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

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GENERAL ORDERS

No. 38

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

359 2D LT RAYMOND H. PAULEY, 01296739, Inf, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 Lt Pauley, advancing with other members of his company, encountered a defended enemy CP. He, with two other members of his company, moving out in advance of their platoon, rapidly charged through the enemy position, killing one officer and six other members of the garrison, capturing one officer and twenty-three others, seven machine guns, three machine pistols, eight rifles and five pistols; rioting the garrison and rapidly taking the position. Entered service from Louisiana.

359 S Sgt Abraham Jamail, 18114594, Inf, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 Sgt Jamail, advancing with other members of his company, encountered a defended enemy CP. He, with two other members of his company, moving out in advance of their platoon, rapidly charged through the enemy position killing one officer and six other members of the garrison, capturing one officer and twenty-three others, seven machine guns, three machine pistols, eight rifles and five pistols; rioting the garrison and rapidly taking the position. Entered service from Texas.

358 Cpl James J. Dines, 33475150, Med Dept, (then Pfc) United States Army. On 11 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when his battalion was attacking, Cpl Dines volunteered to go into an area then under heavy mortar and small arms fire. He assisted in carrying out a man who was wounded and bleeding badly. Making his way under fire to the wounded man he was able to stop the bleeding and improvised a litter from impregnated clothing and boards and completed the evacuation thereby saving a life at the great risk of his own. This gallant action on the part of Cpl Dines is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

358 Tec 5 Arden E. Pritts, 33412453, Med Dept (then Pfc) United States Army. On 10 June 1944 when his battalion launched an attack over very difficult terrain, his company commander received a severe wound. While the area was still under very heavy artillery and small arms fire, Tec 5 Pritts, disregarding his own personal safety and being warned that he ran great risk of becoming a casualty himself, set out with two companions and worked his way 150 yards into the shelled area where the enemy

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had excellent observation. Reaching the wounded Captain, he removed him from the shelled area and enabled him to receive timely treatment for his wounds. This gallant action on the part of Tec 5 Pritts is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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Pfc Frank P. Nagra, 36364737, Med Dept (then Pvt) United States Army. On 11 June 1944 when his battalion was attacking, Pfc Nagra volunteered to go into an area then under heavy mortar and small arms fire. He assisted in carrying out a man who was wounded and bleeding badly. Making his way under the fire to the wounded man, he was able to stop the bleeding and improvised a litter from impregnated clothing and boards and completed the evacuation thereby saving a life at the great risk of his own. This gallant action on the part of Pfc Nagra is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Illinois.

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Pfc George W. Waschow, 36835630, Inf (then Pvt) United States Army. On 8 July 1944 in the darkness of an early morning action, Pfc Waschow and a companion heard what they believed to be two tanks approaching their lines. Knowing that no anti-tank guns were in the vicinity, they voluntarily left their protected positions and worked their way to where they had a clear field of fire covering the approach to their lines. Withholding their fire, they waited until the enemy armored vehicles approached within thirty-five feet of their position when they opened fire, knocking out both armored vehicles. During the entire action the enemy was sweeping the zone with small arms and mortar fire. This gallant action on the part of Pfc Waschow is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and prevented the enemy armored vehicles from penetrating our lines. Entered service from Wisconsin.

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Pvt Oscar B. Winters, 36880641, Inf, United States Army. On 13 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, when Pvt Winters and his companions were holding a position protecting the right flank of his company and firing to the front, he discovered six or eight of the enemy attempting to out-flank his position. Leaving his position on his own initiative, he worked himself to a position where he beat off the attack with hand grenades. Again, on 15 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, when his company was advancing down a road, it was held up by small arms fire from a house. Pvt Winters, on his own initiative, worked himself to a position where, using his rifle grenades, he brought fire on the German position, killing one and causing the remaining enemy soldiers to surrender. Pvt Winters' actions were an inspiration to his companions and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Michigan.



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II. 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:

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CAPT HOBBY H. McCALL, 0422737, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944, Capt McCall personally led an assault on a group of buildings in the village of \* \* \*, France. Capt McCall, whose duty is battalion S-3, inspired the troops to vigorous assault on the village resulting in its capture. Entered service from Texas.

