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HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS

No. 43

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

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CAPTAIN HAROLD H. MILLER, 01011334, Inf, * * Tank Bn, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France during an intense artillery barrage, Capt Miller saw a mortar half-track which was hit by shrapnel start smoking and burning. Realizing the danger to friendly troops in the immediate vicinity from explosions of the ammunition on the truck, Capt Miller personally ran to the vehicle and began to smother the fire with sand, quickly getting the fire somewhat under control. He remained at the truck, supervised the unloading of the ammunition and also supervised the removal of it to a place of relative safety. Entered service from New York.

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CAPTAIN ANTHONY A. FEBBRARO, 0472066, MC (then 1st Lt) United States Army. On 12 June 1944 when a unit with which he was serving came under heavy artillery and mortar fire, it suffered a large number of casualties. Capt Febbraro had just arrived on the scene and had been unable to dig-in his aid station when a large number of casualties were brought in. As the first patients began to arrive, enemy artillery and mortar fire began to fall in the area. Four of the casualties were in such serious condition that they could not be moved further without endangering their lives and blood plasma was required to be used immediately. Disregarding his own personal safety, Capt Febbraro, with four other companions, remained in the shelled area to administer the blood plasma to the seriously wounded men and to render assistance to newly arriving casualties although the Infantry began falling back, leaving the position exposed. At times the fire was so intense that they were forced to lie on the ground for a period of thirty minutes beside the patients, administering the plasma. Sporadic fire continued to fall in the position and cold rain added to the discomfort. Captain Febbraro persisted in his efforts until he had evacuated a total of forty patients including twenty-four litter cases. The courageous action on the part of Capt Febbraro unquestionably saved the lives of at least four of the seriously wounded men and was a fine example of gallantry under fire, devotion to duty, and exemplified the finest traditions of the military spirit. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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S Sgt James C. Little, 37153862, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, France, when his platoon was in position under heavy enemy fire, friendly tanks began an assault on his position and the enemy began firing on him. S Sgt Little, sensing the seriousness of the situation, disregarded his own personal safety and secured an orange flag and ran to an exposed position, signalling the tanks that they were firing on friendly troops. In the face of cross-fire from enemy machine guns and rifle fire and fire from our own tanks, his instantaneous analysis of the grave situation resulted in the stopping of the tank fire and overcoming the enemy. This gallant act exhibited quick thinking, courage and devotion to duty resulting in a successful operation which might have become disastrous to his unit. Entered service from Nebraska.

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S Sgt Carl L. Hoffman, 33041515, Inf, United States Army. On 5 July 1944 when a companion on a flank patrol of his unit had been wounded, Sgt Hoffman and a companion were granted permission to go out and get the wounded soldier who was in urgent need of first aid. They had to crawl approximately seventy-five yards to reach the wounded soldier and upon reaching him they could hear Germans talking behind a nearby hedgerow. The enemy was moving down behind the hedgerow to flank the platoon position. Sgt Hoffman and his companion placed themselves behind a hedgerow and as the Germans appeared they opened fire, killing two and driving off the remainder. They were then able to evacuate their wounded companion by dragging him to the rear through an area which was still exposed to enemy machine gun fire and in which enemy mortar fire continued to fall. Their determination and disregard for their own personal safety exemplified gallantry in action which is in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered service from Virginia.

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Sgt Alvin G. Gillig, 38155266, Inf, (then Pfc) United States Army. On 5 July 1944 when a companion on a flank patrol of his unit had been wounded, Sgt Gillig and a companion were granted permission to go out and get the wounded soldier who was in urgent need of first aid. They had to crawl approximately seventy-five yards to reach the wounded soldier and upon reaching him they could hear Germans talking behind a nearby hedgerow. The enemy was moving down behind the hedgerow to flank the platoon position. Sgt Gillig and his companion placed themselves behind a hedgerow and as the Germans appeared, they opened fire, killing two and driving off the remainder. They were then able to evacuate their wounded companion by dragging him to the rear through an area which was still exposed to enemy machine gun fire and in which enemy mortar fire continued to fall. Their determination and disregard for their own personal safety exemplified gallantry in action which is in keeping with the best traditions of the military service. Entered service from Texas.

