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was taking place. He volunteered and received permission to lead five men in an effort to evacuate the many casualties. Corporal SHIRLEY made four trips over the 400 yard interval which was swept by mortar, machine gun, and all the small arms fire the enemy could bring to bear. Despite this fire, Corporal SHIRLEY directed the evacuation of all the wounded to a rear area from which litter bearers were able to give immediate first aid and carry the men to the battalion aid station. As a result of Corporal SHIRLEY's unselfish and courageous initiative and leadership, no wounded men died from wounds and all casualties were afforded speedy medical treatment. Entered military service from GILMER, TEXAS.

MORRIS E. SPENCER, 37305747, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry For heroic action against the enemy on 3 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class SPENCER, a machine gunner in Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 401st Glider Infantry, displayed outstanding alertness, initiative and keen devotion to duty when his company was surprised by an enemy counterattack while being relieved from front line positions. The enemy launched a sudden and unexpected assault covered with heavy fire from mechanized assault artillery. Without a moment's hesitation and with complete self possession, Private First Class SPENCER manned a heavy machine gun and fired continuously against the enemy through out the attack. He knocked out one enemy machine gun and killed or wounded many enemy riflemen. His prompt action forced the enemy to reduce their fire long enough to enable his company to regain foxholes and organize to repel the attack. His calmness, courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades. His prompt and skillful actions prevented a break-through which might have had serious consequences and were in keeping with the high traditions of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

FRANK G. TAYLOR, 16075582, First Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. First Sergeant TAYLOR, Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry, moved with the leading elements in his company's attack against Hill 75.9, and was able to locate enemy gun positions on the hill and direct fire upon them before several of these enemy positions could coordinate their fire upon the attacking company. One company of approximately 150 Germans, reinforced by one platoon of 34's, defended the hill. Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry, seized and occupied this position with a strength of only 70 men. During a period of five days while his company defended this position against several determined attacks by the enemy, First Sergeant TAYLOR frequently exposed himself while he moved about the fire-swept hill to assist the commanding officer in the coordination of his defense. He maintained frequent personal contact with the platoons and further conducted his duties in the company CP in an exemplary manner. He was able to make a vital contribution to the success of his company mission by his brave and dependable conduct. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

FORREST W. TAYLOR, 34195438, Corporal, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Corporal TAYLOR, Squad Leader, did, under extremely hazardous circumstances, voluntarily place himself in an exposed but advantageous position so that he could direct accurate fire from his anti-tank gun. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal TAYLOR climbed to the roof of a house under heavy observed fire from enemy positions. From that vantage point he adjusted the fire of his squad. As the action progressed he displaced his gun to a new and more effective firing location, constantly exposing himself to danger in order to make reconnaissance and to increase the efficiency of his anti-tank gun and squad. His actions reflect credit on himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from HARTSVILLE, TENNESSEE.

HERCHEL R. TAYLOR, 35217529, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private TAYLOR was first scout with his platoon during an assault on an objective in ***. In feeling out the location of the enemy position, Private TAYLOR continually exposed himself to automatic weapons and rifle fire. In spite of the fact that the enemy often had him located and brought heavy fire on him, he continued on with absolute disregard for personal safety. He forced the enemy to bring their fire upon himself thereby disclosing their exact positions. It was through the fearless efforts of Private TAYLOR that the platoon was able to assault an enemy force numerically superior by five to one, without fear of having fire brought down upon them from a flank. Entered military service from OHIO.

WILLIAM H. TOWNSEND, 37616787, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private TOWNSEND was an assistant machine gunner on the north side of the road facing west as part of a road block at ***. At the time a Mark V tank drove down the road with infantry following it. When the machine gunner opened fire on the infantry he thereby disclosed his position. Private TOWNSEND continued to help the gunner and loaded and serviced the gun when necessary. At other times he fired his carbine at available targets. All the time the gun position was under the fire of the tank's 20mm cannon. At no time did Private TOWNSEND get down in his foxhole and leave his position. He stayed on the gun until seriously wounded. By his perseverance he helped to break the enemy attack which was repulsed with heavy loss. Private TOWNSEND's conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of the American Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

PAUL C. TROTMAN, 20360324, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class TROTMAN was a BAR man in Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, during the attack on ***. His platoon was subjected to intense sniper and heavy artillery fire. Private First Class TROTMAN went to an extremely hazardous position with the purpose of eliminating snipers and a high velocity gun. Fully conscious of the fact that his BAR would draw enemy automatic weapons fire and artillery fire, he placed himself as far forward as possible. Half-exposed, he fired his weapon effectively until wounded by the

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direct explosion of a high velocity shell. His heroic action proved a real contribution to the success of the attack on the bridges spanning the WAAL River. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

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GEORGE VANASKEY, 1015463, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 23 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant VANASKEY, Squad Leader in Company "I", 508th Parachute Infantry, was responsible for the destruction of a heavy German tank. At a point near ***, HOLLAND, on the night of 23 September 1944, a German Mark VI (Tiger) Tank smashed through the company's defenses around a vital road junction. The tank swept the company area with machine gun fire and shelled personnel at point blank range with an 88mm gun. Sergeant VANASKEY jumped from his foxhole, disdained all cover and located two Bazooka teams. He led them within a few feet of the tank, and from a position where he was exposed to fragments from the rocket projectiles as well as the fire of the tank, directed bazooka fire which crippled the tank and caused it to withdraw. He continued to attack the tank, followed it for a short distance in an unsuccessful attempt to disable it completely. Sergeant VANASKEY's courage and daring at such a critical moment was directly responsible for the security of our company position, and enabled us to maintain our control at an important road junction. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

HUBB VAN WINKLE, 35603131, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class VAN WINKLE, a medical aid man, attached to Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry, acted in a courageous and energetic manner to assist men wounded while in the attack by Company "A" against German positions on Hill 75.9. On several occasions Private First Class VAN WINKLE moved to positions among the attacking elements and brought first aid to wounded men. During a five-day period in which this company remained in position upon the hill and best off repeated enemy attempts to regain the position, he frequently exposed himself to artillery and machine gun fire which swept the position in order to reach men who were wounded. The conduct of Private First Class VAN WINKLE was responsible for the prompt and effective treatment of casualties under the most hazardous conditions and contributed an important service in the successful defense of this position. Entered military service from OHIO.

GEORGE L. WALKER, 31375055, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private WALKER, a machine gunner, IIG Platoon, Second Battalion, Headquarters Company, 508th Parachute Infantry, supported a counterattack by Company "F" to restore forward positions of the Second Battalion IIG during a fierce attack upon the Second Battalion defensive position at ***. He placed destructive fire upon the enemy until his ammunition was exhausted. In spite of heavy artillery and automatic fire, Private WALKER 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 WALKER at this critical stage rendered valuable assistance in driving the enemy from his battalion position. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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ROY L. WATTS, 39023210, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When his platoon was on a ridge during the attack on ***, HOLLAND, Private First Class WATTS, Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, set up a battery of two mortars. Although he himself was under artillery fire he maintained mortar fire upon a group of woods that sheltered enemy troops five hundred yards to his front. One mortar was subjected to a direct hit, and five of the crew were wounded. After the destruction of this mortar, Private First Class WATTS moved the other mortar to a new position and maintained fire on the enemy until he had completely exhausted his ammunition. The enemy formation was completely broken. By this display of initiative and perseverance, Private First Class WATTS materially aided the success of the attack on ***, HOLLAND. Entered military service from BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA.

RUSSELL C. WILDE, O-1013156, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 19 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. Captain WILDE led Company "G", 508th Parachute Infantry, in an attack against a superior force of Germans strongly entrenched at the southern approach to the *** Bridge over the WAIL River. He won his objective and defended it against repeated and determined enemy assaults. His own example of high courage inspired his men to repel every hostile attack and stand up against a fierce artillery bombardment. His professional skill and leadership were superior. Although completely surrounded, Captain WILDE was ordered to withdraw. He effected an intrepid but orderly withdrawal to rejoin his battalion. This assault forced the enemy to sustain heavy casualties and softened his resistance for the decisive defeat of the German forces south of the WAIL in *** on the following day. Captain WILDE exemplified the highest order of courage and leadership. His actions reflect credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

JESSIE J. WOUBLE, 37215428, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Corporal WOUBLE, an assistant squad leader of Company "B", 508th Parachute Infantry, and two companions voluntarily moved through automatic weapons fire to reestablish contact between his company and the First Battalion CP. Two platoons of Company "B" defended a road block at ***, GERMANY. A German force estimated at one battalion of infantry supported by artillery, mortars and at least two 20mm guns attacked this road block. Artillery fire destroyed the SCR radio and all contact with the battalion CP was lost. Corporal WOUBLE 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. Corporal WOUBLE was forced to crawl at least 200 yards under direct observation and exposed to heavy fire from at least one enemy gun. Enemy infiltration and flanking parties further harassed and endangered the success of the mission. Corporal WOUBLE and his companions reached the battalion CP and delivered information which enabled the battalion Commanding Officer to strengthen the battalion MLR and prepare a counterattack which drove the enemy from the road block. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

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III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-15, 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:

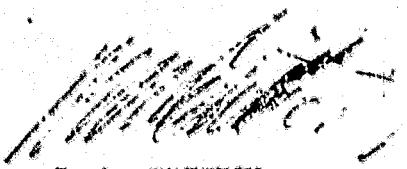
Clyde R. HEIN, 12076744, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service throughout four combat operations. Sergeant HEIN, Squad Leader, Company "C", 505th Parachute Infantry, has completed four combat operations and has always performed in a superior manner. When his platoon officers became casualties during an attack near ~~XXXX~~, SICILY, Sergeant HEIN assumed command of the men of his platoon and led them successfully in the completion of their mission. In ITALY he led a combat patrol deep into enemy lines on a successful mission of obtaining prisoners. The information thus gained aided materially in the defensive situation. In FRANCE he again assumed command of his platoon due to officer casualties and led them in a commendable manner, completing all assigned missions. Throughout the HOLLAND Campaign, Sergeant HEIN was heedless of personal safety and accomplished all his assignments in an outstanding manner. His resolution of purpose has materially aided the repeated successes of his unit in combat. Sergeant HEIN's exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

FREED M. D. LOVELAND, 32136259, Technical Sergeant, 732d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from September 17, 1944, to October 26, 1944, in HOLLAND. Technical Sergeant LOVELAND acted as liaison for all supply branches between forward Division Headquarters and the rear areas, expediting supplies of all types during the time when all supplies were critical. By exercising extraordinary tact and ingenuity in association with Allied supply agencies, and by virtue of his boundless energy and untiring devotion to duty, he contributed highly to the delivery of supplies to the combat elements of the Division in sufficient time and quantities to permit them to meet the enemy and accomplish their mission. Entered military service from HARRISONVILLE, NEW JERSEY.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

R. H. WINECKE,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


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Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
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I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of Act 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, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

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JAMES A. JONES, 14062720, Sergeant, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 September 1944 at ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Sergeant JONES, Squad Leader, Company "B", 503th Parachute Infantry, by his own volition, led his squad across open terrain covered by enemy small arms fire to quickly aid a platoon under attack by a superior enemy force. From his defensive position he observed the enemy attack, and, as the friendly troops fell back, he moved his squad into a fast flanking movement that surprised a strongpoint of superior enemy forces, consisting of several automatic weapons. He relentlessly pushed the assault and eliminated the strongpoint, thus relieving the pressure on friendly troops. As a result of his action, the attack was broken and the platoon was enabled to launch a counter-attack, drive the enemy back, and reestablish their defensive sector. Sergeant JONES' superior initiative and dominant leadership were a favorable reflection on the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ~~***~~ COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA.

Sgt. RUDOLPH KADITZKI, 33694953, Private First Class, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class KADITZKI was acting as assistant squad leader of Company "A", 503th Parachute Infantry. In an attack by his company in support of the First Battalion mission to clear the area of the landing zone, Private First Class KADITZKI, by his own example, encouraged his squad and led the way over open ground which was swept by heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. He was painfully wounded in the initial stage of this attack but continued to direct his squad in a continuous swift assault that was responsible, in large part, for the prompt seizure of the company objective. He began to organize his squad in defensive positions when he fell from loss of blood. The courage and determination of Private First Class KADITZKI reflects much credit upon himself, his organization, and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

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JAMES H. WEINERTH, 12140341, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ~~***~~, GERMANY. Private WEINERTH, lineman, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, moved in support of Company "A", attacking German positions in the vicinity of ~~***~~. During the attack, ammunition became dangerously low. An enemy counterattack was imminent and the situation was very grave. Private WEINERTH, with two companions, voluntarily made his way back through territory that was not yet cleared of the enemy, and, risking injury by sniper fire as well as capture, succeeded in returning to the company with a resupply of urgently needed ammunition and medical supplies. The efforts of Private WEINERTH and his companions contributed much to the security of the company position and enabled his company to prepare for an enemy counterattack. Entered military service from ITHACA, N.Y.

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

Under the provisions of an 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:

CASIMIR COLITO, 11052532, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 6 June 1944 near ~~***~~, FRANCE. Private First Class COLITO, Radio Operator, Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery, assisted materially in assembling members of the parachute detachment of that unit by locating personnel scattered throughout a heavily inundated area and guiding them to the rendezvous point. Private First Class COLITO then established outposts and organized an advance point preparatory to movement from the area. He assumed a position at the head of the column, voluntarily exposing himself to the dangers of the situation. Private First Class COLITO'S coolness, initiative and courage during this confused period was an example to his fellow soldiers and exemplified the best traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS.

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RUSSEL W. COYLE, 15112475, Staff Sergeant, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 20 September 1944, near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant COYLE, Battalion Ammunition Sergeant, because of officer casualties, performed the duties of Battalion Supply Officer, during the first four days of the operation until an officer was appointed to replace him. He recovered ammunition, signal equipment, and other supplies that had been abandoned in the drop and landing zones. On three occasions Staff Sergeant COYLE, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, continued his recovery missions under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. On one salvage mission, he assisted in the capture of seven Germans, hiding in a house on the edge of the drop zone. The industry and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant COYLE during this period materially reduced a critical supply shortage, and his aggressiveness reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D.C.

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BILLY J. FLEMING, 39534140, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 20 October 1944 near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class FLEMING, Rifleman, Company "D", 5th Parachute Infantry, took command of a squad when its leader was wounded and led it with great courage and commendable initiative during an important patrol mission. About 100 yards from the first objective within the enemy lines the patrol was subjected to concentrated fire from mortar fire and hand grenading from all sides under the light of illuminatin flares which made control difficult. The squad leader was wounded. Private First Class FLEMING immediately assumed command, placed his men in position to protect the remainder of the patrol, and held his position until ordered to with draw. Private First Class FLEMING, at great personal risk, located several enemy emplacements and the extent of the enemy's lines. Although wounded, he successfully disengaged his squad from the enemy and led it back to friendly lines. As a direct result of Private First Class FLEMING's gallant action, the enemy suffered several casualties and valuable information was obtained. His great initiative and perseverance under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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WILSON J. McFRITH, O-20250, Lieutenant Colonel, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations between 23 November 1943 and 4 December 1943 near ~~***~~, ITALY. Lieutenant Colonel McFRITH, Battalion Commander, was in command of his battalion while it was subjected to constant heavy barrages of enemy mortar, artillery fire, and Nebelwerfers. Fearing the effect on the morale of his troops from this constant shelling, Lieutenant Colonel McFRITH, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, made frequent visits to all of his battalion and battery installations. Lieutenant Colonel McFRITH's great initiative and leadership, in the face of danger, enabled his battalion to give maximum support to an infantry regiment in attack, thereby enabling them to capture their objective. His actions reflect great credit on himself, and was an inspiration to all who witnessed them. Entered United States Military Academy from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

PAUL WUFFORD, 39412601, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connect on with military operations at ~~***~~, GERMANY, on 17 September 1944. Private First Class WUFFORD, Medical Detachment, 508th Parachute Infantry, was a medical aid man and was attached to Company "A". When heavy enemy anti-aircraft fire caused his stick to be dropped beyond the drop zone, Private First Class WUFFORD moved boldly under direct enemy observation, exposing himself to a heavy volume of enemy small caliber fire, in order to assist men injured on the drop or wounded by enemy fire. He was able to give first aid to an officer seriously wounded in this action, although he became a target for German snipers while assisting this man. The conduct of Private First Class WUFFORD at this time was responsible for the subsequent recovery of at least two men and reflects much credit upon himself, his organization, and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from TULOCK, CALIFORNIA.

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WILLIAM E. HART, 16062128, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 6 October 1944 near ~~XXXX~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class HART, Gunner, Company "L", 505th Parachute Infantry, gave an exemplary performance on 6 October 1944 when he disregarded enemy fire to go help and cover the rescue of a comrade buried by an enemy artillery barrage. He and his assistant gunner were manning an important ~~of this~~ position when his assistant was completely buried by an enemy mortar barrage. Situated by a burning building to his rear, Private First Class HART, with total disregard for personal safety, ran across an open field and threw small arms fire and returned with other members of the squad who extricated his comrade while Private First Class HART covered the action with his gun. As a result of his gallant action the life of his comrade was saved. The heroic conduct of Private First Class HART was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LANSING, MICHIGAN.

WILLIAM J. HUBBS, 32670031, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations between 18 and 22 September 1944 at ~~XXXX~~, HOLLAND. Private HUBBS was a rifleman, one of a squad of eight men of Company "I", 508th Parachute Infantry, who established and defended a roadblock against continuous German assaults. For a period of more than twenty-four hours, he resisted the enemy in at least six fierce attempts to destroy an important roadblock near ~~XXXX~~. German patrols were active throughout this area and continually maneuvered about the roadblock, placing harassing fire upon this position. Private HUBBS and his squad desperately defended the position and placed such accurate fire against the enemy that all the attacks failed to penetrate their defense. The stubborn and courageous defense of this roadblock strengthened the Battalion flank and denied the enemy the use of an important communication route. Entered military service from CHICAGO.

JOHN W. JAMES, 33672691, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 3 November 1944 near ~~XXXX~~, HOLLAND. Private JAMES was a wireman, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry. On the night of 3 November 1944, wire communication between the Third Battalion CP and Company "H" was broken by enemy mortar and artillery fire which was falling throughout the battalion defensive sector. Private JAMES, while attempting to locate the break, was wounded in the head by shrapnel. Although partly dazed and weakened from this wound, he continued to search for the break in the wire. Upon locating the trouble, he found the line beyond repair and began to lay a new line between the battalion CP and Company "H". He was wounded a second time in the hand, but succeeded in laying the new line. Private JAMES was able to perform an important service in the maintenance of communications within his battalion. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from ~~XXXX~~.

FRANK R. HILL, 30252679, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations between 18 and 22 September 1944 near ~~XXXX~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class HILL, a radio operator of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, voluntarily

assisted in establishing communications and transporting resupply to Company "A" while this company was in the attack. Private First Class KLITZ, with the assistance of two men, attempted to lay a telephone wire and at the same time move badly needed supplies to Company "A", then attacking enemy positions forward of the battalion position. Private First Class KLITZ and his assistant set out in a quarter ton vehicle but heavy artillery and small caliber fire caused them to abandon this vehicle. Realizing the urgent necessity for immediate resupply for the attacking company, he continued upon his mission, carrying the load by hand, and was able to pass through unsecured territory continually exposed to enemy fire, delivering ammunition and medical supplies to Company "A" and completing the laying of the telephone wire. The determined efforts of Private First Class KLITZ and his companions reestablished wire communications with Company "A" and relieved a critical shortage of ammunition and medical supplies. Entered military service from OLLANDVILLE, MISSOURI.

