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number of the enemy supported by tanks and flame throwers. He immediately assumed command and with the utmost coolness and courage went about reorganizing the position to withstand the attack. He personally took over the artillery radio and called for fire on the attacking forces within fifty yards of the position. He stayed by the radio to direct the artillery fire though the enemy tanks were pouring down a heavy direct fire and the flame throwers were putting flame into the position. He brought fire down to within forty yards of the position and called for volley after volley even though fragmentation was falling closely. By his coolness, courage and devotion to duty the attack was repulsed, and artillery fire which he had directed made it possible for the infantry to hold the position. His outstanding conduct under fire was an example and an inspiration to all the men in the position, and exemplified the best traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from JOHNSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WILLIAM D. OWENS, 16068342, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near 888, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant OWENS, Platoon Sergeant, Company "L", 505th Parachute Infantry, under direct enemy shell fire climbed a fence carrying an M-6 Machine Gun and set up a machine fire holding his platoon to advance. His platoon was in the attack and was being held up by the heavy strength of automatic weapons, which could not be fired because of the type of terrain. Staff Sergeant OWENS, climbing the machine gun in his arms, climbed the fence under enemy shell fire and took up a position on the enemy's side, as a base of fire. As a result of his heroic action, the platoon was enabled to advance and drive back the enemy. The heroic action and exemplary conduct of Staff Sergeant OWENS was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES E. MILLER, JR., 1656381, Captain, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near 888, HOLLAND. Captain MILLER, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, while accompanying the Battalion Headquarters S-3 on a routine inspection tour of forward artillery CP's in the 888 area, observed the advance of German infantry moving in and taking positions to cut off a friendly infantry platoon holding the position. He immediately ran through the infantry position, through heavy shell fire, and found the position under attack by a superior number of the enemy supported by tanks and flame throwers. The Battalion S-3 assumed command and immediately took over the artillery radio while Captain MILLER with the utmost coolness and courage went about reorganizing the position, passing orders to the artillery fire, giving the fragments and instructions to each individual soldier. His courage and devotion to duty and his disregard of his personal safety was a great factor in repulsing the attack and holding the position until the arrival of a defense unit and recovery of command. His courage, conduct under fire was an example and an inspiration to the men in the position, and exemplified the best traditions of the service. Entered military service from HAZEN, MISSISSIPPI.

ALVIN W. WHEEL, 1678266, Private, 455th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the night of 5 October 1944 near 888, HOLLAND. At about 2300 hours on 5 October 1944, saw red smoke of artillery fire into our position, looking in and opened up with his gun. One of the first rounds landed near to a machine gun position and under logs.

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Private SMITH, left his foxhole with utter disregard for his personal safety, and relinquished the burning powder pan. Had this been permitted to burn there would have given away the location of our battery position as well as causing considerable damage to our live ammunition. While engaged in extinguishing the flames, several more rounds of artillery were fired into the positions endangering the life of Private SMITH. Private SMITH's gallant action in this emergency is exemplary of the highest standards of the Army. Entered military service from WILMINGTON, OHIO.

HARRY J. SMITH, 17300277, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 July 1944 in France. During the assault of the Second Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, on Hill 95, Private SMITH, Company 504, was the last medical aid man left in the column. Regardless of the hazards, he started himself continually to reach wounded men and care for them. Throughout the attack, the battalion was subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire which inflicted numerous casualties. One company reached the hill and went into position, but Private SMITH disdained cover and risked over the tops of the attack to bring in the casualties. When the next company came into position, he went out in the face of direct enemy fire to recover wounded. Throughout the engagement, Private SMITH's superb courage, determination and conscientious perseverance above the call of duty was in the high tradition of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS.

ROY L. SMITH, 33294725, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 and 16 October 1944 near France, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH, with one comrade, voluntarily patrolled to a position ten miles behind enemy lines and remained in hostile territory more than twenty-four hours. They noted all German activity in the area and observed installations. On their return trip, they walked boldly through the German positions in the dark, greeting enemy soldiers with the word "Goodnight". After crossing the dyke and canal, they decided to return to the hostile lines and bring out a prisoner. They greeted the first German found in a foxhole and forced him to leave and fly and returned to friendly lines. The prisoner and the information secured by Technician Fifth Grade SMITH and his companion proved of the highest value. His courage and efficient performance of a valuable service earned the most vital order in the sector, all previous records having failed to penetrate the enemy lines. The courage and skill displayed by Technician Fifth Grade SMITH was a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from COVINGTON, MISSISSIPPI.

IRVING A. SMITH, 17072489, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 October 1944 near France, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant SMITH, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, successfully led a reconnaissance patrol in preparation for a combat raid to be conducted that night. While on this patrol he was awarded a vital observation directly in the friendly ranks of a group of the enemy patrol. After he had reported his information, Staff Sergeant SMITH volunteered to remove the obstacle. At 10:15 p.m., during an artillery preparation of the objective, he ran a forward into the barrage and removed the obstacle with his hands. During this action four of his comrade's eyes to him that they could clearly identify him. He lost his feet and hands and his clothing in several places. Having removed the obstacle he joined the enemy's patrol and voluntarily returned to the rear. As a result of his action awarded

prisoners were captured and the combat raid was successfully accomplished with reduced casualties. Staff Sergeant SWARTZ was given an award for his actions in leading with the high traditions of the American Paratrooper. Awarded the military service from 1942-1945, 1947-1949.

III -- SILVER STAR MEDAL, POWERS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-105, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200,6(LC) Headquarters 1st Airborne Division, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

WALTER L. COLEMAN, 19177286, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry, Airborne, in action on 22 September 1944 at 0400, HOLLAND. Private First Class COLEMAN, an excellent squad leader, Company B, 508th Parachute Infantry, acted with such courage and intrepidity during an attack by his company to capture German positions near the town of 0400 that he was able to assist in the destruction of a machine gun position which threatened the flank of his platoon. Company B's attack continued from 0400 toward 0600 and no unit was in any position to defend that town. Captain [Name] was killed while placing machine gun, aimed down at the left side of the first platoon and retarded the progress of the company. Private First Class COLEMAN maneuvered to a position where he was able to attack this gun position with rifle and grenades. The fire of the gun crew before they could bring fire upon him. His death, during action heroically neutralized this machine gun position and cleared the way for his platoon, enabling his platoon to capture this position. Private First Class COLEMAN was killed in action in this act. The conduct of Private First Class COLEMAN is such that credit can be given for his organization, and the Army of the United States. Awarded military service from 1942-1945.

WALTER L. COLEMAN, 32 20230, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry, Airborne, in action on 22 September 1944 near 0400, GERMANY. Private First Class COLEMAN, a rifleman, Company B, 508th Parachute Infantry, was a brave and intrepid soldier who during an attack on the position held by his platoon which was attacked in support of Company B, Private First Class COLEMAN, the spot German platoon, lost his position and was killed in action within a few yards of the enemy position. He should have lived to see the day which captured the enemy and would then have moved to the front line. Private First Class COLEMAN was killed in action on 22 September 1944 near 0400, GERMANY during the attack. The conduct of Private First Class COLEMAN is such that credit can be given for his organization, and the Army of the United States. Awarded military service from 1942-1945, 1947-1949.

WALTER L. COLEMAN, 32 20230, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry, Airborne, in action on 22 September 1944 near 0400, GERMANY. Private COLEMAN, Company B, 508th Parachute Infantry, was an exemplary soldier during the battle of 0400, Holland. He was killed in action during the attack on the position held by his platoon which was attacked in support of Company B. He should have lived to see the day which captured the enemy and would then have moved to the front line. Private COLEMAN was killed in action on 22 September 1944 near 0400, GERMANY during the attack. The conduct of Private COLEMAN is such that credit can be given for his organization, and the Army of the United States. Awarded military service from 1942-1945, 1947-1949.

received in this action. As a result of his exemplary performance the men of his company were inspired to high feats of action, enabling the seizure of the Hill River bridge. Private GREGORY's gallant action and evaluation of his platoon leader's life show that of his own upheld the highest traditions of the parachute forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

WOODRUF V. HART, 36132076, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near MOLLAT, Germany. Sergeant, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "C", 50th Parachute Infantry, exhibited dominant leadership when he led his squad in disorganizing and breaking an enemy platoon. He was on a mission to establish a road block for a defensive position when he encountered enemy resistance from a very strong position 150 yards to his front. Corporal HART skillfully led and his squad as skirmishers and then moved to the front of the road block and directed their fire in such an effective manner as to disorganize the enemy resistance. Corporal HART threw two grenades into the enemy position and caused his subordinates to join their fire. As a result of his action his squad was able to reach the road block and organize a defensive position. Corporal HART's perseverance, devotion to duty, confidence and great personal courage reflected the highest traditions of the Parachute Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS.

ROBERT Z. SMITH, 31372069, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 at MOLLAT, Germany. Private SMITH was a machine gunner of Company "C", 50th Parachute Infantry. On the night of 22 September 1944, Company "C" attacked the enemy in the town of MOLLAT, Germany, and after a hard fighting succeeded in penetrating the outer defenses of this position. While this company was still in the town the enemy forces, however, supported by mortars, made a counter attack and checked the company advance. To force the attacking company to continue effectively it was necessary to withdraw and reorganize, for which SMITH had been lost by the darkness. Private SMITH placed his machine gun in a position from which it could fire at the enemy in the front of the company's advance. He was able to place such effective fire that the enemy advance was stopped momentarily and valuable ideas were gained for the reorganization of his company. However, enemy automatic weapons fire was concentrated upon Private SMITH's position, which he continued to defend. A mortar burst of shell hit the company attempting to assault this position with grenades but was destroyed by the accurate fire directed by Private SMITH. When other attempts to capture this position by infiltration had failed, the enemy withdrew and also a mortar fire which killed Private SMITH. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY.

FRANK C. SWINDELL, 31182930, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 June 1944 near MOLLAT, Germany. Sergeant, Corporal SWINDELL, accompanied along the south bank of the Hill River, facilitated the capture of this position by leading and leading the enemy troops holding the company. During the latter part of the night when our forces blocked the bridge, Corporal SWINDELL moved to a position on the bank, and toward the river. When our advance party was unable to attack the bridge, a mine was used. As a result of his action he was awarded the Purple Heart. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS.

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aggressive and courage and forced the withdrawal of an enemy machine gun which was holding up our advance. This unselfish action cost Sergeant SV 7125 his life, but insured the success of his company in reaching its objective. His gallant and selfless action at all times was a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from 7 Oct 41, APO 469.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200,6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 21 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, Missing in Action:

DOUGLAS R. JAMES, 37023710, Private, 503th Parachute Infantry, Airborne, in action from 6 June 1944 to 12 June 1944 near 333, 11, 43, 11th Air Div. In action with scattered units were isolated and surrounded by the enemy on 11th June. He repulsed attacks from all sides and held in some instances to our line, day by day, those on outpost duty and on a communications patrol. Private JAMES on his own initiative, went for help during the night and tried to aid and recover the wounded. He gave a constant and unrelenting aid to our wounded for 72 hours without rest or sleep. Throughout the period of isolation, his outstanding and exemplary devotion to duty was a source of inspiration and encouragement to every one in the group. His willingness to undertake risks beyond the call of duty was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SOUTH AFRICA.

