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

20 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 42

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

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CAPTAIN HOBBY H. McCALL, O422737, Inf, United States Army. On 26 July 1944 near * * *, France, a company in Capt McCall's battalion suffered exceptionally heavy casualties when crossing the * * *, River. All of the officers of the company with the exception of a second lieutenant became casualties. Capt McCall, S-3 of the battalion, was sent forward to assume command of the company, reorganize it and continue the attack. Without regard for his own safety and while still under heavy enemy artillery, mortar fire and fire from tanks, he joined the company and went about, personally exposing himself to fire, regrouping the men and encouraging them in the attack. After reorganizing the unit he placed himself at the head of the company and led it in an assault which finally gained the objective although nearly 50% of the effective strength of the company had become casualties in the effort. Capt McCall was wounded in the action and later evacuated but not until the company had reached its objective. This gallant action was a fine example of outstanding courage and devotion to duty and a fine example of the best traditions of the military spirit. Entered service from Texas.

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

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Tec 5 Nunzio A. Camerato, 31302567, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Tec 5 Camerato volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from Massachusetts.

Tec 5 Richard L. Riley, 38126728, Inf (then Pfc) United States Army. On 6 July 1944 Tec 5 Riley demonstrated an outstanding devotion to duty by maintaining wire communication for his organization at a critical time and while under heavy enemy shelling. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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Tec 5 Aloysious J. Kowalczyk, 16099562, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counter-attack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Tec 5 Kowalczyk volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy enemy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from Illinois.

Pfc James E. Robertson, 7070352, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Pfc Robertson volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from New York.

Pfc John D. Thomas, 33140100, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Pfc Thomas volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Pfc Oscar J. Lucas, 35769768, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Pfc Lucas volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from West Virginia.

Pfc George F. Redwood, 32503413, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Pfc Redwood volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from New York.

Pfc Francis O. Laventure, 20110181, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Pfc Laventure volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from Massachusetts.

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Pfc Herbert J. Beck, 38155240, Inf, United States Army. On 25 July when the unit with which he was serving came under heavy artillery fire and was pinned down, Pfc Beck heard a wounded man calling for assistance from approximately 75 yards away. Pfc Beck crawled and ran to the assistance of the wounded soldier and aided in evacuating him to the rear even though it was necessary to drive through a shelled area to the place of shelter. Entered service from Texas.

Pfc Adolph F. Tschabrunn, 12159048, Med Dept, United States Army. On 10 June 1944 near * * *, France, when the Commanding Officer of an Infantry company was wounded and left within enemy territory, Pfc Tschabrunn, on his own volition, stayed with the wounded officer throughout the night although the territory was still under heavy artillery fire. Pfc Tschabrunn's devotion to duty resulted in the evacuation of the officer and the saving of the officer's life. Entered service from New York.

Pfc Louis J. Noon, 32798223, Inf, United States Army. On 22 July 1944 Pfc Noon maintained a wire line for his organization at a critical time when the route through which his wire line ran was constantly under heavy mortar and artillery barrages. Although the heavy fire caused numerous breaks in the line, Pfc Noon kept the line in working order at all times despite heavy casualties in the area. Entered service from New York.

Pfc Glen M. Benedict, 38104072, Inf, United States Army. On 13 July 1944 Pfc Benedict shifted his radio to a place where he could gain radio contact with his unit and stayed on the job continually during a critical situation even though his position was being constantly shelled. Pfc Benedict thereby maintained communication for the necessary period of time to enable his unit to reach its jump-off line, attack and drive the enemy out of position. Entered service from Colorado.

Pfc Esker M. King, 38099702, Inf, United States Army. On 22 July 1944 Pfc King maintained a wire line for his organization at a critical time when the route through which his wire line ran was constantly under heavy mortar and artillery barrages. Although the heavy fire caused numerous breaks in the line, Pfc King kept the line in working order at all times despite heavy casualties in the area. Entered service from Texas.

Pvt Clayton H. Baublitz, 33513660, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack on 6 July 1944 forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines. Pvt Baublitz volunteered to accompany a group into this area, which was still under heavy enemy machine gun fire, and evacuated a number of the wounded to a place of safety. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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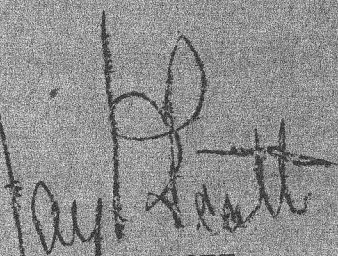
Pvt Freddie Hanks, 38487444, Med Dept, United States Army. On 19 June 1944 the battalion to which Pvt Hanks was assigned was holding a line between two points when the unit came under heavy surprise machine gun and mortar fire. They withdrew and established their line further to the north where they had better fields of fire. The aid men and litter bearers evacuated as many of the wounded as they could while the company was withdrawing but eight wounded men were left on the battle field. Pvt Hanks, fully realizing that the company had withdrawn, that the area was under heavy fire and that the enemy had infiltrated into the position, volunteered to go out and get the wounded men. Pvt Hanks was taken prisoner but through his ingenuity and determination made his escape and returned to our lines and resumed his duties. Entered service from Louisiana.

Pvt James L. McDonald, 31398760, Inf, United States Army. Pvt McDonald volunteered to accompany a patrol to penetrate deep into enemy territory in the vicinity of * * *, France on 25 July 1944. Finding nothing in that area, they were ordered to reconnoiter further. They proceeded to the town of * * * and captured a German paratrooper who later gave valuable information to our troops. They continued their reconnaissance further and discovered four other enemy soldiers, two of whom were killed and the others put to flight. In their action, one member of the patrol of four was killed, the others returning to the lines. Entered service from Maine.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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RAY C. SCOTT,
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