CHARLES A. LIND, 39550126, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations from 21 September to 23 October 1944 near ~~the~~, Belgium. Private First Class Lind was an ambulance driver of the 307th Airborne Medical Company, and attached to the Medical Detachment, 508th Parachute Infantry. During this period Private First Class Lind distinguished himself in a meritorious and heroic manner. He drove his vehicle through mortar and artillery fire at all hours to evacuate wounded. He gave first aid to the wounded while under machine gun fire and enemy observation. The actions of Private First Class Lind assisted materially in preventing more severe casualties and rendered a valuable service to the regiment. His conduct reflects much credit upon himself and his unit. Entered military service from ~~MISSOURI~~, MISSOURI.

WALTER H. LITTLE, 15010461, Staff Sergeant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 17 September 1944 near ~~the~~, Belgium. Staff Sergeant Little, Artillery "B", 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, Chief of Mortar Section, acting as gunner on a 75mm Howitzer, succeeded in knocking out an enemy gun and silencing another one that was firing on our troops unloading gliders. This courageous and efficient action enabled our troops to safely unload their gliders. His heroic conduct was exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from ~~MISSOURI~~, MISSOURI.

JAMES M. LITTLE, 39550152, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 17 September 1944 near ~~the~~, Belgium. Technician Fifth Grade Little was a radio operator, Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry. Following a parachute drop in ~~the~~ when his pluck landed in an isolated position, Technician Fifth Grade Little was unable to contact his company headquarters by radio. He continued to move with the small group which was forced to fight its way through German held territory to reach the drop zone. At one point en route, he participated in a fire fight which reduced a German strongpoint located in a building. During this encounter, he moved by rushes to a position from which he attacked the enemy with rifle and grenades, killing one German and wounding several. He assisted in the capture of 16 German flak guns and several men of their crews. Entered military service from ~~MISSOURI~~, MISSOURI.

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SAUL M. MILVANSKY, 39326742, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations near ~~XXX~~, ~~XXXX~~, on 3 November 1944. Sergeant Milvansky, rifle squad leader, was a member of a small combat patrol whose mission was to hit ~~XXX~~ German strongpoint and secure prisoners. The patrol moved out aggressively, following close behind friendly artillery. The enemy immediately countered by placing a concentration of artillery, mortar and machinegun fire on the area to be traversed by the patrol, wounding one man. Sergeant Milvansky, realizing the danger of the situation, rushed his men through this concentration into the enemy position. Upon reaching the objective, Sergeant Milvansky moved beyond it and fired rifle grenades upon a house which contained an enemy gun position. Sergeant Milvansky remained behind and maintained fire upon this target with his grenade launcher until the patrol reached the safety of friendly lines with three prisoners and then withdrew. His action resulted in the successful completion of the mission. Sergeant Milvansky's conduct reflects credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

JOHN I. HINKELTAP, 13079747, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 19 September 1944 at ~~XXX~~, ~~XXXX~~. Private Hinkeltap, Demolition Team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry, gave an exemplary performance during the battle for ~~XXX~~, ~~XXXX~~, when he took over a light machine gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. His section was attached to Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, during the attack on the village. Due to severe fighting and heavy casualties, the ranks of Company "B" became depleted and Private Hinkeltap, of his own volition, took over a light machine gunner's position. He saw a comrade fall and in his attempt to rescue him, was wounded in the leg. He refused medical aid, returned to his gun, and continued to man it throughout the attack. During a brief cessation of hostilities due to officer casualties, he reorganized the members of the demolition section and led them in the ensuing attack. As a result of his action, he made a material contribution to the successful attack and capture of ~~XXX~~, ~~XXXX~~. The dominant initiative and personal courage displayed by Private Hinkeltap was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

MICHAEL G. PETER, 26732474, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 1 and 2 October 1944 near ~~XXX~~, ~~XXXX~~. Private First Class Peter, company aid man, was in the vicinity of a road block held by Company "H" when it was contacted by a friendly patrol of which one man was wounded and required evacuation. Due to enemy fire it was impossible to bring an ambulance within 500 yards of the position. Private First Class Peter proceeded on half mile over a road that was under intense enemy artillery barrage to reach the wounded man. After administering first aid he lifted him to his shoulders, and, despite enemy machine gun and artillery fire which forced him to cover his eyes, carried the wounded man back to a point from which he could be evacuated. As a result of his heroic action the man's foot was saved from amputation. Private First Class Peter's courage and determination under extremely hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ~~XXX~~, ~~XXXX~~.

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Sgt. ROBERT, 13013410, First Sergeant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 16 June 1944 near ~~XXX~~, France. First Sergeant ROBERT was on duty with a field artillery liaison section with an infantry battalion whose troops were being harassed by enemy artillery which was inflicting considerable damage. There was no observation on the enemy guns and their location could not be established. First Sergeant ROBERT volunteered, with other members of the section, to go out beyond our front lines with an infantry patrol to any point from which the enemy pieces could be observed. The patrol was brought under intense fire, one man being killed and two wounded. Despite the hazards involved and in utter disregard for his own safety, First Sergeant ROBERT proceeded to a point approximately four hundred yards from the enemy gun positions and aided in bringing down the fire of his artillery battalion to silence them by laying wire and keeping the communications open as the patrol advanced. This act, reducing our losses due to enemy artillery shelling, was exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

Private ROBERT, 11012177, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations between 19 and 22 September 1944 at ~~XXX~~, Holland. Private ROBERT was a rifleman, one of a squad of eight men of Company "I", 508th Parachute Infantry, who established and defended a roadblock against continuous German assaults. For a period of more than twenty-four hours, he resisted the enemy in at least six fierce attempts to destroy an important roadblock near ~~XXX~~. German patrols were active throughout this area and continually maneuvered about the roadblock, making harassing fire upon his position. Private ROBERT and his squad desperately defended the position and placed such accurate fire against the enemy that the attack failed to penetrate their defense. The stubborn and courageous defense of this roadblock strengthened the battalion flank and denied the enemy the use of an important communication route. Entered military service from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

Private ROBERT, 11074061, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on October 1 and 2, 1944, near ~~XXX~~, Holland. Private ROBERT was a rifleman, Company "D", 508th Parachute Infantry. When the enemy overran the forward positions of his battalion and approached his platoon defensive position, Private ROBERT discovered an enemy group which had infiltrated through the left flank of his platoon. While one other man left his hole and crawled to a position from which he was able to deliver effective rifle fire, which killed at least six and wounded several others, and destroyed in attempt by this enemy group to throw grenades into the platoon position. Subsequently, Private ROBERT and one other man placed a minefield in front of the platoon position when enemy tanks attempted to approach along a road to the front. The minefield was completed in spite of heavy fire from enemy artillery and mortars. Entered military service from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

FRANK F. SCHOFF, 31114967, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations for the period 13 to 22 September 1944 near ~~XXX~~, HOLLAND. Private SCHOFF was a rifleman, one of a squad of eight men of Company "I", 508th Parachute Infantry, who established and defended a roadblock against continuous German assaults. For a period of more than twenty-four hours, he resisted the enemy in at least six fierce attempts to destroy an important roadblock near ~~XXX~~. German patrols were active throughout this area and continually maneuvered about the roadblock, making harassing fire upon this position. Private SCHOFF and his squad desperately defended the position and placed such accurate fire against the enemy that all attacks failed to penetrate their defense. The stubborn and courageous defense of this roadblock strengthened the battalion flank and denied the enemy the use of an important communication route. Entered military service from I.L.S. York.

CLAUDE J. SHILLON, 37619656, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 20 September 1944 near ~~XXX~~, HOLLAND. While crossing the small river in the assault wave during the ~~XXX~~ bridgehead operation, Private First Class SHILLON, a rifleman in Company "H", 504th Parachute Infantry, was seriously wounded in the head. When his assault boat was preparing to recross the river with the wounded to pick up the second assault wave, Private First Class SHILLON stubbornly refused to be evacuated and instead chose to stay on the fire-swept beach to help his wounded comrades. Although suffering acute pain, Private First Class SHILLON continued to render assistance to the other wounded under heavy enemy fire. Private First Class SHILLON continued these unselfish duties until the last of the wounded had been cared for. Only then did he consent to be evacuated across the river. His actions and sacrifice reflect credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

LESLIE A. SMITH, 379243, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 1 and 2 October 1944, near ~~XXX~~, HOLLAND. Private SMITH, a machine-gunner, Company "D", 508th Parachute Infantry, acting with great courage and determination, for an attack upon his battalion flank, covered an essential flank of his platoon and prevented enemy attempts to overrun this position. German assault squads armed with at least three machine guns and other automatic weapons rushed a platoon on the left flank of Company "D", and placed effective fire from that flank upon the position of Private SMITH's platoon. Private SMITH saved his machine gun through enemy artillery fire which was falling in the area, and from a position which offered no cover, engaged these three German machine guns at close range. His brave act partially neutralized the fire of the enemy and gained valuable time for his platoon to coordinate its defense, which removed this threat from this flank. Entered military service from OHIO.

ROBERT A. SMITH, 36629236, Private First Class, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 13 September 1944 near ~~XXX~~, HOLLAND. At about 1615 hours, 13 September 1944,

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after having crash landed in a glider, private first class SMITH, driver of a quarter ton truck which his glider had brought in, volunteered to go back to the glider and get his vehicle out in spite of the fact it was under enemy shell fire and that the nose of the glider was so damaged that his battery commander had told him to leave it. Private first class SMITH insisted that the vehicle could be recovered and with another volunteer, despite the difficulties, succeeded in saving the vehicle at a time when equipment and transportation were at a premium. Private first class SMITH's heroic conduct, at a time of extreme emergency, is an example of the highest standards of the Army. Entered military service from Chicago, Ill. 1943.

III -- AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF AIC 469, 82d AB Div:

Under the provisions of DA Form 45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter HQ 82d AB Div (A) Headquarters XVIII Corps, APO San Francisco 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

RAYMOND T. SMITH, O-1176572, Second Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy on 2 Jan 1945 near St. Vith, Belgium. Second Lieutenant SMITH, former observer, while attached to the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, did without regard for his own safety, adjust artillery fire on enemy positions while under heavy small arms and mortar fire. Though handicapped by a painful back injury received in a glider crash, he moved with the infantry front line and was able to place artillery fire on strong points which were holding up the infantry's advance. Entered military service from Southfield, Michigan.

By command of Major General Gavin:

R. H. WILSON, Colonel, G.S.C., Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

o/ [Signature]
t/ Lt. Col. [Signature], Assistant Chief of Staff.

- 1 to HQ (att: Operations and Awards Branch, Logistics Div., 82d AB Div.)
- 2 to 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th
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4 December 1953

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Bronze Star Medal - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Calvin R. Marshall
1220 Sunnyside
Dallas, Texas

So much of General Orders 1, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, dated 2 January 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to "Calvin R. Marshall, 35 588 152", is amended to read "Calvin R. Marshall, 38 588 152."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

J. A. ...
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

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A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army,
4 January 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT.....I

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:

IVEN M. KLINBERG, 39372790, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 19 September 1944 at ~~near~~ HOLLAND. During the attack on ~~near~~, our forces along the Waal River were under heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. Two Privates at a forward machine gun position were killed and a corporal seriously wounded. In the absence of first-aid personnel, and with complete disregard for personal safety, Corporal KLINBERG moved to this position. Amid enemy fire he carried the wounded Corporal to safety and gave him first-aid treatment. He then went back to his light machine gun position and moved all his guns to an alternate position. From this new position he brought a heavier concentration of accurate fire upon the enemy which facilitated the disengagement of an entire rifle platoon. He had saved another man's life by seriously endangering his own. Corporal KLINBERG's action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from PORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

EDWARD S. KNOFFLE, 12050974, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 20 September 1944 near ~~near~~ HOLLAND. It was of vital importance to have the heavy mortars with extra loads of ammunition along with the Infantry so that the mortar men could make the river crossing with no delay. Private First Class KNOFFLE, an 81mm mortarunner, volunteered to lead a horse drawn cart loaded with 81mm mortars and ammunition over 350 yards of open terrain raked by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. There were no covered routes for this cart to follow, which obliged Priv to First Class KNOFFLE to expose himself completely to this fire in the open fields below the south bank of the river. Due to Private First Class KNOFFLE's gallant execution of an extremely hazardous task, the mortar men of his company were able to keep pace with the infantrymen. After crossing the river, the battalion received the all important support of its heavy mortars, which greatly aided in the successful accomplishment of its mission. The actions of Private First Class KNOFFLE reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from WEST NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY.

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HENRY T. LEFEBVRE, O-1287908, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations from 1 October 1944 to 20 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant LEFEBVRE was the Battalion S-3, Second Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry. During a fierce German attack against his Battalion MTR, First Lieutenant LEFEBVRE directed the fire of supporting machine guns and 57mm guns, and assisted in the coordination of his battalion defenses in spite of enemy heavy artillery and mortar fire. The enemy concentrated a heavy artillery barrage along the entire battalion MTR and launched a determined attack against this position. First Lieutenant LEFEBVRE moved to a position from which he could assist the battalion commanding officer in coordinating his defense. He exposed himself to artillery fire to contact the reserve company when other communications failed to function and aided in preparations for a counterattack by the reserve company to restore the forward positions of the battalion MTR. He was frequently within 200 yards of enemy positions, which were placing heavy automatic weapons fire along the battalion front. At one time, he dragged a seriously wounded man from a dugout which had been partially caved in by a direct hit by artillery, and rendered first aid to the wounded man. During the attack, First Lieutenant LEFEBVRE was slightly wounded by shrapnel but continued to perform his duties. When Company "F" had counterattacked and restored the forward positions of the battalion MTR, he energetically directed the restoration of all communications within the battalion, and supervised a resupply of ammunition and food for the front line companies. The actions of First Lieutenant LEFEBVRE during this period when the entire MTR was threatened by a large enemy attack contributed in a large measure to the successful defense of the battalion position. His exemplary conduct and outstanding bravery rendered a vital service to his battalion and to his regiment. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES P. LUFOLI, 32247571, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class LUFOLI was knocked down and dazed during a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage. Upon regaining his senses, he noticed that his platoon sergeant was critically wounded. He crawled to the sergeant, picked him up and carried him in his arms approximately one hundred yards. When unable to carry him any further, Private First Class LUFOLI located a wheel-barrow and pushed him to a windmill, a distance of two hundred yards. He administered emergency first-aid and then set out for the medics. Private First Class LUFOLI's gallantry and disregard for his own personal safety under intense enemy fire saved the life of the platoon sergeant and served as an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK.

ABRAHAM MALLIS, 13200047, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private MALLIS, a machine gunner, Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, was on the south side of the road facing west at *** when an enemy tank drove down the road with infantry following it. Private MALLIS

fired on the approaching infantry, thereby disclosing his position to the tank which opened fire on him with its cannon. Private MALLIS continued firing until the tank knocked out his gun position which had been constructed of logs. At this time Private MALLIS still refused to take cover but fired at the infantry with his carbine. As a direct result of his determined effort in firing and maintaining his position, he helped to repulse the enemy attack. Private MALLIS' conduct was in accordance with the highest standards of the American Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA.

ERNEST H. MARKS, 36296894, Staff Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant MARKS, Mess Sergeant, Company "G", Second Battalion, 401st Glider Infantry, displayed courage, initiative, and imagination to persuade the enemy to surrender during a lull in an assault action of his company. He was acting as an ammunition bearer when the mortar section leader was killed by rifle fire which provoked an intense fire fight. When an order to "cease fire" was issued, Staff Sergeant MARKS called out in German for the enemy to surrender. He laid down his rifle and helmet and stepped on to an open trail in full view of the enemy and called for someone to come out. The enemy battalion commander was located, with whom Staff Sergeant MARKS conducted a long discussion in which he urged him to surrender. During this momentary truce, his company reorganized and contacted isolated groups of men. This example of unselfish courage was an inspiration to every man in the company and in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

JAMES J. McMAHON, 12155237, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 19 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade McMAHON, Wire Section Leader, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, moved in support of Company "A" attacking German positions in the vicinity of ***. During the attack, ammunition became dangerously low. An enemy counter-attack was imminent and the situation was very very grave. Technician Fifth Grade McMAHON, with two companions, voluntarily made his way back through territory that was not yet cleared of the enemy, and, risking injury by sniper fire as well as capture, succeeded in returning to the company with a resupply of ammunition and medical supplies so urgently needed. The efforts of Technician Fifth Grade McMAHON and his companions contributed much to the security of the company position and enabled this company to prepare for an enemy counterattack. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

EDWARD W. McNERNEY, O-10502076, Second Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations from 17 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Second Lieutenant McNERNEY, Assistant 81mm Mortar Platoon Leader, First Battalion, Headquarters Company, 508th Parachute Infantry, stationed himself on rooftops in order to observe and direct the fire of his 81mm mortars in support of the First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry attacking the town of ***. Although continually exposed to sniper and artillery fire, Second Lieutenant McNERNEY remained in uncovered positions and directed destructive mortar fire upon

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German strongpoints within the town. This brave act by Second Lieutenant McNEENEY permitted such close observation that his 81mm mortar platoon was able to fire with such accuracy, neutralizing enemy positions and permitting his battalion to move forward with greater speed. Entered military service from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

HOLLAND MIGNONE, 32761706, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations for the period 17 - 22 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private MIGNONE, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, was a wireman during the initial assault on the important bridge over the WAAL River at ***. His wire communication was all important to the accomplishment of the battalion's mission. The enemy artillery laid down a constant barrage at an important street intersection. Despite the fire, Private MIGNONE constantly repaired vital wire lines which crossed the intersection. Despite the fire, Private MIGNONE constantly repaired vital wire lines which crossed the intersection. He kept to his job until he was wounded by shell fragments in the eye, at which time it was necessary to evacuate him. By his meritorious service, Private MIGNONE facilitated the transmission of information and fire orders leading to the success of the entire battalion mission. He was partially responsible for the seizure intact of the bridges that spanned the WAAL River at ***. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CHARLES H. MILLER, 13058707, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. In the assault on the vital bridge crossing the WAAL River, a Sherman Tank, manned by a British crew, was knocked out. Private MILLER immediately, and without regard for his personal safety, rushed into a bullet swept street, and removed a wounded British soldier from the tank. At all times during his action, the tank was under direct fire from enemy guns and snipers who had observation from nearby buildings. Private MILLER removed the wounded tank man to a safe position behind a wall some fifty yards away. From there he carried him about four hundred yards to another position where he was given proper first-aid treatment. All during this action, the enemy was laying down a murderous barrage of artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

CLYDE MOORE, 37705686, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 17 and 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private MOORE, BAR gunner, entered the town of ***, HOLLAND, with his platoon on patrol. When the patrol came under sudden machine gun fire and the point was pinned down, Private MOORE, upon his own initiative, made his way through yards and ground buildings until he could fire upon the enemy and destroy their position. This singular action accomplished in the darkness of strange city streets prevented casualties among our men and permitted the patrol to continue upon its mission. Entered military service from DRESDEN, KANSAS.

