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

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

Staff Sergeant Glenn L. Wick, 39152338, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Fontana, California.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH N. GREINER, 0488796, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private First Class Lawrence F. Hensley, 34739416, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 409th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 22 March 1945. Residence: Duff, Tennessee.

Technician Fifth Grade Ben Kleinjans, 36411787, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Hudsonville, Michigan.

Private First Class Frank J. Neault, 36545823, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Private Richard L. Sadick, 32968195, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Brooklyn, New York.

CAPTAIN FREDERICK D. DURAND, 01030654, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troops, France, 18 February 1945. Residence: Junction City, Kansas.

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 individual for wounds or injuries received in action against the enemy:

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II - AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Sergeant Robert A. Heideman, 36711484, Corps of Engineers, Company "C",  
328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Chicago,  
Illinois.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL . . . . .	I
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I -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individuals:

Private First Class Charles E. Rush, 36714743, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroism in action. On 19 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, Private Rush cleared a large tank trap, located in the Siegfried Defense permitting the tanks following to attack as scheduled. This mission was accomplished in the hours of darkness and while subjected to artillery, mortar and automatic weapon fire from close range. Private Rush's actions in the accomplishment of this hazardous mission reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant Louis T. Guisti, 33461053, Infantry, Company "B", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, an enemy counterattack forced Company "B", 409th Infantry to withdraw from previously captured enemy emplacements and trapped five men in one of the pillboxes. Approximately 40 of the enemy stormed the position with small arms and blasted the fortification with bazooka fire. Sergeant Guisti, weapons platoon sergeant, immediately organized a twelve man assault group and led them against the enemy. The hostile force, confused by the surprise attack, withdrew, enabling the trapped men to escape. Sergeant Guisti's outstanding leadership and initiative reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Corporal Maurice P. Jenkins, 16170231, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 382d Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism in action. On 21 March 1945, as the First Battalion, 409th Infantry assaulted fortified positions near \* \* \*, Germany, Corporal Jenkins, disregarding small arms fire and danger of mines, crawled over an exposed field to within 200 yards of an enemy pillbox and set up his radio. Although heavy mortar fire forced the forward observer party to disperse, Corporal Jenkins remained with his radio and transmitted fire directions to our artillery. Under cover of the artillery fire, the battalion

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was able to capture five pillboxes and a system of trenches. Corporal Jenkins' actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Champaign, Illinois.

Private Joe W. Jenkins, 34933818, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, anti-tank fire held up the advance of a task force. Private Jenkins and three riflemen, disregarding heavy small arms fire, moved forward over 75 yards of open terrain to locate the hostile emplacement. Despite the intense fire which wounded his three comrades, Private Jenkins placed effective fire upon the enemy position, forcing the crew to abandon the gun. His actions, which enabled the task force to continue on its mission, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Anderson, South Carolina.

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 individual:

Private First Class Stanloy P. Berdinski, 36199775, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, during an assault by two infantry companies on a fortified hill, one company was pinned down by intense enemy fire, exposing the flank of Company "K". Despite the intense enemy fire, Private Berdinski made his way to the pinned down company, informing the commanding officer of Company "K"'s precarious position. The infantrymen quickly redoubled their efforts in a successful seizure of the hill. Private Berdinski was mortally wounded while continuing his mission. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Muskegon, Michigan. Next of kin: Miss Jessie A. Berdinski, (Sister), 2051 South Hudson Street, Muskegon, Michigan.

III -- 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:

Technician Fifth Grade Levi V. Steinert, 37245611, Corps of Engineers, Company "A", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Russell, Kansas.

Private First Class Raymundo T. Salas, 36410881, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 November 1944. Residence: Corpus Christi, Texas.

Private First Class James E. Chrisman, 17169006, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion (then Company "F"), 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 10 December 1944. Residence: Clinton, Missouri.

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 III - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Staff Sergeant Dean V. Waldo, 36293499, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 17 November 1944. Residence: Westfield, Wisconsin.

IV -- 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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT FERMAN C. CARPENTER, 01317487, (then SECOND LIEUTENANT), Infantry, Headquarters, 411th Infantry Regiment, (then Company "B"), Germany, 21 March 1945. Residence: Canton, Texas.

Private First Class Samuel Dansker, 12157994, Infantry, Company "D", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 19 March 1945. Residence: New York, New York.

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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:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK S. FRITCHARD, O139855, Infantry, Headquarters 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 10 December 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CARLUS A. BROWN, O21364, Signal Corps, 103d Signal Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 20 October 1944 to 13 April 1945, in France and Germany. Residence: Atlanta, Georgia.

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AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR . . . . . I  
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL . . . . . II

I -- 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 First Class Francis R. Nicholas, 39342017, Infantry, Company "L", 409th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 21 March 1945, near \* \* \*, France, Private Nicholas, BAR man, after neutralizing two enemy emplacements moved forward to within 25 yards of a pillbox, and firing his automatic rifle wounded one enemy soldier and captured a machine gunner. He then fired through the door of the pillbox, forcing four more of the enemy to surrender. On 23 March 1945, near \* \* \*, Germany, the point of a task force was halted by a road block covered by two anti-tank guns and small arms fire. Disregarding the enemy fire, Private Nicholas crossed 75 yards of open terrain and delivered effective fire into the enemy positions. Although hit by enemy fire, he continued his one man assault until he fell mortally wounded. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Springfield, Oregon. Next of kin: Mr. Ralph F. Nicholas, (Father), Route 2, Springfield, Oregon.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Air Medal is awarded to following named individuals for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT TILLMAN J. OXFORD, 0554205, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March to 30 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Lakeland, Florida.

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH C. BOYER, G2600758, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March to 30 March 1945, in Eastern France and Western Germany. Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

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