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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:

Technician Fifth Grade Lloyd G. Carter, 34042558, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Morristown, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant Buford E. Dalberg, 36288919, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Excelsior, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Chester D. Clawson, 37183611, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: St. Louis, Missouri.

Technician Fifth Grade Karl M. Schliepp, 35535989, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Private First Class Robert V. Weiler, 32699124, Infantry, Company "C", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Woodhaven, New York.

Staff Sergeant Edward P. Paliszewski, 36548637, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 December 1944. Residence: Detroit, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph E. Gibson, 17157331, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: LeSueur, Minnesota.

Private George W. Phelps, 36713386, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 December 1944. Residence: Keensburg, Illinois.

Private First Class Earl J. Roth, 37514675, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Galva, Kansas.

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Sergeant William V. Dunn, 31201838, (then Corporal), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 December 1944. Residence: Medford, Massachusetts.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES L. WHITE, 01321358, Infantry, Service Company, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 February 1945. Residence: Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Ervin M. Yokley, Jr., 34600463, Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 December 1944. Residence: High Point, North Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Leslie A. Wheeler, 39053099, Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 25 February 1945. Residence: Hannibal, Missouri.

Private First Class William K. McGinnis, 35749845, Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 January 1945. Residence: Fairmont, West Virginia.

Private First Class Wayne F. Wilson, 31368173, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 30 December 1944. Residence: Red Oak, Iowa.

Private First Class Aram Kludjian, 39087549, (then Private), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 27 December 1944. Residence: Fresno, California.

Private First Class Edward F. Gay, 33834776, (then Private), Infantry, Company "H", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 16 November 1944. Residence: Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

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:

Private First Class William O. Vedoe, 31369607, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 26 February 1945. Residence: Quincy, Massachusetts.

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
 AWARD OF PURPLE HEART II

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

Technical Sergeant Lloyd D. Laidlaw, 36547365, (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company "F", 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the daylight hours of 22 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Laidlaw, on his own initiative, maintained contact by foot between his company and the battalion command post when enemy fire severed communication lines beyond repair. He made frequent trips across 1500 yards of open, fire-swept terrain in full view of the enemy. Sergeant Laidlaw's exemplary devotion to duty maintained contact between his company and battalion headquarters during a critical phase of the attack and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Keego Harbor, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant John H. Borgen, 37542230, Infantry, Company "K", 409th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 18 February 1945 after Sergeant Borgen's company had established an outpost line of resistance in the village of * * *, France, the enemy unleashed a terrific barrage of rocket, mortar and tank fire. When the intense barrage severed vital communication lines between the outpost and the company and battalion command posts Sergeant Borgen, without hesitation, went forward under the intense fire to repair the breaks. Despite painful wounds suffered in this action he continued his task and successfully reestablished communications. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sergeant Wesley E. Whitten, 34494857, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During the night of 3 February 1945 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sergeant Whitten's squad was assigned the mission of constructing a foot bridge across the * * * River for attacking infantry elements. Cognizant that the bridge would take time to construct and the need was immediate, Sergeant Whitten left his squad in the assembly area and went forward under intense enemy automatic weapon and artillery fire locating two heretofore undiscovered foot

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bridges. Under fire he carefully checked the bridges for mines and demolition charges to assure himself the infantry could pass across safely. Sergeant Whitten's heroic actions enabled infantry elements to advance rapidly and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Waynesboro, Tennessee:

Sergeant Alexander I. Buczkowski, 36546519, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion. For heroic achievement in action. During a night raid on * * *, France, on 3 February 1945, Sergeant Buczkowski and his squad were given the mission of constructing a foot bridge across the * * * River. A 25 foot bridge having been previously constructed, Sergeant Buczkowski preceded his squad, and, under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, reconnoitered the bridge site, and found the width of the river at that point to be 35 feet. Under enemy observation and fire, using improvised materials, he alone constructed an additional 10 feet of bridge and joined it to the bridge brought up by his squad. His initiative and courage were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Bay City, Michigan.

Technician Fourth Grade Elmo O. Badder, 36410953, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroic achievement in action. On 19 December 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Technician Badder, litter squad leader, was accompanying infantry assault elements when the enemy loosed a terrific barrage of small arms, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, inflicting numerous casualties. Technician Badder worked tirelessly throughout the day and night, constantly exposing himself to severe enemy fire to treat and evacuate the wounded. On occasions he crawled within 50 yards of enemy lines to reach the wounded and then carried them back over 1000 yards of hazardous terrain to safety. His heroic efforts accomplished under the most trying of conditions saved the lives of many men and reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Carson City, Michigan.

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

Corporal Alwin S. Christophers, 36287608, Cavalry, 103d Reconnaissance Troop, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

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AWARD OF AIR MEDAL I
AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO AIR MEDAL II

I -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

Technician Third Grade Stanley J. Kopp, 37018839, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Murdock, Minnesota.

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 achievement while participating in aerial flight:

FIRST LIEUTENANT P. EDWARD SMITH, O1185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KRESS, O1182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. CLARK, JR., O554185, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 928th Field Artillery Battalion, on 20 January 1945, in France. Residence: Daytona Beach, Florida.

By command of Major General McAULIFFE:

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