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HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS

No. 28

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officer for gallantry in action in northern France:

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1ST LT ROBERT R. MARTEE, 01305280, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944, Lt Martee a machine gun platoon leader lost one gun and the crew of another in an intense Artillery and Mortar concentration preceding an enemy counterattack. With utter disregard for heavy enemy fire, Lt Martee himself manned the crewless gun in its incompaced position and contributed to a major degree the firepower necessary to break the counterattack. Practically at the moment the counterattack was broken, Lt Martee was killed while still manning the gun. By his gallantry, Lt Martee upheld the highest traditions of the military service and his courageous act was a timely inspiration to his entire battalion. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded the following named Officers and Enlisted Men for gallantry in action in northern France:

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1ST LT WILMER T. BECK, 01175036, PA, United States Army. During a counterattack on 6 July 1944, all communication lines with supporting artillery were blown out. Lt Beck, Artillery Liaison Officer, on his own initiative and without regard for his personal safety, went alone through several hundred yards of intense artillery and mortar fire to find the breaks and to repair them. He then returned through the same fire and successfully directed his artillery to help break up four more successive counterattacks by infantry and tanks. His meritorious conduct was largely responsible for the battalion's ability to hold its ground. Entered service from New Jersey.

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1ST LT WENDELL T. NICKERSON, 01319222, Inf (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 16 June 1944, Lt Nickerson, a Platoon Leader, waded and swam some 300 yards under heavy fire to the Battalion C.P. in order to get supporting fire placed upon the enemy position. Lt Nickerson then worked his way back through the hostile fire to the forward elements which he moved to a more secure position and directed evacuation of the wounded from the fire swept area. By his leadership, courage and determination, Lt Nickerson was not only an inspiration to the men but also prevented

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many additional casualties and contributed largely to the fulfillment of his battalion mission. Entered service from Nebraska.

T Sgt H. L. Schmidt, 18080627, Inf (then S Sgt), United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant had become casualties and the platoon had become disorganized by heavy enemy fire, Sgt Schmidt took command and reorganized the platoon. Sgt Schmidt then advanced alone for 100 yards and personally knocked out two enemy machine gun nests with hand grenades. This feat so inspired the platoon that he was able to lead it forward and take a well organized enemy position. The meritorious leadership and initiative of Sgt Schmidt enabled the entire battalion to advance to its objective. Entered service from Texas.

S Sgt Martin Garcia, 38120190, Inf (then Pfc), United States Army. On 18 June 1944, Sgt Garcia, a leading scout, was wounded in the head by a nearby machine gun. In spite of his wound and the great odds against him, Sgt Garcia alone attacked the machine gun, killing one of the enemy machine gunners and capturing the remaining two. His tenacity of purpose was a decided inspiration to all members of his unit. Entered service from Colorado.

Sgt Don C. Seal, 17052935, Inf (then Pvt) United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Sgt Seal's squad was advancing alone through a village when heavy hostile fire from an enemy position killed the squad leader. Sgt Seal, displaying great leadership and initiative, took charge of the squad and ordered it to withdraw while he alone engaged the enemy and attracted its fire from the remainder of the squad. After the squad had reached cover, Sgt Seal rejoined it and led it back to its unit. Sgt Seal's bravery and initiative was a timely inspiration to his unit. Entered service from Arkansas.

III. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

CAPT ROBERT MOSS, 0360711, Inf, United States Army. On 6 June 1944, when landing operations were under intense enemy artillery fire, Capt Moss saw that the water between the landing craft and shore was so deep that many of his battalion vehicles were stalling. On his own initiative he secured necessary equipment and personally directed it in the salvage of the vehicles during which time he was continually exposed to the enemy fire. Later when the fire became intense, Capt Moss obtained a truck and continued the operation. Entered military service from California.

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1ST LT GREGG S. ANDERSON, 01318850, Inf, (then 2d Lt), United States Army. On 3 July 1944, as his company was advancing, two men on the right flank were wounded by enemy fire. Lt Anderson crawled 25 yards under increasing machine gun fire to give them first aid, then made two trips through this hazardous fire to bring the men to safety. Entered service from California.

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S Sgt Lloyd C. Sparby, 37154980, Inf, United States Army. On 16 June 1944, Sgt Sparby seeing his supported troops pinned down by heavy enemy fire, mounted and fired a heavy machine gun in a position under enemy fire and observation with such effect as to enable riflemen to withdraw to defilade. While covering the withdrawal of the riflemen Sgt Sparby was mortally wounded. By his gallant and meritorious action Sgt Sparby saved the lives of many of his comrades, while sacrificing his own. Entered service from South Dakota.

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Tec 4 Robert W. Dick, 37173648, Med Dept, United States Army. On 13 July 1944, two men were shot, while in an open field. Tec 4 Dick, not being certain they were dead and in spite of warnings of the danger, attempted to work his way out to give them aid. In his attempt to help his comrades Tec 4 Dick was killed by enemy fire. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Sgt James Hughes, 31153399, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 during an advance, Sgt Hughes, a machine gun squad leader, lifted his machine gun to an exposed position over a hedgerow and alone so fired on the enemy that his troops could secure their position. While in the performance of this meritorious service. Sgt Hughes met his death from enemy fire. The courageous leadership and conduct of Sgt Hughes inspired the other members of his unit in their initial action and instilled in them the strength to carry on. Entered service from Massachusetts.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

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LT COL CHRISTIAN H. GLARKE, JR, 018213, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Lt Col Clarke assumed command of the \*\*\* Inf which was in a disorganized state after having launched two unsuccessful attacks against \*\*\*\*, France. Lt Col Clarke effectively reorganized the regiment, resumed the attack and took the objective. The high degree of leadership shown by Lt Col Clarke inspired a feeling of confidence and determination that carried down through all ranks and resulted in the capture of the town. Entered service from Georgia.

