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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded the following named officer:

JOHN W. O'DANIEL, 07342, Brigadier General, \*\* Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 9 to 21 September 1943 in the vicinity of \*\*, Italy. General O'Daniel, then attached to the \*\* Infantry Division, landed with the \*\* Infantry Regimental Combat Team in the early hours of D-Day. In the face of intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, air bombing and strafing, and with utter disregard for his own safety, he successfully directed men and materiel across the beach despite most determined enemy resistance. With the accomplishment of the beachhead he then undertook the organization of the \*\* River position, later taking personal command of the vital central defensive sector in the vicinity of \*\*. His aggressive example of determination and calm fortitude during this critical period, inspired all officers and men under him to an extent that materially contributed to the success of the mission. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Delaware.

By command of Major General WALKER:

CLAYTON P. KERR,  
Colonel, General Staff Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

*John J. Deane*

JOHN J. DEANE,  
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Adjutant General.

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