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HEADQUARTERS 90TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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GENERAL ORDERS

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action in northern France:

LT COL HARALD S. SUNDT, 018774, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 16 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \*, France during a very difficult engagement in which Infantry forces, which his battalion was supporting, had captured the town of \* \* and were twice driven out, Lt Col Sundt, without regard for his own personal safety, showed exceptional diligence in reconnoitering gun positions to best destroy enemy tanks. At one critical action, he personally manned a tank destroyer gun direct into the path of an enemy attack greatly assisting in the stopping of the enemy attack and the re-capture of the town. This gallant act under enemy fire was an inspiration to both the Infantry and tank destroyer personnel and facilitated in closing the gap at \* \* and the destruction of the enemy force. Entered service from New Mexico

1ST LT WILLIAM R. MATHEWS, 0500490, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 18-19-20 August 1944 in \* \*, France Lt Mathews was flying his liaison plane during a critical operation when supported troops were attempting to cross \* \*, in order to obtain deeper reconnaissance of the enemy movements. He flew forward of friendly lines although frequently fired on by enemy small arms and Anti-Aircraft weapons. At \* \*, he silenced enemy machine guns which were holding up our lines by directing fire upon them; discovered an enemy column moving across country and destroyed 27 vehicles and many personnel forcing the remnants of the column to retreat into the woods. Near \* \*, France, on 19 August he succeeded in destroying 21 vehicles although he was under fire from an enemy 20mm Anti-Aircraft gun which tore holes in the fabric of his plane. Continuing on his mission, he blew up one ammunition truck, 1 tank and 31 vehicles were left burning from the fire of the Artillery Battalion for which he was observing. On 20 August, he continued long hours of observation, directing the fire of 3 separate battalions of Artillery and destroying enemy columns and formations although on this date he came under Anti-Aircraft fire from an 88mm gun, which did considerable damage to his plane. In 3 days of flying he spent 35 hours in the air directing the fire of his own and attached Artillery battalions with great effect on the enemy. Entered service from Texas.

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2D LT SOL BAUER, 01169857, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 6 July 1944, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when a large force of German paratroopers delivered a counterattack, Lt Bauer disregarding his own personal safety and under heavy enemy fire in an exposed OP adjusted and delivered such a volume of fire against the enemy that the attack was completely broken up and the attacking force completely dispersed. On 11 July 1944 when our troops were receiving heavy casualties near \* \* \*, France, Lt Bauer being unable to locate a satisfactory OP in a concealed position, worked out into the open ground and remained in an exposed position under enemy fire for 2 hours despite the fact that many casualties were being suffered in his vicinity and members of his party became casualties. He remained in this OP adjusting fire on the enemy until he had accomplished his mission. These gallant acts were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from New Jersey.

2D LT FRANK M. BUCHANAN, 01187555 Field Artillery, United States Army. On 19 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \* and \* \* \*, France, while his unit was supporting an Infantry battalion with the mission of closing a gap against the remnants of the 7th German Army attempting to escape through \* \* \*, the enemy made several attempts to break through the position. When they had penetrated very close to his position, he remained at his OP although under heavy enemy fire, and brought down heavy Artillery fire on the armored column, destroying 3 trucks, and one armored vehicle, blocking the road and effectively preventing the escape of vehicles following. As other vehicles attempted to by-pass the position and to overrun the OP, Lt Buchanan moved back and forth along the position in order to keep constant observation on enemy movements. By continuous Artillery support the enemy was beaten from the field and in their attempt to withdraw he knocked out an additional 7 vehicles. Throughout the action, he displayed great coolness under fire greatly encouraging the troops he was supporting and enabling them to maintain their position, drive the enemy from the field and complete their destruction. Entered service from Florida. 344H

2D LT PETER P. PERCIACCANTO, 01324738, Infantry, United States Army. On 6 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when the company which he was supporting with heavy machine guns was struck by heavy enemy fire and pinned down, Lt Perciaccanto turned his machine gun platoon over to his second in command, crawled forward of friendly lines to within 15 yards of an enemy machine gun position and he attacked the Machine Gun throwing two hand grenades and knocking out the gun, thus facilitating the advance of the company. This gallant act was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from New York.



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Tec 5 William W. Salo, 37170864, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 19 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \*, France, Tec 5 Salo was assigned to an OP blocking the German escape route and supporting an Infantry battalion across this route. The importance of this OP was extremely critical. The wire line was knocked out 6 times by enemy action and each time Tec 5 Salo went quickly back over the area under heavy enemy fire repairing the breaks and maintaining the communications. His calmness and courage, determination and aggressiveness, were responsible for the destruction of a large number of the enemy tanks and vehicles, which were heavily engaged in the vicinity and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Minnesota.

Pfc Thomas J. Grosse, 35601887, Infantry, (then Pvt) United States Army. On 17 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \*, France, when his company had forced their way into a town and were receiving machine gun fire from a hidden machine gun position, Pfc Grosse worked himself to a position where he discovered the enemy changing the location of the gun. An exchange of hand grenades resulted in two of the enemy being wounded, He then killed a third man of the enemy gun crew with his rifle and wounded a fourth preventing the enemy from moving their machine gun to a position which was enfilading the friendly force. His gallant act was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Ohio.

II. AWARD OF OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, and Circular 6, Third United States Army current series, in addition to the Bronze Star previously awarded an Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded the following named enlisted man for bravery in action in northern France:

S Sgt William M. Lewis, 20811410, Infantry, United States Army. On 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \*, France, Sgt Lewis as a member of a bazooka team knocked out a self-propelled 100mm enemy gun, wounding part of the crew and permitting the capture of the others. Entered service from Texas.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for bravery in action in northern France:

MAJOR JACK W WARD, 0410190, Infantry, United States Army. From 7-10 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \*, France, while acting as Intelligence Officer, he frequently accompanied the most advanced reconnaissance elements of Task Force in order to quickly determine the enemy situation and facilitate the rapid advance of his column. Near \* \*, France, while working forward of his column and finding the enemy approaching the town he quickly organized a small group and led a patrol against the enemy position neutralizing the enemy patrol and permitting the column to continue its uninterrupted advance. Entered service from Idaho.

