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APO 90, U. S. Army

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## GENERAL ORDERS

No. 52

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 man for gallantry in action in northern France:

LT COL GEORGE B. RANDOLPH, 0227591, Cav, United States Army. On 1 August 44 Lt Col Randolph was given the special mission of pushing back enemy detachments in order to facilitate capture of \* \* \*. He personally went forward many times under fire to direct the reduction of pockets of resistance by his special force. In the advance on \* \* \* and \* \* \*, he personally directed reduction of numerous road blocks under fire of enemy antitank weapons. He showed exceptional gallantry in action in the attack on \* \* \* France in leading the same force and under fire reducing more than ten antitank defensive positions greatly facilitating the advance of the remainder of the force and resulting in the capture of several hundred prisoners. Entered service from Georgia.

Cpl Stanley P. Klapowski, 33398815, \* \* \* Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 near \* \* \* France, Cpl Klapowski, was gunner in the lead tank of a column which came suddenly upon twelve vehicles towing anti-aircraft weapons. His tank swung rapidly into action taking the enemy vehicles under fire by surprise. Although they attempted to uncouple weapons and did succeed in bringing one gun into action, the courageous action and excellent gunnery of Cpl Klapowski quickly knocked out the enemy gun and destroyed all twelve of the vehicles with only one round for each. The expert gunnery and courage of this man prevented the escape of the enemy convoy and drove the force back into the woods where they were later captured thus enabling our troops to bypass the position and cut off the retreat of the enemy forces. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

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

CAPT WALTER B. THORNTON JR, 0380574, FA, (then 1st Lt) United States Army. During the period 3 - 10 July 1944 he performed outstanding service as a liaison officer of an Infantry Battalion and repeatedly disregarded his own safety in accomplishing his missions. He moved to positions of vantage to assist in delivering timely Artillery fire and frequently remained for long periods of time under enemy fire, enabling the supporting Infantry to accomplish its mission and to successfully repel successive enemy counterattacks. Entered service from Texas.



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S Sgt Eldon R. Holmes, 15012048, \* \* \*, Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Sgt Holmes' tank ran into an enemy truck burning on the roadside. The enemy crew was attempting to remove all valuable equipment and escape. Despite the danger he pushed rapidly up to the burning vehicle and prevented the enemy from securing the equipment and forestalled their escape. Entered service from Ohio.

S Sgt Patrick J. Shortall, 36006243, \* \* \*, Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 near \* \* \*, France, the tank in which he was a crew member found itself without Infantry support. Sgt Shortall dismounted from the tank and personally went forward through the brush while probing into enemy territory and effectively covered the tank from surprise from enemy antitank weapons which were numerous in the area. Entered service from Illinois.

Sgt Wesley E. Lockard, 38322730, \* \* \*, Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 7 August 1944 in \* \* \*, France, Sgt Lockard was tank commander in an especially important operation involving a rapid advance and an attack on this area. Enemy counter thrusts threatened the advances of the column. Sgt Lockard's tank was given a special mission in the village of \* \* \*, which immediately came under heavy fire. In disregard of his own personal safety, Sgt Lockard maintained his position blocking a bridge and preventing the enemy from crossing it by destroying the bridge with heavy fire, thereby permitting our forces to reach the rear of the enemy position which resulted in their ultimate destruction. Entered service from Oklahoma.

Sgt Max D. Lutcavish, 39158397, \* \* \*, Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 12 August 1944 near \* \* \*, France, when his tank was set on fire by enemy fire, Sgt Lutcavish with complete disregard for his own personal safety remained in the tank firing on a German Mark V tank which had knocked out the tank directly behind him. He continued to direct fire on the enemy tank until it was destroyed and then left the tank which was now burning beyond control. Entered service from California.

Sgt Walter J. Pratt, 6580926, \* \* \*, Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 7 August 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Sgt Pratt stood up in his tank in the face of enemy fire and guided by a church steeple in the village directed the fire of his gun crew and led his tank against enemy disposed in hedgerows. This resulted in the killing of many Germans, driving their lines back into the woods and breaking up their counterattack. Entered service from California.

Sgt James Warren, 6653251, \* \* \*, Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 7 August 1944 in \* \* \*, France, and during the advance on \* \* \*, France, while covering the advance of the column which was attacked by an enemy force, Sgt Warren maintained his position under fire and succeeded in scoring three direct hits on an enemy 88mm gun and destroyed it. Entered service from Kentucky.

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Sgt Leon Ziebarth, 36006218, \* \* \* , Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 near \* \* \* , France, the enemy attacked a column which his platoon was covering. One tank was disabled and abandoned and the elements of the platoon took up positions to develop the enemy strength. In this situation Sgt Ziebarth and one companion worked their way to the disabled tank found its guns uninjured and from this place of vantage put such heavy fire on the enemy position that they destroyed the enemy gun. Entered service from Illinois.

Cpl Fergus P. O'Farrell, 36407971, \* \* \* , Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 12 August 1944 near \* \* \* France, Cpl. O'Farrell's tank was set on fire by enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Cpl O'Farrell remained in the tank firing on a German Mark V tank which had knocked out the tank directly behind his own. He continued to fire on the enemy tank until it was destroyed and then left his tank which was then burning beyond control. Entered service from Michigan.

Tec 5 Albert T. McDonald, 39080903, \* \* \* , Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 12 August 1944 near \* \* \* France, Tec 5 McDonald's tank was set on fire by enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Tec 5 McDonald remained in the tank firing on a German Mark V tank which had knocked out the tank directly behind his own. He continued to fire on the enemy tank until it was destroyed and then left his tank which was now burning beyond control. Entered service from California.

Pfc Antonio D'Arpino, 31228669, \* \* \* , Tank Battalion, United States Army. During the period 6 - 8 August 1944 from \* \* \* to \* \* \* France, the regular driver of a tank was disabled and Pfc D'Arpino without previous experience in combat driving, took over the tank and maneuvered it on a German motor convoy. When his radio went out preventing communication with the guiding tank, Pfc D'Arpino opened the turret, driving his tank in the face of the enemy where it could deliver the most destructive fire on their positions. This resulted in dispersion of the enemy and capture of the position. Entered service from Massachusetts.

Pfc Tolbert V. Hodges, Jr, 38323030, Med Dept, \* \* \* , Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 6 August 1944, after working all day without rest evacuating wounded Pfc Hodges returned to the front about midnight to an area covered by enemy small arms and Artillery fire. He sought out and recovered two wounded men whom he brought to safety. He then worked to within 20 yards of the enemy to administer aid to a wounded platoon leader. He remained in the position administering to the wounded man even though the Infantry had withdrawn leaving him in "no man's land". Entered service from Oklahoma.

Pvt Elbert Melton, 34476078, \* \* \* , Tank Battalion, United States Army. On 12 August 1944 near \* \* \* France, Pvt Melton's tank was set on fire by enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Pvt Melton remained in the tank firing on a German Mark V tank which had knocked out the tank directly behind his own. He continued to fire on the enemy tank until it was destroyed and then left his tank which was now burning beyond control. Entered service from Mississippi.



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Pvt Jake H. Pope, 18193673, Med Dept, \* \* \* , Tank Battalion. On 6 August 1944 near \* \* \* France, after working all day and until midnight evacuating wounded, Pvt Pope in an area covered by enemy small arms and Artillery fire, sought out and recovered two wounded men whom he brought to safety. Then he worked to within 20 yards of the enemy to administer aid to a wounded platoon leader. He remained in the position administering aid to the wounded leader even though the Infantry had withdrawn leaving him in "no man's land". Entered service from Texas.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

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