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

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GENERAL ORDERS

No. 35

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

1ST LT CLAUDE E. LOVETT, JR, 0521431, Inf (then 2d Lt) United States Army. On 12 June 1944 attacking troops became disorganized due to heavy artillery and small arms fire. Despite the danger, Lt Lovett gathered together some forty men, resumed the attack and gained a position which he held, until ordered to withdraw. His display of leadership under fire was an inspiration to his companions and to the remainder of the forces in that vicinity and prevented a complete disorganization. Entered service from Texas.

2D LT HOLMAN A. BROTHERTON, JR, 0519647, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 attacking troops became disorganized due to heavy artillery and small arms fire. Despite the danger, Lt Brotherton gathered together some forty men, resumed the attack and gained a position which he held until ordered to withdraw. His display of leadership under fire was an inspiration to his companions and to the remainder of the forces in that vicinity and prevented a complete disorganization. Entered service from Texas.

T Sgt Frank M. Burford, 33446445, Inf (then Sgt) United States Army. On 14 June 1944 in the vicinity of **, France, Sgt Burford led a small group against machine gun positions of an enemy strong-point. This group led by Sgt Burford knocked out two machine gun emplacements, killing four of the enemy. They then routed another enemy group and later killed two more and were proceeding on to continue the attack until ordered by the Battalion Commander to move to another position. The gallantry in action displayed by Sgt Burford resulted in the rapid advance of his troops and was an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the best traditions of the service. Entered service from Virginia.

S Sgt Emery K. Taylor, 38148626, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when Sgt Taylor's squad was attacked by tanks and infantry, the bazooka man of his squad was wounded. Sgt Taylor took the bazooka, personally placed himself in an exposed but advantageous position, made a direct hit on the turret of the tank and stopped it. He fired two other rounds at the tank, badly damaging it and causing it to retreat and broke up the enemy attack. The following day his squad received another counterattack and when the bazooka failed to function, he manned a BAR, keeping up continuous fire at the approaching tank until he was wounded and evacuated from the position. Entered service from Colorado.

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Sgt Henry J. Cersosimo, 31277155, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when his platoon sergeant was seriously wounded and enemy fire was too intense for a litter squad to reach him, Sgt Cersosimo, on his own initiative, voluntarily started forward with a litter to rescue him. In this attempt Sgt Cersosimo was seriously wounded. This gallant action in an attempt to reach the wounded man was an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the best traditions of the service. Entered service from Connecticut.

Sgt David H. Murphy, 42028712, Inf, (then Pvt) United States Army. On 6 July 1944 when his platoon sergeant was seriously wounded and another man was wounded attempting to rescue him, Sgt Murphy on his own initiative, went forward through intense enemy fire and rescued the second man. This gallantry in action displayed by Sgt Murphy was an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered service from New York.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded posthumously to the following named enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

T Sgt Henry G. Bohlen, 37155355, Inf, (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 21 June 1944, Sgt Bohlen was a member of a company which was surprised by the enemy at about 0400 hours and its outpost overrun. Awakened by the noise, Sgt Bohlen leaped from his foxhole and lunged into the fight, killing six of the enemy and wounding several more. His bravery and disregard for his personal safety assisted in bringing about the surrender of 135 of the enemy and the killing or wounding of 45 more. Entered service from Kansas.

T Sgt Vincent E. Arnold, 13075614, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Arnold, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements knocking them out and permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

T Sgt John Kemper, 37168281, Inf, United States Army. On 14 June 1944 when his company was trapped in action and pinned down by heavy enemy fire, Sgt Kemper assembled a group of volunteers and moved forward to an advantageous position where he could cover the withdrawal of the trapped company. In this situation he displayed qualities of leadership and courage and successfully covered the withdrawal of the trapped company. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Pfc James A. Nelson, 39918513, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Pfc Nelson led the assault on machine gun positions causing the enemy to withdraw and thereby facilitating the advance of his unit. Entered service from Idaho.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6 Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

MAJ EDWARD S. HAMILTON, 022165, Inf, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 when his battalion had suffered extremely heavy casualties, it was necessary to effect immediate reorganization. His commander broke down under the pressure of these circumstances and Maj Hamilton immediately assumed control of the situation, effected reorganization, inspired the men, moved them forward and attacked with vigor exhibiting qualities of leadership and clear thinking and inspired confidence in his men at a critical time. Entered service from Alabama.