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CAPTAIN JAMES D. RICHTER, 0284023, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 20 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when the enemy attempted a break through of our lines, Captain Richter deployed all available wire men, commandeered a passing tank and opened fire on the enemy column. The enemy force was thereby taken by surprise, thrown into disorder and several were killed, wounded or captured, abandoning their vehicles, and the remaining were completely dispersed. Entered service from Texas

2D LT RUSSELL G. LANE, 01172132, Field Artillery, United States Army. On 10 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, his diligence and courage in staying at his OP, under fire, attempting to knock out an enemy field piece then shelling our lines showed great determination and devotion to duty. During this mission his determination to remain at his post despite shelling of the position resulted in Lt. Lane being severely wounded. His tenacity of purpose contributed materially to the success of the mission. Entered service from Ohio.

2D LT LEX E. O'BRIENT, JR, 01017420, Infantry, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 near \* \* \*, France, while commanding a light tank platoon in the leading column of a rapid advance during a critical operation, Lt O'Brient exhibited boldness, ingenuity and initiative when his tank was fired on and disabled by an enemy high velocity weapon. He dismounted from the tank and assisted in clearing out enemy machine gun positions thus facilitating the advance of the column. Entered service from North Carolina.

S Sgt Jake R. Parton, 37189194, Infantry, United States Army. On 8 August 1944 near \* \* \*, France, his company was pinned down by heavy fire. Believing it to be friendly fire, as two forces were coming together from opposite directions, and disregarding his own safety he drove his vehicle into plain view where small arms fire was falling in the area. He then fired a volley in the air from his 50 caliber Machine Gun enabling the opposing force to recognize his unit as a friendly force and prevented further hazard as the troops closed in. Entered service from Iowa.

S Sgt James R. White, 37153703, Infantry, United States Army. On 1 July 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Sgt White, while a member of a patrol in enemy held territory was painfully wounded by an anti-personnel mine. In spite of his wounds Sgt White carried one wounded comrade and aided another a distance of 500 yards back to our lines, went personally for aid men, and then went to his CP and reported the results of the patrol action before permitting himself to be treated and evacuated. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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Tec 5 Edward N. Beydler, 37138624, Medical Department, United States Army. On 13 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, upon learning of heavy casualties in a company heavily engaged with the enemy, he drove his vehicle through the mined area under enemy Artillery fire to evacuate the wounded from the area. Entered service from Missouri.

Tec 5 Nick M. Doland, 37171927, Infantry, United States Army. On 7 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Tec 5 Doland drove his vehicle into an exposed position taking an enemy position under fire from which 10 enemy were killed and 4 captured, permitting the column which was following to continue its march on \* \* \*, France. Entered service from Minnesota.

Tec 5 Andrew Hoffman, 38147264, Infantry, United States Army. During the period 6-10 August 1944 near \* \* \*, France, Tec 5 Hoffman served as a driver of a liaison vehicle coming frequently under enemy fire in circumstances requiring quick decision and courageous action. On one occasion when the head of the column came under enemy fire, destroying several of the leading vehicles, and no other communications were available, Tec 5 Hoffman drove his vehicle through the shelled area, to obtain assistance from the Artillery which resulted in the destruction of the enemy guns. Entered service from Texas.

Pfc Miguel A. Booker, 39466904, Infantry, United States Army. On 27 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, his platoon was fired on by an enemy machine gun and were pinned down. When the grenades were thrown by the enemy Pfc Booker was wounded along with one other man. Disregarding his own wound, Pfc Booker stopped and assisted the wounded man to a place of safety. Entered service from Washington.

Pfc Amalio J. Rosati, 31276830, Infantry, United States Army. On 12 June 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when his company was leading the attack on a village, Pfc Rosati was wounded in the foot. Notwithstanding his own painful wounds, Pfc Rosati assisted in evacuating 3 wounded men from the area, although under heavy enemy Artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, before he left the field to have his own wounds treated. Entered service from Connecticut.

Pfc John E. Turner, 34314641, Infantry, United States Army. On 5 August 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, Pfc Turner crawled into a field in "No Man's Land", lighted by a burning tank and without cover, and assisting in evacuating a seriously wounded comrade although the area was under enemy machine gun fire. Entered service from North Carolina.

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Pvt Edward Polinski, 36776643, Infantry, United States Army. On 27 July 1944 in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, when his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Pvt Polinski manned his machine gun, setting it on top of a hedgerow and silenced the enemy fire. Moving to another position he set up his machine gun, was immediately taken under fire by the enemy and was badly wounded. Without permitting other personnel to assist him he crawled to a place from which he could receive medical aid and be evacuated. Entered service from Illinois.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded LT COL ERIC A. PEACH 0328475, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 16 June to 3 September 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 United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded CAPTAIN WILLIAM S. JACOBS, JR, 0453274, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 17-22 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Pennsylvania.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded CAPTAIN MAURICE H. SMITH, 0380124, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service from 17-21 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 United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded 1ST LT DONALD E. WILBOURN, 025606, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service from 17-19 August 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, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded 1ST LT RAYMOND J. WRIGHT, O1172347, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service on 20 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Texas.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Circular 6, Third United States Army, current series, the Bronze Star is awarded S Sgt Jack B. Davis, 38088069, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious service during the period 8 June to 24 August 1944 in action against an enemy of the United States in France. Entered service from Oklahoma.

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