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HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS

No. 47

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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LT COL DONALD G. GORTON, 0268295, Inf, United States Army. During the period 3-8 July 1944 Lt Col Gorton's battalion was ordered to move forward and attack the high ground near \* \* \*, France. He immediately received a counter-attack by the enemy, supported by tanks. Lt Col Gorton immediately went forward exposing himself to enemy small arms and machine-gun fire, encouraging his men by personal example to maintain their position. On 5 July 1944 the battalion was again attacked by infantry and tanks. Lt Col Gorton again by personal leadership moved from place to place along the lines, encouraged the men to hold their position and during the night stayed with his men on the position. He went from unit to unit, reorganizing them for a continuation of the attack the following morning, making it possible to take the high ground in and about \* \* \* and accomplishing the mission of the battalion. By taking the assigned objective through his gallant action, Lt Col Gorton was a fine example to his men, showing outstanding leadership, courage and determination. His action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Nebraska.

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MAJOR JOHN F. SMITH, 0316592, Inf, (then Capt) United States Army. On 8 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Major Smith's battalion had been given an order to attack and seize an objective. Maj Smith in command of the battalion vigorously pushed it forward until the objective was taken. The enemy immediately counterattacked and Maj Smith disregarding his own personal safety in an area swept by enemy small arms and artillery fire, personally went from unit to unit encouraging his men by personal example to maintain their position. Although the enemy moved in from both flanks, cutting the battalion off for more than 24 hours, Maj Smith's personal example and firm determination withstood six enemy counterattacks against the position which were beaten back and the position maintained until reinforcements arrived and communications were re-established. The gallant action of Maj Smith is a fine example of military leadership, determination and courage. Entered service from Texas.

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CAPT ROBERT F. BURNS, 0384203, Inf, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 Capt Burns, battalion S-3, while forward, located the remnants of three rifle companies. Due to high losses the morale of the men was very low and they were completely disorganized. Capt Burns, working under heavy enemy fire, completely reorganized the remainder of these companies into a provisional unit and stayed in command until relieved by another battalion. Capt Burns' fearlessness and leadership under very difficult circumstances was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Illinois.



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1ST LT JAMES R. WALLACE, 0460012, Inf, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 at the edge of \* \* \*, France, Lt Wallace organized and personally occupied a sniper's position on the roof of a farmhouse which was under continual enemy machine gun and rifle fire. By his constant presence, Lt Wallace encouraged a shift of enlisted men to take turns along with him on the roof. Lt Wallace, with his comrades fired the sub-machine gun and rifles at the enemy from this position and accounted for fifteen of them among whom were three officers. Lt Wallace's action set a fine example of courage and leadership for his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from South Carolina.

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T Sgt Claud Spain, 38146536, Inf, (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 11 June 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Sgt Spain's platoon had been pinned down by enemy fire and was badly disorganized. The platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties. Sgt Spain took command of the platoon and immediately reorganized it. He located the enemy machine gun and with two companions assaulted and knocked it out with bayonets. This enabled the platoon to continue to advance. Entered service from Oklahoma.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provision 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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Pfc Charles H. G. Frazier, 35777823, Inf, (then Pvt) United States Army. On 23 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Pfc Frazier maintained a wire line of great importance to his unit while the area through which the line passed was under heavy artillery fire. Although Pfc Frazier was a rifleman with no wire experience and because of the heavy artillery fire, wire men were not sent into the area, Pfc Frazier volunteered to make repairs in the wire line. He thereby reestablished communications which had been lost. Pfc Frazier was killed in a later action. Entered service from West Virginia.

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 the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

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1ST LT BENEDICT V. AMATO, 01310202, Inf, United States Army. On 8 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Lt Amato's company was preparing defensive positions when they were struck by a surprise enemy counterattack. The enemy shelled their position with heavy artillery and covered it with small arms fire. Lt Amato made his way to the front line platoons and began gathering up all hand grenades that were available. He then worked himself into a position where he threw the grenades with great accuracy into the German positions, killing several and routing others, enabling his company to accomplish its mission. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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1ST LT EUGENE H. AMORY, JR, 01296968, Inf, United States Army. On 6 July 1944 at \* \* \*, France, Lt Amory showed exceptional leadership and courage by leading tanks that were attached to his company, forward through heavy enemy fire to a position where they could bring effective fire on machine gun positions. This act on the part of Lt Amory enabled the tanks to knock out the machine guns and facilitated the advance of his unit. Entered service from New York.



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1ST LT FRANK L. MEAD, 01305287, Inf, United States Army. On 9 Aug 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Lt Mead's company was in a field adjacent to one in which Engineer troops were engaged in destroying enemy material and ammunition. In attempting to destroy some equipment, a thermite grenade was dropped on a pile of ammunition causing the ammunition to ignite, critically endangering personnel and vehicles. Fragments ignited a truck and trailer loaded with AT mines and demolition equipment. Lt Mead and six other companions, at great risk to themselves, were diligent in removing the vehicles and other equipment from the area after the personnel had been evacuated to an area of safety. This action on the part of Lt Mead and his companions resulted in saving valuable material and equipment. Entered service from Illinois.