LAWRENCE V. NELSON, 3103137, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 20 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant NELSON was a rifleman, Company "F", 508th Parachute Infantry. During a counterattack by Company "F" to restore the forward positions of the

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Second Battalion MLR in the vicinity of the *** WOODS, all leaders except one officer and two non-commissioned officers were lost to Sergeant NELSON's platoon. When the objective was gained, defensive positions were organized and for a period of at least seventy-two hours, this platoon withstood enemy efforts to retake this ground. Sergeant NELSON, acting upon his own initiative, moved among his platoon during each attack, checking outposts and maintaining contact between all riflemen and automatic weapons. His tireless efforts under enemy artillery and small arms fire assisted in keeping his platoon alert during three nights. Another German attack launched against this position 3 October 1944 was repulsed. The efforts of Sergeant NELSON over this extended period contributed much to the successful defense of his company position. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

HUBERT PACK, 708501, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 20 September 1944 near *** HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade PACK, radio operator, Company "F", 505th Parachute Infantry, participated in a daylight attack against enemy forces of an estimated strength of about 400 SS Infantry and other enemy troops, supported by AT guns and mortars. Technician Fifth Grade PACK exposed himself to their fire in order to keep open the communication between his platoon and company. The attack moved down the street against two enemy AT guns. Due to superior enemy strength, Technician Fifth Grade PACK's platoon was forced to disengage. He voluntarily remained in his forward position although his location was under observed mortar fire, until effective fire was brought on the enemy positions and their gun crews were knocked out of action. The information relayed over his set in this forward area was invaluable to the success of the company mission. His display of initiative and great personal courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from DICKSON, TENNESSEE.

AIDAN C. PATTERSON, 39023616, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations for the period 17 to 21 September 1944 at *** and ***, HOLLAND. Before the invasion of HOLLAND, Sergeant PATTERSON, Squad Leader, Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, showed unusual devotion to duty during the preparation for the operation. On the DZ, under enemy observation and small arms fire, he skillfully organized his men and aptly directed the opening of his bundles. He secured the entire equipment of his squad. Immediately thereafter he showed great courage and aggressiveness in the attack upon ***. During the three following nights, he led patrols into enemy territory and obtained valuable information overlooking the WAAL River. Sergeant PATTERSON repeatedly exposed himself to heavy artillery and small arms fire in order to more quickly and accurately adjust the fire of his squad. The added fire power thus obtained was instrumental in defeating the enemy and seizing the bridges at ***. This excellent work has been characteristic of him throughout the entire campaign. Entered military service from FORT MacARTHUR, SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA.

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LEO P. PURDIN, 38589832, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 19 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class PURDIN, machine gunner, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, moved in support of Company "A" attacking German positions in the vicinity of ***. During the attack, ammunition became dangerously low. An enemy counterattack was imminent and the situation was very grave. Private First Class PURDIN, with two companies, voluntarily made his way back through territory that was not yet cleared of the enemy, and, risking injury by sniper fire as well as capture, succeeded in returning to the company with a resupply of urgently needed ammunition and medical supplies. The efforts of Private First Class PURDIN and his companions contributed much to the security of the company position and enabled his company to prepare for an enemy counterattack. Entered military service from SAMPULA, OKLAHOMA.

SALVATORE D. SAN FILIPPO, 36238838, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 30 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. Private SAN FILIPPO, an aid man in the 325th Glider Infantry, displayed outstanding courage and high devotion to duty throughout a night counterattack launched by the enemy against his unit's positions. He left the safety of his foxhole and moved continually throughout the front lines under heavy artillery shelling and automatic weapons fire to administer first aid to casualties. In the course of the action he was wounded, but refused to accept aid for himself until the counterattack was over. His devotion to duty and high courage under fire were an inspiration to the men of the company and contributed materially to the maintenance of their high morale and the successful frustration of the counterattack. His action exemplified the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from OCONOHOC, WISCONSIN.

WOODROW R. STEVENSON, 20456590, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 25 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private STEVENSON, Rifleman, Company "A", 505th Parachute Infantry, exhibited great personal courage when he intentionally drew fire to himself to locate the position of enemy weapons and destroy them. His squad was subjected to a fierce assault by enemy forces superior in weapons and men. He moved out of his foxhole and exposed himself to fire from enemy automatic weapons. Once he determined their position he inflicted heavy casualties on them with his BAR. As a result of his exemplary action he enabled his squad to stop the enemy attack and allowed Company "E", 325th Glider Infantry, to dig in their positions in this area with a minimum of casualties. The dominant personal courage and composure under fire displayed by Private STEVENSON was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE.

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ARTHUR M. THOMPSON, 18109208, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant THOMPSON, Squad Leader, Company "I", 505th Parachute Infantry, by dominant leadership delayed one company of enemy troops long enough for his company to take up an ultimately successful defensive position. He had been given the mission of attacking the enemy's flank. As he was about to launch this attack, he was brought under fire from an enemy maneuvering element of company strength. Realizing that his company was unprepared for this enemy maneuver, he instilled confidence in his squad by personally manning his light machine gun in the face of the attack. As a result of his action, his squad succeeded in disorganizing the enemy force, which was easily repulsed by the tenacious defense in the company sector. The cool, decisive leadership of Sergeant THOMPSON reflected favorably upon the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MALAKOTT, TEXAS.

PAUL E. THOMPSON, 6253357, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant THOMPSON, Provisional 60mm Mortar Platoon Leader in Company "I", distinguished himself during the *** Bridgehead operation by providing continuous and accurate mortar support for his company. Northwest of the *** Bridgehead, Sergeant THOMPSON put his two mortars into action so effectively that a fierce and determined enemy counterattack was broken up. After all available mortar ammunition had been used, Sergeant THOMPSON and one of his men manned a captured German gun when the enemy again counterattacked, and forced the withdrawal of two enemy armored vehicles and materially assisted in repelling the enemy thrust. Throughout the remainder of the campaign, Sergeant THOMPSON continued to render excellent support with his mortars at all times despite the fact that he had only five men available to man three guns. His tireless devotion to duty and heroic conduct in the face of the enemy were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from HUMBLE, TEXAS.

HENRY J. VREDEVOOGD, 36423534, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. While serving as a rifleman in Company "H", 504th Parachute Infantry, Private First Class VREDEVOOGD was in the first assault wave during the crossing of the WAAL River. Before reaching the north bank of the river, he was painfully wounded about the head. Conditions on the small bridgehead on the north bank of the river were initially very bad due to heavy casualties and the necessity of evacuating all wounded across the river. Despite the heavy enemy fire and his own wounds, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated and immediately assisted in carrying his more seriously wounded comrades down to the boats. Private First Class VREDEVOOGD aided the overworked medical staff and speeded up the completion of the evacuation. The high conception of duty and unselfish courage displayed by Private First Class VREDEVOOGD during this critical action reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from GRAND VILLE, MICHIGAN.

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GEORGE V. WALLACE, 38134034, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 8 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class WALLACE, light machine gunner, Company "A", 505th Parachute Infantry, conducted himself in a courageous manner and was instrumental in turning an enemy counterattack. His platoon had a defensive mission, and Private First Class WALLACE's machine gun had been placed in position in a hedgerow. The enemy launched an attack on the platoon's position in a hedgerow. The enemy launched an attack on the platoon's position with overwhelming numerical superiority. Private First Class WALLACE tenaciously held his position in the face of this fanatical attack and kept his gun firing even when he had been by-passed by the enemy troops. As a result of his personal courage the enemy attack was disorganized and broken and his gun was used as a base of fire in mopping up operations against the enemy, who had penetrated the position. This display of perseverance, heroism, and exemplary conduct by Private First Class WALLACE was in the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SANTA ANNA, TEXAS.

HOWARD W. WEST, 37592678, Corporal, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in military operations on 16 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Corporal WEST was on duty with a field artillery liaison section with an infantry battalion whose troops were being harassed by enemy artillery which was inflicting considerable damage. There was no observation of the enemy guns and their location could not be established. Corporal WEST volunteered, with other members of the section, to go out beyond the front lines with an infantry patrol to any point which the enemy pieces could be observed. The patrol was brought under intense fire, one man being killed and two wounded. Despite the hazards involved and in utter disregard for his own safety, Corporal WEST proceeded to a point approximately 400 yards from the enemy gun position and aided in bringing down the fire of his artillery battalion to silence them by laying wire as the patrol advanced and keeping communications established. This act, reducing our losses due to enemy artillery shelling, was exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

EDGAR R. WHIPPLE, 27122480, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 1 and 2 October 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Corporal WHIPPLE, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "H", 505th Parachute Infantry, gave gallant and exemplary performance of duty when, under heavy small arms and artillery fire, he maintained wire communication during severe fighting. The enemy had launched a heavy attack of infantry and armor and wire communication was repeatedly blown out. Corporal WHIPPLE walked, crawled and ran along ditches and across shell torn and contested fields; spliced and laid new wire, and repaired the old lines. With utter disregard for personal safety throughout the course of the attack, he enabled the outposts to direct concentrated artillery and mortar fire on the enemy. Corporal WHIPPLE's gallant actions and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

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ROBERT J. WHITE, 39600771, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations on 1 and 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private WHITE was a rifleman, Company "D", 508th Parachute Infantry. When the enemy overran the forward positions of his battalion PLR and approached his platoon defensive position, Private WHITE and one man discovered an enemy group which had infiltrated through the left flank of his platoon. With one other man, he left his hole and crawled to a position from which he was able to deliver effective rifle fire, which killed at least six Germans and wounded several others, and destroyed an attempt by this enemy group to throw grenades into the platoon position. Subsequently, Private WHITE and one other man placed a minefield in front of the platoon position when German tanks attempted to approach along a road to the front. The minefield was completed in spite of heavy fire from enemy artillery and mortars. Entered military service from MONTANA.

RANDALL WILLING, 35093312, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in military operations from 17 September 1944 to 19 September 1944 at *** and ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant WILLING, Section Sergeant, LMG Platoon, Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry, assumed command of his section during action on the drop zone when his Section Sergeant became a casualty. During action in ***, he continually exposed himself to the enemy in order to draw their fire and locate their positions. When they fired, he adjusted his own fire on them and drove them from their position. As a result of his action numerous enemy snipers and automatic weapons were located and destroyed. Sergeant WILLING's heroic and exemplary conduct in this action reflects the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

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I -- AWARD OF SILVER 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, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

FRED BRINK, 39105325, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Corporal BRINK was one of a group of men whose mission was the seizing and holding of an important bridge west of *** on the INFERNET River. Corporal BRINK, armed with a bazooka, was assigned the mission of stopping any tanks that might make an attempt to cross the bridge and overrun the battalion's defenses. Shortly after getting into position, three enemy tanks followed by two companies of infantry, attempted a crossing of the bridge. In order to stop the onslaught, Corporal BRINK, displaying great courage and devotion to duty, and with no regard for personal safety, leaped into the center of the road and at very close range fired point blank at the leading tank which was firing machine gun and cannon fire at him. He destroyed the first tank and opened fire on the second one, thereby blocking the road and leaving the enemy infantry so placed that the riflemen behind Corporal BRINK were able to dispose of them. Throughout the action, Corporal BRINK was exposed to the fire of friendly troops as well as that of the enemy. This gallant and courageous deed was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORT BRAGG, CALIFORNIA.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

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

WILLIAM T. BLAIR, 14041761, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1943 near ***, SICILY. Staff Sergeant BLAIR a member of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, was one of a small group of men who attacked a pill box heavily fortified with barb-wire and concrete and containing four machine guns. Without regard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant BLAIR advanced under intense machine gun fire,

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across open terrain, to a position from which he could effectively bring small arms fire, to bear on the emplacements, allowing the remainder of the group to advance and blasted the enemy from their positions with hand grenades and small arms fire, killing eleven of the enemy and capturing twenty nine men and two officers. Entered military service from MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

THOMAS C. HELGESON, O-1283770, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During the initial stage of a battalion attack on that town, Company "F", 504th Parachute Infantry, commanded by Captain HELGESON, suffered heavy casualties. Unmindful of concentrated close-range fire from flak guns, automatic weapons and artillery, he courageously reorganized his command and moved among his men to exhort, advise and encourage them and led them across 400 yards of open terrain protected with barbed wire. While breaking through entanglements they sustained further casualties, including all company officers. Captain HELGESON quickly regrouped his men and led them again in an assault which was stopped by the enemy. Disregarding hostile fire, he reorganized once more and keeping the determination of his men at high pitch by his own exemplary fearlessness, drove the enemy from the objective and held it against all enemy counter-attacks. Throughout the three hours of this action, Captain HELGESON exhibited complete disregard for enemy fire, magnificent bravery and outstanding leadership. The successful accomplishment of the company mission against a numerically superior foe backed by greater fire-power was due to his heroism, determination and inspiring conduct in the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from RIFON, WISCONSIN.

JOHN R. HITES, 35600491, Corporal, 254th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal HITES, radio operator, displayed superior courage and soldierly determination by remaining at his observation post under an enemy tank attack which finally overran his position. He radioed artillery fire adjustments and direction which halted the tanks until friendly infantry had evacuated the town and taken up a more favorable position. When their displacement was successfully accomplished, Corporal HITES withdrew through the town and rejoined the infantry in woods 400 yards to the north. All the while he was in full view of the enemy and under direct artillery and automatic weapons fire. His courage and keen performance of duty enabled American troops in *** to safely reestablish new positions in the face of an enemy assault in superior strength with tanks and SF artillery. Entered military service from WOOSTER, OHIO.

ANTHONY G. LASLEY, 35044168, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant LASLEY, Squad Leader, Company "G", 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, was second in command of a group that demolished a trestle bridge two and one-half miles within enemy territory. Sergeant LASLEY made the initial reconnaissance to the bridge alone before bringing up the other members of the group to destroy it. The charges were placed under the bridge while enemy sentinels and motor traffic were passing over the bridge. He conducted himself outstandingly in the execution of a mission involving movement of the patrol, placing of charges, provision of security for the party, and successful withdrawal. Sergeant LASLEY's

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skill, courage and leadership contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of a mission that retarded the enemy's advance during a critical operation. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

** One award of Silver Star is revoked by #20# 9-Jan-18-1945*
~~John C. H. Lee, U.S. Army, Major, 507th Airborne Engineer Battalion.~~
For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Major LEE, Battalion S-3, volunteered for, planned, led and successfully executed a bridge demolition mission two and one-half miles behind the enemy's front lines. En route to the objective, Major LEE skillfully by-passed enemy sentries and strongpoints and with utter disregard for his own safety made repeated reconnaissance into possible danger areas. During work upon the bridge, enemy vehicles and foot troops moved constantly back and forth. Major LEE accomplished the task efficiently, silently and speedily. His technical skill and foresightedness in preparatory planning, his courageous and inspiring leadership and cool-headedness during tense moments, assured accomplishment of a mission that greatly hindered enemy movement and materially delayed his advances. Entered the United States Military Academy from WEST VIRGINIA.

ARTHUR A. MAYO, 6553695, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Technician Fourth Grade MAYO, Patrol Leader, voluntarily led a night reconnaissance patrol into enemy territory to gain information of enemy positions and strength. After having penetrated the enemy lines several thousand yards, Technician Fourth Grade MAYO's patrol of two men was attacked by eighteen of the enemy. The two men accompanying him were wounded. Technician Fourth Grade MAYO, unhesitatingly, made his way through intense machine gun, rifle, and hand grenade fire to within six feet of the enemy who were in covered positions and proceeded to engage them with hand grenades. His two wounded men were thus able to escape to a position from which they could reach help. Only after drawing all enemy fire to himself, killing several of the enemy and having assured himself that his men were safe did he withdraw. This heroic act was in the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

HUBERT G. PACK, 7085507, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his platoon leader and elements of his platoon were trapped by a superior force of enemy, Private PACK, a radio operator, voluntarily made his way through machine gun fire and found a covered escape route. He led his leader and some men out of the trap, and found that four were missing. Private PACK again made the hazardous trip through the enemy lines and brought out two of the men. He then went back to locate the remaining two men and crawled to within ten feet of an enemy mortar position where he saw that both were dead. This gallant and courageous action on the part of Private PACK was a source of inspiration to his comrades and was in keeping with the glorious traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DICKSON, TENNESSEE.

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✓ **ROBERT PEARL**, 20228209, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant PEARL voluntarily led a four man patrol far behind enemy lines to secure identification of enemy units. His route was over a causeway across the DOUVE River. Finding the bridge demolished, he swam his patrol over the river under enemy observation and was immediately attacked with machine gun fire. With cool judgment and exceptional skill, Staff Sergeant PEARL led his men to the enemy and destroyed the hostile outpost, killing four. He then took three men and rushed back approximately 30 Germans while others cut identification from the dead enemy and searched them for information. This completed, he took his men back safely across the river without casualty, having secured valuable data for his unit. His courage, initiative and skill were a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

✓ **JAMES D. BUCK**, O-1175657, First Lieutenant, 254th Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant BUCK, forward observer, displayed superior courage and determination in remaining at his forward observation post in the face of a severe enemy tank assault which finally overran his position. He called for and adjusted friendly artillery concentrations upon this enemy force, thus enabling the isolated American troops in the town to reach a more tenable position in a woods 400 yards to the north. Upon the successful completion of this displacement, First Lieutenant BUCK withdrew through the town, all the while in plain sight of the enemy and under intense artillery and small arms fire. First Lieutenant BUCK's courage and superior performance of duty in the face of imminent danger enabled the infantry to safely reestablish favorable positions while under attack by a numerically superior enemy force supported by tanks and SP artillery. Entered military service from INDIANA.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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

✓ **DALE C. HUDSON**, 37247044, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. While acting as a scout for his squad when it was pinned down by fire from an enemy high-velocity gun, Private First Class HUDSON voluntarily made himself a target to draw the enemy's attention. This bold act enabled the remainder of his squad to deploy and bring direct fire on the gun crew which resulted in their surrender and the capture of the gun. In a later phase of the same engagement, when his squad was under fire from superior enemy forces and automatic weapons, Private First Class HUDSON again acted as a decoy and drew upon himself the concentrated fire of the foe. In this action he was killed, but his squad was thereby able to reach the IG positions and kill all the gunners. Private First Class HUDSON displayed superb courage and gallantry of the highest order in keeping with the glorious record of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WATERLOO, IOWA.

ALEXANDER J. MATSICK, 35275929, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 June 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. In order that supporting aircraft might bring effective fire on the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade MATSICK moved beyond the front lines into enemy territory to lay signal panels. He performed this act successfully under intense sniper, artillery and small arms fire. On the return trip, he saw a comrade lying wounded. With utter disregard for his own safety, and with snipers shooting at him, Technician Fifth Grade MATSICK went to the wounded man and was carrying him to safety when a sniper wounded him mortally. The gallantry of this act, which was beyond the call of duty, was an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the glorious traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from STEUBENVILLE, OHIO.

IV -- WARD 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, Dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

KENNARD C. AUSTIN, 15236316, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class AUSTIN, a Bazooka Gunner, was with a roadblock consisting of his bazooka, two MG's and a non-commissioned officer in charge. At 1100 hours an enemy tank, followed by enemy infantry, came down the road toward the roadblock from the east. The machine gun fired on the infantry before the tank passed, but disclosed their position and brought 20mm fire from the tank which knocked out the machine guns. Private First Class AUSTIN held his fire until the tank was 75 yards from him, fired his bazooka three times and damaged the tank. The enemy tank retreated, but continued firing its gun at Private First Class AUSTIN, but he remained in position as a threat to the tank if it should try to advance again. Private First Class AUSTIN's courageous and determined stand repulsed a tank attack and halted the entire assault on his platoon's position. Entered military service from COLCORD, WEST VIRGINIA.