CAPT CHARLES E. NADEAU, 0343164, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 Capt Nadeau led an assault on enemy positions when he quickly organized his company and attempted to drive the enemy back. His initiative and prompt action enabled the line to move forward, Capt Nadeau being seriously wounded in the action. His diligence in quickly organizing the attempt under conditions of confusion was exceptionally meritorious and commendatory. Entered service from Texas.

1ST LT MAX G. KOCOUR, 0514266, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, Lt Kocour accompanied a group into a village for the purpose of mopping it up. Under resistance from the enemy, Lt Kocour repeatedly disregarded his own personal safety and directed mortar fire on enemy machine gun positions and by his own personal conduct inspired the group which he accompanied to complete their mission. Entered service from Kansas.

1ST LT CHARLES B. SMITH, JR, 0413676, Inf, United States Army. On 15 June 1944, Lt Smith led a small group of men into a village where he successfully knocked out two or more machine gun nests, silenced snipers hidden in the buildings and mopped up a section of the village. Lt Smith's exemplary conduct in the face of the enemy and his courageous action were an inspiration to the men of his unit. Entered service from Maine.

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T Sgt William J. Peaslee, 37138447, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944, south of * * *, France, when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Peaslee, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements, knocking them out and permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Missouri.

T Sgt James L. Lessel, 37107952, Inf, United States Army. On 27 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sgt Lessel coolly and courageously made his way through enemy small arms and artillery fire, repairing wires to an observer of a mortar platoon. Later, on 29 June he again proceeded one mile under heavy artillery fire in order to bring up additional ammunition to repel attack. Entered service from Arkansas.

T Sgt William B. Haley, 37108104, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944, Sgt Haley led the assault on machine gun positions causing the enemy to withdraw and thereby facilitating the advance of his unit. Entered service from Arkansas.

T Sgt Sheldon L. Faler, 37138766, Inf, (then Pfc) United States Army. On 13 June 1944 Sgt Faler, with three other members of his platoon, charged an enemy machine gun position dislodging it and permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from Missouri.

S Sgt Charles R. Bruce, 20111157, Inf, United States Army. On 21 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Bruce, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements, knocking them out and thereby permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Massachusetts.

S Sgt Porfirio Ponce, 36613763, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 21 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Sgt Ponce was a member of a company which was surprised by the enemy at about 0400 hours and its outpost overrun. Awakened by the noise, Sgt Ponce leaped from his foxhole and plunged into the fight, killing two of the enemy and wounding several more. His bravery and disregard for his personal safety assisted in bringing about the surrender of 135 of the enemy and the killing or wounding of 45 more. Entered service from Illinois.

S Sgt Willard A. Stafford, 35292916, Inf, United States Army. On 27 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when wire communications with forward observer of his 81mm mortar platoon became extremely hazardous to maintain because they were being frequently cut by artillery shelling, Sgt Stafford worked the line diligently under both artillery and small arms fire and succeeded in maintaining communications. Entered service from Ohio.

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S Sgt Clifford E. Brooks, 15329582, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Sgt Brooks, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements knocking them out and thereby permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from Ohio.

Sgt George S. Grady, 36538298, Inf, United States Army. On 22 June 1944 near * * *, France, Sgt Grady voluntarily left his place of safety and assisted in removing a severely wounded soldier to where he could receive early treatment for his wounds thereby preventing him from receiving additional wounds from the continuous fire. Entered service from Michigan.

Sgt Martin M. Miller, 17050621, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 11 June 1944 Sgt Miller participated in a hazardous assault on enemy positions, causing them to withdraw, thereby facilitating the advance of his company. Entered service from North Dakota.

Sgt Ingvald C. Birk, 37172171, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 south of * * *, France, Sgt Birk led the assault on machine gun positions causing the enemy to withdraw and thereby facilitating the advance of his unit. Entered service from North Dakota.

