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HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 90, U. S. Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS

No. 29

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 enlisted man for gallantry in action in northern France:

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Pfc Gilbert A. Helland, 37171214, FA, United States Army. On 10 June 1944, Pfc Helland, a lineman, made nine trips across a bridge that was under continuous artillery fire to repair breaks in telephone lines. Although others were forced to take cover, Pfc Helland, without regard for his personal safety and without orders, continually exposed himself on the bridge to service the wires so that much needed artillery support could be available to the Infantry. Pfc Helland was killed the following day while continuing such meritorious conduct. Entered service from Washington.

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 for gallantry in action in northern France:

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1ST LT PAUL D. PHIPPS, 01319971, Inf (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Lt Phipps was advancing ahead of his scouts when he was fired upon and wounded by an enemy machine gun. Despite his wound and the odds against him, Lt Phipps assaulted the machine gun position alone and knocked it out with two hand grenades. By his gallant act Lt Phipps facilitated the continued advance of his unit. Entered service from Tennessee.

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2D LT CULVER D. FIELD, JR, 01180892, FA, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 Lt Field, an Artillery Observer, was severely wounded by mortar fire. Although suffering severely, Lt Field refused to be evacuated and after receiving only first aid, he continued to direct fire and later moved his O.P. 350 yards for better observation. By his tenacity of purpose in refusing to be evacuated until the enemy fire had been silenced three hours later, Lt Field clearly upheld the high traditions of the military service. Entered service from Indiana.

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 enlisted man for bravery in action in northern France:

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S Sgt James E. King, 37156585, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, Sgt King crawled through ten yards of intense machine gun and mortar fire to reach his wounded platoon leader. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt King helped remove the wounded officer back to a point where he could be treated. Such courage and loyalty is highly meritorious. Entered service from Kansas.

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 officer and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

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1ST LT LEONARD M. LINTON, 0418991, Inf, United States Army. On 7 July 1944, Lt Linton, an Infantry Officer, took over the duties of Artillery Observer in an O.P. 75 yards in front of his defense lines. In this role, and under intense enemy fire, he directed artillery fire for five hours. Without regard for his personal safety, he often stood upright to observe hits and at one time he drew the friendly fire to within 50 yards of himself to repulse the enemy. Entered service from Maryland.

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Sgt Clarence W. Ehlers, 37155305, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Sgt Ehlers was wounded during a withdrawal. Without regard for his wound or his own personal safety, he rescued at least five wounded men under intense enemy fire before he himself was evacuated. Entered service from Nebraska.

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Sgt Bernhard Christiansen, 33475002, Inf (then Tec 5) United States Army. On 5 July during a tank battle, Sgt Christiansen saw a soldier who was so seriously wounded that he could not move, about to be crushed by a friendly tank. Sgt Christiansen, without regard for his personal safety in the fire swept area, dashed 50 yards from his foxhole and helped move the wounded man to safety. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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Sgt Melvin J. Sprang, 36202517, (then Cpl), ** Tank Bn, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, when his driver was killed and the tank stopped by a direct hit from a 75mm gun emplaced 80 yards to its front, Sgt Sprang immediately returned the fire. A second enemy projectile pierced the turret and destroyed the traversing mechanism. Despite this handicap, Sgt Sprang managed to fire another shot which destroyed the enemy gun. By his meritorious action and coolness in face of direct short range anti-tank fire, Sgt Sprang saved the lives of the crew and complete destruction of the tank. Entered service from Wisconsin.

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Cpl Edward J. Kowal, 31182941, PA, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 Cpl Kowal, lineman in a liaison detail, without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to small arms and mortar fire which had pinned down the Infantry for two hours and ran approximately 350 yards of his wire line to repair a break. His meritorious action enabled the artillery to silence the enemy position and permitted the Infantry to continue its advance. Entered service from Rhode Island.

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Cpl Richard R. L. Slobig, 39086429, FA, United States Army. On 10 June 1944 Cpl Slobig, a Lineman, without regard for his own safety, laid a wire across a bridge and 600 yards of marsh which were under continuous artillery fire. Cpl Slobig, often working in water waist deep, disregarded the fact that eight men were killed in his vicinity and continued to expose himself by repairing breaks at least four different times. By his meritorious service, Cpl Slobig greatly facilitated a difficult advance by making close artillery support possible. Entered service from California.

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Tec 5 Earl C. Bender, 39085133, FA, United States Army. On 15 June 1944 in the vicinity of **, France, Tec 5 Bender, while driving his Commanding General, crashed into a road block and drew immediate close range enemy fire. Springing to the roadside, Tec 5 Bender returned the enemy fire with his carbine until he was seriously wounded. By his unselfish loyalty and courage, Tec 5 Bender greatly facilitated the escape of his Commanding General. Entered service from California.

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Tec 5 John T. Woodruff, 34434920, FA, United States Army. On 8 July 1944, Tec 5 Woodruff, a member of a wire party, was caught in a heavy concentration of machine gun and mortar fire. Tec 5 Woodruff, without orders, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, proceeded forward alone and while making repairs was wounded by small arms fire. His example encouraged the remainder of the party to come forward and complete the work, restoring communications at a critical time. Entered service from North Carolina.

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Tec 5 David H. Troxell, 36259893, Med Dept, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 when a withdrawal of his unit was ordered, Tec 5 Troxell, of his own accord, stayed on the vacated position to care for the wounded. He gave aid to and directed four walking casualties back to their lines. Tec 5 Troxell then found a seriously wounded soldier with whom he stayed all night under friendly artillery fire falling in the area. At daylight he succeeded in carrying the wounded man to safety. Such loyalty and devotion to duty upholds the highest traditions of military service. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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Pfc Howard Howe, 12159836, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944, during a tank battle, Pfc Howe saw a soldier who was so seriously wounded that he could not move, about to be crushed by a friendly tank. Pfc Howe, without regard for his own safety in the fire swept area, dashed 50 yards from his foxhole and helped move the man to safety. Entered service from New York.

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Pfc Manuel Perez, 38093898, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, Pfc Perez crawled through ten yards of intense machine gun and mortar fire to reach his wounded platoon leader. Without regard for his own safety, Pfc Perez helped remove the wounded officer back to a point where he could be treated. Such courage and loyalty is highly meritorious. Entered service from Texas.

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Pvt Ben M. Flud, 18086676, FA, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 Pvt Flud, with total disregard for his personal safety, went twice through mortar fire that had cut artillery communication lines, to find the breaks and repair them. By thus exposing himself while others were forced to take cover, Pvt Flud restored communications which made it possible to silence enemy mortar fire upon our forward elements at a critical point of the engagement. Entered service from Oklahoma.

V. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Air Medal is awarded the following named officers.

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1ST LT GRADY F. LILLY, 01175211, FA, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 10 June 1944 to 13 July 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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1ST LT GEORGE W. KILMER, 0534006, FA (then 2d Lt) United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 10 June 1944 to 29 June 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from Texas.

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