GEORGE E. BANKS, 14009802, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ~~###~~, GERMANY. Private BANKS, a rifleman, Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry, moved with the leading elements in his company's attack against Hill 75.9, and was able to locate enemy gun positions on the hill and direct fire upon them before several of these enemy positions could coordinate their fire upon the attacking company. One company of approximately 150 Germans, reinforced by one platoon of MG's, defended the hill. Private BANKS was conspicuous in the spirited and aggressive manner in which he frequently preceded the attacking elements, sometimes moving ahead of his company in order to reach a position from which he could bring fire upon the enemy or joining one of the assault groups to reinforce that effort. Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry, seized and occupied this position with a strength of only 70 men. During the subsequent period of five days when his company defended this position against several determined enemy attacks, Private BANKS remained alert and energetic. In one instance, he discovered a small enemy patrol which was attempting to infiltrate into the position from a concealed approach and directed fire which destroyed this plan. Entered military service from FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA.

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JOHN M. BARTON, 13177146, Corporal, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 September 1944 in ~~****~~, HOLLAND. Upon learning that his section leader lay wounded in an outpost position, Corporal BARTON alone drove a vehicle through the town of ~~****~~ during a severe fire fight with German paratroopers who held positions in the town itself. Despite the fact that he was subjected to close range enemy machine gun fire for the greater part of his trip, Corporal BARTON continued on to the spot where his section leader lay. On reaching him, he discovered a wounded American paratrooper close by. Still under fire, Corporal BARTON placed both men in the vehicle, turned and retraced his perilous route through the town and succeeded in getting his wounded comrades to a place where they could be given proper medical aid. Corporal BARTON's cool courage and determination are a tribute to the highest standards of our Armed Forces and won the respect and admiration of all who witnessed his actions. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

GLENN BELL, 19175336, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 and 18 September 1944 near ~~****~~, HOLLAND. During an attack by his platoon upon the MMS-WAAL Canal Bridge. Southwest of ~~****~~, Staff Sergeant BELL disregarded all efforts to seek cover in order to better direct the fires of his mortar platoon. Although exposed to fire within 200 yards of the enemy positions, he unhesitatingly moved across open ground to coordinate attacking groups and was able to maintain frequent contact with his platoon leader, a factor which contributed largely to the orderly advance upon the objective. As the fighting grew hotter, Staff Sergeant BELL maneuvered a section of his platoon across open ground to bring flanking fire upon the bridge defenses. In this action his machine gun crew was knocked out. He personally manned the gun placing it to fire through the openings of an enemy pillbox. So that his fire could have been more effective, he remained in the open until he had destroyed this obstacle. During this encounter he was seriously wounded. Throughout the fighting, his high courage, outstanding skill and initiative were highly instrumental in maintaining the efficiency of the mortar platoon in the most critical situations. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

ROBERT G. BRADLEY, 35748801, Corporal, 254th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 December 1944 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Corporal BRADLEY, jeep driver with a forward observation party, displayed courage and a keen sense of duty by staying at his post until it was overrun by the enemy. He remained forward in the face of an assault by a numerically superior enemy supported by tanks and SP artillery until friendly troops had evacuated the town. Then, in full view of the enemy and under intense fire, he withdrew across a muddy open field where his vehicle was mined. Rather than leave it, he destroyed the jeep and rejoined the infantry on foot. His courage and conduct were in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

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CHARLES E. BROWN, 35491469, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 21 September 1944 near ###, HOLLAND. Just before his company moved into an attack upon ###, HOLLAND, Private First Class BROWN, from a position on our right flank, sighted an enemy combat patrol moving toward us. Private First Class BROWN was unable to notify the company because the attack order had been given. Notwithstanding this, he protected the flank alone, brought fire upon the patrol, killed the leader and drove off the remainder of the patrol. The company attack was enabled to move forward without resistance on the flank. By his daring action in remaining in position, Private First Class BROWN probably prevented many casualties and played a large part in the success of our attack. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

VINCENT S. CHEADLE, 29224871, Private First Class, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 3 July 1944 near ###, FRANCE. Private First Class CHEADLE, a member of a field artillery forward observation party, was on duty with the Infantry Assault Battalion in the attack upon Hill 131, North of ###. The party moved up with the landing infantry squad and established the artillery observation post with communications to the battalion even before the enemy was cleared from the hill. Private First Class CHEADLE was continually exposed to hazards greater than those endured by the leading infantrymen, who could proceed under cover or in a prone position, impossible to the forward observation party, who were carrying heavy communications equipment. During the advance up Hill 131 the entire party was subjected to enemy fire from all types of weapons. This exceptional gallantry made close artillery support continually available and materially assisted in the continuing advance. Entered military service from PORTLAND, OREGON.

JAMES COCHENOUR, 35616113, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 23 September 1944 near ###, HOLLAND. At a critical moment during an attack upon a village in the vicinity of ###, HOLLAND, well sited enemy positions placed heavy machine gun and small arms fire across our front. The entire advance was stopped. Private COCHENOUR, realizing the necessity for a quick assault on this position, maneuvered his squad across open ground until he could direct fire from the flank of the enemy position. This bold, speedy action by Private COCHENOUR temporarily disorganized and confused the enemy and permitted our company to move forward, annihilating the enemy at this point. Entered military service from OHIO.

PAUL CRENE, 36599920, Corporal, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 near ###, HOLLAND. Corporal CRENE, as assistant leader of a combat patrol, moved forward about 300 yards ahead of our outpost. Automatic weapons opened fire from three directions, killing the officer in charge and another man. Corporal CRENE took charge without hesitation and with the BAR man covered the safe withdrawal of the rest of the patrol. He and the BAR man then moved forward and across the yard, each taking his turn covering the movement of the other. They moved well toward the center of a group of houses and entered one undetected. From an upstairs window he located an enemy mortar battery, a machine gun position and two-in rifleman. After dark they slipped back

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through the lines and Corporal CREME reported his observations to his Commanding Officer immediately. By his cool judgment and foresightedness under extreme pressure Corporal CREME rescued his patrol from a dangerous situation then went on to secure information invaluable to the success of future operations of his company. His gallant action, initiative and aggressive leadership were prime factors in aiding his unit and reflects great credit upon the Army of the United States. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

CHARLES R. CROWNOVER, 34152646, Technician Fourth Grade, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. At the time of the assault crossing of the WAAL River, 20 September 1944, Technician Fourth Grade CROWNOVER, an automobile mechanic and truck driver, requested that he be allowed to serve as a boatman on the hazardous crossing. This request granted, Technician Fourth Grade CROWNOVER crossed the WAAL River with the first wave of assault infantry under intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire. Although this was not his duty, Technician Fourth Grade CROWNOVER performed his mission under fire with complete calm, with courage, and with utter disregard for his own safety. He was wounded but refused to be relieved and made six crossings of the river with the infantry forces, evacuating wounded from the far side on each return trip. Technician Fourth Grade CROWNOVER's courageous actions set an example for the infantry soldiers in his boat and contributed to the success of the operation. Entered military service from SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

JOHN CRUZ, 32641632, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private CRUZ, Aid Man, Medical Detachment, 325th Glider Infantry, with utter disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to intense mortar and artillery fire to render first aid to all casualties. At the height of the barrage, Private CRUZ personally evacuated the artillery observer who was rendered a casualty by the first mortar shell. Private CRUZ, in his first time under fire, set a high example of courage and efficiency. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

WILLIE L. DeLENE, 3423 78, Private, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. In the early morning hours of 28 September 1944 the hill at *** and the road leading into *** from *** came under intense and sustained enemy artillery fire. The corporal of an anti-tank gun crew situated at the bottom of the hill was phoning a report to his Platoon CP when he was hit by shrapnel. Private DeLENE was listening to the corporal's report by means of an extension on the CP line when he heard the corporal say, "I'm hit". Without hesitation, Private DeLENE leaped from his foxhole, raced several hundred yards to the bottom of the hill, being knocked to the ground by shell blasts several times en route. Upon reaching the wounded man, he rendered prompt and efficient first aid. Despite continued shelling of the area, he moved the patient to the Regimental Aid Station. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private DeLENE on this occasion are a tribute to the highest standards of the United States Army's Medical Corps and commanded the respect and admiration of all who witnessed his actions. Entered military service from WOODLAND, LOUISIANA.

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ROBERT J. DWYER, O-1309149, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 8 October 1944 near HOLLAND. First Lieutenant DWYER, having been relieved of town patrol by another Demolition Squad, was returning with his men to the Regimental Command Post. A short distance from HOLLAND, First Lieutenant DWYER and his squad were pinned down by a heavy barrage of enemy artillery fire. The squad immediately dispersed for cover as the enemy sent flares up into the sky. First Lieutenant DWYER, with total disregard for personal safety, made a physical check on his men and found that four were seriously wounded. After dispatching a runner to the Regimental Medics, First Lieutenant DWYER, still under intense enemy shelling, administered first aid to the wounded. He stayed with them, doing his utmost in the way of medical care, until the Medics arrived. During this entire incident, First Lieutenant DWYER's courage and devotion to duty were a great inspiration to all members of his squad. Entered military service from JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK.

GEORGE C. ECKL, 36626337, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near HOLLAND. Sergeant ECKL, Squad Leader, after two previous members of his platoon had been wounded, acted voluntarily as forward observer for the 81mm mortar platoon with the assault rifle company. In a sustained and hard pressed attack against numerically superior enemy forces by his battalion, he adjusted fire on enemy strongpoints close to the attacking troops. Enemy forces were neutralized and the assault companies were able to press on and seize the objective. During this action, Sergeant ECKL was wounded. His devotion to duty and utter disregard for personal safety were prime factors in making possible the successful completion of this operation without the sacrifice of any additional lives. His conduct was an inspiration to the men taking part in this action and reflects the highest credit upon his unit and the nation he serves. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

JAMES T. ENGLISH, 34515580, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near HOLLAND. During an early morning attack the platoon of which Private First Class ENGLISH was a rifleman entered an enemy strongpoint in and around a stone farm house. Because of the lack of cover and concealment, casualties were heavy and the platoon was unable to reduce the house with their weapons. A supporting tank 400 yards to their rear fired over their heads into the house. Private First Class ENGLISH left cover as the tank started to fire, crawled forward to where two of his comrades lay wounded and dragged each of them to a farm wagon to protect them from flying debris as the tank shattered the house. The action of Private First Class ENGLISH not only saved the lives of two of his comrades but inspired a spirit of teamwork within his squad that helped carry his platoon forward to their objective. Entered military service from ROCKINGHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.

CLAYTON BRICKSON, 36317088, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 7 October 1944 near HOLLAND. Corporal BRICKSON, Squad Leader, displayed courage and keen devotion to duty in the maintenance of communications at a critical time. He serviced and ran wire lines across an open and exposed field, 200 yards from the enemy.

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He was under constant enemy observation in an area declared unsafe to cross during daylight hours. Acting with complete disregard for his personal safety, he crossed and recrossed the open field during continuous pounding by artillery and small arms fire and kept the line intact to the forward companies. By his fearless and aggressive action he gained the admiration of all his fellow soldiers and set a high standard of performance under enemy fire. Corporal THOMPSON'S devotion to duty and heroic conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

GUYFORD E. THOMAS, 35600588, Technician Fourth Grade, 254th Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 Dec 1944 near BIELE, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS, radio operator with a forward observation party, displayed courage and a keen sense of duty by destroying his radio when overrun by the enemy. He had remained at his post relaying fire direction orders until American Infantry had evacuated the town in the face of an assault by a numerically superior enemy supported by tanks and SP artillery. Then, in full view of the enemy and under direct artillery fire, he attempted to withdraw across a muddy field. When his vehicle became mired, Technician Fourth Grade THOMAS destroyed the radio and rallied the infantry on foot. His courage and conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT.....I

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-15, 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 C. ERNST, 3503449, First Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 near **, HOLLAND. At about 0800 an enemy aircraft dropped AP bombs on the company bivouac area. One bomb struck and exploded in the vicinity of the company kitchen, inflicting wounds to First Sergeant ERNST and other enlisted men. Although First Sergeant ERNST suffered a broken arm, he immediately organized all men in the vicinity and helped to render first aid to the more seriously wounded. First Sergeant ERNST then escorted the wounded men to the Battalion Aid Station for further treatment. At approximately 0830 while the wounded men were being treated at the Battalion Aid Station, another AP bomb struck the tent. First Sergeant ERNST again demonstrated his coolness and courage and again ordered all men to cover and assisted those who received additional wounds and were unable to help themselves. His broken arm and wounds had not yet been attended. Through First Sergeant ERNST's coolness and leadership, the wounded men were given first aid and shelter. After the wounded men had been attended to, First Sergeant ERNST had his broken arm set. After two days in the hospital he returned to his duties with his arm in a cast, having refused to be evacuated, and with his usual vigor and enthusiasm maintained his high record for efficiency and thoroughness. Entered military service from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

SERGIO R. FELIPE, 3200000, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 near **, HOLLAND. At dawn the enemy commenced a determined counterattack in company strength supported by four tanks against the first and second platoon positions of Company "F". Firing at the range of 125 yards, the tanks inflicted many casualties and proved impregnable to bazooka fire. Two runners were sent to the rear to obtain anti-tank fire. One was wounded immediately, and the other was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Seeing that the platoons were in grave danger of being overrun and that casualties were mounting rapidly, Staff Sergeant FELIPE, Platoon Sergeant, volunteered and obtained permission to make the extremely hazardous trip to obtain help. While crossing 500 yards of open terrain, the rear, Staff Sergeant FELIPE was the object of all the fire the enemy could concentrate on him. One tank fired two rounds of 57mm which narrowly missed him.

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Pressing fearlessly on, he reached our anti-tank gun and so accurately directed the crew's fire that the tank was driven from its defilade position and knocked out. Staff Sergeant FELLIPS then recrossed the 500 yards of terrain still swept with small arms and machine gun fire and resumed his duties as platoon sergeant. Staff Sergeant FELLIPS's action did much to restore what might have been an untenable situation. His personal courage in unhesitatingly volunteering for a mission of great danger after having observed the fate of others who had tried to perform the same duty reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest standards of the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

FRANK A. FERRI, 10156268, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ~~***~~, HOLLAND. In the assault on the vital bridge crossing the WAAL River, a Sherman Tank, manned by a British crew, was knocked out. Private FERRI, Rifleman, Company "D", 505th Parachute Infantry, and one comrade immediately without regard for their personal safety, rushed into a bullet swept street, and removed a wounded British soldier from the tank. At all times during their action the tank was under direct fire, from all guns and snipers who had observation from nearby buildings. These two men removed the wounded tank man to a safe position behind a wall some fifty yards away. From there they carried him about four hundred yards to another position where he was given proper first aid treatment. All during this action the enemy was laying down heavy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

DENNIS W. FISHGRAB, 6955543, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 and 18 September 1944 at ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Sergeant FISHGRAB was leading a patrol into the town when it was attacked and some of his men were wounded and unable to keep pace with the group. They were left under cover while the patrol continued. When the patrol had completed its mission and was returning to our lines, Sergeant FISHGRAB covered the injured men and fought off enemy snipers until the wounded could be evacuated to safety. Entered military service from GAGE, OKLAHOMA.

WESLEY A. FORSYTHE, 55408205, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Private FORSYTHE, Wireman, was responsible for maintaining company wire communications. An intense enemy artillery barrage in the area between the company Command Post and the Third Platoon repeatedly knocked out wire communication. During one of these periods of heavy artillery fire, Private FORSYTHE went out to repair the broken wire. In the process of working on a break, he was hit by shrapnel but despite his wound he continued until contact was reestablished. He remained in the dangerous area until the continuance of communications was assured. Private FORSYTHE's devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

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WILLIAM BRUCKEL, 37612151, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 near ***, COMPANY. Private First Class BRUCKEL, a wireman of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, maintained and repaired lines from the First Battalion Signal Platoon to the Mortar OP during an attack upon the battalion MP. For a period of five hours he worked under heavy artillery fire repairing breaks in the lines caused by enemy artillery. Although continually exposed to artillery and mortar fire, he was able to maintain almost continuous communication from the mortar OP to the mortar positions. Prompt and accurate direction of mortar fire upon the attacking enemy was possible and contributed in large part to the disorganization of the attack. Entered military service from BILLINGS, UTAH.

CLARENCE L. FURDEK, 34019761, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 13 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private FURDEK, attached medical aid man, moved with a LMG Platoon during our attack in the vicinity of ***, HOLLAND. One of our men was hit by machine gun fire as he attempted to cross an open field and was unable to move to cover. Completely disregarding his own safety, Private FURDEK crawled into the field and was hit by enemy fire. He recovered himself and continued until he reached the wounded man and dragged him back across the field to cover. During this entire action, enemy machine guns were firing at Private FURDEK. His self-sacrifice and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man at great risk to his own. Entered military service from CUDAHY, WISCONSIN.

WILLIAM F. GIERRE, 29021470, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private GIERRE, 505th Parachute Infantry, was a mortarman during the attack of the Second Battalion on ***. Under heavy artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he moved to an exposed observation post and personally directed mortar fire upon the enemy positions. Through his action a German machine gun nest which had kept our forces pinned down was wiped out. In doing this service for his country, Private GIERRE was wounded by enemy fire. By his heroic action he had facilitated the success of the battalion mission with reduced casualties. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

ARTHUR W. GETTS, 38876110, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During an especially fierce counter-attack by enemy forces, the leader of an LMG Section, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, was killed and his section became disorganized. Corporal GETTS, a junior non-commissioned officer, on his own initiative, quickly took over the section, reorganized it, and led the men back to their positions. He directed the section guns, placed devastating fire to our front and broke the German thrust. This quick action by Corporal GETTS not only helped stave off enemy forces but gave our troops time to recover and resume the attack. Entered military service from OKLAHOMA.

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CARL G. GOLD, 15112267, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 27 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class GOLD, first gunner in a machine gun squad, went forward and acted as a lead scout for the weapons platoon and the Battalion CP group who were following. His aggressive action and quick decisions when enemy were encountered made it possible to advance and join the rest of the company. After the objective had been taken, Private First Class GOLD saw a counterattack coming from the right flank. He immediately opened fire on the enemy and then went over on the other flank and into the center to aid in repulsing the attack. Private First Class GOLD's alertness and quick action gave members of the company who were on the reverse slope, warning in time to halt the enemy counterattack and drive them back. His actions unquestionably saved many lives and reflects the highest credit on himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from BLUESFIELD, VIRGINIA.