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Pfc Patrick L. Palacio, 39687750, Inf (then Pvt) United States Army. On 8 August 1944 near * * *, France, Pfc Palacio's company was ordered to attack along the main road and had almost reached the town when they were suddenly pinned down by two machine guns and four machine pistols. Pfc Palacio crawled under this fire over open ground to a position behind a stone wall where he was able to observe the enemy action. With no thought of his own personal safety, he stood up behind the wall and exposed himself to enemy fire and killed six Germans and wounded three more with his M-1 rifle, reducing the small arms fire and permitting the advance of our forces into the town. This gallant action contributed materially to the capture of the town and was a fine example of courage and devotion to duty. Entered service from California.

II. 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 Alfred R. McCunniff, 37705452, Inf (then Pvt) United States Army. On 7 July 1944 near * * *, France, when two companies of his battalion were cut off and completely surrounded by the enemy, ammunition, rations and water were very short. A patrol from his company was formed to fight their way through and bring back the needed supplies immediately. Resistance along the route was stronger than expected and three of the seven men were killed. Two had gone back to the company and Sgt McCunniff and the officer leading the patrol remained and engaged an enemy machine gun which they succeeded in knocking out. They then knocked out two other machine guns and succeeded in reaching the battalion and securing assistance. This gallant act was a fine example of the stern determination and persistence of the soldier and exemplified the highest traditions of the military spirit. Sgt McCunniff was killed in a later action. Entered service from Colorado.

III. 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 officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

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1ST LT JOHN M. McLEAN, 0422874, Inf, United States Army. On 29 June 1944 Lt McLean's company received a heavy enemy counter-attack. Lt McLean, commanding the supporting mortar platoon, being unable to get quick wire communication from his battery of mortars to an observation post, personally took the wire line through a zone swept by enemy fire. During this action and at numerous other times, Lt McLean has shown aggressiveness and ingenuity in seeking and securing observation so that his platoon has rendered outstanding mortar support to the troops. Entered service from California.

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2D LT MARION R. FERRIS, 01320619, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July an enemy counterattack against two companies of Lt Ferris' battalion cut off the units from the remainder of the battalion. Lt Ferris took command of the remaining members of one company and succeeded in making their way back to the battalion where he was given the mission of reorganizing stragglers and replacements into a nucleus of a company and holding a position until the situation was neutralized. Lt Ferris' skill, courage and leadership in this difficult situation was outstanding. Entered service from Michigan.

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1st Sgt Robert D. Forbes, 37179668, Inf (then Tec 4) United States Army. On 22 July 1944 Sgt Forbes 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, Sgt Forbes kept the line in working order at all times despite heavy casualties in the area. Entered service from Missouri.

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T Sgt Norman G. Burandt, 17050614, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 when two companies of his battalion were making an attack and became somewhat disorganized because of heavy losses, Sgt Burandt's company was ordered to reorganized and fill a gap in the line. Since there was no officer available in his company, Sgt Burandt took command, leading the company into position which he held, exhibiting skill, calmness and control under enemy fire. Entered service from Minnesota.

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T Sgt Albert F. Lambricht, 38098899, Inf (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 13 June 1944 near * * * France, Sgt Lambricht, acting platoon sergeant, led the right half of his platoon in an attack upon a strongly held enemy position. Despite heavy fire from the two enemy machine guns and strong opposition by small arms fire, he led his men across exposed ground and into the enemy positions. A heavy counterattack was launched by the enemy, causing Sgt Lambricht's platoon to withdraw a short distance, where he quickly reorganized it, exposing himself to enemy fire many times, checking his men and encouraging his men to hold, which he was successful in doing thus stopping the enemy counterattack. Entered service from Texas.

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T Sgt John W. McNeill, 38088347, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944, when his platoon was under heavy machine gun fire and receiving numerous casualties, the objective was gained and the platoon leader became a casualty and was evacuated, T Sgt McNeill took charge of the platoon and under heavy fire personally directed the reorganization of the platoon and placed the men in position, displaying valor, initiative and composure, going from man to man checking their position. As a result of this action, the platoon was able to hold its position despite a counterattack by the enemy. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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357 T Sgt Elmo S. Tynes, 17046067, Infantry (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 13 June 1944 near * * * France, Sgt Tynes mortar platoon Sergeant supporting an Infantry company, worked his way, under enemy fire, to a favorable observation point. His accurately directed fire blew up an enemy ammunition point and enabled the unit to advance and carry the position. Entered service from Missouri.

357 T Sgt Michael Yensko, 6947005, Infantry (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 6 July 1944 near * * * France Sgt Yensko assumed command of his platoon and reorganized it under heavy mortar and artillery fire. His resourcefulness was the deciding factor in holding off a strong enemy counterattack. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

357 S Sgt Stanley O. Pingel, 37190197, Infantry, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 near * * * France when Sgt Pingel's radio was knocked out by enemy fire, he voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety, acted as runner between the OP and the Artillery. The several trips he made over an exposed area, under fire, enabled the Artillery to support our troops so they could hold the ground previously gained. Entered service from Iowa.