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1ST LT MAX SHORT, 01297966, Inf, United States Army. On 23 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Lt Short's platoon was in position and receiving machine gun fire from a German strong point. Lt Short, unable to obtain artillery observation, took a small telephone and wire and, in order to gain observation of the target, crawled forward 200 yards across an open field to the bank of the \* \* River. During this time continuous concentrations of artillery and mortar fire were falling in the area. Lt Short got communications to the artillery and adjusted fire driving the Germans from their position. Entered service from Massachusetts.

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2D LT EUGENE F. HEIL, 01320456, Inf, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, when his unit came under heavy enemy fire, Lt Heil observed his company commander and a sergeant wounded by mortar fire. Without regard for his own personal safety, Lt Heil proceeded across the open field which was still under enemy mortar and small arms fire, reached the wounded men and administered first aid and carried them both to a place of safety in the rear. Entered service from Wyoming.

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1st Sgt George A. Bond, 38000482, Inf, United States Army. On 9 Aug 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Sgt Bond's company was in a field adjacent to one in which Engineer troops were engaged in destroying enemy material and ammunition. In attempting to destroy some equipment, a thermite grenade was dropped on a pile of ammunition and causing the ammunition to ignite, critically endangering personnel and vehicles. Fragments ignited a truck and trailer loaded with AT mines and demolition equipment. Sgt Bond and six other companions, at great risk to themselves, were diligent in removing the vehicles and other equipment from the area after the personnel had been evacuated to an area of safety. This action on the part of Sgt Bond and his companions resulted in saving valuable material and equipment. Entered service from Arizona.

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T Sgt George J. Roehm, 37172912, Inf, (then S Sgt) United States Army. On 9 July 1944 Sgt Roehm saw that a squad of his unit had been cut off by heavy enemy fire. Without regard for his own safety, Sgt Roehm ran across a heavily shelled area with an aid man and reorganized the squad which was by this time in a state of utter confusion. The aid man was hit by shrapnel while doing this and Sgt Roehm administered aid and returned him to a point of safety. Entered service from North Dakota.



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357 T Sgt Telesfore R. Ulaszewski, 35918668, Inf, (then Pvt) United States Army  
On 8 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Sgt Ulaszewski, a member of a  
bazooka team, on his own initiative crawled under intense fire to aid a wounded  
comrade. He brought his comrade back to the safety of our lines and then went  
back to firing his weapon until he and his partner ran out of ammunition. They  
immediately equipped themselves with more ammunition and resumed their mission.  
By the ingenuity of the team, they brought such heavy fire on the German position  
they caused them to withdraw. Entered service from Ohio.

358 S Sgt Howard P. Hayes, 34434924, Inf, (then Pfc) United States Army. On  
8 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Sgt Hayes' company was preparing a defensive  
position when the enemy launched a surprise counterattack covering their advance  
by heavy artillery fire. A party of Germans were seen gathering in a corner of  
the field. Sgt Hayes and a companion crawled about 150 yards under heavy enemy  
machine gun and mortar fire to secure bazooka ammunition. Sgt Hayes and his  
companion, with utter disregard for their safety, returned to their former posi-  
tion where they put the bazooka in operation from a good point of observation,  
firing into the enemy position and throwing them into confusion, killing five  
and causing the remainder to withdraw. Entered service from North Carolina.

359 S Sgt Fred E. Smith, 38146844, Inf, (then Sgt) United States Army. On 4  
July 1944 at \* \* \*, France, Sgt Smith's company had reached their position and  
met intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Two of his companions were  
seriously wounded and his unit dropped back to a more tenable defensive position  
Sgt Smith volunteered to go into "No Man's Land" which was still under enemy  
fire. He found both wounded men and evacuated them to a place of safety in the  
rear. Entered service from Oklahoma.

358 Tec 5 Robert G. Ambrass, 33309908, Med Dept, United States Army. On 13 Jun  
1944 near \* \* \*, France, when a companion was wounded, Tec 5 Ambrass volunteered  
to cross an open field which was under enemy observation and fire. Tec 5 Ambrass  
gave first aid to the soldier and then evacuated him to a place of safety.  
Entered service from Pennsylvania.

359 Tec 4 Julius E. Johnson, 37153869, Med Dept, (then Tec 5) United States  
Army. On 7 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when the unit with which  
Tec 4 Johnson was serving fell back, they left many casualties on the field in  
"No Man's Land". Tec 4 Johnson learned that fifteen wounded men were left in  
the area from which his unit vacated. Alone, he crawled about 200 yards to the  
area under heavy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire where he treated the  
wounded men and as soon as it was dark, led litter squads to them and directed  
their evacuation. Entered service from Kansas.

358 Tec 5 George Rothschild, 38543310, Inf, (then Pvt) United States Army. On  
10 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Tec 5 Rothschild volunteered to go into the  
enemy lines and demand the surrender of the German troops. The enemy refused  
to surrender and opened fire on Tec 5 Rothschild. His action, however, disclose  
the enemy position which was immediately brought under heavy fire, resulting in  
the surrender of several of the enemy the following morning. Entered service  
from Texas.