REED W. COUGLER, 6891026, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. The first platoon of Company "F", 505th Parachute Infantry, was moved into positions covering road blocks near ***, HOLLAND, when it was attacked by a strong enemy force. Sergeant COUGLER, leader of a LMG Section, immediately moved his section forward on his own initiative and held the enemy at bay until the rifle platoon had successfully displaced to defensive positions on higher ground. Sergeant COUGLER then withdrew his section, but still maintained steady fire on the enemy by leg-frogging his guns. Without regard for his personal safety under enemy small arms fire, he manned the last LMG, firing it cradled in his arms. After reaching high ground, he quickly selected positions for the guns and organized an excellent case of fire for the rifle platoon. Sergeant COUGLER, by rapid estimate of the situation, speedy execution of a sound tactical plan, was instrumental in repelling the enemy attack which seriously threatened the entire battalion mission. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

FRANCIS CRICE, O-1175137, Second Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on October 1, 2, and 3, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Second Lieutenant CRICE, Forward Observer with a forward line company gave continual support to the 325th Glider Infantry throughout the attack and at one time operated his radio under small arms fire while lying in the doorway of a house. Without this artillery support the objective could not have been taken. Second Lieutenant CRICE's heroic action in directing and concentrating very effective artillery fire, while continuously under small arms fire, was large responsible for stopping the fierce enemy attack against our line. Without regard for his own personal safety and exhibiting courage and coolness far beyond the call of duty, he furnished the infantry with close artillery support throughout the action for a period of three days. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

JOHN H. RUDIE, 15223251, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private RUDIE, a rifleman, Company "C", 508th Parachute Infantry, moved with his company in a battalion attack to clear a landing zone for scheduled glider landings. The LZ was seized and the Germans driven off but enemy 20mm anti-aircraft guns continued to fire from positions bordering this area. Private RUDIE voluntarily joined a group of three men, moved through an orchard to a position approximately 200 yards in advance of the battalion and attacked a battery of four 20mm anti-aircraft guns, killing or scolding several of the crews and causing the remainder to flee. Private RUDIE and his companions were able to capture four enemy guns and destroy several enemy. This action removed a great hazard which would have endangered the success of the glider landings as well as the security of this battalion's position. Entered military service from YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

JOHN G. HOWMAN, 35726366, Private, 1st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private HOWMAN, BAR Gunner, with a combat patrol, moved forward about 300 yards ahead of our outpost when automatic weapons opened fire from three directions. Intense crossfire killed the officer in charge. Without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, Private HOWMAN moved to a position where he could deliver covering fire for the safe withdrawal of all other members of the patrol except himself and the corporal that assumed command. He and the new patrol leader then moved forward and across the road, each taking his turn covering the movement of the other, into the center of a group of buildings and entered one house without detection by the enemy. From an upstairs window, he located an enemy mortar battery, a machine gun position and strongpoints where rifle men were dug in. After dark they slipped back through the lines and reported their observations to the Commanding Officer. By his unhesitating and gallant conduct in action and total disregard for personal safety, Private HOWMAN rendered invaluable service to his company. His actions reflect the greatest credit upon the unit and nation which he proudly serves. Entered military service from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

LEWIS F. HOSKINS, 6149440, Private, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. Private HOSKINS, BAR man, with two other BAR men, was placed on the point of a force of platoon strength attacking the town of ***, HOLLAND. During the advance, two BAR men on his right and left were wounded by the intense small arms and machine gun fire. Fully exposed to the enemy fire from dug-in positions, Private HOSKINS continued acting as the point for his platoon. He aggressively fired his weapon until the enemy was pinned down, enabling his platoon to advance and capture the town. Entered military service from SKOWHEGAN, MAINE.

WILLIAM P. JASPER, 15229354, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. German artillery shells fall within the Regimental CP from 00 hour, until 0500 hour. The first shells knocked out all the wire installations, killing three men and wounding seven. While the barrage continued, Private First Class JASPER and a detail of three lifemen left their foxholes and repaired

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the lines. He worked 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 MLR. Entered military service from OHIO.

JAMES E. KEENAN, 1205277, Priv 1st, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class KEENAN was a rifleman in Company "E" during the attack of the Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, on ~~###~~. During an enemy counter attack he braved enemy artillery and sniper fire four times to bring up ammunition to his squad's machine gun. By his heroic action of supplying ammunition to the machine gun protecting his platoon's flank, the crew was able to beat back the attackers. On his fourth trip with ammunition, Private First Class KEENAN was seriously wounded by sniper fire. By heroic work under heavy enemy fire, Private First Class KEENAN's platoon was saved from withdrawing from the enemy's fierce counterattack. His courage and determination to succeed, although wounded, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

WILLIAM T. KEITH, 3561424, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 25 October 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. When a strong combat patrol from Company "F" ran into fierce enemy resistance and suffered heavy casualties, Private KEITH, a medical aid man with Company "D" whose positions were adjacent to Company "F", immediately and voluntarily left cover on the MLR and proceeded into the area of the fire fight to administer necessary first aid. Oblivious to the continuous small arms, mortar, and artillery fire which fell in the patrol area, Private KEITH moved 700 yards to the area in which the wounded lay. He immediately administered first aid to eight of the wounded and moved two of the seriously wounded to positions of cover. Then returning to the MLR, Private KEITH hurriedly organized four litter teams and led them on to the field of battle under persistent enemy fire. After supervising the removal of all litter patients and walking wounded, Private KEITH made a complete sweep of the battlefield area to insure that no wounded personnel had been overlooked and then returned to the emergency aid station in the vicinity of the MLR. During the two hours during which Private KEITH remained on the battlefield, he rendered very unselfish services that no doubt saved the lives of many of his wounded comrades. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

PETER I. KELLY O-1322926, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ~~###~~, GERMANY. First Lieutenant KELLY, Battalion S-4, displayed courage of high order to deliver supplies to front line positions. Company "A", defending Hill 75.9, became isolated from the battalion and was encircled by the enemy. A redistribution of ammunition revealed only five rounds per man and none for automatic weapons. At 0900 hour, First Lieutenant KELLY, voluntarily led a carrying party through territory held by the Germans and succeeded in reaching this company with resupply. It is doubtful if their position could have

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been successfully defended had not First Lieutenant KELLEY reached it with additional ammunition. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

HARRY J. KENNEDY, 32885602, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on October 21 and 22, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class KENNEDY, a rifleman, Regimental S-2 Section, 508th 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 21 October 1944 Private First Class KENNEDY and one companion volunteered to patrol through enemy lines and remain in observation in a rear area. Under cover of night, Private First Class KENNEDY 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. Private First Class KENNEDY and his companion continued to a farmhouse from which they observed the surrounding country all next day. From this vantage point the small patrol was able to note all enemy movement along adjacent roads, types of German vehicles and identify certain enemy uniforms. At 1300 hour the patrol started back and encountered a German soldier enroute. Private First Class KENNEDY, who speaks perfect German, questioned the German, and the patrol continued. Private First Class KENNEDY and his companion recrossed the canal and dyke at the same position used the night before and reached the regimental area at approximately midnight. Private First Class KENNEDY 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 supporting artillery, secure valuable information of the enemy and to determine targets for our artillery fire. The actions of Private First Class KENNEDY rendered a vital service in the security of his regimental position. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

MARION C. KINGERY, 35111107, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on September 26 and 27, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant KINGERY, Battalion Supply Sergeant, received a call that one company was isolated in a position more than one-half mile from the remainder of the battalion and desperately low on ammunition. Without hesitation he loaded a quarter-ton trailer with 1300 pounds of ammunition. He took it by jeep as close to the company's position as possible, then with the aid of two other men, manhandled the trailer over more than 1000 yards of a difficult trail. After locating the patrol sent out to guide his party, Staff Sergeant KINGERY made numerous trips carrying the ammunition over a steep hill trailer exposed to enemy observation and fire. After daylight he led the carrying party between the company's main line of resistance and enemy lines and returned undetected by the enemy on the return trip. His determined efforts to deliver the vital supplies were of material assistance in the maintenance of the company position against a penetration which could have been very serious. Entered military service from PERU, INDIANA.

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DAVID D. LIEBEMANN, C-527323, Second Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 1 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. On the night of 1 October 1944, a German artillery barrage fell upon the position occupied by Company "E". The artillery was followed by an especially determined counterattack by two companies of German infantry reinforced by three enemy tanks. Second Lieutenant LIEBEMANN, Assistant Platoon Leader of the First Platoon, Company "E", was in command of the right flank of his platoon position, which became exposed during the attack. Second Lieutenant LIEBEMANN held his position and by coordinating his fire, successfully fought off at least one hundred enemy and one tank, until reinforcements were brought to secure the open flank. He held his men in position and conducted a determined defense despite heavy enemy fire. This determined stand prevented an enemy penetration of the battalion line and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

WISRELL A. LUDWIG, 12092514, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 23 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Company "G" attacked a German position northeast of ***, HOLLAND, in support of an advance across this flat terrain by the Third Battalion, and encountered well sited machine gun emplacements along the dyke. These enemy positions directed a heavy volume of destructive fire into the company and effectively retarded the company advance. Private LUDWIG, a rifleman, worked his way to a position near the German emplacements. He crossed a small road covered by enemy machine gun fire, and attacked each position with grenades and rifle fire. As the company moved forward, Private LUDWIG crossed and returned over this road three times, in each instance attacking an enemy emplacement. The actions of Private LUDWIG successfully diverted enemy fire from his company and contributed to the destruction of the enemy positions. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

ALTON G. MACHOST, 18103045, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During the initial stages of the attack on Bridge No. 11 by Company "E", the Platoon Leader of the foremost platoon was entrapped in a canal. After he had progressed halfway across the canal, he was subjected to a hail of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. However, he was unable to climb out of the water because of the high, steep banks of the canal. This necessitated his continually swimming about and dodging the bullets until he became exhausted and numb from the cold water. Hearing his cry for help, Staff Sergeant MACHOST, accompanied by a Lieutenant, without hesitation voluntarily left their positions of comparative safety in a ditch and crossed approximately 75 yards of open terrain exposed to the full concentration of the enemy fire. After reaching the canal, they pulled the then helpless officer from the water and dragged him back under the full observation of the enemy situated in four flank towers and snipers who immediately began to fire on them. Staff Sergeant MACHOST, with skill and cool determination, successfully regained the safety of the ditch. These courageous and unselfish actions on the part of Staff Sergeant MACHOST, voluntarily made in an effort to rescue a stricken comrade, with utter disregard of his life, typify the highest standards of conduct in action and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them.

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His exemplary heroism reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

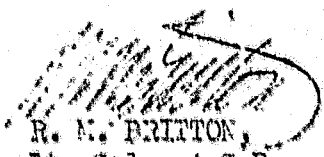
ORVILLE S. MARTIN, 36226522, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ~~****~~, HOLLAND. A section of MG's from Headquarters Company, First Battalion, attached to Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, became isolated in the face of a strong enemy attack, and was forced to withdraw to a new position. One man was wounded by shrapnel and fell face down into a water filled ditch. Private First Class MARTIN, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward through enemy small arms and mortar fire, picked up the man and carried him over 300 yards back to a position of safety where he was given first aid. By risking his own life to save that of a wounded comrade, Private First Class MARTIN's gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from LEWIS RIVER, WISCONSIN.

CARL MAURO, O 1321795, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ~~****~~, HOLLAND. During the initial stages of the attack on Bridge No. 11 by Company "E" the platoon leader of the foremost platoon was entrapped in a canal. After he had progressed halfway across the canal, he was subjected to a hail of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. However, he was unable to climb out of the water because of the high, steep banks of the canal. This necessitated his continually swimming about and dodging the bullets until he became exhausted and numb from the cold water. Hearing his cry for help, First Lieutenant MAURO, Assistant Platoon Leader, accompanied by a Staff Sergeant, without hesitation voluntarily left his position of comparative safety in a ditch and crossed approximately 75 yards of open terrain exposed to the full concentration of the enemy fire. After reaching the canal, they pulled the then helpless officer from the water and dragged him back under the full observation of the enemy situated in four flak towers and snipers who immediately began to fire on them. First Lieutenant MAURO, with skill and cool determination, successfully regained the safety of the ditch. These courageous and unselfish actions on the part of First Lieutenant MAURO, voluntarily made in an effort to rescue a stricken comrade, with utter disregard of his life, signify the highest standards of conduct in action and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them. His exemplary heroism reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

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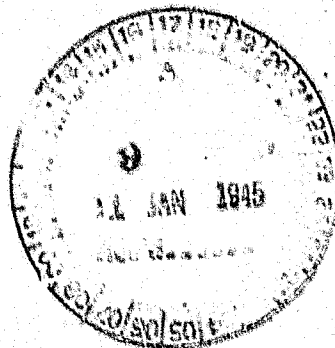
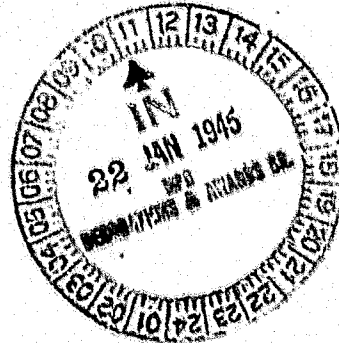
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT.....I

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:

GEORGE McCLESKY, 3457 92, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near HOLLAND. Private First Class McCLESKY, first mortar gunner, carried a message for fire when his platoon had been pinned down in an open flat field by three German machine guns and artillery aerial bursts. Private First Class McCLESKY left his position and ran 75 yards in the open field, guns firing at him all the way, hit the ground and crawled 75 more yards. At this point he was hit by aerial bursts from artillery, but he kept going until he contacted troops on his right and led them forward to fire on the German machine guns. Private First Class McCLESKY's alert and courageous initiative enabled his platoon to continue its mission without delay or serious casualties. Entered military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

CHARLES D. McCULLOUGH, 352/9981, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 30 September 1944 near HOLLAND. In an effort to break through our lines, the enemy laid down a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire to support the ground attack. Private First Class McCULLOUGH, Assistant Gunner, Company "F", 401st Glider Infantry, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, stayed by his 60mm mortar and fired more than 150 rounds during the attack. Although enemy artillery hit within ten feet, he stayed by his gun and continued firing. His heroic conduct in action and tenacious devotion to duty served as a real inspiration to the other men and helped immeasurably in successfully repelling the enemy attack. Entered military service from FORT MYER, VA.

JEREMIAH B. McGUIRE, 35044181, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near HOLLAND. Private First Class McGUIRE, Rifleman, Company "C", 325th Glider Infantry, showed unusual courage and daring by eliminating an enemy strong-point single-handedly. His squad had been advancing on a group of houses, but was pinned down by their intense rifle and machine gun fire. Without thought for his own safety, Private First Class McGUIRE moved close to the nearest building, threw a grenade inside and ordered the enemy to surrender. When his squad reached him, he had taken eight prisoners. In further assault, the squad was again immobilized by superior enemy fire. Private First Class McGUIRE volunteered to contact the

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platoon. He was wounded as he moved through the machine gun fire, but continued and delivered his report. Private First Class McGUIRE displayed courage and determination in the accomplishment of two voluntary missions. His actions were in the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN.

WILLIAM J. MEDDAUGH, C-1292558, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When two platoons of his company were cut off by enemy fire from the lead platoon, First Lieutenant MEDDAUGH assumed command and prevented the troops from falling back. The lead platoon and the two following platoons were at the main road intersection which was covered by enemy 88mm and machine gun fire. After a heavy artillery concentration, First Lieutenant MEDDAUGH brought the two platoons through the intersection, continually under machine gun and artillery fire, and enabled the Company Commander to successfully consolidate the Company's position against the enemy. First Lieutenant MEDDAUGH's leadership and courage in this action inspired his men and prevented a possible enemy break through. Entered military service from FOUCHERVILLE, NEW YORK.

RALPH R. MERRYMAN, 35290703, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class MERRYMAN, Rifleman, crawled across a cornfield covered by German artillery aerial bursts and machine gun fire against a German machine gun in a house on the left flank of his platoon. He crawled 120 yards on his stomach to a window in the house. There he raised on his knee, dropped a grenade in, knocked out the machine gun and joined his platoon in its advance. Private First Class MERRYMAN's courage and initiative enabled his organization to continue its mission with minimum casualties. Entered military service from BELLAREE, OHIO.

RAYMOND MICHALSKI, 32473438, Private, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During a night enemy counterattack, Private MICHALSKI, a medic, carried two wounded men to safety almost single handedly. He then returned to the field of action and continued treatment of other wounded despite enemy fire. His skilled efforts and devotion to duty proved a real morale builder to the line troops. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

JAMES J. MURPHY, 12190195, Corporal, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. A sudden attack directed against our flank overcame our security and knocked out the crew of a machine gun protecting that point. Corporal MURPHY moved quickly from his position some distance away, and succeeded in reaching this position in face of heavy fire. Without assistance he put the gun into action, manning this position and securing that flank. Corporal MURPHY's swift, aggressive action blocked the enemy attack and gained valuable time for his company to prepare its defense. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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JAMES W. NICHOLSON, 35111043, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 4 July 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLSON was acting in the capacity of jeep driver for the Medical Section of the First Battalion on the forward line, attacking in the vicinity of ~~###~~. A hard surface road leading south had been used to evacuate casualties from the forward area. During the afternoon this road came under heavy enemy artillery fire. American tanks were firing from the road and vehicular traffic was at a standstill. Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLSON, without regard to personal safety, alone, drove his vehicle through the intense fire and evacuated litter casualties, making four such trips in all. By his courage and bravery, and desire to do his duty, it was possible to maintain evacuation of the wounded uninterrupted, resulting in the saving of many lives. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

WALTER W. O'CONNOR, 15335123, Sergeant, 506th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 1 October 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Heavy enemy artillery fire fell on the position occupied by Company "E" in the Second Battalion sector of the MIA near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Shortly thereafter, the Germans directed an especially fierce attack against this position. The Company Executive Officer became a casualty and contact was lost with the Company Commander. Communications between the Company CP and the two platoons still on line could be maintained only by runner. Sergeant O'CONNOR, Company Communications Sergeant, left the cover of his foxhole while the barrage continued and dispatched runners to the platoons in an effort to reestablish communications within the company. During the entire attack he worked at maintaining liaison within the company, receiving reports from the platoons and relaying directions for artillery fire. He personally operated a SCR 300 in direct communication with his battalion CP and kept the Battalion Commanding Officer informed of his company situation. This position was later reinforced and the enemy attempted penetration between battalions, rendering the company sector of the Battalion MIA. The actions of Sergeant O'CONNOR in a critical and unusual situation were responsible in large measure for maintaining communications within his company and in retaining contact with the Battalion CP. He was able to render valuable assistance in stopping the German attack. Entered military service from INDIANA.

V CLARENCE A. OLSON, 34103977, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 30 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. During an enemy counterattack, Private First Class OLSON, a medical aid man, was administering first aid to a wounded man in a fox hole when a shell blew him completely out of the emplacement. Despite this, he completed treatment and aided in moving the man back to safety through intense enemy fire. His full devotion to duty was an inspiration to the men and undoubtedly saved the wounded man's life. Entered military service from CHASSELL, IOWA.