IV -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200,6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 21 August 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

CLAUDE H. HUGHES, 1829412, Private, 503th Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism not only in action with the enemy on 27 September 1944 at 333, 11, 43, 11th Air Div. Private HUGHES, Rifleman, 1st Battalion, 503th Parachute Infantry, with the aid of Private TO 624, demonstrated high personal courage when he risked his life to rescue the British soldier, Private THOMAS. He and Private TO 624 were on an outpost position near the enemy's headquarters on the 27th. During an enemy bombardment a nearby British anti-aircraft position on 27th and a direct hit which killed several members of the crew and burned the gun. Privates HUGHES and TO 624 lost their way and were isolated and surrounded by the enemy. When they had exhausted their own supplies of ammunition, they were in a position to risk their lives and those of the British soldier. As a result of this action the lives of the British soldier were saved. The great personal courage and extraordinary conduct shown in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from 11 Dec 41, APO 469.

ROBERT W. TOMOZAK, 12071506, Priv 1st, 505th Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism and bravery involving actual combat with the enemy on 27 September 1944 near Aachen, Germany. Private TOMOZAK, 1st Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry, with the aid of Private HIGGINS, demonstrated exceptional courage when he risked his life to rescue two British anti-aircraft gunners. He and Private HIGGINS were on an outpost position near the bridge over the Meuse River. During an enemy bombardment a British anti-aircraft gun position suffered a direct hit which killed several members of the crew and burned the gun. Private TOMOZAK and HIGGINS left their covered position and heavy shelling and went to the rescue. After they extracted the two British soldiers they continued to risk their lives while administering first aid to them. As a result of their action the lives of two British soldiers were saved. The great personal courage and exemplary conduct of Private TOMOZAK was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Award military service from 1942, 1943, 1944.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and authority contained in Letter 320, (AG) Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, dated 31 August 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

ROBERT W. TOMOZAK, 12071506, 1st Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism and bravery involving actual combat with the enemy on 27 September 1944 near Aachen, Germany. Private TOMOZAK demonstrated exceptional courage when he risked his life to rescue two British anti-aircraft gunners. He and Private HIGGINS were on an outpost position near the bridge over the Meuse River. During an enemy bombardment a British anti-aircraft gun position suffered a direct hit which killed several members of the crew and burned the gun. Private TOMOZAK and HIGGINS left their covered position and heavy shelling and went to the rescue. After they extracted the two British soldiers they continued to risk their lives while administering first aid to them. As a result of their action the lives of two British soldiers were saved. The great personal courage and exemplary conduct of Private TOMOZAK was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Award military service from 1942, 1943, 1944.

ROBERT W. TOMOZAK, 12071506, 1st Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism and bravery involving actual combat with the enemy on 27 September 1944 near Aachen, Germany. Private TOMOZAK demonstrated exceptional courage when he risked his life to rescue two British anti-aircraft gunners. He and Private HIGGINS were on an outpost position near the bridge over the Meuse River. During an enemy bombardment a British anti-aircraft gun position suffered a direct hit which killed several members of the crew and burned the gun. Private TOMOZAK and HIGGINS left their covered position and heavy shelling and went to the rescue. After they extracted the two British soldiers they continued to risk their lives while administering first aid to them. As a result of their action the lives of two British soldiers were saved. The great personal courage and exemplary conduct of Private TOMOZAK was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Award military service from 1942, 1943, 1944.

ROBERT W. TOMOZAK, 12071506, 1st Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism and bravery involving actual combat with the enemy on 27 September 1944 near Aachen, Germany. Private TOMOZAK demonstrated exceptional courage when he risked his life to rescue two British anti-aircraft gunners. He and Private HIGGINS were on an outpost position near the bridge over the Meuse River. During an enemy bombardment a British anti-aircraft gun position suffered a direct hit which killed several members of the crew and burned the gun. Private TOMOZAK and HIGGINS left their covered position and heavy shelling and went to the rescue. After they extracted the two British soldiers they continued to risk their lives while administering first aid to them. As a result of their action the lives of two British soldiers were saved. The great personal courage and exemplary conduct of Private TOMOZAK was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Award military service from 1942, 1943, 1944.

JOHN W. CARLITZER, O-2045220, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 12 June 1944 to 4 July 1944 in zone, PL 103. First Lieutenant CARLITZER distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, First Lieutenant CARLITZER was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Received military service from FITZPATRICK, I.M.S.

JOHN T. LALA, O-1171229, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 14 June 1944 to 2 July 1944 in zone, PL 103. Captain LALA distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions Captain LALA was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Received military service from FITZPATRICK, I.M.S.

ROBERT W. NORRIS, O-2045221, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 10 June 1944 to 7 July 1944 in zone, PL 103. First Lieutenant NORRIS distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, First Lieutenant NORRIS was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Received military service from FITZPATRICK, I.M.S.

CHARLES L. BARTON, JR., O-466381, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 17 June 1944 to 3 July 1944 in zone, PL 103. Captain BARTON distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, Captain BARTON was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Received military service from FITZPATRICK, I.M.S.

LEONARD W. SMITH, O-1173600, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 17 June 1944 to 4 July 1944 in zone, PL 103. First Lieutenant SMITH distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, First Lieutenant SMITH was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Received military service from FITZPATRICK, I.M.S.

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CLARK C. THORNTON, O-789622, Major (then Captain), Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 17 September 1944 to 13 November 1944 in HOLLAND. During the initial phase of consolidation by the Airborne Forces of the corridor through HOLLAND, Major THORNTON, Division Air Officer, piloted his C-64 (Hershey) regularly from an air strip a few miles from ***. Enemy fighters were operating in the area, adding to the hazards of all air traffic in the vicinity. Major THORNTON worked ceaselessly to render every assistance within his power. He also requested through the kangaroo corridor to carry vital messages and obtain essential high priority supplies. He evacuated the first seriously wounded soldiers from the combat zone many days before the route to the south was clear for ambulances or other vehicles. Regardless of weather or danger, he worked willingly, courageously and skillfully to render invaluable service to the Division in the prosecution of its missions. Entered military service from AUSTON, OHIO.

VI -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Air Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

FRANK B. ROGGE, O-1170539, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 25 June 1944 to 5 July 1944 in ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant ROGGE distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five sorties as an artillery observer in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, 1st Lieutenant ROGGE was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from IRON RIVER, WISCONSIN.

VII -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL, FORTY-FIVE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Air Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

RICHARD A. ROSS, O-1172056, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 22 June 1944 to 6 July 1944 in ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant ROSS distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five sorties as an artillery observer in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, First Lieutenant ROSS was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

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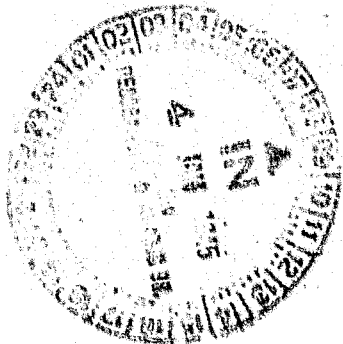
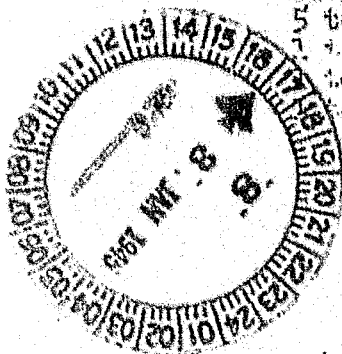
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT.....I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, ONE LEAF CLUSTER.....II
I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM G. JOHNSON, JR., 32482997, Private First Class, 50th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. On 9 June 1944 a force estimated to be about 5000 enemy attacked our aid station near the causeway across the ***, River, opposite ***. Heavy fire was directed on the building and set it afire. Private First Class JOHNSON, medical aidman, 500th Parachute Infantry, voluntarily braved the danger, aided by one comrade, to rescue its occupants. In the face of intense enemy fire, he made his way over open ground and succeeded in removing the wounded from among the falling timbers to a position of cover. At the time of this act enemy forces were moving forward, and Private First Class JOHNSON's task was difficult and hazardous. Entered military service from ***, GEORGIA.

JACK H. BAILLY, O-406183, First Lieutenant, 50th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant BAILLY, Assistant Platoon Leader, Company ***, 50th Parachute Infantry, was given the mission of leading a patrol into the enemy lines to capture prisoners. His patrol moved on the enemy behind a rolling barrage from friendly artillery, that lifted when First Lieutenant BAILLY's patrol reached the enemy lines. He personally captured the first prisoner and the remainder of the patrol captured two more. In an effort to capture still more prisoners, a short and decisive action ensued in which the enemy suffered several casualties. First Lieutenant BAILLY had one man of his patrol slightly wounded. He then successfully disengaged his patrol from the enemy and returned with his prisoners to friendly lines. As a direct result of his exemplary action several casualties were inflicted on the enemy and much valuable information was obtained. First Lieutenant BAILLY's ability to think clearly and act decisively in a crisis reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ***, GEORGIA.

CARL A. BECK, 12099830, Private, 50th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Private BECK, Assistant Light Machine Gunner, 50th Parachute Infantry, demonstrated great personal courage when he exposed himself to direct enemy fire to bring fire on enemy anti-tank gun positions. From his gun position he observed the enemy moving two anti-tank guns into position enabling them to bring fire on a road that was to be used

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shortly by allied tanks. He moved his gun to an exposed position in order to fire directly on these enemy weapons. Private DECK was seriously wounded when from a high velocity enemy cannon made a direct hit on his position. As a result of his action one enemy anti-tank gun was put out of action and the other seriously impaired. He helped make possible the successful attack on the Rhine River bridges by tanks and infantry. His great personal courage and exemplary conduct in this action was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FOUCHERSTON, NEW YORK.

✓ GEORGE A. BLACK, 20233941, Private, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 21 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private GEORGE A. BLACK, radio operator with a forward observer party, was on a small hill. The infantry had held the hill against strong enemy opposition for several days. At about 1400 hours on 21 September 1944, the forward observer was adjusting fire on enemy trucks and troops near *** when the observation post was brought under extreme heavy fire by enemy machine-guns and mortars. Private BLACK and the forward observer were wounded and the forward observer sergeant was killed. Although wounded and under heavy enemy fire, Private BLACK continued to operate his radio and transmitted the commands of his wounded forward observer officer to fire direction center until fire for effect had been brought down on the enemy. Private BLACK's heroic conduct is exemplary of the highest standards of the Army. Entered military service from BEACON, NEW YORK.

✓ FLEET D. BLURBUCH, 39366983, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on the night of 1 - 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant FLEET D. BLURBUCH, Platoon Sergeant, Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, by great personal courage and determined leadership successfully defended his position against a strong and determined enemy attack. Staff Sergeant BLURBUCH's platoon had the mission of maintaining a vital road block in the battalion defensive sector. During an enemy attack, reinforced by armored vehicles, Staff Sergeant BLURBUCH led a small group of men through a heavy mortar and artillery barrage to strategic positions on the flank of the enemy. Moving steadily about his position, he personally directed the fire of his men, inflicted severe enemy casualties on the enemy, and forced them to withdraw. As a result of his action, one of the most important positions within the entire battalion sector was saved. Staff Sergeant BLURBUCH's ability and courage in this action was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SEWTON, WASHINGTON.

✓ JOHN P. BOLDERSON, 3782951, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 24 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal JOHN P. BOLDERSON, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "A", 505th Parachute Infantry, laid and maintained communication wire across 800 yards of combated and shell-torn ground throughout the hours of darkness to the First Platoon of Company "A" in a defensive position at an important and isolated roadblock near ***. Due to the offensive capabilities of the enemy, it was deemed necessary to maintain wire communication to the Company CP. Corporal BOLDERSON volunteered with one man to secure this communication across open ground under incessant artillery and mortar fire. As a result of his action much fire data and information as to enemy dispositions was transmitted in time to be of use in the defense of the sector. Corporal BOLDERSON's great initiative and personal courage was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WEST PLAINFIELD, MISSOURI.

