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I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT INFANTRY COMPANY -- A minimum of sixty-five percent (65%) of the Table of Organization strength of Company "A", 424th Infantry Regiment, having been awarded the individual Combat Infantryman Badge for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy in Belgium and Germany, under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, is hereby announced a Combat Infantry Company.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Harry V. Arvanis, 36 444 429, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944, in Germany. When twelve German infantrymen assaulted their emplacement, Private First Class Arvanis mortar gunner, and his two assistants remained steadfast, despite the overwhelming odds. Ignoring the deadly small arms fire directed at him, Private First Class Arvanis, fired the mortar, damaged during a previous barrage, by holding it between his legs and grasping the tube with both hands. As a result of this heroic action, eight of the attacking enemy were eliminated. The remaining Germans charged the emplacement, and Private First Class Arvanis grabbed his pistol, shot two of the Germans, while his assistants disposed of another, and throwing his empty pistol at the last German, knocked him down, thereby stopping the attack. Entered military service from Illinois.

III -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant Herman F. Slutzky, O 288 039, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant Earle M. Uzzell, O 537 872, (then Second Lieutenant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Private First Class James M. Irwin, 37 724 786, 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 Kansas.

Private First Class Paul Meskin, 32 784 081, Medical Detachment, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

IV — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTER) — In addition to the Bronze Star Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945 to the following officer:

First Lieutenant Earle M. Uzzell, O 537 872, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 28 February 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

V — AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER) — In addition to the Bronze Star Medal and the bronze Oak Leaf Cluster previously awarded, a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945 to the following officer:

Lieutenant Colonel William M. Slayden, O 354 653, General Staff Corps, Headquarters 11th Armored Division, (then Headquarters VIII Corps), United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

VI — AWARD OF PURPLE HEART — Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 21, Fifteenth United States Army, 4 March 1945, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy in Northwest Europe, on the date shown:

Technician Fifth Grade Primo Perotti, 32 654 712, 424th Infantry, United States Army, on 24 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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