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WONARD OLSEN, 12058690, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 25 October 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. During the heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage which accompanied the fierce fire fight in which Company "D" combat control participated, the only communications line over which all artillery and mortar fires in support of the Company "D" were directed was severed. Sergeant OLSEN, rifle squad leader from Company "D", was in charge of the outmost position used as the channel of communication to the Battalion CP. In order to insure prompt and accurate delivery of supporting fires, Sergeant OLSEN set up an additional phone 200 yards forward of his outmost position. When enemy fire severed the communication line, he immediately traversed the 200 yard distance under heavy enemy fire and repaired the break. From his CP position he then assisted Lieutenant in air order and guiding litter teams to the area in which eight wounded comrades lay. When the forward line went out a second time, Sergeant OLSEN again moved forward over the hazardous terrain and repaired the break. Throughout the two hour fire fight he conducted himself unselfishly, and his courageous efforts in maintaining vital communications and supervising removal of the wounded did much to lessen the seriousness of the difficult situation confronting Company "D". Sergeant OLSEN's heroic conduct saved the lives of several comrades. Entered military service from HEPSTEAD, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

PAUL F. PAGE, 30691767, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 1 October 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. Private PAGE, a machine gunner in "D" Company, 508th Parachute Infantry, defended a roadblock in front of the Battalion HQ. Heavy enemy artillery fell on this position causing casualties and driving supporting rifleman off. Under his own volition, Private PAGE and his assistant gunner remained in position. During the attack, this machine gun position fought off at least 100 German shells, many within 100 yards. Artillery fire striking the trees about him caused the branches to fall in front of his gun, masking his field of fire. With the concurrence of his companion, Private PAGE left his hole and cleared the fallen branches from his position and continued to fire. The enemy was held back more than two hours, at which time the gun was moved to another position 300 yards to the rear and again put into action. This single machine gun was responsible for the defense of this roadblock and by its fire greatly impeded the enemy attack against the company position. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM H. PERRY, 12058697, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. After his platoon had jumped apart from the remainder of Company "D" on the south side of the **** Bridge, Corporal PERRY, Platoon Communications Sergeant, immediately started out to contact the company command post. Although scattered enemy covered the drop zone area, Corporal PERRY travelled along a precipitately one mile through scattered rifle, mortar, and machine gun fire until he had contacted his company commander from whom he received necessary instructions for his platoon. Retracting his steps toward his platoon through the same gauntlet of fire, Corporal PERRY came upon an isolated squad from another platoon. The leader of this squad he quickly and accurately oriented,

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thereby enabling it to proceed rapidly towards the bridge objective at a time when speed of movement was of prime importance. Upon reaching his platoon, Corporal PERRY aided it in accordance with his company commander's wishes to the south bridge approach which was captured after a short fire fight. With the bridge approach in the hands of his platoon, Corporal PERRY then fired a prearranged flare signal whereupon the remainder of his company proceeded to an important road junction further south of the bridge, and set up a road block. In his efficient execution of multiple duties and initiative, Corporal PERRY made a vital contribution to his company's success in securing and consolidating the south approach to the important Highway Bridge. Entered military service from LOUISBERG, NORTH CAROLINA.

MICHAEL PETRILLO, 38576254, Staff Sergeant, 505th Par chute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant PETRILLO, Platoon Sergeant, Company "B", 505th Par chute Infantry, displayed high courage while his company was counter-attacking through the town. The first platoon had been stopped and Staff Sergeant PETRILLO had been called on to organize his platoon and continue the attack through the first platoon. His task was particularly difficult because part of his platoon was fighting in the front lines with the first platoon and part was in reserve. Regardless of these difficulties, Staff Sergeant PETRILLO quickly organized his force and at the same time, reconnoitered the ground and deployed his men for the assault. All this time he was exposed to automatic weapons and sniper fire from the front line of the enemy. During the attack Staff Sergeant PETRILLO, with disregard for his personal safety moved about from position to position, encouraged and urged his men forward and showed the highest degree of bravery and leadership. His action contributed materially to the recapture of the town. Entered military service from DENVER, COLORADO.

ROBERT E. RICHMOND, 13157557, Private First Class, 508th Par chute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 near HOLLAND. An enemy counterattack near HOLLAND was gaining ground. The ammunition load for our machine guns was nearly exhausted and the enemy threatened our entire position. An ammunition bearer, attempting to reach the gun of Private First Class RICHMOND with a resupply was hit while crossing open ground. Private First Class RICHMOND left his gun position and ran across the open field to the fallen man. He secured the resupply and carried both ammunition and the wounded man back to his position. This display of courage and initiative by Private First Class RICHMOND enabled us to renew our defense and win time for resupply of the other guns. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

STANLEY S. ROMPALA, 13116577, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Par chute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near HOLLAND. A heavy concentration of German artillery fire fell within the Regimental CP from 0900 hour until 0930 hour. The first shells knocked out all the wire installations, killing three men and wounding seven. While the barrage continued, Technician Fifth Grade ROMPALA and a detail of three line men left their fox holes and repaired the lines. He remained without cover and exposed to near hits during the entire barrage.

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but was able to keep the regimental communications intact at a time when the enemy was making a fierce attack against the Regimental MLR. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

ROY W. SCHERMERHORN, O-1293516, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 1 October 1944 near 4884, HOLLAND. On the night of 1 October 1944 a German artillery barrage fell upon the position occupied by Company "E", near 4884, HOLLAND. The artillery was followed by an especially determined counterattack by two companies of German infantry, reinforced by three enemy tanks. First Lieutenant SCHERMERHORN, commanding the First Platoon of Company "E", held his platoon in position although his right flank had become exposed. Communications within the company were disrupted and First Lieutenant SCHERMERHORN had no knowledge of the situation or contact with the Company CP. During the entire attack he directed his platoon with outstanding skill and courage, holding off the enemy thrust until communications were reestablished and reinforcements brought up. The determined defense conducted by First Lieutenant SCHERMERHORN prevented a penetration by the enemy and maintained the Battalion MLR. His personal contempt for danger so inspired his men that they were encouraged to stand fast, inflict heavy casualties on the enemy with insignificant loss in the platoon. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM E. SHARP, JR., O-1012310, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on September 17, 1944, near 4884, HOLLAND. After his company had jumped south of and seized the strategic highway bridge near 4884, it was decided to attempt to seize the town itself. First Lieutenant SHARP, Platoon Leader, led a team reconnaissance patrol towards the town for the purpose of determining enemy strength and dispositions to assist the company in its planned assault of the town. Upon nearing the town, First Lieutenant SHARP, recognizing the necessity for maintaining complete secrecy of movement, left his patrol in waiting and with another man entered the town proper over a covered route of approach. Successfully reaching a vantage point from which complete observation was possible, First Lieutenant SHARP and his companion observed approximately 100 of the enemy making complete preparations for evacuating the town. On a raised section of ground overlooking the entire area were observed approximately 75 rifles and at least four machine guns covering the roads approaching the town. Having completed their reconnaissance mission, First Lieutenant SHARP and the other member of the two man patrol prepared to return to their company when they were discovered by the enemy. The enemy immediately opened fire, but by cleverly covering each other's withdrawal, he and the enlisted man were able to safely return to their own lines. The valuable information gained on this reconnaissance enabled the company commander to more expertly plan his assault of the town and prevented his company's headlong encounter with a numerically superior enemy. The successful entry into 4884 was then accomplished the following day. By his aggressive leadership and intelligent reconnaissance, First Lieutenant SHARP made a vital contribution to his company's successes in the vicinity of 4884, HOLLAND. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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CUNY P. STISCO, 3832641, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 30 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. In an effort to break through our lines the enemy laid down a heavy barrage of mortar and artillery fire to support the ground attack. Private First Class STISCO, Gunner, Company "F", 401st Glider Infantry, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, stayed by his 60mm mortar and fired more than 150 rounds during the attack. Although enemy artillery hit within ten feet, he stayed by his gun and continued firing. His heroic conduct in action and tenacious devotion to duty served as a real inspiration to the other men and helped immeasurably in successfully repelling the enemy attack. Entered military service from FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA.

ALBERT J. SKIDMORE, JR., 31350953, Private, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 3 July 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. Private SKIDMORE, a member of a field artillery forward observation party, was on duty with the Infantry Assault Battalion in the attack upon Hill 131, north of ~~###~~. The party moved up with the leading infantry squad and established the artillery observation post with communications to the battalion even before the enemy was cleared from the hill. Private SKIDMORE was exposed continually to hazards even greater than those endured by the leading infantrymen, who could proceed under cover or in a prone position, impossible to the forward observation party who were carrying heavy communication equipment. During the advance up Hill 131 the entire party was subjected to enemy fire from all types of weapons. This exceptional gallantry and close artillery support continually available and materially assisted in the continuing advance. Entered military service from LIBERTY, ILLINOIS.

GEORGE S. SMITH, 26613224, Private First Class, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy for the period September 18 to September 20, 1944, in ~~###~~, HOLLAND. On September 18, 1944, Private First Class SMITH voluntarily assisted less than a squad of infantry in clearing the town of ~~###~~ of German paratroopers who had reentered the town after its initial seizure by American Airborne Forces. He personally accounted for six Germans on this occasion and during the fight was wounded in the arm. Two days later he became separated from his antitank gun squad and joined our infantry which was holding the town against superior enemy forces. On this day he accounted for an additional number of the enemy before he was finally evacuated because of his wound. Private First Class SMITH's cool courage and tenacious fighting spirit reflect great credit upon himself and upon the armed forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

RICHARD J. SMITH, 18046947, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class SMITH, rifleman, Company "O", 508th Parachute Infantry, moved with his company in a battalion attack to clear a landing zone for scheduled glider landings. The LZ was seized and the Germans driven off, but enemy antiaircraft guns continued to fire from positions bordering this area. Private First Class SMITH voluntarily joined a group of three men,

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moved through an orchard to a position approximately 200 yards in advance of the battalion and attacked a battery of four antiaircraft guns, killing or wounding several of the crews and causing the remainder to flee. Private First Class SMITH and his companions were able to capture four enemy guns and destroy several enemy. This action removed a great hazard which would have endangered the success of the glider landings as well as the security of this battalion's position. Entered military service from "MICHIGAN".

WILLIAM SMITH, 32063022, First Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near "HOLLAND". First Sergeant SMITH, Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, was a member of the assault company in the attack on the "BRIDGE". At one point it was necessary to cross a street which was under enemy automatic weapons fire. As one man dashed across the open terrain he stumbled and fell to the ground. The enemy machine guns immediately commenced firing on him. First Sergeant SMITH moved from his covered position and returned fire with his TMG enabling the prostrate man to rise and reach cover. First Sergeant SMITH's heroic conduct was an inspiration to the men who served under him. Entered military service from "NEW JERSEY".

WILLIAM A. SMITH, 36413585, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy for the period 17 to 23 September 1944 near "HOLLAND". Technician Fifth Grade SMITH, Company "F", 505th Parachute Infantry, throughout the entire course of action around "HOLLAND" performed his duty in a most meritorious and commendable manner. Although an aid man, he was frequently subjected to enemy small arms fire as he administered medical aid to wounded men on the battlefield. On one occasion, Technician Fifth Grade SMITH was wounded by shrapnel as he aided a wounded comrade during an artillery barrage, but in his calm characteristic manner continued to aid the artillery casualty with no thought for self. Due to his wound, it was decided that Technician Fifth Grade SMITH should be evacuated. When told of this, he flatly refused. Instead, he remained with the platoon and continued to do his job. His presence was a great inspiration and a reassuring factor to his entire platoon. Entered military service from "SHERIDAN, ILLINOIS".

MARVIN L. SNIPES, 34255697, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near "HOLLAND". Private First Class SNIPES took charge of a rifle squad in an attack on German machine gun positions after their squad leader had been hit. He led the squad across an open field in the face of heavy enemy fire. At a point 100 yards from the enemy he built up a firing line and ordered his men to cover the position with fire. Private First Class SNIPES crawled on his stomach through the grass and water until close to the enemy gun position and put it out of action with a hand grenade. The action of Private First Class SNIPES aided his company greatly in moving towards their objective and accomplishing their mission. Entered military service from "GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA".

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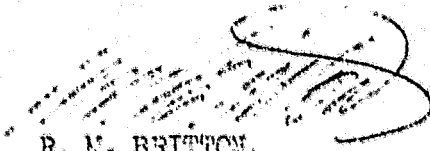
WARD L. STEVENS, 32946567, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***; HOLLAND. During the attack of the Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, on ***, from the 19th to the 20th of September 1944, Private WARD L. STEVENS, an assistant machine gunner of Company "E", received three shrapnel wounds in the back. Despite the pain, Private STEVENS refused to be evacuated, stayed in position and fed his weapon until ordered to withdraw to a new position. He assisted the gunner and helped repel a vicious enemy counter-attack. After receiving first aid treatment for his wounds, he went back to the gun and remained there until the platoon was relieved. By his self determination in this heroic action, Private STEVENS was of great service to his company and battalion in the ultimately successful attack. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

MICHAEL A. STUBER, 35500480, Technician Fourth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fourth Grade STUBER, Mechanic, Service Company, 325th Glider Infantry, attached to this battalion for the maintenance of motor vehicles, at the risk of his own life performed extra duties in order to aid in the resupply of the battalion. On 2 October 1944, when the number of men in the supply section was badly depleted, Technician Fourth Grade STUBER voluntarily exposed himself to severe enemy artillery and machine gun fire to aid in taking rations and ammunition to the troops in the front line. He crossed open terrain where several others had already fallen but continued until the resupply was accomplished. His fearlessness and diligence were an inspiration to the entire section and was of great value to the operation. Entered military service from WARREN, OHIO.

ARNOLD G. STUMP, 35450002, Staff Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 in HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant STUMP, Medical Detachment Platoon Leader, was busy helping his unit medical officer care for several men wounded by enemy anti-personnel bombs when the battalion aid station at which he was working received a direct hit from another bomb. The bomb killed the medical officer and seriously wounded several other men, including other medical enlisted personnel. Staff Sergeant STUMP took command of the situation and with little skilled help reorganized the battalion aid station, brought in the wounded (twenty-six in all), checked their injuries and put on surgical dressings, and expedited them on their way to the Clearing Station until he was relieved by another unit medical officer. Staff Sergeant STUMP's actions helped to save the lives of several men. Entered military service from CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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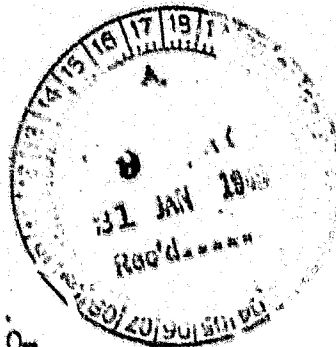
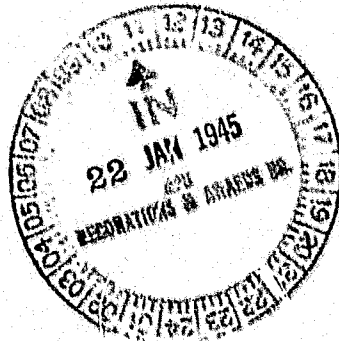
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT.....I

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 (49) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 13 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ LELAND T. SWINDEL, 39320014, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. A heavy concentration of German artillery fire fell within the Regimental CP from 0300 hour until 0500 hour. The first shells knocked out all the wire installations, killing three men and wounding seven. While the barrage continued, Staff Sergeant SWINDEL saw a detail of three line men left their fox holes 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 MLR. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

✓ FRANK B. TAFOYA, 39412234, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 1 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private TAFOYA, Assistant Machine Gunner, Company "E", 508th Parachute Infantry, defended a road block in front of the Battalion MLR. Heavy enemy artillery fell on this position causing casualties and driving supporting riflemen off. Upon his own volition, Private TAFOYA and his companion remained in position. During the attack this machine gun position fought off at least 100 Germans killing many within 100 yards of the position. Artillery fire striking the trees above him caused the branches to fall in front of his gun, masking his field of fire. With the assistance of the gunner, Private TAFOYA left his .. and cleared the fallen branches from his position and continued to fire. The enemy was held back more than two hours, at which time the gun was moved to another position 300 yards to the rear and again put into action. This single gun was responsible for the defense of this roadblock, and by its fire greatly impeded the enemy attack against the company position. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

✓ JESS H. TAYLOR, 35135384, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant TAYLOR voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire from small arms, automatic weapons, mortar and heavy artillery and repaired breaks in the telephone wire to forward elements of his attacking battalion.

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Staff Sergeant TAYLOR proceeded out into open ground in full view of the enemy and continued his repair work though the enemy concentrated fire on his position. He was severely wounded, but completed his work and crawled back to safety only with the assistance of a lineman. Because of the great courage, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety on the part of Staff Sergeant TAYLOR, communications vital to the success of the attack were restored. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the nation he serves. Entered military service from FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY.

RAYMOND S. THOMAS, 12172114, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near HOLLAND. During his company's attack on the strategic Bridge, a comrade of Private THOMAS, assistant machine gunner, fell seriously wounded whereupon he left his position of cover and crawled approximately 50 yards across an exposed dyke under heavy enemy flak fire to the aid of the wounded man. Private THOMAS undertook this unselfish action when he observed that no medical aid was readily available to administer necessary medical treatment to the wounded soldier. After reaching his comrade, Private THOMAS then picked the man up, and, using his own body as a protective shield against the enemy fire, carried him back to a position of cover where treatment and evacuation was possible. His mission of mercy completed, Private THOMAS then returned to his machine gun position which the gunner had continued operating during his temporary absence. His heroic action at the risk of his own life greatly inspired all those who witnessed it. Entered military service from BRISTOL SPA, NEW YORK.

VERNON R. THOMAS, C-887924, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 near HOLLAND. During an attack on HOLLAND, by Company "H", First Lieutenant THOMAS led his platoon completely through the town and took up defensive positions beyond the company objective. In the darkness, contact with the company was lost and the remainder of the company was unable to move past enemy defenses. The order for withdrawal was given and the company fell back to original positions. Heavy mortar and automatic weapons fire covered First Lieutenant THOMAS' forward position, where his platoon was isolated. Moving forward of his platoon, he led them back through the town fighting all the way until contact with the company was regained. By his fearless conduct, despite heavy odds, and his willingness to go ahead of his platoon in face of all dangers, First Lieutenant THOMAS was able to bring his men safely through the enemy lines and rejoin his company. Entered military service from LOUISIANA.

LEON R. TOM, 13076432, Corporal, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near HOLLAND. Corporal TOM voluntarily assisted less than a squad of infantry in clearing the town of German paratroopers who had reentered the town after its initial seizure by American Airborne Troops. He personally accounted for four Germans by rifle fire and assisted in the capture of approximately thirty prisoners. On the following day, Corporal TOM, with one paratrooper, captured thirteen German paratroopers in the town. Corporal TOM's utter fearlessness and aggressive fighting spirit are a credit to our Armed Forces and an inspiration to the men of his battery. Entered military service from OHIO.

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✓ **LOUIS L. TOTH, C-1236468, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry.** For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. On the night of 22 September 1944, First Lieutenant TOTH led his company in an attack upon the town of ***, HOLLAND. German troops delivered a strong counterattack supported by enemy artillery and mortars. Communications to the lead company were broken and orders to withdraw could not be sent to the platoons. The town was littered with debris and spotted with snipers and attacking enemy groups, but First Lieutenant TOTH moved through the area and recontacted with each platoon. He then led his company back through the town and the occupying enemy forces. When he reached the high ground immediately south of ***, he reorganized his company and stopped the enemy counter-attack from this position. First Lieutenant TOTH's unhesitating return in view forward to contact his men, leading them out of the trap, and reorganizing his company, circumvented an enemy attempt to encircle his position and penetrate our lines at a vital point. His extraordinary efforts made possible a second and third attack against the town which finally cleared it of enemy and enabled our troops to push forward to more effective positions. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

✓ **LEE C. TRIVELSTED, O-1369767, First Lieutenant, 401st Glider Infantry.** For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant TRIVELSTED, Platoon Leader in Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 401st Glider Infantry, was in charge of the heavy machine guns which successfully supported a battalion assault on numerically superior forces in the ***, Teds, and the repulse of a German counterattack. After the assault had won a dominating ridge, two companies of infantry were withdrawn to assist an assault in another sector. The remaining troops were assigned in defensive positions. First Lieutenant TRIVELSTED placed and coordinated the fire of his automatic weapons in preparation for an expected counterattack. To secure the best placements for his guns, he was obliged to expose himself to enemy mortar fire and close range small arms fire. The enemy launched a fierce counterattack during the night, but every effort to penetrate the line was frustrated by the excellently disposed automatic fire. First Lieutenant TRIVELSTED's keen professional skill and personal courage were an inspiration to the men and in keeping with the high standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from R.I., ILLINOIS.