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2D LT JERROLD R. HENDERSON, 0524572, Inf, United States Army. On 3 - 4 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Lt Henderson constantly reconnoitered routes through mined areas in order to keep his companies supplied with ammunition. On 3 July during the threat of a tank attack, Lt Henderson and a detail personally carried bazooka ammunition forward under heavy mortar and small arms fire. Routes selected by Lt Henderson greatly facilitated the supply to and evacuation of casualties from the battalion zone of action. Entered service from Wyoming.

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2D LT CHARLES F. KINGSLEY, 01302142, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944 after a withdrawal, Lt Kingsley without regard for his safety returned under heavy fire to the vacated position to care for three wounded men. He moved each of them through intense enemy fire to a defiladed point before returning to his platoon. Entered service from New Jersey.

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2D LT JAMES SOMERVILLE, 01319673, Inf, United States Army. By leading his platoon aggressively in all actions from 10 June to 12 June 1944 and by personally leading small patrols in envelopments of enemy machine gun emplacements in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Lt Somerville was a deciding factor in the successful attack of the town. His energetic and meritorious leadership was an inspiration to all. Entered service from Delaware.

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T Sgt Don H Bobitt, 38098367, Inf, United States Army. On 8 June 1944 Sgt Bobitt deliberately exposed himself in order to draw fire until he located and shot two enemy snipers. His fearlessness was an inspiration to his company and a credit to the military service. Entered service from Texas.

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T Sgt Lehman A. Rawls, 38000839, Inf, United States Army. On 15 July 1944, Sgt Rawls fought for an hour and a half to extinguish a fire in a truck loaded with explosives and gasoline. Sgt Rawls fearlessness under constant threat of explosion and in increased enemy shelling was one of the highest examples of meritorious conduct. Entered service from Texas.

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S Sgt Lloyd E. Hall, 37172946, Inf, United States Army. On 15 July 1944 Sgt Hall fought for one and one-half hours to extinguish a fire in a truck loaded with gasoline and explosives. Sgt Hall's fearlessness under constant threat of explosion and in increased enemy shelling was one of the highest examples of meritorious service. Entered service from Minnesota.

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T Sgt Jarral M. Moore, 38089819, Inf (then Pvt ) United States Army. On 14 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sgt Moore stood up in the face of heavy enemy fire and threw hand grenades at enemy emplacements holding up his unit. This gallant act so inspired the remainder of Sgt Moore's platoon that three of the enemy emplacements were quickly knocked out thus enabling the attack to continue. Entered service from Texas.

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S Sgt Michael J. Nedesky, 37173545, Inf, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 Sgt Nedesky, his platoon leader and an Anti-Tank gun crew were pinned down by hostile machine gun crossfires. Sgt Nedesky crawled under and ran through 350 yards of this fire to get a tank forward to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. His meritorious conduct was in keeping with the highest military standards. Entered service from Minnesota.

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S Sgt Warren N. Snider, 38099525, Inf, United States Army. In the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 12 June 1944, infantry supported by Sgt Snider's unit were pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt Snider exposed himself in order to draw fire and thereby locate enemy positions so that he could adjust mortar fire upon them. Sgt Snider stayed in position for one hour and held the enemy down until a rifle platoon could envelope and drive them out. By his gallant and meritorious action Sgt Snider was able to facilitate the advance of the battalion. Entered service from Texas.

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S Sgt John L. Taylor, 37155186, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944, Sgt Taylor and his mortar section were supporting a rifle company which withdrew when stopped by heavy enemy fire. Sgt Taylor kept his section in action in spite of his then exposed and unprotected position. By thus remaining in a position considered untenable for mortars, Sgt Taylor covered the withdrawal of the rifle company. His courage, determination and leadership beyond the call of duty were high examples of meritorious conduct. Entered service from Nebraska.

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S Sgt Douglas C. Wakefield, 20110273, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944 upon his own initiative, Sgt Wakefield with one man set out from an O.P. to reconnoiter an enemy position. They crawled 180 yards across an open field which was covered by hostile observation and spasmodic fire and entered a wooded area held by the enemy where a machine gun section of 15 or 20 men was located. When another machine gun was located and fired upon him, Sgt Wakefield killed one of its crew before starting back through the enemy fire to the O.P. Enroute, two snipers were discovered and captured. By his courageous and aggressive search for information, Sgt Wakefield greatly facilitated the later advance of his battalion. Entered service from Massachusetts.

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Sgt Floyd Runnels, 38094727, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sgt Runnels, serving as field lineman, finding his wire being continually shot out by hostile fire, personally and alone made eight trips between the O.P. and C.P. to repair breaks in his lines. By almost continuous work through the fire swept area and by his meritorious conduct, Sgt Runnels maintained his communications and thus enabled the battalion to hold its position. Entered service from Texas.