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I -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT INFANTRY REGIMENT -- A minimum of sixty-five percent (65%) of the Table of Organization strength of the 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, the 424th Infantry Regiment is hereby announced a Combat Infantry Regiment.

II -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT INFANTRY BATTALIONS -- A minimum of sixty-five percent (65%) of the Table of Organization strength of the Second Battalion, 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, the Second Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment is hereby announced a Combat Infantry Battalion.

A minimum of sixty-five percent (65%) of the Table of Organization strength of the Third Battalion, 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, the Third Battalion, 424th Infantry Regiment is hereby announced a Combat Infantry Battalion.

III -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT INFANTRY COMPANIES -- A minimum of sixty-five percent (65%) of the Tables of Organization strength of the companies named below, 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, are hereby announced Combat Infantry Companies:

Regimental Headquarters Company	Company "F"
Service Company	Company "G"
Antitank Company	Company "H"
Cannon Company	Headquarters Company, Third Battalion
Headquarters Company, First Battalion	Company "I"
Company "D"	Company "K"
Headquarters Company, Second Battalion	Company "L"

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IV -- 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 officers:

First Lieutenant Richard H. Hawkes, O 525 402, (then Second Lieutenant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action from 16 December 1944 to 27 December 1944, in Germany and Belgium. During a vicious two hour fire fight for a hotly contested position, Second Lieutenant Hawkes, by exemplary courage and determination in the face of severe hostile fire inspired his men to exceptionally heroic achievement. When the enemy infantry withdrew, the area was subjected to concentrated artillery barrages and attacked by five enemy tanks. Remaining steadfast, Second Lieutenant Hawkes directed his platoon's automatic fire on the approaching tanks, forcing them to remain buttoned up, until supporting tank destroyers stopped them. In the days following, Second Lieutenant Hawkes, despite ever present artillery and small arms fire rendered first aid on the battlefield and valiantly led frequent assaults against numerically superior opposing forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Robert L. Honaker, O2 005 565, (then Technical Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action from 16 December 1944 to 13 January 1945, in Germany and Belgium. On 16 December 1944, when the company counter-attacked a hill, which earlier that day had been overrun by powerful German forces, Technical Sergeant Honaker, inspiring his men by valiant indifference to withering defensive artillery and small arms fire, aggressively led the foremost platoon to seize the company objective. On 13 January 1945, when their positions were threatened by three approaching tanks, Technical Sergeant Honaker fearlessly led a bazooka team which destroyed one tank and repulsed the others. Throughout this entire period, Technical Sergeant Honaker repeatedly defied heavy fire to reconnoiter enemy territory and to utilize the platoon most effectively, despite fanatically determined enemy opposition. Entered military service from West Virginia.

V -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, 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 posthumously awarded to the following enlisted men:

Private First Class Anton J. Sedivy, Jr., 36 958 836, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Harold D. Smith, 6 264 236, 331st Medical Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Texas.

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VI -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL (MISSING IN ACTION) -- 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 enlisted man who is now missing in action:

Technician Fifth Grade Robert P. O'Malley, 33 464 864, 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 Pennsylvania.

VII -- 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:

Captain Philip J. Antrim, O 436 118, Medical Corps, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Lieutenant Joseph B. Dresselhaus, O 538 188, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant Rex C. Browning, O2 008 354, (then First Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Cecil C. Clausen, 36 059 848, (then Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Murten J. Slaght, 36 833 193, (then Sergeant), 424th Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technician Third Grade William J. Devlin, 35 358 686, (then Technician Fourth Grade), Medical Detachment, 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 Indiana.

Corporal Darrel R. Bayles, 16 073 397, 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 Illinois.

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Private First Class Fred Sater, 37 006 805, 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 Missouri.

VIII — 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:

Captain Philip J. Antrim, O 436 118, Medical Corps, 424th Infantry, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 December 1944 and 25 January 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Kansas.

IX — AWARD OF AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant Harold J. Lang, O1 172 133, 590th Field Artillery Battalion, (then 590th Field Artillery Battalion and 591st Field Artillery Battalion), United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 16 December 1944 to 1 March 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from Illinois.

First Lieutenant Clarence W. Lauman, O1 177 044, Headquarters 106th Division Artillery, (then Headquarters 106th Division Artillery and 592d Field Artillery Battalion), United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 17 December 1944 to 28 February 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from Missouri.

First Lieutenant Alonzo A. Neese, O 516 639, 592d Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 17 December 1944 to 24 February 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Second Lieutenant Paul C. Nielsen, O2 005 718, (then Staff Sergeant), 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 16 December 1944 to 25 February 1945, in Germany and Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

Sergeant Lendel E. Wilson, 37 664 155, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 1 January 1945 to 25 February 1945, in Belgium. Entered military service from Iowa.

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