✓ **VICTOR G. WALSH, 3908923, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry.** For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. While supporting the attack by his company to secure the bridge spanning the WAAI River at ***, Private WALSH, a machine gunner, placed his gun into action in an uncovered position in order to bring more effective fire upon a German road block in that town. An enemy shell burst immediately in front of his position and knocked his gun several yards away. Although momentarily stunned, Private WALSH retrieved his gun, replaced it in action, brought fire upon the road block and killed seven Germans who were attempting to evacuate the position. His daring efforts contributed directly to the destruction of this position. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

✓ STANLEY WEINBERG, O-130759, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy for the period 19 to 23 September 1944. Second Lieutenant WEINBERG, Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, with his platoon maintained two roadblocks. Despite the fact that all communications except radio to higher units were severed, and despite incessant enemy counterattacks varying in strength from two companies to a battalion of infantry supported by enemy tanks and flak wagons, he refused to evacuate his strongpoint. During the attacks, with utter disregard for personal safety, Second Lieutenant WEINBERG directed fire for all gun positions from an observation point in plain view of enemy observations. Under intense small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire, by personal example he instilled in his men such tenacity that the enemy was unable to move forward and sustained severe casualties. Although he had suffered heavy casualties, Second Lieutenant WEINBERG held the objective until relieved. Second Lieutenant WEINBERG's position was one of the most important defensive positions in the Division sector and by holding it he contributed greatly to the success of the entire airborne mission. Entered military service from JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.

✓ WALTER E. WELLS, 3-836416, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 1 and 2 October 1944 near *H*, POLIANT. Corporal WELLS, machine gunner of Company "E", 508th Parachute Infantry, manned his gun which covered a gap of 75 yards on the right flank of his platoon position in its sector in defense of the Second Battalion MLR. A heavy enemy artillery concentration was placed upon this position and the enemy made a fierce attack against the battalion MLR, the German effort being directed at the position defended by Company "E". During the entire barrage, Corporal WELLS kept his position and fired into the advancing enemy. When the barrage was lifted and the Germans attempted to overrun his platoon's position and break through the gap on the right flank, he placed his fire with such accuracy that he killed ten of an estimated seventy five enemy attacking this position and caused the remainder to fall back with undetermined casualties. During this action, Corporal WELLS calmly remedied several stoppages of his gun. His brave and determined defense of his position prevented the enemy from penetrating his platoon position and contributed much to the successful defense of his battalion MLR. Entered military service from PORT CHARLOTTE, MISSISSIPPI.

✓ DONALD L. WHITE, 33369021, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 7 October 1944 near *H*, POLIANT. Private WHITE, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, displayed courage and keen devotion to duty in the maintenance of communications at a critical time. He serviced and ran wire lines across an open and exposed field, 200 yards from the enemy. He was under constant enemy observation in an area declared unsafe to cross during the daylight hours. Acting with complete disregard for his personal safety he crossed and recrossed the open field during continuous raining, of artillery and small arms fire and kept the line intact to the forward companies. By his fearless and aggressive action he gained the admiration of all his fellow

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soldiers and set a high standard of performance under enemy fire. Private WHITE's devotion to duty and heroic conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ HAROLD H. WILEY, 15337172, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 23 September 1944 near #, HOLLAND. On 23 September 1944, Technician Fifth Grade WILEY, moved with Company "I" during an attack against #, HOLLAND. Heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire caused a number of casualties in the attacking company. Technician Fifth Grade WILEY, attached to the Third Platoon Company "I", continually exposed himself to aid the wounded. Although working with the Third Platoon, he assisted in tending the wounded of the entire company. During this action he assisted in the capture of the enemy a balance with which he began immediate evacuation of the wounded to the Battalion Aid Station. When he had completed his evacuation of Company "I" casualties he moved to other companies in the battalion and assisted in handling the wounded to these areas. Technician Fifth Grade WILEY was able to render a valuable service to our wounded and prevented further serious casualties and injury among those already wounded by effecting prompt evacuation from positions under artillery fire. Entered military service from WELCH, WEST VIRGINIA.

✓ JESSE V. WILLIAMS, 35147143, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near #, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAMS, wireman, with the assistance of one man was responsible for the maintenance of communications between Company "E"'s Command Post and all the platoons. The area between the company German Post and the Third Platoon was constantly under heavy shelling, mortar and machine gun fire, and wire communication was difficult to maintain. After his assistant was seriously wounded in an attempt to restore communications, Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAMS exposed himself again and again to enemy fire to effect repairs during a period when possibilities of German counterattacks in the platoon's position was critical and contact with the Third Platoon was imperative. By the heroic efforts of Technician Fifth Grade WILLIAMS, a breakthrough by enemy forces in that area was averted. Entered military service from INDIANA.

✓ JOSEPH WOJTYSIK, 15101091, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944. Private First Class WOJTYSIK, Rifleman, took charge of a rifle squad after its leader had been seriously wounded and knocked out German machine gun positions. Private First Class WOJTYSIK led his squad by creeping and crawling across perfectly open and flat terrain at a point approximately 150 yards from an enemy gun position. He stopped and built up a line and started his men firing. Private First Class WOJTYSIK crawled forward under a concentrated artillery fire to the German gun position, knocked it out with a hand grenade and dispersed other enemy riflemen with rifle fire. The heroic action of Private First Class WOJTYSIK helped his platoon and company greatly in an all-out effort to move forward. Entered military service from SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

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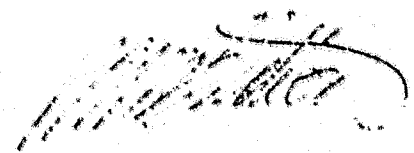
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✓ CHARLES L. WRIGHT, 36432995, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 near ~~###~~, GERMANY. Private First Class WRIGHT, a mortar gunner of Company "C", 508th Parachute Infantry, using only a mortar tube, exposed himself to observed fire by enemy small caliber guns and placed accurate mortar fire upon a platoon of Germans attacking his platoon's position. Although his platoon was pinned down by the fire of enemy guns, Private First Class WRIGHT took a mortar tube and several rounds of ammunition and crawled to a position from which he could observe and fire into the attacking enemy. Although exposed to enemy fire, he singlehandedly placed mortar fire upon the enemy with such effect that the pressure upon his platoon was relieved and the enemy attack was broken. This heroic act by Private First Class WRIGHT enabled his platoon to drive the enemy back and secure the road to the Entrenchment. Entered military service from NEBRASKA.

By order of Major General GAVIN:

R. H. WIENECKE,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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R. H. WINTON,
Lt. Col., U.S.A.,
Adjutant General.

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, BRONZE STAR MEDAL.....I
AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.....II

I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, 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, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ JAMES N. DAUGHERTY, 15302206, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 September 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. During a battalion attack northeast of **** on the Dutch-German frontier, the leader of Sergeant DAUGHERTY's platoon became detached and lost all contact with his platoon. Sergeant DAUGHERTY, a squad leader, realizing the gravity of the situation and the necessity for keeping the platoon abreast the company advance, swiftly reorganized the platoon under enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, and carried them forward in the attack. At great personal risk he exposed himself to move through the disorganized platoon collecting small groups and bringing up stragglers. Issuing orders with calm assurance, he continued to lead the platoon to its place in the line, directed its attack until the objective was taken, and established defensive positions. Sergeant DAUGHERTY's efforts were directly responsible for bringing his platoon from the rear and maintaining our line, a decisive factor in setting a counterattack which immediately followed. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ WILLIAM J. HUGHES, 32670031, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 16 and 17 October 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. Private HUGHES, a member of the S-2 Section, Third Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, with one other 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 1944, at approximately 2100 hour, Private HUGHES and one other man approached the **** Canal and dyke, which was the German MLR. The men waded across the canal which was five feet deep, passed through enemy positions dug into the dyke, and traveled approximately one mile to the rear of the German MLR. Here they concealed themselves in a haystack and observed German activity throughout the day. During this patrol, Private HUGHES 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. Private HUGHES and his companion returned through the German MLR and recrossed the

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Cyke and canal at approximately 2400 hour on 17 October 1944, reaching their battalion CP shortly after midnight. The daring action of Private HUGHES in constructing the enemy forward positions enabled him to secure information which permitted counter battery fire by supporting artillery, effectively relieving the pressure upon his battalion and rendered a vital service to the security of the regimental position. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ CHARLTON B. JOHNSON, 24701293, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Ammunition ran dangerously low while the First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, was attacking strongly held German positions. An enemy counterattack was expected any moment and the situation became very grave. Private First Class JOHNSON, rifleman, voluntarily returned through territory that was not clear of enemy, risking small arms and sniper fire as well as capture, and succeeded in bringing up ammunition and medical supplies. Private First Class JOHNSON's timely arrival with this resupply enabled his company to continue the attack and to hold its position against enemy counter efforts. Entered military service from MEFLEN, ALABAMA.

✓ CHARLES W. MAJOR, JR., O-328232, Major, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. In the face of heavy fire from enemy small arms and machine guns, Major MAJOR led his battalion in a successful drive. Although the enemy resisted strongly, Major MAJOR, Battalion Commander, with total disregard to his own safety, led the advance elements of the battalion in the attack. He personally exhorted individual soldiers and kept them in the advance. During the action, Major MAJOR saw what he believed to be a trap in the form of a flag of truce beside an enemy machine gun, which was sited along a trail in the woods. He called for the occupants of the machine gun nest to come out in surrender. When they refused to do so he pointed out the entrance to the crew of a light machine gun and stood beside the gun directing fire until the point of resistance was wiped out. Throughout the entire campaign, until the time of his being wounded, Major MAJOR's unflinching courage and devotion to duty proved an inspiration to the officers and men of his battalion, and reflects credit upon the highest traditions of the Army which he served. Entered military service from ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA.

✓ JAMES M. NICHOLSON, 35111043, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 26 and 27 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLSON, a medic, voluntarily and at risk of his own life drove a jeep over a route under such heavy enemy shell fire that foot troops were not allowed to use it, and evacuated seriously wounded soldiers. The shelling was so intense that Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLSON had one jeep knocked out but he dauntlessly continued his work. His action was responsible for saving many lives. His devotion to duty was an inspiring example for the troops, and encouraged them to carry on and repel every counterattack. The heroic conduct of Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLSON reflects great credit upon the services and was a vital contribution to the success of the operation. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

HENNING OLSON, 16124291, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 21 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. When his platoon was partially pinned down by flanking machine gun fire during a night attack, Staff Sergeant OLSON quickly located the enemy gun position. The fire of this gun effectively interrupted the platoon advance, seriously retarding the entire company. Staff Sergeant OLSON unhesitatingly detached himself from his platoon and moved through the darkness in an attempt to reach the enemy gun. He was discovered by riflemen defending the gun position and forced into a fire fight. (Staff Sergeant OLSON succeeded in killing or driving the enemy security away, and moved to a position from which he destroyed the machine gun.) Staff Sergeant OLSON's deliberate and stubborn attempt to destroy this obstacle probably prevented such confusion and heavy casualties within his platoon. His later final assault against enemy riflemen to accomplish his purpose and his willingness to engage the enemy singlehandedly was an act of great heroism and contributed materially to our success. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

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 GUYTON VILASIEY, 19144233, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 23 September 1944 near ~~###~~, PENNSYLVANIA. Sergeant VILASIEY was a squad leader, Company "I", 508th Parachute Infantry. His prompt, courageous action partially destroyed an enemy tank and caused it to withdraw while attacking his company position. Sergeant VILASIEY was in position with his squad supporting the company defense of an important roadblock. At approximately 2300 hour, an enemy tank smashed through the roadblock and swept the company position with machine gun fire and shelled at pointblank range with an 88mm gun. Sergeant VILASIEY jumped from his foxhole, disregarded all cover, and located the bazooka team. He led them within a few yards of the tank, and at a position where he was exposed to fragments from the rocket projectiles as well as the fire of the tank, directed bazooka fire which partially disabled the tank and caused it to withdraw. He continued to attack the tank, following it for a short distance in an unsuccessful attempt to completely destroy it. Sergeant VILASIEY's courage and daring at such a critical moment was responsible for the security of his company position, and enabled his company to retain control of an important road junction. Entered military service from YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

JAMES H. WEINERTH, 12140341, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private WEINERTH drove the jeep supplying First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, during operations east of ~~###~~, PENNSYLVANIA. Supplies had become dangerously low due to the nature of continued operations and lengthened lines of communication. In one instance, enemy artillery and machine gun fire was falling upon battalion positions and a counterattack was imminent. Transportation of supplies by vehicle was not possible under these conditions. Private WEINERTH, realizing the grave importance of immediate resupply, hand carried such ammunition and other needed items through wooded area not secured by our troops and delivered the resupply to rifle companies in the line. His zealous and determined efforts enabled us to meet enemy counterattacks which were directed at our positions. Entered military service from ITHACA, NEW YORK.

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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 230,6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ BREND F. BEAUDIN, 3-463225, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 7 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Captain BEAUDIN, Medical Detachment, 508th Parachute Infantry, conducted himself in an exemplary manner in the treatment and prompt evacuation of the wounded within this battalion since the beginning of the operation in The NETHERLANDS, 17 September 1944. While the Third Battalion was in the attack at ***, and at ***, 17 to 22 September 1944, Captain BEAUDIN worked continuously to bring prompt and adequate treatment to the wounded, directing the evacuation of all litter cases without delay despite the fluid situation and the lack of adequate transportation. He conducted the activities of his aid station with great skill and courage under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and successfully directed the evacuation of the wounded from fire-swept positions on the *** flat lands on the 23rd and 24th September 1944. The services of Captain BEAUDIN as Third Battalion Surgeon were of invaluable assistance in the handling of the wounded and contributed much to the high state of morale within the unit. Entered military service from PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

✓ WILLARD M. CHRISTIAN, 15076866, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 28 September 1944 to 4 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTIAN was placed in charge of the Second Platoon, Company "H", 505th Parachute Infantry outpost line and voluntarily remained at this post for six days without relief. He believed that he could be of more value than a new man who would have to reorient himself to the terrain and local situation. During this time, Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTIAN thwarted three attempts by the enemy to infiltrate into the platoon area. On one occasion, he detected an enemy armored car moving into position southeast of ***. He reported the location quickly and accurately back to Headquarters and artillery fire was able to put the vehicle to flight. Technician Fifth Grade CHRISTIAN's devotion to duty was inspiring to the men who worked with him and a source of great assistance to the accomplishment of the unit mission. Entered military service from MANSFIELD, OHIO.

✓ LESTER V. DOWNER, 35211286, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 to 22 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Two platoons of Company "H", with one platoon of Company "G" attached, attacked Hill 79.9. This position was defended by one company of German parachutists, reinforced by approximately one battalion flat and machine troops plus one machine gun platoon supported by artillery and mortars. Private DOWNER, moving at the

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front of his company attack, conducted himself with aggressiveness and daring. He pointed out targets, attacked machine gun positions and was responsible for much of the success of this effort. Throughout the defensive phase, when this position had become encircled and enemy counterattacks continued over a period of five days and a redistribution of ammunition allowed only five rounds per man and none for automatic weapons, Private DOWLER maintained a constant vigil, denying himself such needed rest in order that our position might be secure. The determined efforts of Private DOWLER over this extended period contributed much to the successful attack and defense of this position. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

THOMAS C. HELGESON, O-1233770, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 13, 1943, to November 14, 1944, inclusive, during the ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. Serving in the capacity of Company Commander of Company "B" of this unit, Captain HELGESON led his company in a distinctive and exemplary manner. In both these lengthy campaigns under varied combat conditions, his company achieved success in every assigned mission. Never was any defended ground lost to the enemy. Captain HELGESON, through his careful, thorough planning and cool judgment under fire was highly instrumental in these successes. His personal example has ever been an inspiration to the men and officers under his command. On September 17, 1944, the initial day of the Allied airborne operation in HOLLAND, Captain HELGESON quickly and effectively organized and assembled his company. This company spearheaded the attack on the Battalion objective, Bridge No. 7 across the IJSS-WAAL Canal. Captain HELGESON's quick decision to rush the bridge which was defended by about fifty enemy resulted in its capture intact. In the performance of his duty as Company Commander, Captain HELGESON has gained the respect and willing cooperation of everyone associated with him. His superior skill, his moral and physical courage under trying circumstances, and his highly effective leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the Army he serves. Entered military service from RIFTON, WISCONSIN.

HARRY M. HUDKINS, 25137017, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 25 September 1944 to 6 October 1944 near #88, HOLLAND. Private First Class HUDKINS, driver, Medical Detachment, 325th Glider Infantry, with conspicuous determination and total disregard for personal safety enabled his section to evacuate casualties prompt and efficiently. He repeatedly drove along roads to advanced positions under direct enemy fire, and frequently rendered first aid to wounded soldiers on the way, skillfully performing the duties of a medical aid man. At all times and often under trying conditions, Private First Class HUDKINS' devotion to duty and heroic conduct proved to be an inspiration to all other members of the Medical Detachment. The actions of Private First Class HUDKINS reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

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✓ RAYMOND G. KNUCKLES, O-451594, Captain, 925th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11 September 1944 to 2 October 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM and HOLLAND. Captain KNUCKLES, Regimental S-3, worked ceaselessly and tirelessly and exhibited superior qualities as a staff officer in planning his unit's part in the HOLLAND operation and in advising and briefing the necessary personnel for the execution of the plans. During the entire operation he performed his duties in a superior manner displaying constant initiative. When the attack across the plains east of *388, HOLLAND, was launched on 2 October 1944, Captain KNUCKLES went forward with the assault troops. Being the senior officer present at the regimental forward CP during a very critical stage of this attack when the enemy launched a fierce and determined counterattack, under heavy enemy fire he coordinated the operations of all subordinate units and maintained liaison with his headquarters. His coolness and courage under heavy enemy fire inspired the unit to successfully repulse the counterattack and to continue the advance. Entered military service from SAUNELIN, ILLINOIS.

✓ JAMES A. McDONALD, 3166336, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period from 17 to 24 September 1944 at *388, HOLLAND. Private First Class McDONALD, Airman, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, essentially held a position on vital telephone line which ran from the Air Quarter position to the CP, located fifty yards from the enemy IIR. Throughout the entire action the enemy constantly shelled the area with artillery, and mortar and rifle fire were active. Private First Class McDONALD displayed outstanding initiative and aggressiveness in keeping this communication in operation. It was through his heroic efforts that fire data in the successful assault on the MAEL River Bridge was sent from one position to another. This type of action was characteristic of Private First Class McDONALD throughout previous campaigns in GERMANY, ITALY, and FRANCE, as well as in HOLLAND. He has set high standards for efficiency within the company and has been a credit to himself and the Unit. Entered Army, United States military service from SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS.