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CHAPLAIN (CAPT) JOSEPH K. SIMMONS, 0522961, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 northeast of \* \* \*, France, when his unit had sustained heavy casualties and the wounded men were moved into a collecting station, the position became untenable immediately under enemy artillery and mortar fire. The wounded being unable to take cover, Chaplain Simmons remained with them giving aid and encouraging them. Afterwards, he took charge of sixteen walking wounded and guided them through a safe passage in an enemy swept zone, thereby contributing greatly to the morale of his unit and greatly assisting the wounded. Entered service from Texas.

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1ST LT EUGENE A. VANN, 01310325, Inf, United States Army. During the period 8 June 1944 to 17 July 1944 on the Normandy beachhead, France, Lt Vann worked tirelessly under extremely difficult circumstances in supplying his company with food. On 10 July 1944 he showed exceptionally meritorious conduct by getting food to his battalion which was almost surrounded and access to their position extremely hazardous and under continuous enemy mortar and small arms fire. Entered service from Florida.

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1ST LT RICHARD K. ELWELL, 01325484, Inf, (then 2d Lt) United States Army. During the period 8 June 1944 to 17 July 1944 on the Normandy beachhead, France, Lt Elwell supplied his unit with ammunition under extremely difficult circumstances and in particular on 10 June 1944 when his battalion was very nearly surrounded and cut off and the road of advance under heavy mortar and small arms fire he continued this function in a superior manner. Entered service from Ohio.

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2D LT JOSEPH R. MELLON, 01312491, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when his unit after very heavy fighting had been forced to fall back before heavy enemy fire and leaving many men on the battle field, Lt Mellon, at great risk to his personal safety and without regard for the enemy fire, went onto the battle field and assisted in moving five wounded men to safety, thereby contributing to saving the lives of these men and to sustain the morale of his unit. Entered service from Pennsylvania.



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Sgt Jeremiah J. McKowen, 37172004, Inf, United States Army. On 4 July 1944 when his unit was receiving heavy machine gun fire and the area in which it was organized was being shelled by enemy artillery and mortars, Sgt McKowen left his place of safety and worked his way to a position from which he could observe and direct the fire of his mortar section, knocking out one machine gun, killing and wounding five of the enemy troops and forcing eight others to surrender. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Sgt Thomas C. Howard, 37155285, Inf, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his unit, after very heavy fighting had been forced to fall back before heavy enemy fire and leaving many men on the battle field, Sgt Howard, at great risk to his personal safety and without regard for the enemy fire, went onto the battle field and assisted in moving five wounded men to safety thereby contributing to saving the lives of these men and sustaining the morale of his unit. Entered service from Nebraska.

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Tec 5 Raymond A. Anderson, 36613180, Med Dept, United States Army. On 3 July 1944 when his company, after heavy fighting, had sustained a large number of casualties and was ordered to withdraw, Tec 5 Anderson voluntarily remained behind for four hours giving first aid to the wounded until litter bearers were able to evacuate all of the wounded men. Again on 5 July Tec 5 Anderson remained behind to administer first aid to eight wounded men who remained on the battle field still under enemy artillery fire and against the threat of tanks. As a result of his diligence and attention to the wounded men, it greatly relieved their suffering and contributed to the morale of the remainder of the unit. Entered service from Illinois.

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Pfc John M. Waldrop, 34473878, Med Dept, United States Army. On 9 July 1944 when informed that three wounded men were trapped in a tank, Pfc Waldrop went forward with two companions to aid the wounded men. The area at this time was under very heavy enemy artillery fire. Pfc Waldrop succeeded in giving first aid to two of the men and directed them to walk to the rear. The third man who was fastened in the forward compartment and badly wounded, took a considerably longer time to remove and although the position was under fire, they successfully removed the wounded man and completed the evacuation. Entered service from Mississippi.

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Pfc Frederick A. Halstead, 36652276, Inf, United States Army. On 23 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when a companion had been wounded and lay in "no man's land", Pfc Halstead left the comparative safety of his foxhole and voluntarily went forward to recover and bring to safety an officer of his battalion. Subsequently, he continued voluntarily, crossing the river further into "no man's land" in an effort to locate and remove his wounded companion. Entered service from Illinois.