ERNEST E. BORDEN, 39284276, Corporal, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 July 1944 near #66, HOLLAND. Corporal BORDEN was given a defensive mission on an exposed flank near hedgerows and small groups of buildings which contained an enemy MG 42. The enemy opened fire on Corporal BORDEN. Unhesitatingly, he turned over his gun to an assistant and single-handedly advanced against the building. He fired his sub-machine gun and threw grenades, killing two and wounding one enemy. His prompt and courageous action enabled his unit to complete its mission with minimum losses. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

DONALD M. BOWEN, 36322344, Private, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 September 1944, in flight, between the #66 #66 and #66, HOLLAND. Private BOWEN, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, acting as co-pilot of his glider in the airborne invasion of HOLLAND, located the loose ends of the rudder control cable which had been severed by a burst of flak fire, by great physical exertion, supplied the cable tension necessary to control the craft, despite further anti-aircraft fire which pierced the nose compartment. This outstanding action by Private BOWEN made it possible for the pilot to keep the glider aloft for forty-five minutes and to make a smooth landing on the LZ with a seriously wounded officer aboard. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS.

CURL T. CANTRELL, 36692124, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 23 September 1944 near #66, HOLLAND. Corporal CANTRELL, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "G", 505th Parachute Infantry, exhibited great personal courage when, under direct fire from enemy 30mm fire, set up and maintained destructive light machine gun fire on enemy positions. His squad was assigned to the mission of questing for a road block vital to the defense of the entire sector. The squad received fire and was pinned down. At this time, Corporal CANTRELL moved forward, set up his light machine gun and returned fire on the enemy. His gun received a direct hit and was put out of action. On his own initiative he moved, under enemy fire, forty yards to his left and recovered another gun whose crew had been knocked out of action. While he maintained such destructive fire that the enemy was forced to withdraw. As a result of his action, heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and his squad was able to move forward and accomplish their mission. Corporal CANTRELL's personal courage and exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

JOHN L. COOPER, O-1823267, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at #66, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant COOPER, Assistant Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, directed destructive mortar fire on enemy strongpoints from an OP in a house just 50 yards from enemy lines. The enemy located his OP and directed intense automatic weapons and artillery fire upon it, scoring three direct hits. Although enemy shells penetrated the walls of the building, First Lieutenant COOPER refused to evacuate, and at great personal risk continued to direct the fire from his guns on the enemy. As a result of his heroic action several enemy strongpoints and gun positions were annihilated and several more evacuated, enabling the battalion to capture the Meuse River bridges at #66, with reduced losses. The great personal courage, perseverance, and dominant leadership of First Lieutenant COOPER reflect the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILL.

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✓ **MANUEL A. CORDOVA**, 39853723, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 June 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. A force estimated to be about fifty enemy troops attacked our aid station near the causeway across the ~~###~~ River opposite ~~###~~, FRANCE. Heavy artillery fire was directed on the aid station and the building caught fire. Medical aid men endeavored to reach the station and rescue the occupants. He was unable to do this by himself and asked for help. Private CORDOVA, in the face of intense enemy fire, volunteered, and made his way, in the company of the aid men, over open ground. He succeeded in removing the wounded from the burning house to a covered position. This action was accomplished without thought of personal safety and in the face of overwhelming enemy fire. Entered military service from ARIZONA.

✓ **RAYMOND GROUSE**, 15333437, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 September 1944 at ~~###~~, GERMANY. Private First Class GROUSE was an assistant squad leader, Company "D", 508th Parachute Infantry. While under heavy enemy fire, he displayed outstanding courage and initiative in the destruction of an enemy large caliber gun. Private First Class GROUSE, with his squad, defended an isolated roadblock which the enemy attacked with an estimated strength of two platoons. The defense was unable to stand against a flanking attack, and the squad began to withdraw. One captured German 20mm gun which had been used in support of this roadblock was left behind. Private First Class GROUSE returned to a position from which he could destroy this gun with an explosive grenade. He exposed himself to enemy fire which was sweeping this position but succeeded in rendering the weapon useless. This during act prevented the enemy use of the gun and probably averted serious casualties within his squad. Entered military service from WICKESVILLE, INDIANA.

✓ **FLOYD O. CURTIS**, 38887128, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 - 2 October 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private CURTIS was a machine gunner, Company "D", 508th Parachute Infantry. The enemy launched a strong attack against the Second Battalion sector of the regimental HLR, preceded by a heavy artillery barrage. The Germans over ran the battalion forward positions and began to infiltrate through the position occupied by Company "D" in the battalion HLR. Private CURTIS moved his machine gun to a position on the right flank of his platoon and stopped an enemy attempt to move to the rear of the platoon. He moved again to a position from which he could place fire upon the enemy seeking to infiltrate to the left. During the attack, which lasted at least three hours, Private CURTIS alternated his position several times in order to support his platoon defense. He was continually under enemy artillery fire. His exemplary conduct contributed, in large part, to the successful defense of his company and battalion position. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

✓ **ERIQUE A. DOMINGUEZ, JR.**, 38459162, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private DOMINGUEZ, company runner, Company "F", 505th Parachute Infantry, conducted himself in a most exemplary manner in delivering all messages under the most hazardous conditions. At one time, as he returned from delivering a message, he saw several men of his company pinned down by two machine guns. Acting on his own initiative, he crawled near to the gun positions and knocked one of the guns out with a Gaspan grenade. As a result of his courageous action, one enemy machine gun was knocked out and another forced to withdraw. This enabled the platoon to move forward in their ultimately successful

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attack on the MAAL River bridges. The exemplary action of Private DOMINGUEZ reflects favorably on the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

JOHN W. EARLY, 15101921, Staff Sergeant, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant EARLY supervised the action and fire of a machine gun section in a sector being counterattacked and inspired his men to stay at their weapons by constantly running from gun to gun. His initiative helped throw the counterattack back with heavy casualties, and brought about the capture of some forty Germans. Staff Sergeant EARLY constantly exposed himself for the good and welfare of his men. His courage and leadership reflect credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

JAMES D. EDWARDS, 14062613, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 - 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant EDWARDS, Communications Sergeant, Company "F", 505th Parachute Infantry, conducted himself in a most exemplary manner during an enemy attack against the defenses of his unit. Due to incessant shelling by enemy artillery, communication lines were repeatedly blown out. Throughout the night, Sergeant EDWARDS braved enemy fire and worked with only the thought in mind of keeping communications intact. With utter disregard for personal safety he laid three wire lines over 1500 yards of open roads and fields to three road blocks that were the key positions in the defensive sector. As a result of his efforts, communications were maintained with these road blocks throughout the attack and the defense of the sector was successful. The perseverance and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant EDWARDS under extremely hazardous conditions upholds the highest traditions of the American parachutist. Entered military service from CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

ROBERT L. ELBERT, 17136277, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 - 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private ELBERT was an aid man, Medical Detachment, 508th Parachute Infantry. During a strong German attack upon the Second Battalion sector of the regimental MLR, he exposed himself to heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire in order to bring first aid to men wounded in the defense of this position. In one instance when heavy machine gun and small calibre fire swept his platoon position, Private ELBERT moved over the entire area of the platoon position in order to treat men wounded. He assisted in the evacuation of at least two serious cases, and continued to perform his duties as medical aid man in an exemplary manner during the attack which lasted at least three hours. Entered military service from KANSAS.

RICHARD L. GOODWIN, 6287772, Sergeant, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Sergeant GOODWIN accompanied a volunteer patrol as second in command to locate and contact the 60th Infantry. In order to reach that unit it was necessary to go through a small village which contained enemy snipers armed with machine guns. The patrol worked far into the enemy lines, then became

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engaged in a fire fight with the enemy. Sergeant GOODWIN, under direct fire from the enemy, helped place his men in position and immediately directed fire upon the enemy who shelled his positions with heavy mortar fire. The patrol leader was shot. Sergeant GOODWIN immediately returned fire which killed two of the Germans. He exposed himself several times to draw enemy fire and allow the patrol to move closer towards the 60th Infantry with whom contact was established. His courage and leadership contributed materially to the success of the mission. Entered military service from TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

✓ HOMER S. HENSHAW, 38132656, Corporal, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Corporal HENSHAW, a member of a volunteer patrol, had the mission of penetrating the enemy outpost line and locating machine gun positions so that effective mortar fire could be laid on them. The patrol penetrated the enemy outpost line and obtained the desired information, but, upon returning, encountered heavy machine gun fire from two of the outposts, one of which had blocked their way. Corporal HENSHAW exposed himself to the enemy's fire, distracted their attention to make it possible for other members of the patrol to flank the outpost and wipe it out. His courage and leadership enabled the patrol to return with the information and the mortars laid effective fire on the enemy machine gun positions. Entered military service from HENSKELL, MISSISSIPPI.

WALTER R. KROENER, O-1308154, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant KROENER, Third Battalion S-4, 505th Parachute Infantry, gave an exemplary performance in securing the uninterrupted flow of supplies during the fighting around ***. Immediately following the drop on D-Day, First Lieutenant KROENER, with his section, combed the DE and removed all available equipment. Constantly aware of the vital need of motor vehicles, First Lieutenant KROENER entered the town of *** while it was still in enemy hands and stole a supply truck. Throughout the ensuing days he hauled supplies over the very worst roads in the worst weather and often exposed to enemy fire. As a result of his persistent actions, the front line companies of a widely spread battalion were supplied down to the last man. The initiative, determination of purpose, and great organizational ability exhibited by First Lieutenant KROENER was a favorable reflection on the high tradition of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA.

JOHN S. OSMUSSEN, O-1177563, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 21 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant OSMUSSEN, artillery forward observer, and his party were on a small hill held by a platoon of infantry against strong enemy opposition. At about 1400 hours, First Lieutenant OSMUSSEN was adjusting fire on enemy trucks and troops near *** when the observation post was brought under extreme heavy fire by enemy nebelwerfer and mortars. First Lieutenant OSMUSSEN and his radio operator were wounded; the other member of the party was killed. Disregarding his wounds and own personal safety, he continued adjusting fire until it had effect on the target. First Lieutenant OSMUSSEN's heroic conduct is exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

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EARL S. PITTON, 39239911, Sergeant, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Sergeant PITTON, with a volunteer patrol, had the mission of penetrating the enemy's outpost line, and locating machine gun positions so it would be possible to lay effective mortar fire on them. Sergeant PITTON had to pass a road block which the enemy had covered with small arms fire. In order to do this he exposed himself to draw the enemy's fire so his patrol might pass the danger area unmolested. He continued moving forward under direct fire from the enemy, and never once thought of turning back until he had located the positions he was seeking. He returned to his platoon with his patrol still intact. He was able to give the desired information on the enemy positions, which enabled the mortar section to lay effective fire on them. Sergeant PITTON proved himself a courageous leader of high merit and a credit to the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from VISALI, CALIFORNIA.

RICHARD O. PRENDERGAST, C-441870, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. When Company "G", 508th Parachute Infantry, was cut off without communication to Battalion Headquarters, First Lieutenant PRENDERGAST and his men went forward under constant heavy enemy fire until within several blocks of the company command post. From this point on, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he advanced along up the treacherous road, until the terrific concentration of enemy fire in his path grew to insurmountable strength. Upon reaching the corner building, First Lieutenant PRENDERGAST entered and passed through to the CP where he delivered the message that the company was to change its position. To substantiate the enemy, First Lieutenant PRENDERGAST went back over the same deadly route and returned to the CP a second time with the Battalion Commander. First Lieutenant PRENDERGAST's heroic and courageous act was an outstanding contribution to the regiment's successful mission and proved an inspiration to all of the men who served under him. Entered military service from UNIVERSITY, MISSISSIPPI.

JOSEPH G. TIGGS, 34306311, Technician Fifth Grade, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Technician Fifth Grade TIGGS, with a volunteer patrol, had the mission of penetrating the enemy's outpost line to locate hostile machine gun positions so that effective mortar fire could be laid on them. The patrol had to pass a road block which the enemy covered with small arms fire. Technician Fifth Grade TIGGS with another member of the patrol exposed himself to draw the enemy's fire so the patrol could pass the danger area and spot the outposts. His courage and leadership were instrumental in securing the desired information. Entered military service from FLEMING, NORTH CAROLINA.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944 the Bronze Star Medal having been previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

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HARRY H. MILLER, 20210864, Staff Sergeant, 507th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant MILLER showed outstanding courage in leading his platoon in the assault on ***. The attack had just begun when the platoon leader was wounded. Staff Sergeant MILLER, without hesitation, assumed command and continued the attack until the mission was accomplished. He was always out in front of the platoon and inspired his men. After the attack he helped immeasurably to hold the platoon together against a counter-attack. His courage and leadership were directly responsible for the successful accomplishment of his platoon mission. Entered military service from FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200,6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ IRVIN BUSHMAN, C-1172298, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 13 November 1944. During the early phase of operations in HOLLAND, Captain BUSHMAN, Chief Interrogator with Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, initiated and organized the administration of Prisoners of War activities in the absence of the Provost Marshal. In addition to these extra duties, he conducted interrogation of prisoners in a highly commendable manner and secured information of the greatest value to the Division and Higher Headquarters. His initiative, skill and tireless devotion to duty under adverse and dangerous circumstances were largely responsible for the high character of the intelligence emanating from his section. Entered military service from OHIO.

✓ RICHARD E. FRITTER, 33443915, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 12 October 1944. Technician Fifth Grade FRITTER, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, was a runner assigned to the Third Battalion Commanding Officer. During the regimental operation in The NETHERLANDS, he conducted himself in an exemplary manner in the discharge of all duties. Technician Fifth Grade FRITTER was called upon to move under enemy artillery fire through unsecured territory during the initial stages of the operation at ~~###~~ and ~~###~~, and later in the vicinity of ~~###~~. He accepted these responsibilities without consideration of personal dangers. During the period when his battalion occupied positions in the regimental defensive sector near ~~###~~, Technician Fifth Grade FRITTER continued to perform his duties according to his previous high standard. Throughout the entire campaign in The NETHERLANDS he was courageous and efficient, rendering an important service to his organization. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

✓ ROBERT E. FURMAN, O-452756, Major, 82d Airborne Signal Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 14 November 1944. As Division Signal Officer, Major FURMAN displayed exceptional professional skill and exemplary application

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to duty in meeting every demand for communications under formidably adverse conditions. Within the vast 25 mile perimeter of the Division's air-wo bridgehead in HOLLAND, he provided adequate and efficient communication between Division Headquarters and more than twenty organic and attached and with Division Base and British Forward Headquarters. He devoted him to night and day supervision and direction of signal activities to maintain a level of quality and efficiency surpassing those of any prior operation. Major FURMAN's conduct of a most vital service exemplified a high degree of skill, leadership, resourcefulness and ingenuity. His accomplishments were a material contribution to the outstanding success of the 82d Airborne Division in HOLLAND. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

* ALFRED W. IRELAND, O-351113, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 14 November 1944. Lieutenant Colonel IRELAND brought to the interpretation and execution of his duties in the combat zone, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, boundless energy and enthusiasm and a fresh outlook. Realizing that morale underlies all aspects of military success, he embraced within the scope of General Staff personnel coordination, the direct supervision and control of numerous activities by which he eliminated at their inception most of the conditions tending to impair morale. In no previous campaign was so much accomplished directly behind the front lines to further those intangible attributes of esprit, cheerfulness, enthusiasm and pride in organization among the troops. Lieutenant Colonel IRELAND developed a comprehensive program of activities which gave Division personnel unusually extensive respite from arduous combat duties by diligence in the physical and mental diversions and activities necessary for healthy morale. The outstanding accomplishments of this officer contributed in large measure to the maintenance of the superior elan of the 82d Airborne Division throughout the campaign in HOLLAND. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

GEORGE L. RIDDLE, O-267888, Lieutenant Colonel, Chaplains' Corps. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 14 November 1944. Lieutenant Colonel RIDDLE, Division Chaplain, received severe injuries when his glider crashed on D-Day, but refused evacuation and returned to duty before he had fully recovered. Throughout the period of operations, he exemplified a high order of courage, determination and perseverance to bring to the men of the Division the utmost of spiritual consolation and help within his power. He gave eager and conscientious attention to the establishment of a beautiful cemetery for the honored dead of the Division. Despite his own physical condition, and although suffering from recurrence of malaria, Lieutenant Colonel RIDDLE persisted in the performance of his sacred duties after his own high standards and was a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to the officers and men of the Division throughout the campaign in HOLLAND. Only at its termination did the spirit which had sustained him succumb to the body's needs. He was hospitalized to his own and the Division's keen regret. Entered military service from CHERRYVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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WALLACE J. WALKER, O-387900, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 21 September 1944. Second Lieutenant WALKER, Assistant Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, initiated and maintained wire communication throughout the defense of [redacted] and the attack on [redacted], and fighting was continuous for three days. During the [redacted] offensive, communications and tactical wire were repeatedly blown out and the communications section suffered numerous casualties. Throughout the entire action, Second Lieutenant WALKER went without sleep or rest, and successfully maintained communications despite extremely difficult conditions. As a result of his action he made an immeasurable contribution to the successful attack on the southern approaches of the WAAL River bridges. Second Lieutenant WALKER's ingenuity, leadership, and extreme devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LINDHURST, NEW JERSEY.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

HENRY D. BOSWELL, 20455320, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 15 October 1944. Sergeant BOSWELL, Communications Sergeant, Company "C", 505th Parachute Infantry, distinguished himself from his comrades by great initiative and personal courage when he laid and maintained under extremely trying conditions all the wire in his company area. During the first few days in the defensive sector around [redacted] friendly and enemy lines were indefinite and the defense of the area hinged on a series of strong points across the front. Sergeant BOSWELL often worked in contested territory and under incessant artillery and mortar fire. As a result of his exemplary conduct, communication was constantly maintained to the vital road blocks, and greatly enabled the defense to remain intact. Sergeant BOSWELL's ability and extreme devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA.

VICTOR W. CAMPANA, O-23975, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the inclusive period March 10, 1944, to November 14, 1944, during the IT LIZ and HOLLAND Campaigns. Captain CAMPANA joined this organization at a most critical period while on the [redacted] Beachhead, and he was assigned the command of Company "D". He shouldered the responsibility of this command when the company was situated in a most precarious part of the regimental sector of defense. Captain CAMPANA was immediately able to adapt himself to the difficulties of combat and by his intelligence and aggressive leadership was able to completely maintain the high standards of combat efficiency of the experienced troops under his command. Throughout approximately seventy days

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of combat while serving as a company commander, Captain CAMPAN, has gained the unquestioned respect and admiration of the officers and troops under his command. His mental and physical courage under fire, his superior tactical skill, his leadership, and his constant concern for the men under him reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

✓ ALBERT P. CHAPLA, O-331675, Major, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in NORMANDY and HOLLAND from 1 June to 13 November 1944. Major CHAPLA, Division Medical Services, in addition to his normal duties, devoted untiring efforts and valuable technical skill to the organization and administration of the medical services of the Division. He organized the base echelon of the medical elements for the HOLLAND Campaign while the NORMANDY operation was in progress. His foresight and superior administrative abilities were responsible in large measure for the thoroughness of the preparations for the HOLLAND operation. The outstanding achievements of the Division Medical Services in that theater, during a period when re-supply and evacuation were severely hampered by the depth of the Airborne Bridgehead and the limitations imposed by the resultant tactical situation, were proof of the high character of his contribution to the Division effort. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

✓ ROSS I. DONNELLY, O-1286256, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the inclusive period July 11, 1943, to November 14, 1944, during the SICILY, ITALY, and HOLLAND Campaigns. First Lieutenant DONNELLY, serving in the capacity of Battalion Supply Officer and Battalion Mess Officer, Second Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, performed his duties over a period of approximately 250 days of actual combat under the most difficult handicaps of transportation, communication, shortages of supplies and materials, bad terrain features, and confusion incident with heavy enemy resistance. On countless occasions, First Lieutenant DONNELLY carried out his duties under enemy artillery barrages at great personal risk. The successes achieved by his battalion over these three long and arduous campaigns fought under conditions most unfavorable for supply units can be attributed to a high degree to the untiring initiative, ingenuity, adaptability to adverse circumstances, and unsurpassed devotion to duty which First Lieutenant DONNELLY has displayed. The services he has rendered his unit in both capacities reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from PIQUA, OHIO.

✓ JOHN P. GEIGER, O-246298, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 September to 22 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Having landed by glider on 18 September 1944, Lieutenant Colonel GEIGER was given the mission of establishing a supply dump and collecting and dispersing rations, ammunition and equipment dropped by parachute for Division Air Re-Supply. He organized a small group of glider pilots and Dutch civilians into working parties, supervised the erection of a dump at #438, and the collection and

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hauling of supplies to that point. The parachute drops were scattered over a wide area and necessitated a thorough combing of the terrain and the enlistment of civilian cooperation to prevent pilferage and sabotage. Lieutenant Colonel GEIGER's knowledge of German enabled him to make most efficient use of the local populace and secure their assistance. His diligence, leadership and keen sense of responsibility and organization, effected a high percentage of recovery of supplies and the highest ratio of salvage on any operation of canopies. Lieutenant Colonel GEIGER's superior performance of a most vital assignment in a critical phase of the Division's operations in HOLLAND was an outstanding contribution to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

HARLAND J. HARRIS, 16006318, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September to 13 November 1944 in HOLLAND. Master Sergeant HARRIS, Chief Clerk in the Division Surgeon's Office, was largely responsible for the detailed organization of that section and for the rapid and thorough preparation of accurate casualty reports throughout the operation. He entered HOLLAND with the early glider echelon and was wounded by aerial bomb fragments but refused to be evacuated and returned to duty 72 hours after being hospitalized. He devoted long hours and diligent supervision to the accomplishment of complete medical records for the operation. His courage, perseverance and keen devotion to duty were an inspiration to all associated with him. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

HENRY J. KEEF, O-1283270, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 14 September to 12 November 1944. During the planning process for the operation in HOLLAND, Captain KEEF, Third Battalion S-3, worked long and diligently planning and supervising the execution of his Battalion's initial mission. When his battalion was assigned to the task of spearheading the assault crossing of the WAAL River, Captain KEEF, with but a few hours notice, skillfully planned and expertly coordinated the army and diverse elements involved in making a river crossing under enemy fire. He simultaneously worked out and issued orders for the Battalion's attack on the Regimental objective. The details of the orders were so complete that even though the unit became badly disorganized by enemy action during the crossing, the Battalion was able to reach and seize its objective in a minimum of time. Captain KEEF was a real source of inspiration and confidence to all those with whom he came in contact. Entered military service from ANDALUSIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

ADAM H. KOZIOL, 20223198, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 22 October 1944. Staff Sergeant KOZIOL, platoon sergeant, 81mm mortar platoon, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, rendered valuable service to his battalion in the exercise of untiring efforts in the tactical handling of the battalion 81mm mortar platoon during the operation. He worked continually to keep his platoon alert and efficient and promoted a strong sense of responsibility among the members of his platoon. In support of all battalion missions, the 81mm mortar platoon proved itself a capable and expert fighting team due largely to the efforts of Staff Sergeant KOZIOL. The accuracy of the battalion 81mm

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mortar fire caused the enemy many casualties and disorganized several enemy attacks against the battalion positions. Staff Sergeant KOZIOL directed his platoon under the most hazardous conditions despite such counter-battery fire from enemy artillery and mortars, and, with calmness and determination, gave all units within his battalion dependable and effective fire support. Entered military service from EAST RUTHERFORD, NEW JERSEY.

✓ AIRBORN G. MARIN, O-1295078, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 14 November 1944. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Lieutenant Colonel MARIN demonstrated superior professional qualities, organizing ability, force of character and outstanding qualities of industry and leadership to implement the tremendous logistical requirements of an airborne operation deeper within enemy territory than any previously conceived. By untiring and devoted personal effort, skill and efficiency, he contributed materially to its success by reason of the thoroughness of initial and air resupply during the first phase of the operation. In the continuing phases, with supplies far to the rear in BELGIUM, FRANCE and the UNITED KINGDOM, Lieutenant Colonel MARIN organized and coordinated the widespread sources with consummate skill and maintained a steady and adequate flow of supplies of every class. His entire performance of duty reflected the greatest credit on the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SOUTH BREMER, MAINE.

✓ HARRY R. MAYER, 33543957, Private First Class, 503rd Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 10 November 1944. Private First Class MAYER was a member of the Medical Detachment, 503rd Parachute Infantry, and was attached to the Signal Battalion. Throughout the entire operation of this regiment in The NETHERLANDS, Private First Class MAYER conducted himself in an exemplary manner, voluntarily moving through areas which were under heavy enemy fire, in order to reach casualties. He joined litter parties, removing wounded from positions which were under direct enemy observation, and worked unceasingly to promptly evacuate wounded men when transportation facilities were inadequate. The conduct of Private First Class MAYER has inspired a high degree of confidence within his battalion. Entered military service from B LITHOON, ILLINOIS.

✓ FREDRICK G. MCGILL, O-316685, Major, Military Police Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 23 September to 14 November 1944. Major MCGILL, Provost Marshal, 82d Airborne Division, effectively and efficiently supervised the activities of his office and the Military Police Platoon throughout the operation in HOLLAND and the displacement of the Division to camps in the WEST area. His coordination of traffic control, investigations, police and guard functions within the vast area of Division responsibility in conjunction with British agencies was outstanding. The movement of the Division to the WEST created a very complex problem which Major MCGILL resolved through his resourcefulness and exceptional performance by his well-disciplined platoon of military police. The excellent conduct of Provost

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Marchal activities in HOLLAND contributed materially to the Division's outstanding success in that zone of combat. Entered military service from HUBBARD, ALABAMA.

DONALD A. McLAURE, 392 0176, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 15 October 1944. Private First Class McLAURE, medical aid man attached to Company "G", 505th Parachute Infantry, gave exemplary medical aid and risked his own life to help wounded comrades. On one occasion when a comrade became wounded by artillery fire, he went to his aid, and, in an exposed area still under fire, dressed his wounds. He then led him across 150 yards of exposed ground to safety. On another occasion he crossed 75 yards of open ground swept by machine gun fire to give medical aid to a wounded comrade. As a result of his actions at least two men's lives were saved. Private First Class McLAURE's heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

HERBERT H. NORMAN, O-421650, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 11, 1943, to November 14, 1944, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, and HOLLAND Campaigns. Serving in the capacity of Platoon Leader of Company "D" during the SICILIAN Campaign, Company "D" Executive Officer and Company Commander in the ITALIAN Campaign and Battalion S-3 and Company "D" Commander during the HOLLAND Campaign, Captain NORMAN demonstrated a superb blend of aggressive and skillful leadership which inspired those under his command and developed in them an ever increasing trust and confidence in his judgment under fire and a willingness to follow his leadership into any situation. The units under his command have never failed to accomplish an assigned mission or have they ever been forced to relinquish any ground once gained. Captain NORMAN's cool and tempered judgment under enemy fire and his superior tactical handling of his troops has been of incalculable weight in these successes. Over the course of approximately one hundred and eighty five days of actual combat which Captain NORMAN served when not absent because of wounds, he contributed immeasurably to the successful operations of his battalion. His leadership was always discernible, and his faithful and inspiring manner of performance of his varied duties reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from MOULTREE, GEORGIA.

JOHN NORTON, O-23383, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the UNITED KINGDOM and HOLLAND from 15 August to 14 November 1944. Lieutenant Colonel NORTON assumed the responsibilities of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, shortly before the Division was committed to a new operation on the continent. His outstanding ability to organize and coordinate assured prompt and efficient completion of plans for five missions in quick succession because of cancellations due to the disintegration of enemy resistance in BRITAIN and HOLLAND. Lieutenant Colonel NORTON's operations were so thorough that operational plans for the final mission were almost faultless in their quality and completeness. This comprehensive prior planning contributed materially to the unqualified success of the Division in the initial phase of the operation. During the campaign, he

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guided tactical planning, with skill and vigor coupled with determination and enthusiasm. Lieutenant Colonel NOTCO's integrity and conspicuous devotion to duty were major factors in maintaining the high calibre of the Division's operational planning. Entered the United States Military Academy from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

✓ CHARLES H. RHINEHART, 34440637, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September to 20 October 1944. Private First Class RHINEHART, a medical aid man, attached to Company "C", 508th Parachute Infantry, served with Company "C" during company operations in the campaign in HOLLAND. On 18 September 1944, near ~~1944~~, HOLLAND, when his company attacked to clear the landing zone for scheduled glider landings, he acted without regard for personal safety in order to crawl forward and evacuate wounded from exposed positions. He performed his duties as medical aid man during each attack made by this company against enemy positions and throughout the defensive phases of the operation. His prompt and expert care of the wounded prevented more serious casualties. The unselfish actions of Private First Class RHINEHART under heavy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire contributed much to the high state of morale within the company. Entered military service from CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

✓ BEVERLY T. RICHARDSON, O-1263840, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 11, 1943, to November 14, 1944, during the SICILY, ITALY, and HOLLAND Campaigns. Throughout this period of approximately 25 months of actual combat, Captain RICHARDSON has continually exhibited a brand of inspiring and aggressive leadership that has enabled his company to accomplish all of its assigned missions. Throughout his career as a combat officer in this organization, Captain RICHARDSON has repeatedly performed his troop leadership duties in a singularly outstanding manner, and in so doing earned the respect and admiration of all men and officers associated with him. His exemplary leadership under varied conditions reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

✓ GEORGE W. TILFORD, O-451994, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from September 17, 1944, to November 14, 1944, during the Allied Airborne Operation in HOLLAND. As Supply Officer of the First Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, First Lieutenant TILFORD performed his duties in an exceptionally meritorious manner during the aforementioned period. In the execution of his duties as Battalion Supply Officer, First Lieutenant TILFORD has earned the respect of every man and officer associated with him. The efficiency of their uniforms demonstrated in the accomplishment of his assigned task reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from RINGWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

FRED E. THOMAS, O-450909, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND and GERMANY from 17 September to 12 November 1944. Captain THOMAS, commanding officer of Company "G", displayed throughout the above-mentioned period exemplary qualities of leadership and by his untiring devotion to duty represented a constant source of admiration and encouragement to his men. In spite of the numerous wounds made upon him, he visited every position in his sector of responsibility at least once daily, including the most forward outposts accessible only during the hours of darkness. Throughout the entire campaign, Captain THOMAS by continually undergoing the same hardships and dangers as his men inspired the personnel of his command to greater efforts. The example set by him was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from BRUSKLEY, ARKANSAS.

THOMAS E. UTTERBACK, O-327460, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND and GERMANY from 17 September to 12 November 1944. First Lieutenant UTTERBACK, Third Battalion S-4, during the aforementioned period drove himself and his men continually to insure that his battalion was well supplied. On September 17 he had cleared the drop zone within four hours after the jump despite the lack of transportation facilities, and had established dumps readily accessible to the forward companies, thus enabling the tactical elements of the battalion to hold a wider and larger area than would otherwise have been possible. During the "AAL River crossing on September 20 it was at no time necessary to limit the advance of the battalion because of ammunition shortages. Throughout the river crossing operation, First Lieutenant UTTERBACK at great personal risk to himself, moved supplies and ammunition across the river in four assault boats, and then by organizing human pack trains from stragglers and lightly wounded men, insured that the forward elements of his battalion received the necessary ammunition and supplies with which to continue their advance. The initiative, diligence, and untiring devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant UTTERBACK throughout the HOLLAND campaign reflect great credit upon himself. Entered military service from HOSKIN, MISSISSIPPI.

HUGO E. WILDSCHMIDT, O-1823095, Captain, Military Intelligence Section, European Theater of Operations. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 September to 13 November 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM and HOLLAND. During the preparations of the 82d Airborne Division for operations in HOLLAND, Captain WILDSCHMIDT served as Chief Photo Interpreter for the Division and was responsible for the outstanding character of intelligence emanating from his section. In the planning phase he submitted early and accurate studies of the operational terrain and made possible the rapid selection of suitable drop and landing zones. In the preparation of missions through the period of operations, tactical planning was greatly simplified and expedited by the thoroughness of his interpretations of photos and the preparation of comprehensive mosaics. In addition to his normal duties, Captain WILDSCHMIDT rendered admirable service in the procurement and distribution of aerial photographs and mosaics. His capable handling of all phases of photo interpretation was a valuable contribution to the accomplishment of successive Division missions throughout the HOLLAND operation. Entered military service from OKLAHOMA.

EDWARD P. WHALEN, O-1100823, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND from 17 September 1944 to 23 September 1944. During the period from 17 September to 23 September 1944, First Lieutenant WHALEN, Company "B", 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, conducted himself in an exceptionally meritorious manner and assisted materially in the accomplishment of the unit and Division missions. First Lieutenant WHALEN landed by parachute about one mile southwest of ~~Waf~~, HOLLAND, on September 17, 1944. His initial missions were to take a squad of men, search the DZ and assemble the company's bundles of engineer supplies into a dump where they could easily be transported to a safe area. During the afternoon and night of D-Day, First Lieutenant WHALEN succeeded in locating and collecting not only his own company's bundles, but also many bundles of "C" and "D" Companies. He guarded these bundles during the night. First Lieutenant WHALEN found and guided the command echelon of the battalion to its assembly area from the DZ, procured transportation, and moved his dump into the Division Engineer Dump. The LZ-DZ came under artillery, mortar and small arms fire on this day and remained under sporadic yet heavy fire until September 23. During the day he located many resupply bundles and noted their location. In the evening of the 18th he was appointed Acting Division Engineer Supply Officer. Through his own initiative and high sense of duty, First Lieutenant WHALEN energetically gathered resupply bundles under enemy fire, set up and catalogued an engineer dump for the Division, and procured and issued critically needed items of engineer equipment to the regiments. In addition, he supervised the supply of his own battalion with rations and ammunition. When First Lieutenant WHALEN was relieved on the arrival of the Engineer Officer and returned to his company, he turned over an inventoried and operating dump that had been and continued to be of material assistance to the Division in critical and trying times. His service was outstanding and meritorious. Entered military service from NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

WALTER F. WINTON, O-22966, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the UNITED KINGDOM and HOLLAND from 15 August to 14 November 1944. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Lieutenant Colonel WINTON displayed outstanding capabilities in effecting a thorough and comprehensive assembly of intelligence for any mission which might be assigned in BELGIUM or HOLLAND. The completeness of his preparations and the superior quality of its interpretation were major factors in assuring prompt and adequate planning for many successive missions prior to the one to which the Division was finally committed. The graphic presentation of this data enabled personnel in all echelons of the Division to acquire an adequate pre-
vision of all pertinent circumstances which might be encountered and accounted in large measure for the magnificent successes achieved by the Division in the initial and continuing phases of the HOLLAND Operation. Lieutenant Colonel WINTON's magnificent performance reflected undeniable credit upon himself and the Division. Entered the United States Military Academy from FORT COLLINS, COLORADO.

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ALBERT T. ZBINDEN, W-2118504, Chief Warrant Officer, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 14 July 1943 to 15 November 1944 in AFRICA, SICILY, ITALY and the UNITED KINGDOM. Chief Warrant Officer ZBINDEN, as Battalion Personnel Adjutant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, has contributed materially to the outstanding performances achieved by his organization in four overseas operations. He discharged his duties in a manner worthy of emulation, and exhibited judgment and diligence in the outstanding accomplishment of numerous assignments in addition to those normal to his position. Chief Warrant Officer ZBINDEN has consistently demonstrated qualities and attributes which enabled him to relieve combat elements from the difficulties of administration and guarantee the smooth functioning of the battalion in operation. His perseverance and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the officers and men in his organization. His conduct and performance reflects credit on himself and the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SHEIRYVILLE, INDIANA.

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I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

TERRENCE G. BEARDSLEY, 33419962, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class BEARDSLEY, Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, was a machine gunner on the north side of the road facing west as part of a road block at ***. During an enemy attack, an enemy Tank drove down the road with infantry following it. Private First Class BEARDSLEY fired on the approaching infantry, and dis-closed his position. The tank opened fire on him with its cannon. Private First Class BEARDSLEY refused to leave his gun and continued to fire until the tank fire damaged his gun and wounded him. After his gun was knocked out, Private First Class BEARDSLEY, although wounded, continued fir-ing on the enemy infantry. This action helped to break up the enemy attack. Private First Class BEARDSLEY could have sought safety in his foxhole and saved himself from injury but refused to do this. He lived up to the highest standards of the American Paratroops and helped hold one of the most important defensive positions in the entire battalion sector. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

ARCHIE J. BRANDT, 36212114, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on October 1 and 2, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant BRANDT, Platoon Sergeant, Company "H", 505th Parachute Infantry, commanding a group of twenty five men, was charged with defending and maintaining a vital roadblock in advance of the main line of resistance. A force of German parachutists, estimated at a reinforced platoon with four MG's, attacked his position. aware of the threat of superior numbers, Staff Sergeant BRANDT boldly moved about his position under heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, for five hours and maneuvered his men to better counter the concentrated assault. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant BRANDT, by coolness and outstanding leadership under fire, encouraged his men to keep the road block intact. He accounted for six of the enemy and forced their withdrawal with heavy losses. Staff Sergeant Brandt's gallant conduct and outstanding leadership were in keeping with the high standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CABELSFORT, WISCONSIN.

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KING S. BURKE, 38864912, Corporal, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on October 16 and 17, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal BURKE, S-2 Section Leader of the Third Battalion, 503th Parachute Infantry, with one man succeeded in penetrating enemy positions north of *** and remained in observation of enemy activities in a rear area for a period of 24 hours. On 16 October, at approximately 2100 hours, Corporal BURKE and one other man approached the *** Canal and dyke, which was the German MIA. The men waded across the canal which was three feet deep, passed through enemy positions due into the dyke, and travelled approximately one mile to the rear of the German MIA. Here they concealed themselves in a haystack and observed German activity throughout the day. During this patrol, Corporal BURKE and his companion were exposed to our own artillery fire and were in danger of capture by the enemy. The two men were able to locate German artillery and mortars which had been firing upon the Third Battalion forward positions. They secured information which confirmed previous reports of enemy strength and disposition in this sector. Corporal BURKE and his companion returned through the German MIA and recrossed the dyke and canal at approximately 2400 hours on 17 October, reaching their battalion OP shortly before midnight. The daring action of Corporal BURKE in penetrating the enemy forward positions enabled him to secure information which permitted counter battery fire by supporting artillery, actively relieving the pressure upon his battalion, and rendering a vital contribution to the security of the regimental position. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

HERBERT J. CANNON, 380091, Private, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 October 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private CANNON, an assistant machine gunner, IM3 platoon, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 503th Parachute Infantry, supported a counterattack by Company "F" to restore forward positions of the Second Battalion MIA during a fierce attack upon the Second Battalion defensive position at ***. He placed obstructive fire upon the enemy until his ammunition was exhausted. In spite of heavy artillery and automatic fire, Private CANNON and one other man moved to the battalion ammunition dump and returned with a resupply of ammunition and spare parts for his machine gun. He succeeded in knocking two enemy machine guns out of action. The actions of Private CANNON at this critical stage rendered valuable assistance in driving the enemy from his battalion position. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

CHARLES CHAMBERS, 30712973, Private, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private CHAMBERS was an assistant machine gunner, Company "B", 503th Parachute Infantry, on the south side of the road facing west on part of a road block at ***, HOLLAND. At this time a Mark V German Tank drove down the road with infantry following it. When the machine gunner opened fire on the advancing infantry, he thereby disclosed his position and brought down fire from the tank upon it. Private CHAMBERS stayed at his post, loaded and serviced the machine gun, and fired his carbine at the infantry, even as servants were not needed on the machine gun. All this time he was under down fire from the tank 100 yards away but refused to take cover. In his

female. Private CHAMBERS' conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

JAMES M. COLEMAN, 18107071, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private COLEMAN was a member of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, during the attack on the city of ***. He was near a machine gun section which was unable to advance because of fire from enemy automatic weapons. Private COLEMAN crawled forward under a barrage of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, to locate the enemy weapons. He deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire and was wounded during this action. With great determination he returned to his own men with information that enabled them to destroy the enemy gun positions. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

AUGUSTINE V. COPPOLA, 20309183, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant COPPOLA, Platoon Sergeant, accompanied his platoon leader on a two man reconnaissance patrol into the town of *** to determine the enemy strength and dispositions preparatory to the seizure of the town itself. The two men moved approximately 1000 yards from their company's defensive positions near the bridge crossing the MAAS River into the town and from a vantage point observed the enemy's movements for approximately forty five minutes. With their mission completed, they began withdrawing and were suddenly surprised by a large group of enemy. Ever mindful of the necessity for the intelligence information garnered on the reconnaissance reaching his company commander, Staff Sergeant COPPOLA remained behind under moderately heavy small arms fire to cover his lieutenant's withdrawal. Exercising superb skill and intelligence in evading the enemy, Staff Sergeant COPPOLA eventually rejoined the officer, and by alternately covering each other's withdrawal, both succeeded in reaching their company. By his heroic conduct, Staff Sergeant COPPOLA made available to his company commander valuable enemy information without which future operations in this sector could not have been intelligently planned and executed. His heroism and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Allied Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

DONALD A. CROW, 32715305, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private CROW, a machine gunner, was with the attack of the Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, on ***, HOLLAND. Our forces were in forward positions along the south bank of the WAAL River near the main bridge. Under heavy artillery and small arms fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private CROW stayed at his exposed gun position and delivered a heavy volume of accurate machine gun fire upon enemy positions. When he was ordered to withdraw, Private CROW still remained at his gun. This heroic action facilitated the safe disengagement of the rifle platoon to which the machine gun was attached. Private CROW's meritorious service during this action was a great service to the country he serves. Entered military service from CAMP BURT, ILLINOIS.

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MUCIAN DAVIS, 36129341, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September to 24 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND, and on the WAAL River. From the time he landed on the LZ, Corporal DAVIS, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, showed outstanding ability in recovering his squad's equipment. He also spotted bundles for groups other than his own. Due to a widely scattered drop pattern, Corporal DAVIS was short two men in his squad, yet he secured all the necessary equipment for the proper functioning of his unit. Immediately after assembly at the designated point, he took an active part in the attack and capture of ***. He participated with a rifle platoon in the assault on the vital bridge over the WAAL River. When the platoon dislocated in new positions under heavy fire from high velocity SP guns and artillery, Corporal DAVIS, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, although wounded by shrapnel, moved his gun into a position that enabled him to cover the action. Due to his superior ability the entire withdrawal was executed with a minimum of casualties. His cool determination contributed to the success of both the company and battalion mission. His exhibition of fighting spirit was in keeping with the highest traditions of the American Army. Entered military service from FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY.

ROBERT H. ELLIS, 15114982, Corporal, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 31 and 1 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal ELLIS, Assistant Section Leader, Regimental S-2, 503th Parachute Infantry, with one companion penetrated the German lines and remained in the area in rear of the enemy forward positions for a period of at least 24 hours. On 31 October Corporal ELLIS and one companion volunteered to patrol through enemy lines and remain in observation in a rear area. Under cover of night, Corporal ELLIS approached German positions along a dyke. He moved over the dyke between two enemy machine gun positions, and waded a canal. Beyond the canal, the patrol located an anti-tank gun emplacement. Corporal ELLIS and his companion continued to a farm house from which they observed the surrounding country all the next day. From adjacent roads, types of German vehicles and identify certain enemy uniforms. At 1800 hour the patrol started back and encountered a German soldier enroute. Corporal ELLIS covered his companion, who spoke perfect German, while he questioned this man and then the patrol continued. Corporal ELLIS and his companion recrossed the canal and dyke used the night before and reached the regimental area at approximately midnight. Corporal ELLIS was able to secure valuable information of enemy installations and movement in rear areas. His courage and resourcefulness enabled him to determine the accuracy of enemy artillery, secure valuable information of the enemy and to determine targets for our artillery fire. The actions of Corporal ELLIS rendered a vital service in the security of his regimental position. Entered Military service from JAMES CITY, 1931 VIRGINIA.

JESS E. GLASS, 36421073, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. Private GLASS, medical aid man, was attached to the

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assault platoon of Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, in the attack on ***. With absolute disregard for his personal safety and throughout intense action that involved some hand to hand fighting, he stayed with his platoon. In the face of tank, artillery, mortar and machine gun fire he covered the entire zone of action, administered first aid continuously to the wounded, and removed the seriously wounded from the zone of danger. Through his gallant action the lives of several of the men of the platoon were saved. Entered military service from LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA.

JACK STILLEN, 15332790, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 October 1944 near ***, WILLIAM. Corporal STILLEN, Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry voluntarily laid a telephone line across 300 yards of open terrain under machine gun and mortar fire to a forward outpost. A road block was established by the company in front of the MIR, set up an outpost well forward of its position to prevent enemy infiltration into the area. It became necessary to establish communication with the post. Corporal STILLEN made three attempts to take wire forward through hostile fire under direct observation of the enemy and finally succeeded. His courageous and determined conduct reflects credit on the soldier and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

RAYMOND L. WETSCHALL, 36438168, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 29 September 1944 near ***, WILLIAM. Private First Class WETSCHALL demonstrated outstanding aggressiveness on a patrol with the mission of establishing a roadblock vital to the defense of the sector. Acting as security he moved 75 yards in advance of the patrol to prevent its ambush. Advancing across open terrain, he was fired on by enemy machine guns from three directions. But, in spite of the danger, Private WETSCHALL continued forward to within 100 yards of the enemy positions to discover their location. He was seriously wounded, but refused to quit and asked the patrol to abandon him. Private First Class WETSCHALL's courage and unselfish devotion to duty saved his patrol from ambush. His soldierly behavior was a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOGAN.

JOSEPH L. WIZBY, 33599684, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 October 1944 at ***, WILLIAM. Corporal WIZBY, an assistant squad leader, Company "F", 505th Parachute Infantry, placed an unattended machine gun in action and covered his company, enabling the company to reach covered positions. A German attack against the Second Battalion 1st near ***, overran the forward position of the 1st. Company "B" counterattacked to restore these forward positions. Heavy enemy fire from automatic weapons halted the company attack and killed a runner in Corporal WIZBY's squad. Although fully exposed to this fire, he placed the gun in action and delivered effective covering fire until his men were in covered positions. His prompt and unselfish action probably prevented several casualties within the company and effectively neutralized the enemy position. Entered military service from PHILA DELAWARE, PENNSYLVANIA.

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ROLLA L. HALL, 36644644, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. German artillery began to fall within the Regimental CP. near ***, HOLLAND, at 0300 hours, 2 October 1944. This concentration lasted until 0500 hours. The first shells knocked out all the wire installations, killing three men and wounding seven. While the barrage continued, Private HALL and a detail of three linemen, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 508th Parachute Infantry, left their foxholes and repaired the lines. He remained without cover and exposed to near hits during the entire barrage but was able to keep the regimental communications intact at a time when the enemy was making a fierce attack against the Regimental HQ. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

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RALPH F. HINE, 35043991, Private First Class, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on September 20, 1944, at ***, HOLLAND. After successfully removing his vehicle from the town of *** during a savage small arms fire fight and heavy enemy shelling which caused our forces to shift to an alternate position, Private First Class HINE, a driver, voluntarily returned with a medical officer. He helped evacuate wounded from the town while enemy forces were entering it. Having accomplished that mission, he again reentered the town and assisted in displacing the anti-tank gun to an alternate position from which it could deliver more effective fire. Private First Class HINE's great coolness and courage under fire are a high tribute to the highest standards of the Armed Forces and were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.

JAMES F. MCKENSTRY, 20416290, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 8 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant MCKENSTRY, Mortar Squad Leader of Company "H", 505th Parachute Infantry, while observing the fire of his mortar suddenly came under an accurate artillery barrage of aerial bursts. Sergeant MCKENSTRY lay in his exposed position and continued directing the fire of his mortar on the machine gun position. Only when the enemy gun had been silenced did Sergeant MCKENSTRY crawl back to his dug-in position. His utter disregard for his own safety inspired his mortar crew to greater efforts and thus succeeded in knocking out the enemy gun. Sergeant MCKENSTRY's exemplar performance and devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA.

ALBERT L. MORRISON, 15112572, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant MORRISON, Wire Chief, Headquarters Company, 325th Glider Infantry, without the assistance of a large part of his crew and with total disregard for his personal safety, checked and ran communication lines during the heaviest part of a severe enemy artillery barrage. This artillery fire was the prelude to an attack launched against his unit while it was being relieved in the line by a reserve unit. During the subsequent fighting and throughout the night, he worked untiringly and at great personal risk to keep the communication lines intact. Staff Sergeant MORRISON's devotion to duty and heroic conduct were highly instrumental in maintaining vital communications, enabling his regiment to successfully repel the enemy attack. Entered military service from JAMES LEE, WEST VIRGINIA.

JAMES A. ROBINSON, 6553914, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant ROBINSON, Platoon Sergeant, Second Platoon, Company "I", 505th Parachute Infantry, was instrumental in stopping an enemy flanker movement, near ***, HOLLAND. He was ordered forward to investigate reported enemy activity to the front. He took a five man patrol and moved boldly forward for five hundred yards when he observed an enemy force estimated at two rifle companies moving in column to the flank of the company position. On his own initiative he deployed his men and opened fire until he had exhausted his ammunition. His small but accurate volume of fire caused the enemy to disperse. He left one man as observer and withdrew to his platoon position. Acting upon his information a destructive mortar barrage was placed on the enemy. The ensuing counterattack drove the Germans back into the *** from which they had come, and prevented the enemy from outflanking the company position and jeopardizing the security of the tentative landing zone for gliders. Staff Sergeant ROBINSON'S great initiative and personal courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

WESLEY W. TIFPITT, 54182975, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 September 1944 in the *** Woods. Staff Sergeant TIFPITT, Squad Leader, Company "A", 325th Glider Infantry, personally led two rifle squads assaulting dug-in German paratroop machine gun positions in a heavily wooded area. Within 100 yards of the positions, the enemy machine guns opened fire. He dispersed his men, and, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled 75 yards to a position near the first machine gun. Staff Sergeant TIFPITT threw a hand grenade into the emplacement, silenced the gun and opened a corridor for the forward passage of his two squads. Through his heroic conduct in action, the safe advance of his men was accomplished in the face of heavy enemy opposition. Staff Sergeant TIFPITT'S initiative and aggressive leadership were a real inspiration to all the men under his command and reflect the greatest credit upon the service. Entered military service from New York, New York.

11 -- Approved for the Award of the Medal of Honor by the Secretary of War, 1944

Under the provisions of Act 600-28, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200 (AG) Headquarters VIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WALTER H. ALFORD, 1-1831083, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 to 21 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Near the southern end of the Huiswoude bridge, First Lieutenant ALFORD, Platoon Leader of the 1st Platoon, was leading his section in support of a rifle company. During the assault on the bridge, the company was temporarily held up by superior enemy fire. First Lieutenant ALFORD, under cover of darkness and with the aid of a

runner, moved in front of his gun positions and located three hostile machine guns. Aware that rifle fire or grenades would disclose his presence within the enemy lines, First Lieutenant AUTMAN marked the location of the positions on his map and returned to his own lines. The mortar platoon leader placed effective fire on the enemy. When the attack resumed it was noted that the positions had been silenced and investigation disclosed that all three of the gun crews had been killed or wounded. The destruction of these positions allowed his section and the entire company to advance in the attack with a minimum of opposition and casualties. First Lieutenant AUTMAN's courage was a great inspiration to all members of his section. Entered military service from PONT MONTELL, CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES W. DUNCAN, O-1286100, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 11, 1943, to November 14, 1944, inclusive, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. Captain DUNCAN served in the capacity of Company Commander of various companies for a total of approximately two hundred and fifty days of actual combat in the above three campaigns. Throughout this period, he has demonstrated a quality of aggressive and skillful leadership under all types of combat conditions surpassed by few officers of this organization. His companies have never failed to take an assigned objective or been forced to relinquish ground once gained. These successes have been largely due to Captain DUNCAN's judgment under fire and resulted in the saving of many lives. In the execution of his duties as Company Commander, Captain DUNCAN has earned the respect and admiration of everyone associated with him. His courage and coolness under fire, his superior skill, and his inspiring leadership reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from WYLL BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA.

JOHN GILGOLLY, 12063741, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 to 24 September 1944 near *** and ***, HOLLAND. During the attack on ***, Corporal GILGOLLY, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, made constant repairs on the telephone line from the 81mm mortar to gun positions. The city was being shelled by enemy artillery, and snipers were covering the route of the wire line. The enemy kept vigilant observation on the lines for thirty hours. During this time the line was severed many times. Each time Corporal GILGOLLY, under great personal risk, repaired the wire. He kept these valuable lines open and facilitated the transmittal of fire orders needed for the close-in support by mortar fire. This mortar support enabled the battalion to reach their objective with a minimum of casualties. During the whole of the action and the engagements in SICILY, ITALY and HOLLAND Campaigns, Corporal GILGOLLY has given valuable and meritorious service to his platoon and to the battalion. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

LOUIS A. NAUFENBISCH, O-304787, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from September 17, 1944, to November 14, 1944. Jumping in the capacity of regimental adjutant from the lead plane, Captain NAUFENBISCH landed on a housetop severely spraining an ankle and knee. In spite

of his painful injuries, Captain WATKINS proceeded immediately, without medical aid, to the previously designated Regimental Command Post, and directed the setting up and operation of the CP while all other commissioned members of the Staff were absent with combat duties. During the entire period of the HOLLAND campaign, Captain WATKINS demonstrated outstanding organizational ability and a superior knowledge and performance of his duties. Promotions for officers, recommendations for battlefield commissions, and recommendations for awards were drawn up and processed under his close personal supervision in such an expert and expeditious manner that higher headquarters continually praised the promptness, thoroughness, and high quality of his administrative work. His tireless and energetic devotion to duty, his aptitude in handling all types of administrative details, and his keen knowledge of his work reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

WALTER E. HANF, 1534850, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from October 1 to October 29, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant HANF, Squad Leader, Company "H", 505th Parachute Infantry, demonstrated personal courage when he voluntarily remained in position and repelled an enemy attack. His squad held a decisive position on the flank of a vital road block in the main line of defense. When a numerically superior force of German paratroopers and armored vehicles attempted to overrun his position, Sergeant HANF repelled them by his fire, but remained and fought, always temporarily cut off by armored vehicles moving through his position. His defense prevented the infiltration of the enemy paratroopers. As a result of his efforts, the road block was held with severe casualties to the enemy. Sergeant HANF's initiative, great personal courage and tactical ability were in keeping with the highest traditions of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

JOHN D. WALKER, 2888888, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 11, 1943, to November 22, 1944, inclusive, during the SICILIAN, SALERNO, and HOLLAND Campaigns. Throughout this period, Staff Sergeant WALKER has been Communications Platoon Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry. In the course of these operations, Staff Sergeant WALKER has proved himself to be an outstanding, highly successful, and courageous soldier. His exemplary performance of duty and character have been an inspiration to all men in direct contact with him. In every instance, he has proven himself a true leader by taking over the full responsibility of his platoon in the absence of the platoon leader. As a result, through these operations have been preserved the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from ASTORIA, OREGON, 1934.

WALTER E. WALKER, 322424, First Sergeant, 101st Airborne Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 June to 16 July 1944 in HOLLAND. When his battalion was given the mission of establishing a bridgehead across the Scheldt River in order to open a supply route to the main Allied front, he was

would have bogged down except for the keen foresight, personal example, and encouragement given by First Sergeant NELSON. On 14 June 1944 the Executive Officer, Company "F", 401st Glider Infantry, was killed. First Sergeant NELSON immediately assumed the duties as Executive, and in addition led the second platoon through the rest of the campaign. His profound devotion to duty under adverse battle conditions, coupled with the highest efficiency, made First Sergeant NELSON an invaluable member of the command. Entered military service from BELGIT, WISCONSIN.

JOHN J. NEVINS, O-455982, Major, 80th Troop Carrier Wing. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September to 23 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Major NEVINS, Senior Glider Pilot, who landed with the first serial of the 82d Airborne Division in the vicinity of ***, HOLLAND, on D-Day, rendered outstanding service by assuming responsibility for the supervision of the assembly, utilization and evacuation of glider pilots from the serials of all lifts employed in the operation. During the initial phase of combat, he established separate camps for glider personnel, and organized them into groups to meet the needs of tactical commanders for supplementary detachments and details during the critical period when every combat soldier was required in the forward lines. Major NEVINS supplied groups for prisoner of war escorts, a provisional military police platoon, road guides, recovery, collection and dispersal of equipment, parachute recovery, and reinforcements for the forward combat elements in a critical sector under enemy counter-attack. His fine sense of organization and leadership, coupled with calm courage and appreciation of responsibility facilitated the efficient organization and utilization of glider personnel under difficult combat conditions. Major NEVINS worked in an outstanding manner to further the accomplishment of the early missions of the Division. His efforts were a material contribution to their success.

