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I -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR (MISSING IN ACTION) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following officer who is now missing in action:

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas P. Kelly, Jr, O 323 113, 589th Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in Germany. When his battalion was sustaining the initial impact of the German counter-offensive, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly, despite the severe enemy fire concentrated on his positions, so effectively supervised the utilization of his howitzers and supporting weapons that vicious tank and infantry assaults were repulsed with devastating enemy losses. The successful delay of the German penetration permitted other elements of the division to withdraw safely. When the battalion was forced to displace to alternate positions, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly was last seen voluntarily returning to his foremost battery in an attempt to extricate the unit from its extremely precarious position which was rapidly being encircled by outflanking and infiltrating troops. Entered military service from Florida.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant Henry S. Litchfield, 38 671 890, (then Private First Class), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944, in Germany. During an intense heavy mortar and artillery concentration which wounded his squad leader and dispersed the men of his squad, Private First Class Litchfield immediately assumed command and reorganized the scattered men. In the ensuing action, Private First Class Litchfield, by his inspiring leadership and exemplary courage, was instrumental in repulsing several fierce German assaults. When the squad's Browning automatic rifle gunner was wounded by fire from a hostile patrol, out-flanking his positions and attacking from the rear, Private First Class Litchfield, despite the overwhelming numbers of charging Germans, manned the gun and fired withering blasts at the onrushing enemy, inflicting ten casualties and smashing the attack. Entered military service from Texas.

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III -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant Robert A. Engstrom, OI 323 413, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Edward C. Pietrowski, 32 770 892, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 14 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

IV -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted man:

Major Robert E. Knapp, O 342 842, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Lee Berwick, O 446 413, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 18 December 1944, in Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant Romanse W. Quiggle, 36 584 174, (then Staff Sergeant) 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received in action against the enemy in Northwest Europe, on the date shown:

<u>424TH INFANTRY</u>				<u>ENTERED MILITARY</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE FROM</u>	
Captain Davis, Frank C, Jr	O 440 210	18 February 45	Florida	
Staff Sergeant Church, Quentin E	6 579 549	14 February 45	Oregon	
Sergeant Wandell, Roy W	42 065 008	15 January 45	New York	
Private First Class Lapi, Victor	42 120 495	22 February 45	New York	
Private First Class Smail, Sherman E	35 148 063	12 February 45	Indiana	
Private Byrne, Charles B	32 741 209	21 February 45	New York	
Private Rhoden, Harold J	34 796 759	18 February 45	Florida	

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Private First Class Fitzgerald, Glenn W 33 539 423 16 December 44 Virginia

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VI -- REVOCAION OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 21, 1945 -- So much of General Orders No. 21, this headquarters, 16 February 1945, pertaining to award of the Purple Heart to First Lieutenant Charles H. Costigan, O 528 468, 424th Infantry, is re-  
voked.

By command of Major General STROH:

WILLIAM C. BAKER, JR.  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief of Staff

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