Tec 5 Rodolfo San Miguel, 38094604, Med Dept, United States Army. On 13 July 1944, after attending wounded soldiers and finding that because of heavy shelling it was impossible to get litter bearers to evacuate the wounded soldiers, he and another comrade improvised a litter and carried a wounded man through shell fire into the safety area. Entered service from Texas.

Tec 5 Jerry C. Miles, 37155632, Med Dept, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 near * * *, France, Tec 5 Miles, disregarding his own personal safety by proceeding under heavy artillery fire to treat three severely wounded soldiers, definitely saved the life of at least one of the wounded men. Entered service from Nebraska.

Tec 5 Melvin A. Wurm, 20519310, Med Dept, United States Army. On 22 June 1944, Tec 5 Wurm voluntarily left his place of safety and assisted in removing a severely wounded soldier to where he could receive early treatment for his wounds, thereby preventing him from receiving additional wounds from the continuous fire. Entered service from Ohio.

Tec 5 Oscar L. Kaufman, 35493695, Med Dept (then Pfc) United States Army. On 19 June 1944 when friendly troops after a severe engagement had been ordered to withdraw to new defensive positions, many wounded men were left on the field of battle. Tec 5 Kaufman, disregarding his own personal safety and still under fire, remained on the battle field attending to the wounded men and removing them

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to the rear. By his calm action and cool thinking, several men were evacuated who might otherwise have died of wounds. Entered service from Kentucky.

Tec 5 George W. Mattila, 37172617, Inf, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, Tec 5 Mattila was part of a volunteer force formed to stop an enemy break-through in his position. During a heavy artillery concentration, Tec 5 Mattila was severely wounded in the chest. After securing aid for another wounded comrade, he returned to his position in the line. Sometime later he was evacuated as a walking wounded with instructions to send up litters for other wounded men. With disregard for his own condition, Tec 5 Mattila returned with the litters and assisted in evacuating the other wounded men. Entered service from Minnesota.

Pfc Jessie M. Dearing, 34871616, Inf, United States Army. On 21 June 1944, Pfc Dearing was a member of a company which was surprised by the enemy at about 0400 hours and its outpost overrun. Awakened by the noise, Pfc Dearing leaped from his foxhole and plunged into the fight, killing an enemy officer and two men and wounding several others. His bravery and disregard for his personal safety assisted in bringing about the surrender of 135 of the enemy and the killing or wounding of 45 more. Entered service from Mississippi.

Pfc Homer L. Smith, 33407594, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 Pfc Smith with three other members of his platoon, charged an enemy machine gun position, dislodging it and thereby permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Pfc Epifanio Maldonado, 38103791, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944, Pfc Maldonado, with three other members of his platoon, charged an enemy machine gun position, dislodging it and thereby permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from New Mexico.

Pfc William A. Sinclair, 37522805, Med Dept, United States Army. On 19 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when friendly troops after a severe engagement had been ordered to withdraw to new defensive positions, many wounded men were left on the field of battle. Pfc Sinclair, disregarding his own personal safety and still under fire, remained on the battle field attending to the wounded men and removing them to the rear. By his calm action and cool thinking several men were evacuated who might otherwise have died of wounds. Entered service from Missouri.

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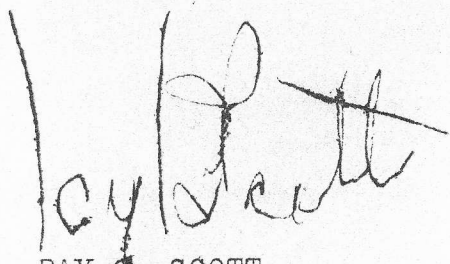
Pfc Olaf Stangeland, 37156141, Inf, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 south of * * *, France, Pfc Stangeland with three other members of his platoon charged an enemy machine gun position, dislodging it and thereby permitting his company to push forward on its mission. Entered service from Wyoming.

Pvt Norris J. Smith, 37172262, Inf, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and suffering heavy casualties, Pvt Smith, with four others of his section, rushed two enemy machine gun emplacements knocking them out and thus permitting the advance of our troops. Entered service from North Dakota.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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