✓ JOHN W. MEDUSKY, O-21756, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September to 21 October 1944, near *388, HOLLAND. Major MEDUSKY became Regimental S-3 of the 505th Parachute Infantry when this regiment returned from NORMANDY, FRANCE, and occupied that position during the entire campaign in The Netherlands. During his period of duty in garrison prior to this operation, he reorganized the S-3 Section, and planned and supervised the execution of a brief and intensive training program which enhanced the combat efficiency of the regiment. From the beginning of operations in HOLLAND, Major MEDUSKY maintained a smoothly efficient operating procedure within the S-3 Section, and supervised and coordinated the combat operations of the various elements of the regiment with unceasing energy and devotion to duty. His excellent efforts were responsible to a great extent for the efficient tactical execution of the campaign, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

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✓ SERGEANT L. MEINHART, 39480156, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18, 23, 24 and 25 September 1944 near ~~XXX~~, HOLLAND. During the period 18 to 25 September 1944, inclusive, Company "C" was continually in contact with the enemy and suffered heavy casualties. Private First Class MEINHART, attached medical platoon, worked with medical efforts, treating those wounded and preparing the evacuation of more serious cases. He was exposed to enemy fire over this entire period but did not hesitate to save the life of any man who had been wounded, regardless of personal hazards. When this company was in an attack near the town of ~~XXX~~, Private First Class MEINHART overcame a serious shortage of medical supplies by improvising splints and making bandages of available materials. His intensive efforts to care for our wounded caused him to act with complete indifference for his own safety. It is certain that the use of his technical skill and his determination to reach every wounded man saved several lives and contributed much to the comfort as well as the eventual recovery of many others. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ ALBERT W. KILLOY, G-34073, Captain, 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 SICILIAN, ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. Captain KILLOY, serving in the capacity of Company Commander, Company "C", 504th Parachute Infantry, has continuously demonstrated a high degree of tactical skill under any and varied combat conditions during this long tenure of front line duty. His personal courage under fire and his inspiring leadership has been such as to engender a singular "esprit de corps" among all officers and men under his command. His men have continually exhibited an eager willingness to follow him into any tactical situation and a unique confidence in his leadership. The superb initiative, fearless leadership under fire, and unquestioned respect from his officers and men which Captain KILLOY has displayed was highly instrumental in achieving many vital missions. His mental and physical courage and the tactical skill with which he handled his command reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI.

✓ WILLIAM H. NATION, G-1237569, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 13 July 1944, in NORMANDY, FRANCE, and from 17 September 1944 to 21 October 1944 in ~~XXX~~, HOLLAND. Captain NATION, Regimental Adjutant, 508th Parachute Infantry, accomplished the difficult task of maintaining efficient administration within the 508th Parachute Infantry during the campaigns in NORMANDY and ~~THE NETHERLANDS~~. During the intervening period of six weeks in garrison he disposed entirely of the tremendous backlog of work which had accrued during the absence of the regiment in FRANCE. These accomplishments are all of entirely due to the tremendous energy and ceaseless efforts on the part of Captain NATION, and in spite of a serious lack of experience administrative assistants and clerical help and difficult working conditions in the field. Of his own volition he averaged an 18-hour working day, including Sundays, both in garrison and in the field in order to perform duties which were vital. The maintenance of up-to-date records and assignments, promotions, reductions, transfers, trials by courts martial, furloughs, and pay of all personnel were accomplished promptly and without confusion. The results obtained by Captain NATION reflect the highest credit upon himself, upon the regiment, and upon the Army of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

had to be cut from destroyed German tanks in the immediate vicinity of the forward areas, 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 First Class WEYER and the other member of this small volunteer group salvaged armor plate, transported it to the place where the repairs were being done, and assisted in the welding of the plate to the protective shield's for 48 consecutive hours until the work was completed. By his skill and fearless efforts, Private First Class WEYER contributed greatly to the improved performance of anti-tank guns during the subsequent combat operations. His actions reflect the highest credit on himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

✓ **WALTER W. WILLIAMS, JR., O-31250**, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 12, 1943, to October 31, 1944, inclusive, in SICILY, ITALY, and HOLLAND. As a battalion commander throughout the SICILIAN and ITALIAN Campaigns, Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS served this regiment with exemplary distinction. During the approximately 165 days of combat participated in by this unit in the Mediterranean Sector, Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS never missed a day of duty. His continual presence with the assault elements of his battalion in its major attacks throughout these campaigns constantly inspired his men to greater efforts. His superior leadership, often at great personal risk, is directly reflected by the outstanding successes achieved by this battalion at ~~XXXX~~ ITALY, on the ~~XXXX~~ Beachhead, the ridge near Mount ~~XXXX~~ in the ~~XXXX~~ Sector, and on the ~~XXXX~~ Beachhead where his battalion served with distinction throughout 64 consecutive days of front line duty. In his capacity as Regimental Executive Officer during the present HOLLAND Campaign, Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS through sound judgment, facilitated planning, and unusual devotion to duty, has been largely responsible for the efficiency and effectiveness with which the 504th Parachute Infantry has carried out its assigned missions. Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS' capable and substantial execution of his duties as battalion commander and regimental executive officer over this extended period of time reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from SAFFORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

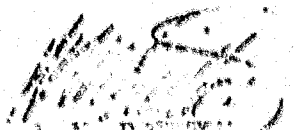
CHARLES W. ZIRKLE, O-41209, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from the period September 1, 1943, to November 2, 1944, in the ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. Throughout this period, both in garrison and combat, Captain ZIRKLE's personal achievements attained the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Joining this unit shortly before the invasion of ITALY, Captain ZIRKLE rapidly demonstrated capability, responsibility, and a remarkable willingness for full personal sacrifice for the benefit of his organization. Over a long tenure of combat at ~~XXXX~~ and the mountains of ITALY, Captain ZIRKLE's tireless and skillful efforts in the care and evacuation of sick and wounded war of the greatest value in maintaining and improving the morale of this unit. On the ~~XXXX~~ Beachhead in ITALY, Captain ZIRKLE, performing the duties of two medical officers because of a combat loss, personally conducted treatment and evacuation of over 400 casualties of his battalion in a sixty-day period. From September 17, 1944, to 2 November 1944 in the HOLLAND Campaign, Captain ZIRKLE's productive capability under fire proved of inestimable value in his career. On many

occasions, he demonstrated unquestionably a high order of physical and moral courage. His continual unswerving devotion to duty, his eager and capable management of critical emergencies were a source of great inspiration to all his subordinates and associates. The weight of Captain ZINKLE's work and achievements were keenly felt in all the successful operations of his organization and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from KINGSTON, TENNESSEE.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 210.6 (A) Headquarters XVIII Corps, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to the following, named individual:

✓ CHARLES H. ROBERTS, 1493812, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. A force consisted of about fifty enemy attacked our aid station near the causeway across the HENRY River. Heavy fire was directed on the station, causing the building to catch fire. A medical aid man endeavoring to reach the station and rescue the occupants found he was unable to do this by himself and asked for help. Private First Class ROBERTS, in the face of intense enemy fire, volunteered and made his way, in the company of the aid man, over the open ground and succeeded in removing the wounded from the burning house to a position of cover. This action was done without thought of personal safety and in the face of overwhelming enemy fire. / Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILL.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 210.6 (A) Headquarters XVIII Corps, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following, named individuals:

JAMES HILLY, JR., 1497028, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. After the first body of troops had made the daylight assault crossing of the WIAL River, Staff Sergeant HILLY, Platoon Sergeant, organized a provisional platoon, consisting of men from his own platoon and added stragglers. He led this forty man force headily in an assault on an enemy machine gun that was pinning down a portion of his company blocking towards the strategic highway-bridge. Staff Sergeant HILLY's force ran into another enemy strongpoint, whereupon he and another man made a flanking attack with hand grenades. This enemy machine gun nest was overcome by their valiant and courageous efforts, but in the effort Staff Sergeant HILLY was seriously wounded. In the meantime the group of men which he had organized had knocked out the original strongpoint, but before it could

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return to Staff Sergeant ALLEN with medical aid, he had died from loss of blood. Staff Sergeant ALLEN's unselfish conduct and courageous actions at the cost of his life inspired all those with whom he came in contact to greater efforts and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army which he served. Entered military service from HAZARD, KENTUCKY.

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* COOIL W. BLEDSOE, 13422450, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private BLEDSOE, Rifleman, Company "B", 504th Parachute Infantry, rendered gallant service during an enemy counter attack at ***. Private BLEDSOE was one of a small group fighting a prolonged action to cover our withdrawal. Stubbornly holding his position until actually overrun by the enemy, he assisted in effectively checking the German attack, thus permitting his company to withdraw in good order to critical positions. Private BLEDSOE was killed in this action. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

DAVID P. CASSETTI, 10376715, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private CASSETTI served as a Rifleman in Company "B", 504th Parachute Infantry, was a member of the assault wave during the crossing of the Waal River at about 1500 hours. Upon reaching the north bank of the river, Private CASSETTI was wounded. He was offered the opportunity of evacuation in the first boats returning to the south bank, but completely upon his own initiative he chose to stay and die in the rear of other wounded that had to be carried into the boats. When this work of removing the wounded was first begun, small arms and artillery fire were continually raking the area. Despite this fire and his own wounds, Private CASSETTI refused to be evacuated from the area until all the other wounded had been evacuated across the river. Private CASSETTI's courage and devotion to duty were of a high order and reflect the greatest credit to himself and the Army in which he serves. Private CASSETTI was killed in a later action in HOLLAND. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

STEVE CHEVERIS, O-3297330, Second Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Leading his platoon in an early morning attack, Second Lieutenant CHEVERIS, Platoon Leader, overcame the enemy outpost line and approached over open terrain his main line of resistance. To conceal his positions and bring more accurate fire on Second Lieutenant CHEVERIS' platoon, the enemy held his fire. Second Lieutenant CHEVERIS moved forward without accurate supporting fire. Realizing that the attack must not stop, he moved boldly into the open ordering his men to follow. His action inspired his men as they advanced and drew out the enemy fire which was countered by supporting weapons. This permitted his platoon and company to move ahead to their objective. Second Lieutenant CHEVERIS lost his life in this action but his aggressive spirit was exalted by his men and reflects credit upon his unit and the service. Entered military service from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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** IYVE D T. CHRISTENSEN, 34150459, Technician Fourth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fourth Grade CHRISTENSEN, Operations Sergeant, Company "H", 508th Parachute Infantry, rendered gallant service during an enemy counterattack at ***. Technician Fourth Grade CHRISTENSEN was one of a small group fighting a rearward action to cover our withdrawal. Stubbornly holding his position until actually overrun by the enemy, he assisted in effectively checking the German attack, thus permitting his company to withdraw in good order to original positions. Technician Fourth Grade CHRISTENSEN was killed in this action. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.*

** AMEND. BY GO# 114 - 21 July 45*

** HARVEY B. CLANCY, 6822703, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private CLANCY, Rifleman, Company "H", 508th Parachute Infantry, rendered gallant service during an enemy counterattack at ***, HOLLAND. He was one of a small group fighting a rearward action to cover our withdrawal. Stubbornly holding his position until actually overrun by the enemy, he assisted in effectively checking the German attack, thus permitting his company to withdraw in good order to original positions. Private CLANCY was killed in this action. Entered military service from MISSOURI.*

HERBERT W. ELLERBUSCH, 37552307, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY, Private ELLERBUSCH was an ATFL gunner, Company "C", 508th Parachute Infantry. His courage and determination while supporting the defense of his company position, assisted in repulsing enemy attempts to penetrate this position. During an attack by at least two companies of infantry, Private ELLERBUSCH acted with disregard for personal safety in order to change his position and fire more effectively into the enemy. He succeeded in breaking one German attempt to maneuver to the flank of his company position. When the company was ordered to displace to new positions, Private ELLERBUSCH personally covered the displacement of his squad, and succeeded in delaying the enemy advance. Private ELLERBUSCH was mortally wounded in this action. Entered military service from FARIBAUT, MINNESOTA.

WILLIAM J. EVANS, 3425071, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 26 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private EVANS was a member of a heavy machine gun section attached to Company "G", 325th Glider Infantry, which was set up in a defensive position on the high ground in *** WOODS. The enemy launched a fierce attack supported by the fire of an enemy gun mounted on a tank. Private EVANS continued to fire his heavy machine gun despite the fact that the fire from the enemy weapon had forced the other members of the gun crew and the rifleman around it to take cover. Private EVANS, without regard for his own personal safety, remained at the gun and aided considerably in beating off the enemy attack. Private EVANS was killed in action by enemy artillery in a later engagement. Entered military service from WENO, NORTH CAROLINA.

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ANTHONY V. FABIS, 31378253, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class FABIS, Rifleman, Company "F", 505th Parachute Infantry, deliberately exposed himself to enemy fire to cover the movement of his unit. The platoon, with tank support, had attacked past a burning building when the tanks were stopped by a road block. Private First Class FABIS realized that the platoon - now completely exposed - would have to withdraw through the glare of the burning building. With utter disregard for personal safety he placed himself in an exposed position and hand grenades the enemy while the platoon disengaged with only the casualties. He was killed in action the following day. As a result of his gallant action he had undoubtedly saved the lives of several of his comrades. His dominant courage and gallantry in this action reflects great credit upon the traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

JOHN D. FOSTER, 39252007, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fourth Grade FOSTER, acting communications sergeant, Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, conducted himself in a most exemplary manner during an enemy action. A heavy mortar barrage had fallen in the immediate area of the Company CP and had knocked out the wire communication. Technician Fourth Grade FOSTER left a covered position and began to repair the line. When the enemy fired another barrage he was caught in an unprotected position. He was instantly killed by shell fragments. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade FOSTER in this action was typical of him in all his combat duty, and reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

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* JOHN V. GIACOMELLI, 30025529, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private GIACOMELLI, Rifleman, Company "H", 508th Parachute Infantry, rendered gallant service during an enemy counterattack at ***. Private GIACOMELLI was one of a group of soldiers who were ordered to cover our withdrawal. Stubbornly holding his position until actually overrun by the enemy, he assisted in effectively checking the German attack, thus permitting his company to withdraw in good order to a final position. Private GIACOMELLI was killed in this action. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

JOHN T. HESS, 35622420, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 1 and 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private HESS, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, was a runner assigned to the Company Officer, Second Battalion, during a fierce enemy attack against the Second Battalion HQ near ***. Despite heavy artillery and machine gun fire which swept the entire area, Private HESS acted with great initiative in relaying orders and instructions from the battalion commander to units within the battalion. He moved quickly and without delay on three occasions, facilitating communications between the battalion commander and the battalion HQ. When artillery fire had destroyed almost all wire lines within the area, it was in the discharge of his duties, Private HESS was

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Wounded by artillery fire. His disregard for personal safety and his intense devotion to duty at a time when an enemy attack seriously threatened his battalion position enabled him to perform a vital service in the security of the position and further assisted the battalion commander to coordinate all units under his command. Entered military service from OHIO.

GILBERT T. HUGHES, 14073427, Private, 503rd Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private HUGHES, a member of the 503rd Parachute Battalion, C-2 Section, succeeded in obtaining prisoners and information concerning the enemy position and unit movements during a combat attack by Company "F" to recapture the former position of the 503rd Parachute Battalion at ***. Private HUGHES advanced with the platoon, company and was able to identify the enemy organization on the battlefield by searching German bodies for documents and other papers. He secured valuable information concerning enemy strength and disposition from prisoners. When Company "F" had gained its objective, Private HUGHES returned to the 503rd Parachute Battalion, bringing several German prisoners and captured material. It is noted that his Battalion S-2 was able to determine the enemy route of withdrawal. He was preparing to return to the position of Company "F" when he was killed by German artillery fire. The prompt action of Private HUGHES, while a counterattack by Company "F" was still in progress, enabled supporting artillery to place concentrations which further weakened the German positions and discouraged other attacks against the 503rd Parachute Battalion. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

EDWARD W. KENNEDY, C-1307773, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 30 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant KENNEDY, Platoon Leader of Company "I", was leading a patrol on the night of October 30, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND, which had the mission of capturing a prisoner. The patrol had advanced well into enemy held territory when one of the members of the patrol stepped on an enemy mine and was seriously wounded. First Lieutenant KENNEDY with utter disregard of his life immediately went his way through the mine field to the wounded man, and was carrying him to safety when he stepped on another mine which blew off his left leg. First Lieutenant KENNEDY crawled out of the mined area and collapsed on the ground as a result of his wounds the following day. The unsurpassed courage and unselfish sacrifice First Lieutenant KENNEDY displayed in an effort to save the life of a comrade at the risk of his own will serve as an everlasting inspiration to all the officers and men who were associated with him. Entered military service from HOLMSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

ANTHONY J. OLIVIERI, 329 7117, Private, 325th Glier Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During an attack by his company, Private OLIVIERI, Rifleman, Company "C", 325th Glier Infantry, was with the assault squad. His squad reached a group of houses within 100 yards of the objective and was held up by very accurate small arms fire. He rushed into the scene to help with four other men and helped capture eight Germans that he had been firing on his squad. When the group endeavored to return with their prisoners they were fired upon and one man was injured.

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Private CIVITTI, without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, voluntarily returned to his platoon Commander first for assistance. He contacted the Company Commander, gave him a detailed account of the situation, and started back to the stream to inform them of the action to be taken in relieving the situation and to guide the group to safety. He was killed before reaching his comrades. Private CIVITTI's action, initiative and disregard for personal safety unquestionably saved the lives of others and was a real inspiration to all other men in his company. Entered military service from JEWELL, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

ROYCE B. HILFMAN, 30240287, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal HILFMAN, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, during the attack on *** was leading the machine gun section of his squad through a barrage of mortar and artillery fire in the attack. He was fired upon by enemy automatic weapons and his section was forced to cover. Unable to locate the source of fire, Corporal HILFMAN with complete disregard for his own personal safety, deliberately exposed himself to draw fire from the enemy. When he had located these weapons, he effectively directed the fire of his machine guns on them and forced them to withdraw. This action gave the way to new advances. By his meritorious action, Corporal HILFMAN greatly contributed to the success of the attack on the city. Entered military service from CANT WOLTERS, TEXAS.

JOHN JONES, 3020761, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 to 21 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant JONES, Platoon Sergeant, Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, landed by parachute just outside ***, organized and led a small group of men in the destruction of an enemy machine gun which had been firing across the DZ and had inflicted casualties on his comrades. During the attack on ***, Staff Sergeant JONES set up his machine guns on a ridge overlooking the WAL River and continuously exposed himself to devastating enemy fire in order to effectively direct the fire of his weapons. His fire broke up an enemy column that had been maneuvering to outflank his battalion. As a result of his heroic efforts the battalion was able to capture the southern approaches of the WAL River bridges at *** intact from the enemy. Staff Sergeant JONES' gallant conduct under fire was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORD MOOREHEAD, CALIFORNIA.

WILLIAM H. WESTON, G-34492, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant WESTON, Company Executive Officer of Company "H", was temporarily separated from his company during the attack on the enemy positions north of the WAL River near ***. As he approached the railroad bridge from the west, he saw a group of soldiers pinned down by machine gun fire from the top of an elevated railway embankment. First Lieutenant WESTON dashed from his protected position and ran north behind the embankment until he was back of the German guns. He crawled up the bank and fired his TSG into the German gunners, killing eight and wounding three of them. His initiative and prompt action enabled the pinned-down force to save the position and seize it. Entered military service from WILLIAMS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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JOHN RODRIGUEZ, 39709971, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private RODRIGUEZ, 39709971, Company "H", 508th Parachute Infantry, rendered gallant service during an enemy counterattack at ***. Private RODRIGUEZ was one of a small group fighting a rear guard action to cover our withdrawal. Stubbornly holding his position until actually overrun by the enemy, he assisted in effectively checking the German attack, thus permitting his company to withdraw in good order to original position. