawal. Observing two of his comrades lying wounded in the open terrain, Sergeant McGee courageously crawled to their side to administer aid and evacuate them, simultaneously ordering the remainder of his platoon to cover. Because of the withering fire that blasted the area around them, he was forced to stay with the wounded men for ten hours before he could carry them to the company command post. Even though physically exhausted when darkness fell, he valiantly carried them one by one, over 300 yards, to a place of safety, while enemy fire raked his path. As a result of Sergeant McGee's outstanding courage and utter disregard for his life, the lives of two of his comrades were saved. Residence: Salt Lake City, Utah.

Technical Sergeant Troy S. Kiefer, 37400536, Infantry, Company "F", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. During the daylight hours of 14 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Kiefer, acting as

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platoon leader, was pinned down by ferocious enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Kiefer, with utter disregard for his life, personally led his platoon over a fire-swept slope to a narrow ravine. Still unswerved by the intenseness of the hostile machine gun and mortar fire, he courageously led his men through the ravine, driving the enemy from their dug-in positions. Continuing on, he led the attack on a portion of a village and set up a base of fire, permitting the remainder of his company to enter. As a result of his magnificent valor and outstanding leadership, the company, relieved from its precarious position, was able to successfully capture its objective. Residence: Perryville, Missouri.

Private First Class Bernard H. Neville, 18076237, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 9 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Neville was a member of a platoon assigned to clear an enemy-held roadblock. On his own initiative, he went forward with his platoon sergeant, to probe for mines in this hazardous position, without magnetic mine-sweeper equipment. Undaunted, he courageously undertook this important mission, despite the fact that the strongly entrenched enemy began directing automatic and small arms fire on him. Completely ignoring the withering enemy fire that was striking all about him, he skillfully located eight mines, and succeeded in removing them with a shovel, not once taking cover from the murderous fire. During this action, he was wounded by enemy small arms fire. As a result of his undaunted courage, an armored unit, which was being held up by this roadblock, was able to successfully press forward its attack. Residence: Jal, New Mexico.

Private First Class Edmund M. Jucewicz, 37400474, Corps of Military Police, Military Police Platoon, 103d Infantry Division. For heroism in action. During the twilight hours of 26 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Jucewicz, while on road patrol, was informed by civilians that the enemy was occupying a house nearby. Sighting a column of infantry troops marching in the area, he hastened to them divulging the procured information. Because of their pushing forward on an assigned mission they were unable to heed Private Jucewicz's warnings. Fully cognizant of the impending danger and realizing immediate action must be taken, he, with utter disregard for his life, courageously crawled to the vicinity of the house. Not knowing how many of the enemy were in the building, he exposed himself to full view, shooting into the house and simultaneously commanding them to surrender. Completely bewildered by his boldness fourteen of the enemy emerged from the house and were taken captive. Private Jucewicz's display of outstanding courage removed a definite threat to our advancing forces. Residence: Saint Louis, Missouri.

II -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, REVOCATION. So much of General Orders Number 41, this headquarters, dated 7 December 1944, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to CAPTAIN CORNELIUS F. SCOTT, 01296100, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment, is revoked.


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AWARD OF SILVER STAR I
AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR. II

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

Private John J. Wojtulewicz, 32748085, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. During the daylight hours of 11 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Wojtulewicz, was advancing as a member of a two vehicle forward observer team, when the front vehicle struck a mine, seriously wounding the occupants. Cognizant that immediate medical attention was imperative, he, on his own initiative, commandeered the one remaining vehicle and sped through the mine infested field to obtain professional medical aid. He skillfully maneuvered the vehicle around exposed mines and continued on with undaunted courage fully realizing the danger of hidden mines. In addition to the concealed danger, enemy mortar and artillery fire blasted his path as he drove valiantly on. With medical aid procured, he again gallantly drove across the mine-field in order that medical aid could be administered as expeditiously as possible. As a result of Private Wojtulewicz's magnificent valor the life of a wounded comrade was saved and the remaining wounded men were given prompt attention. Residence: Schenectady, New York.

CAPTAIN CORNELIUS F. SCOTT, 01296100, Infantry, Company "F", 410th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 30 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, CAPTAIN SCOTT was leading his company in the attack, when confronted by a well dug-in enemy less than 100 yards away. Enemy mortar and small arms fire was intense and severe, raking the entire area where his company was located. Fully cognizant that the opposing forces outnumbered his company, CAPTAIN SCOTT pushed on magnificently and fearlessly until he reached the limits of his day's objective. In the process of the attack he was seriously wounded, but despite these wounds he refused evacuation in order that he could be with his men to direct their activities. Oblivious of his rapidly ebbing strength, and ignoring pain and profuse flow of blood, he continued on gallantly throughout the day and night, losing consciousness several times. Fifty wounded men were evacuated, and not until he was assured the last man was safely removed did he finally submit to evacuation himself. CAPTAIN SCOTT'S outstanding courage assisted materially in the success of the battalion in overwhelming a superior enemy and served as a source of inspiration to all. Residence: Duluth, Minnesota.

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II -- 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 individual:

Private Leo Arner, 12225804, Infantry, Company "C", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 28 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Private Arner, with his company, was pinned to the ground by hostile automatic weapon fire. Keenly observing two aid men wounded by enemy fire, lying exposed in open terrain, he dashed courageously and fearlessly to their side, with utter disregard for his life. Cognizant of the fact he was unable to administer efficient aid on the spot, he valiantly carried one of the wounded men to safety as bullets raked his path. Assured that his one comrade was protected, he again boldly crossed the fire-swept terrain to rescue the second man and braved the withering fire to return him to cover. As a result of Private Arner's outstanding valor two wounded men were rescued from a precarious position and professional medical attention was administered expeditiously. Private Arner has been reported killed in action in a subsequent engagement. Throughout this entire action Private Arner's display of gallantry under fire was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Brooklyn, New York. Next of kin: Mr. Max Arner, (Father), 25 Grafton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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