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- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, RESCISSION VII

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 individual:

Staff Sergeant Leslie A. Wheeler, 39053099, (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On 20 December 1944, in an attack near * * *, Germany, Company "L" was left without armored support when the leading tank was halted by tank traps and a second tank became mired in the mud. Disregarding cross fire from our tanks, and heavy enemy mortar, anti-tank and machine gun fire which had pinned his company to the ground, Sergeant Wheeler ran to the mired tank, unreeled its towing cable and hooked it to the rear of the leading tank. The mired tank was extricated and both tanks moved forward over new routes to support the advance of the infantry. Sergeant Wheeler's action reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Hannibal, Missouri.

II -- AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to bronze Star Medal is awarded to following named individuals

Staff Sergeant David J. Sloane, 33037457, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 411th Infantry Regiment. For heroism in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, after an infantry company had suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant Sloane established an emergency collecting point in a dug in position and began evacuating the wounded. When casualties became too numerous for one litter team to handle, Sergeant Sloane, disregarding heavy enemy fire, manually carried the wounded to this emergency collecting point. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Camden, New Jersey.

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II - AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Cont'd)

Technician Fifth Grade Berger I. Johnson, 31193559, Infantry, Company "A", 761st Tank Battalion. For heroism in action. During a dawn attack in the vicinity of * * *, France, on 19 January 1945, the tank, of which Technician Johnson was the driver, received a direct turret hit from an enemy self-propelled gun, wounding the tank commander who fell to the ground. Technician Johnson, disregarding the heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, dismounted and assisted in placing the wounded man on the front slope plate of the tank. He then reentered the tank; turned it around and drove to friendly territory, where the tank commander received immediate medical attention. Technician Johnson's actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Residence: Norwich, Connecticut.

III -- 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:

CAPTAIN FRED O. ANGEL, 01171434, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, from 24 December 1944 to 1 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Greenville, Mississippi.

IV -- 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:

AWARD OF THE THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT P. EDWARD SMITH, 01185199, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 384th Field Artillery Battalion, (then Headquarters Battery, 103d Division Artillery), on 25 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. KRUBS, 01182162, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 928th Field Artillery Battalion, from 5 February to 3 March 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Lansing, Michigan.

AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

FIRST LIEUTENANT LLOYD D. HUSKINS, 01171606, Field Artillery, Battery "A", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 January to 27 February 1945, in Eastern France. Residence: Boonford, North Carolina.

V -- 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:

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 V - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Private First Class Harold J. Letterman, 37635083, Infantry, Company "K", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 4 January 1945. Residence: Niangua, Missouri.

Private John A. Holek, 36589661, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Milan, Michigan.

Sergeant Lorin Lepley, 35614833, Infantry, Company "G", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 1 December 1944. Residence: Columbus, Ohio.

Private Frank P. Ribeiro, 39051792, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 December 1944. Residence: Oakley, California.

Private Charles C. Berry, III, 33890748, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 7 February 1945. Residence: Lutherville, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant Ivan T. Svendsen, 32298797, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 28 November 1944. Residence: Long Island, New York.

Private First Class Aaron P. Ireland, 11013070, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Residence: Lincoln, Maine.

Private First Class Richard H. Parlin, 31431106, (then Private), Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 19 January 1945. Residence: Needham, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Meade L. Willis, Jr., 6921266, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 24 January 1945. Residence: New Orleans, Louisiana.

Private Gurley P. Chase, 18201804, Corps of Engineers, Company "C", 328th Engineer Combat Battalion, France, 28 January 1945. Residence: Edna, Texas.

VI -- 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:

SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES K. LUCK, JR., 0546869, Infantry, Company "A", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 March 1945. Residence: Americus, Georgia.

VII -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, RESCISSION. So much of Section I, General Orders Number 79, this headquarters, dated 8 March 1945, awarding the Bronze Star Medal to Technician Fifth Grade Berger L. Johnson, 31193559, Infantry, Company "A", 781st Tank Battalion, is rescinded.

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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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD A. GANTON, 01179861, Field Artillery, Battery "C", 384th Field Artillery Battalion, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: East St. Louis, Illinois.

Sergeant Joseph F. Rudmann, 35270268, Field Artillery, Battery "E", 383d Field Artillery Battalion, France, 16 March 1945. Residence: Ironton, Ohio.

Private First Class Thomas E. Hill, 35834328, (then Private), Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, Germany, 20 December 1944. Residence: Michigan City, Indiana.

Private First Class William R. Rugroden, 19190420, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 20 January 1945. Residence: Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Private First Class Arnold Johnson, 36965148, Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 January 1945. Residence: Saxon, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Edward A. Lunn, 35896486, (then Private), Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 3 January 1945. Residence: Payne, Ohio.

Private First Class David Van Tuyl, 36419982, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 21 January 1945. Residence: Kalamazoo, Michigan.

SECOND LIEUTENANT RAYMOND P. RUFFEL, 01081672, Infantry, Company "G", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 January 1945. Residence: Beaver, Pennsylvania.

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 I - AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (Cont'd)

Technician Fifth Grade Joe Knauf, 38164921, (then Private First Class),
 Infantry, Company "E", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 13 December 1944.
 Residence: Hempstead, Texas.

Private First Class Charles W. Ballard, 38616588, Infantry, Company "G",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 14 February 1945. Residence: New Orleans,
 Louisiana.

Private First Class Sidney D. Van Kirk, 37570454, Infantry, Company "G",
 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 5 January 1945. Residence: Grand Rapids,
 Minnesota.

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:

Private First Class Joseph P. LaBudda, 36288536, Infantry, Cannon Com-
 pany, 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 January 1945. Residence: Mauston,
 Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Alfred T. Thomas, 34465858, (then Private First Class),
 Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 11 January 1945.
 Residence: Sanford, North Carolina.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MCALIFFE:

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20 March 1945

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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:

Private First Class Larry H. Burns, 35841190, Infantry, Company "B", 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Barberton, Ohio.

Private First Class Franklin E. Fickner, 33144446, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Oneida, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Virgil W. Millsaps, 34862412, Infantry, Company "I", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Hiddenite, North Carolina.

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:

Staff Sergeant James W. Slocumb, 36713349, Infantry, Company "C", 411th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: Carra, Illinois.

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. DORATO, 01310421, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 410th Infantry Regiment, France, 15 March 1945. Residence: New York, New York.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLIFFE:

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