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Pfc George J. Brown, 32531658, Inf, United States Army. On 9 Aug 1944 Pfc Brown's company was in a field adjacent to one in which Engineer troops were engaged in destroying enemy material and ammunition. In attempting to destroy some equipment a thermite grenade was dropped on a pile of ammunition causing the ammunition to ignite, critically endangering personnel and vehicles. Fragments ignited a truck and trailer loaded with AT mines and demolition equipment. Pfc Brown and six other companions, at great risk to themselves, were diligent in removing the vehicles and other equipment from the area after the personnel had been evacuated to an area of safety. This action on the part of Pfc Brown and his companions resulted in saving valuable material and equipment. Entered service from New York.

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Pfc Dalton W. Bruce, 34473882, Med Dept, United States Army. On 11 June 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Pfc Bruce with two other companions, volunteered to evacuate two seriously wounded men who were bleeding badly. The wounded men were in an area which was under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Entered service from Mississippi.

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Pfc Aaron H. Durkop, 37256135, Inf, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Pfc Durkop volunteered to assist in the evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade who was in a field in direct view of the enemy and under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The machine pistol and mortar fire they encountered killed one man and wounded another. Pfc Durkop persisted in his mission until it was accomplished and finally succeeded in evacuating the seriously wounded soldier. Entered service from Nebraska.

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Pfc George W. Johnson, 37155821, Inf, United States Army. On 9 Aug 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Pfc Johnson's company was in a field adjacent to one in which Engineer troops were engaged in destroying enemy material and ammunition. In attempting to destroy some equipment a thermite grenade was dropped on a pile of ammunition causing the ammunition to ignite, critically endangering personnel and vehicles. Fragments ignited a truck and trailer loaded with AT mines and demolition equipment. Pfc Johnson and six other companions, at great risk to themselves, were diligent in removing the vehicles and other equipment from the area after the personnel had been evacuated to an area of safety. This action on the part of Pfc Johnson and his companions resulted in saving valuable material and equipment. Entered service from Wyoming.

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Sgt Gerald W. Nelson, 38125173, Inf, (then Pfc) United States Army. On 12 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Sgt Nelson volunteered to assist in the evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade who was in a field in direct view of the enemy and under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The machine pistol and mortar fire they encountered killed one man and wounded another. Sgt Nelson persisted in his mission until it was accomplished and succeeded in evacuating the seriously wounded soldier. Entered service from Texas.

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Pfc Louis H. Roll, 37172526, Inf, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Pfc Roll volunteered to assist in the evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade who was in a field in direct view of the enemy and under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The machine pistol and mortar fire they encountered killed one man and wounded another. Pfc Roll persisted in his mission until it was accomplished and succeeded in evacuating the seriously wounded soldier. Entered service from North Dakota.



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348 Pvt Morris Pleason, 36872418, Inf, United States Army. On 12 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Pvt Pleason volunteered to assist in the evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade who was in an open field in direct view of the enemy and under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The machine pistol and mortar fire they encountered killed one man and wounded another. Pvt Pleason persisted in his mission until it was accomplished and succeeded in evacuating the seriously wounded soldier. Entered service from Michigan.

359 Pvt Harry A. Rinnier, 33806121, Inf, United States Army. On 9 Aug 1944 Pvt Rinnier's company was in a field adjacent to one in which Engineer troops were engaged in destroying enemy material and ammunition. In attempting to destroy some equipment a thermite grenade was dropped on a pile of ammunition causing the ammunition to ignite, critically endangering personnel and vehicles. Fragments ignited a truck and trailer loaded with AT mines and demolition equipment. Pvt Rinnier and six companions, at great risk to themselves, were diligent in removing the vehicles and other equipment from the area after the personnel had been evacuated to an area of safety. This action on the part of Pvt Rinnier and his companions resulted in saving valuable material and equipment. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

359 Pvt Anthony Tronotti, Jr, 33795324, Inf, United States Army. On 9 Aug 1944 Pvt Tronotti's company was in a field adjacent to one in which Engineer troops were engaged in destroying enemy material and ammunition. In attempting to destroy some equipment a thermite grenade was dropped on a pile of ammunition causing the ammunition to ignite, critically endangering personnel and vehicles. Fragments ignited a truck and trailer loaded with AT mines and demolition equipment. Pvt Tronotti and six companions, at great risk to themselves, were diligent in removing the vehicles and other equipment from the area after the personnel had been evacuated to an area of safety. This action on the part of Pvt Tronotti and his companions resulted in saving valuable material and equipment. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR.

345 Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66 First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to LT COL FRANK W. NORRIS, 021110, FA, United States Army. For extraordinary meritorious service in action in France during the period 5-9 August 1944 against an enemy of the United States. Entered service from Texas.

358 Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 66, First U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to 1ST LT CHARLES L. MARTIN, JR, 0325078, Inf, United States Army. For extraordinary meritorious service in action in France during the period 8 June to 15 July 1944 against an enemy of the United States. Entered service from Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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