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

8 November 1944

Subject: Award of Bronze Star.

To : Captain Harold G. Bergdale, O-331167, Infantry,  
Service Company, 358th Infantry, APO 90, United  
States Army.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 and Section I, Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star is awarded to:

Captain Harold G. Bergdale, O-331167, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in support of operations against the enemy in France. During the period 8 June to 15 October 1944, Captain Harold G. Bergdale distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service. As Regimental Ammunition Officer, his work was characterized by a thorough knowledge and performance of his duty. It was by his constant devotion to duty and untiring efforts that the 358th Infantry Regiment was constantly supplied with ammunition. His meritorious service was in accordance with military tradition. Entered service from Iowa.

By command of Brigadier General VAN FLEET:

LESLIE V. DIX,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.



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Captain Harold G. Bergdale, Regimental Ammunition Officer landed in France on 8 June 1944 and during the period 8 June 1944 to 15 October 1944 has fulfilled in an outstanding manner the responsibility of supplying the 358th Infantry Regiment and attached units with ammunition of all types.

On 10 June 1944, the regiment was engaged in a fierce battle near Chef du Pent, France. During this action an urgent need for mortar ammunition and hand grenades arose. Since none were available at the regimental dump nor the regular ammunition supply point at that time, Captain Bergdale realizing the seriousness of this need, personally took charge of the ammunition trucks and went back to the beach area where he secured this ammunition as it was unloaded on the beachhead. This area was still under heavy mortar, artillery and air bombardment. On the way back bomb craters which destroyed the road forced him to lead the trucks on a long detour before he could deliver the much needed ammunition to the front line troops. This was accomplished successfully and our troops suffered no lack of ammunition.

Near Beauzeville, en Bastille, France, Captain Bergdale organized groups of men to search for abandoned German mortar ammunition to augment the regular supply which had become critical because of transportation difficulties from the beach. Under his direction, more than 15000 rounds of German 80MM Mortar ammunition was found, and its use greatly relieved the critical situation and

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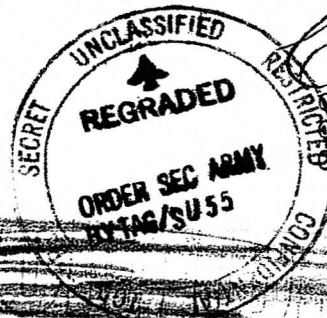
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aided in the advance of our troops.

Again, in the vicinity of St Jeres, France a critical shortage of mortar ammunition arose. Captain Bergdale on this occasion organized searching parties, searched areas where battles had been recently fought, and secured sufficient ammunition to meet the demands for this action.

On the long move from Periers to LeMans, France and thence to Sees, Captain Bergdale moved his large supply of ammunition by shuttle because he realized the danger involved in having the normal depots so far behind and the possibility of being cut off without sufficient ammunition supply.

During the entire battle of France, Captain Bergdale has established the regimental ammunition dump well forward, making resupply by the battalions a matter of minutes rather than hours, although on many occasions his installation has been under enemy artillery fire.

Captain Bergdale's success in supplying ammunition to the front line units has been an important factor in the successes achieved by the regiment in combat against the enemy, and has been in the highest traditions of the military service.

  
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Colonel., 358th Infantry  
Commanding