ROBERT J. OFFICER, 38034186, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service against the enemy in four campaigns, Private First Class OFFICER, Rifleman, Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, has unusual initiative and devotion to duty, performing all his duties in a superior manner. When his platoon landed amid pill boxes in SICILY, Private First Class OFFICER employed his machine gun as a base of fire and it was the decisive factor in securing the surrender of the enemy installations. On the Drop Zone in FRANCE, he set his gun into position and repelled small patrols from the area during reorganization. In the battle for the MAAL river bridge at ***, FRANCE, the enemy forces attempted to attack down a narrow defile. Private First Class OFFICER secured a tactical position and cut off the enemy escape. Throughout the attack on *** he showed aggressive ardor for his work and set the example for his comrades. His gallant efforts have been most instrumental in the repeated successes of his unit. His conspicuous and exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

FRANK P. WISCHNIA, O-396389, Captain, Office of Strategic Services, European Theater of Operations. After the D-Day and B-1 Serials had landed by parachute and glider in NORMANDY, weather conditions delayed further serials six days. The Provost Marshal and Military Police Platoon were not available until 24 December, to handle vital arrest duties. German prisoners of war were being taken by the hundreds daily. Captain WISCHNIA, in charge of the C.S.G. Detachment with the Division, was made acting Provost Marshal and given a platoon of glider pilots to act as military police. He immediately set up a provisional prisoner of war camp and supervised guarding, sanitation, feeding of prisoners, along with other necessary military police functions. More than 2400 prisoners were processed, guarded, and evacuated under his supervision. During this phase of the operation, food and water were scarce and the security of prisoners was a difficult and hazardous assignment with the area under constant enemy shelling, bombing and strafing. Captain WISCHNIA displayed unusual and conscientious initiative in handling all the problems of his assignment in a superior manner with the limited personnel at his disposal. His keen sense of responsibility and his fine execution of a most important assignment were a material contribution to the Division effort in the initial phase of operations.

WALTER H. DALBY, 15966202, Sergeant, 506th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service throughout four combat operations. Sergeant DALBY, Squad Leader, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry, has performed in an outstanding manner in all the combat operations of his unit. At ***, DALBY, his entire machine gun position was overrun by a German Panzer Tank. He took over the gun and manned it by himself until the enemy attack was beaten off. At ****, DALBY, Sergeant DALBY broke his fall on the ground but despite his physical handicap he assembled his men and led them in taking the initial objective. During the ***** campaign, he took over a machine gun when his crew suffered casualties from an artillery barrage. Even when the enemy attack force threatened to overrun his position, Sergeant DALBY's tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty remained unshaken and the enemy attack was finally beaten off with heavy casualties. His outstanding performance of duty has greatly facilitated the repeated successes of his unit in combat. Sergeant DALBY's exemplary conduct and devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from Illinois-IA, 1941-IA.

By command of Major General Smith:

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I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

GEORGE L. BEAN, 18031199, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 25 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Sergeant BEAN, Squad Leader, Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, voluntarily stayed in position after officially relieved and defeated an enemy attack. After the relief had been partially accomplished, the position was attacked by a superior enemy force, but by exceptional skill and leadership, Sergeant BEAN stopped the attack with severe casualties to the enemy. He then, of his own volition, stayed in the position for a two day period. As a result of his action the relieving force was able to dig in and consolidate their defensive position with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant BEAN's courageous accomplishment of his self-assigned mission reflected the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHERRY CREEK, NEVADA.

JOHN D. BOONE, 19131805, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ~~###~~, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant BOONE, IIG Platoon Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, was in position with one section of IIG in support of two platoons of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, defending a roadblock at ~~###~~, GERMANY, when a battalion of infantry attacked his company position. A runner was dispatched to the 81mm mortar OP directing fire to be placed upon a group of enemy preparing to attack from a draw in defile upon the company's left flank. The runner was hit before he could deliver the message. Staff Sergeant BOONE then attempted to reach the mortar OP. He crawled 60 yards entirely exposed to enemy fire and succeeded in reaching the mortar OP with fire directions. He returned over the same route to his platoon and resumed his part in the defense of the position. This daring act by Staff Sergeant BOONE was responsible for accurate mortar fire which drove the enemy from the draw and proved a decisive factor in the defense of the roadblock. Entered military service from OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

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CORNING R. DUNN, 3414984, Technician Fifth Grade, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near 888, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade DUNN, Radio Operator, 37th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, was with the artillery forward observer party which accompanied the assault wave in the attack across the MAEL River, west of 888, to seize the bridge. He was one of six survivors among thirteen men out of one of the assault boats. He carried his radio through heavy artillery and small arms fire. Because of his heavy radio load, Technician Fifth Grade DUNN was required to advance in an upright position, thereby subjecting himself to direct fire from mortars, artillery and small arms. When the infantry platoon was isolated in a forward position from the rest of the assault battalion, Technician Fifth Grade DUNN's radio was the only means of communication of the platoon. All infantry messages as well as fire commands to the artillery battalion were transmitted by him. The personal heroism displayed in this action by Technician Fifth Grade DUNN was directly responsible for the availability of artillery support in the attack, and for the passing of reports and orders between the infantry platoon and its battalion headquarters. Entered military service from SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200,6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

HERMAN M. BASTING, 26627751, Private First Class, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 June 1944 in 888, FRANCE. Private First Class BASTING's organization was confronted with the task of improvising some method of modifying the six-pounder anti-tank guns of this Division to protect the gun crews from enemy small arms fire which at this time was penetrating the existing protective shields. The tactical situation at this time was such that it was possible to pull only one gun from the line at a time, and even then only to a position just behind the front lines. The actual work had to be done under fire. Private First Class BASTING volunteered to go forward with a small group and perform this work. The only armor plate available was that which had to be cut from destroyed German tanks in the immediate vicinity of the forward areas, many of which were still under enemy fire and subject at all times to enemy shelling and mortar fire. Displaying great skill and absolute disregard of personal danger, Private First Class BASTING and the other members of this small volunteer group salvaged armor plate, transported it to the place where the modifications were being done, and assisted in the welding of the plate to the protective shields for 48 consecutive hours until the work was completed. By his diligent and fearless efforts, Private First Class BASTING contributed greatly to the improved performance of anti-tank guns during the subsequent combat missions. His actions reflect the highest credit on his part in the military service. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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ERIC C. FABIN, 17057924, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 15 June 1944 near ****, FRANCE. Sergeant FABIN's machine gun squad was attacking a German position when the attacking column was severely shelled by enemy mortar fire. Sergeant FABIN was wounded above the right eye by shrapnel. He refused evacuation and continued to lead his squad to the assault. The squad under the capable leadership of Sergeant FABIN accomplished their mission and were instrumental in driving the Germans from the area. Sergeant FABIN was again wounded by shrapnel from enemy mortar fire and was evacuated despite his protests. His behavior was in keeping with the high standards of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from STEELING, KANSAS.

RAYMOND E. HERT, 12025941, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 6 and 7 June 1944 in ****, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant HERT, Supply Sergeant, Service Company, 505th Parachute Infantry, landed upon an enemy machine gun nest spraining his back and rendering his legs useless. Still in the harness of his parachute he killed the gunner with his pistol. He was knocked unconscious by a German Grenade and regained consciousness the next morning during visible glider landings. He convincingly explained to his captors the strength of the gliders and they abandoned the plane leaving him behind. Severely wounded and unable to walk he crawled two miles to a medical aid station. His outstanding performance won him the respect of all his captors. Staff Sergeant HERT's exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

EDWARD L. HUBERT, 10922712, Private, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 June 1944 in ****, FRANCE. Private HUBERT's organization was confronted with the task of repairing a broken method of modifying the six-pounded anti-tank guns of this division to put out the gun covers from enemy shell gas fire which at the time was penetrating the existing protective shields. The tactical situation at this time was such that it was possible to pull only one gun from the line at a time, and even then only to a position just behind the front lines. The actual work had to be done under fire. Private HUBERT volunteered to go forward with a small group and perform this work. The only armor plate available was that which had to be cut from destroyed German tanks in the immediate vicinity of the German lines, many of which were still under sniper fire and subject at all times to enemy shelling and mortar fire. Displaying great skill and absolute disregard of personal danger, Private HUBERT and the other members of this small volunteer group salvaged armor plate, transported it to the place where the modifications were being done, and assisted in the welding of the plate to the protective shields for 48 consecutive hours until the work was completed. By his diligent and fearless efforts Private HUBERT contributed greatly to the improved performance of anti-tank guns during the subsequent combat missions. His actions reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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ALBERT L. MATTINGLY, L 052662, Technician Fourth Grade, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 June 1944 in ~~France~~, GERMANY. Technician Fourth Grade MATTINGLY's organization was confronted with the task of improvising some method of modifying the six-pounder anti-tank gun of the Division to protect the gun crews from enemy small arms fire, which at the time was penetrating the existing protective shields. The tactical situation at the time was such that it was possible to pull only one gun from the line at a time, and the actual work had to be done under fire. Technician Fourth Grade MATTINGLY volunteered to go forward with his equipment truck and perform the necessary welding. He operated under the most adverse conditions. At all times he worked in a closed wall tent on cutting and welding armor plate taken from destroyed German tanks. This blacked out tent was almost air tight and the occupants were forced to leave it at half-hour intervals so that the smoke and fumes could be cleared away before resuming work. Despite the lack of sufficient armor plate, Technician Fourth Grade MATTINGLY, exercised great ingenuity and phenomenal energy, in devising means of getting the job done. The new shields adopted by Technician Fourth Grade MATTINGLY made it possible to complete the modification on approximately 24 anti-tank guns in 48 hours. By his skillful and fearless efforts, Technician Fourth Grade MATTINGLY contributed greatly to the improved performance of anti-tank guns during the following combat missions. His actions reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

BOB ROONEY, 39190744, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ~~France~~, GERMANY. Private ROONEY, a rifleman, Company "B", 508th Parachute Infantry, and two companions voluntarily moved their up heavy 20mm and automatic fire to reestablish contact between his company and the First Battalion CP. Two platoons of Company "B" defended a road block at ~~France~~, GERMANY. A German force consisting of one battalion of infantry supported by artillery, mortars, and at least ten 20mm guns attacked this road block. Artillery fire destroyed the 20mm guns and all contact with the battalion CP was lost. Private ROONEY and two men returned to the battalion CP, a distance of 1300 yards and reestablished contact with the battalion. The move from the company position was undertaken at great risk and entirely without cover. Private ROONEY was forced to crawl at least 200 yards and was almost completely exposed to heavy fire from at least one 20mm gun. Enemy infiltration and flankin parties further harassed the company and the success of the mission. Private ROONEY and his companions reached the Battalion CP and delivered information which enabled the Battalion Commanding Officer to strengthen the Battalion CP and prepare a counterattack which drove the enemy from the road block. Entered military service from PORT ARTHUR, AUSTRALIA.

EDWARD E. SHIRLEY, 18103450, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 25 October 1944 near ~~France~~, HOLLAND. At about 1900 hours, a lone scout patrol from Company "F" engaged in a fierce fire fight with an undetermined force of enemy. During this encounter, the patrol suffered several wounded and two men killed. Corporal SHIRLEY, assistant scout leader in Company "F", on outpost duty some 400 yards from the scene of the action, was extremely familiar with the terrain over which the engagement

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