357 S Sgt Thomas J. Riley, 32030553, Infantry (then Cpl) United States Army. On 9 July 1944 near * * * France Sgt Riley was a gunner in an 81mm mortar squad which had been reduced by heavy enemy fire to 50% strength. Sgt Riley and a companion were firing their mortar at such a rapid rate that it was necessary to leave several exposed rounds in front of the mortar. Sparks from a fired round ignited the increments of the exposed mortar ammunition. Sgt Riley and his companion stayed with the gun, extinguished the fire and succeeded in maintaining a rapid rate of fire until the enemy attack was stopped. Entered service from New York.

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S Sgt Albert L. Le Mmon, 39712278, Infantry, United States Army. On 25 July 1944, Sgt Le Mmon volunteered to accompany a patrol to penetrate deep into enemy territory in the vicinity of * * * France. Finding nothing in that area, they were ordered to reconnoiter and volunteered to push further into enemy territory where they proceeded to a village. Investigating a building they captured a German paratrooper, who later gave valuable information to our troops. They pushed their reconnaissance further and discovered 4 other Germans, 2 of whom were killed and the others put to flight. In their action, one member of this patrol of 4 was killed, the others returning to the lines. Entered service from California.

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S Sgt Hugo C. Boecklen, Jr, 37404890, Infantry, United States Army. On 13 July 1944, Sgt Boecklen shifted his radio to a place where he could gain radio contact with his unit, stayed on the job continually during the critical situation, while his position was constantly being shelled thereby maintaining communications which enabled his unit to reach its jump off line, attack and drive the enemy out of position. Entered service from Missouri.

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Sgt Albert C. Byers, 37555325, Infantry, United States Army. On 25 July 1944, Sgt Byers volunteered to accompany a patrol to penetrate deep into enemy territory in the vicinity of * * * France. Finding nothing at that point, the patrol was ordered to penetrate deeper where they came into the village of * *. Investigating a building in that town, they captured a German paratrooper, who later gave valuable information to our troops. They pushed further on their reconnaissance and discovered 4 other Germans, 2 of whom were killed and the others put to flight. In their action, one member of this patrol of 4 was killed, the others returning to the lines. Entered service from Minnesota.

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Tec 4 Charles E. Gambill, 6285995, Med Dept (then Pvt) United States Army. On 19 June 1944, when his unit came under surprise machine gun and mortar fire while holding a line between two points, they were forced to withdraw and established their line farther 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 battlefield. Tec 4 Gambill, 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. Tec 4 Gambill was taken prisoner but through his ingenuity and determination made his escape and returned to our lines and resumed his duties. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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357 Tec 4 Charles H. McArthur, 37172278, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack near * * * France, on 6 July 1944, forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines and No Man's Land. Tec 4 McArthur volunteered to and did 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 North Dakota.

357 Tec 4 Raymond Twitty, 38125229, Med Dept, United States Army. When his organization was struck by a heavy counterattack near * * * France, on 6 July 1944, forcing elements of his battalion back, many wounded were left within the enemy lines and No Man's Land. Tec 4 Twitty volunteered to and did 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 Texas.

357 Cpl Nick A. Lovetro, 33566695, Infantry (then Pvt) United States Army. On 9 July 1944 near * * * France. Sgt Lovetro was a gunner in an 81mm mortar squad which had been reduced by enemy fire to 50% strength. Sgt Lovetro and a companion were firing their mortar at such a rapid rate that it was necessary to leave several exposed rounds in front of the mortar. Sparks from a fired round ignited the increments of the exposed mortar ammunition. Sgt Lovetro and his companion stayed with the gun, extinguished the fire and succeeded in maintaining a rapid rate of fire until the enemy attack was stopped. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

357 Tec 5 Dwight M. Goodrich, Jr, 38088021, Infantry, for his outstanding devotion to duty at a critical time in maintaining radio communications for his battalion in the vicinity of * * * France, on 5 July 1944. Entered service from Oklahoma.

357 Tec 5 Omer R. Crouthers, 37179782, Med Dept, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 between * * * and * * * France, while evacuating wounded soldiers from that vicinity, his jeep was hit but he continued diligently on his mission. Later, his jeep was blown completely from under him but he continued to evacuate the wounded. Entered service from Missouri.