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

24 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 46

I. 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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CAPTAIN MAX K. WILSON, 0325793, Inf, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 in the vicinity of * * *, enemy artillery made a direct hit on a truck load of ammunition setting the truck on fire. Unable to put out the fire, Capt Wilson and another soldier quickly removed the heavier 105 mm ammunition from the truck and removed some wounded men to a place of safety during which time small arms ammunition on the truck was exploding. Entered service from Oregon.

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CAPTAIN WHEELER COY, 0332167, Inf, United States Army. On 10 June 1944, in the vicinity of * * *, France, Capt Coy was engaged in a bitter fight with the enemy against a well defended position and heavy casualties had been inflicted on our troops. A withdrawal and establishment of a new position was necessary. Capt Coy returned to the position which they had evacuated and, with aid men, evacuated the wounded. This action required three trips between the position of the wounded and the aid station and was accomplished under extremely heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Entered service from Washington.

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1ST LT ARTHUR B. GARLAN, 0513498, Inf, United States Army. On 13 July 1944 when Lt Garlan's unit was ordered to attack, it came under heavy artillery and mortar fire and was pinned down. Lt Garlan, the platoon leader, immediately placed himself at the head of the platoon, ordered them up and led them forward in the attack against the enemy machine gun fire and continued shelling. He continued to move back and forth along the line encouraging the men forward and through his diligent and aggressive leadership succeeded in establishing a bridgehead which permitted the remainder of the company to move forward. Entered service from Georgia.

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T Sgt Berry L. Adcock, 18108866, Inf, United States Army. When the enemy attempted to flank his unit's position on 5 July 1944, Sgt Adcock, an Infantry soldier, finding no artillery forward observer in the immediate vicinity, on his own initiative directed artillery through his own telephone. Although the enemy tried repeatedly to move up the road, he directed effective artillery fire on them and forced them to withdraw each time, permitting his unit to remain in position. During the entire action Sgt Adcock was in an area exposed to continuous enemy fire. Entered service from Louisiana.

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T Sgt Wilton H. Bargar, 37491933, Inf, United States Army. On 26 July 1944 when his unit was crossing the * * River and attacking high ground to the south, enemy mortar and artillery fire was extremely heavy. Sgt Bargar attempted to cross the river with a radio set and his rifle under heavy enemy fire. However, the river was so deep and his load so heavy that he disappeared below the water several times before he could regain the bank. Although told by his Captain to abandon the radio and look out for himself, he persisted in holding on to the radio and reached a place of safety where he was able to set it up and complete the communications. Entered service from Missouri.

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T Sgt John E. Heffernan, 20112377, Inf, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 Sgt Heffernan's platoon was ordered to go through a small woods to flank an enemy machine gun. When a companion, who was covering a road which the platoon had to cross in order to effect the maneuver, was hit by enemy machine gun fire, Sgt Heffernan who had already crossed the road, without orders and without regard for his own safety, crawled back from the forward elements of the platoon and crawled under the machine gun fire back to a position from which he could return its fire with his BAR. He was thus able to silence the machine gun thereby enabling his platoon to advance and the wounded man to be evacuated. Entered service from Massachusetts.

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S Sgt Carl H. Meldau, 36039543, FA, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 when the unit which Sgt Meldau's battalion was supporting received a warning that an armored attack from the exposed north flank of the Division was imminent, Sgt Meldau led a patrol and encountered an enemy reconnaissance vehicle. The patrol permitted the vehicle to approach to a very close range and then they opened fire, killing the driver and one member of the crew and disabling the vehicle thereby giving his battalion time and warning. Entered service from Illinois.

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Tec 4 George L. Watson, 6399496, Inf, * * Tank Bn., United States Army. On 6 August 1944 Tec 4 Watson's tank was struck by an enemy projectile. Realizing the great danger to the crew in attempting to abandon the tank in place and finding the engine still running, Tec 4 Watson coolly backed it into a small lane and permitted the crew members to escape before the tank was hit the second time. Entered service from Alabama.

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Cpl Charles C. Meer, Jr, 37072091, FA, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 Cpl Meer was a member of a patrol which went out to locate enemy armor which was reported on the exposed north flank of the Division they were supporting. The patrol discovered an armored vehicle approaching and held their fire until the vehicle approached within easy range and then opened fire, disabling the vehicle, killing the driver and one occupant. He then went back to his unit and warned them of the threatened armored attack. Entered service from Nebraska.

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Tec 5 Dencil D. Huffman, 33389057, FA, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 when the unit which Tec 5 Huffman's battalion was supporting received a warning that an armored attack from the exposed north flank of the Division was imminent, joined a patrol and encountered an enemy reconnaissance vehicle. The patrol permitted the vehicle to approach to a very close range and then opened fire, killing the driver and one member of the crew and disabling the vehicle and thereby giving his battalion time and warning. Entered service from Maryland.

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Pfc Edward Weeder, 33412778, FA, United States Army. On 5 August 1944 Pfc Weeder shot down an enemy air plane. Pfc Weeder was a machine gunner on the wire truck of his battery. When the plane, endeavoring to elude allied aircraft which it had engaged in a fight, came low over his position, Pfc Weeder immediately opened fire on the plane and destroyed it. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66 First U.S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to MAJOR WILLIAM J. FALVEY, 0337929, Inf, (then Capt) United States Army. For extraordinary meritorious service in action in France during the period 8 June to 12 August 1944 against an enemy of the U.S. Entered service from Indiana.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66 First U.S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to CAPTAIN THOMAS W. CALDECOTT, 0340851, Inf, United States Army. For extraordinary meritorious service in action in France during the period 12-17 June 1944 against an enemy of the United States. Entered service from California.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66, First U.S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to Tec 5 Walter G. Hahn, 36005322, Inf, * * Tank Bn, United States Army. For extraordinary meritorious service in action in France during the period 5-8 August 1944 against an enemy of the United States. Entered service from Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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