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HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

BAKER D. NEWTON, (0412062), First Lieutenant, Company C, \*\*\*\*\* for gallantry in action. On \*\*\*April 1943, during operations in the \*\*\*\*\* valley, Tunisia, Lieutenant Newton, during an enemy artillery barrage, made all his men seek cover in foxholes while he remained in his vehicle to maintain communication with his battalion headquarters. Later, leaving a radio operator in charge of his vehicle and ignoring the falling artillery fire, he went from fox hole to fox hole distributing magazines and joking with his men, thereby bolstering their courage and quieting their nerves. The same day he personally established an observation post to locate enemy machine gun positions, in the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. This observation post, through correct sensing, enabled friendly artillery to knock out an enemy artillery battery. During the same engagement he assisted in extinguishing a fire which was started by enemy artillery on one of his vehicles, half-track with 75mm self-propelled gun, thereby saving a valuable piece of equipment. The vehicle contained anti-tank mines, a box of which was on fire, and approximately eighty (80) rounds of 75mm ammunition which was likely to explode at any time, thereby endangering the lives of the members of his company. Small arms ammunition was exploding while he assisted in putting out the fire by shoveling sand. Lieutenant Newton's outstanding courage in the face of heavy artillery fire; his coolness and calmness proved a source of inspiration to the members of his command as well as the battalion as a whole. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty is a credit to the Armed Forces and deserving the highest praise. Residence: Ferriday, Louisiana. (Medal # 24605)

By command of Major General EDDY:

GEORGE B. BARTH  
Colonel, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Lt. Col., A.G.D.  
Adjutant General.

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