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

12 September 1944

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 61

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 officers for gallantry in action in northern France:

LT COL D. KENNETH REIMERS, 0271586, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 Lt Col Reimers showed aggressive leadership and gallant action in giving close support to a fast moving column driving on * * * France. At * * * France on 8 August 1944 he went forward personally under enemy fire, kept his Battalion displacing by batteries, personally reconnoitered forward positions and sought forward observation. His aggressive and courageous action resulted in rapidly pushing back the enemy, destroying their positions and numerous armored vehicles supporting the defenses, and the ultimate capture of some 12,000 of the enemy troops. Entered service from Wyoming.

MAJ JOHN H. MASON, 0345436, Infantry, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 between * * * and * * * France, Maj Mason organized and personally directed under enemy fire a number of successful attacks composing Infantry, Artillery, Air and supporting tanks. Maj Mason's action resulted in fighting eight separate skirmishes completed in eight hours and an advance of some twenty miles from * * * to * * *. His disregard for personal danger, his aggressive leadership and coolness under fire was an inspiration to his command and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military spirit. Entered service from California.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, cs, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to CAPT JOHN S. FISK, 0413891, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 17 July 1944 to 25 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Oregon.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, cs, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to CAPT HOBBY H. McCALL, 0422737, Infantry United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June 1944 to 26 July 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Texas.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, cs, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded, an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to 1ST LT ROBERT C. DuPUIS, O1310176, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June 1944 to 26 July 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Oregon.

III. 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 enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France.

S. Sgt Henry F. Biesterfeld, 37153629, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 12 and 13 August 1944 Sgt Biesterfeld was a member of a wire team that completed and maintained wire between one of the Battalions and Headquarters Division Artillery under constant enemy bombardment. Entered service from Kansas.

Cpl Edgar A. Urban, 37171759, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 12 and 13 August 1944 Cpl Urban was a member of a wire team that completed and maintained wire between one of the Battalions and Headquarters Division Artillery under constant enemy bombardment. Entered service from North Dakota.

Pfc Ira C. Chiles, 18114457, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 12 and 13 August 1944 Pfc Chiles was a member of a wire team that completed and maintained wire between one of the Battalions and Headquarters Division Artillery under constant enemy bombardment. Entered service from Texas.

Pfc James R. Langdon, 34473543, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 12 and 13 August 1944 Pfc Langdon was a member of a wire team that completed and maintained wire between one of the Battalions and Headquarters Division Artillery under constant enemy bombardment. Entered service from Mississippi.

Pfc Roy Sanner, 33393343, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 12 and 13 August 1944 Pfc Sanner was a member of a wire team that completed and maintained wire between one of the Battalions and Headquarters Division Artillery under constant enemy bombardment. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Pfc James C. Stinnett, 38098563, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 12 and 13 August 1944 Pfc Stinnett was a member of a wire team that completed and maintained wire between one of the Battalions and Headquarters Division Artillery under constant enemy bombardment. Entered service from Texas.

IV. 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 LT COL JAMES O. BOSWELL, O19188, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 31 July 1944 to 8 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Washington, D. C.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to LT COL RICHARD G. STILWELL, 021065, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 31 July 1944 to 8 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from New York.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to LT COL EARL SUTTON, 0376950, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June 1944 to 25 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Illinois.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to MAJ THOMAS M. ANDREWS, 0321346, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 31 July 1944 to 8 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Illinois.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to MAJ BOB T. HUGHES, 0310410, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 29 July 1944 to 25 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Oklahoma.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to CAPT EDWIN M. HOWISON, 0367902, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service on 8 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Ohio.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to CAPT EARL B. TAYLOR, 0374680, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service on 4 July 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Iowa.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to M Sgt John J. Waite, 38085937, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 23 July 1944 to 25 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Colorado.

V. AMENDMENT OF GO 59. So much of Sec IV GO 59 this Hq, cs, as awards the Bronze Star to BRIG GEN JOHN M. DEVINE, 05232, United States Army, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third U. S. Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded to BRIG GEN JOHN M. DEVINE, 05232, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 31 July 1944 to 8 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Rhode Island.

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VI. AMENDMENT OF GO 56. So much of Sec IV GO 56 this Hq, cs, as awards the Bronze Star to CAPT CLIFFORD S. VINSON, 0427224, MC, United States Army, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, cs, the Bronze Star is awarded CAPT CLIFFORD E. VINSON, 0427224, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 6 June 1944 to 24 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from California.

VII. AMENDMENT OF GO 57. So much of Sec II GO 57 this Hq, cs, as awards the Silver Star to Sgt Charles R. Bathurst, 33479055, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Sgt Charles R. Bathurst, 33479055, Infantry, United States Army. On 26 July 1944 in the vicinity of the * * River, north of * * France, when his company had succeeded in reaching its objective it had sustained extremely heavy losses and had been pinned down to its position due to heavy enemy fire and tank attack. The heavy fighting had caused the loss of much equipment and it was necessary to gather up some of the equipment of the wounded and lost materiel in order to maintain the position. Sgt Bathurst and one companion, without regard to their own personal safety and under continuous enemy fire worked from place to place giving aid to the wounded and gathering up much needed weapons and ammunition, including the company's radio, two light machine guns and a bazooka, thus enabling the company to hold its position. His gallant act was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

VIII. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6 Third U. S. Army, cs, the Air Medal is awarded the following named officers:

1ST LT CLINT W. BRACHER, 0396759, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 14 June 1944 to 7 August 1944 as Artillery Aerial Observer. Entered service from Texas

1ST LT WILLIAM R. MATHEWS, 0500490, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 17 June 1944 to 11 July 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from Texas

1ST LT ALLEN T. O'CONNOR, 0465107, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 15 June 1944 to 5 August 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from Nebraska.

2D LT FRANK S. HERTZOG, 0522606, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 26 June 1944 to 14 August 1944 as Artillery Aerial Observer. Entered service from Colorado.

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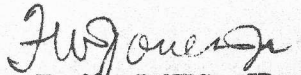
2D LT LLOYD A. WATLAND, O541517, Field Artillery, United States Army.
For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 8 June
1944 to 26 July 1944 as Artillery Liaison Pilot. Entered service from Iowa.

2D LT GEORGE J. PESZAT, O1182938, Field Artillery, United States Army.
For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight from 27 June
1944 to 13 July 1944 as Artillery Aerial Observer. Entered service from
Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General McLAIN:

JOHN C. WHITCOMB,
Col, GSC,
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Maj, AGD,
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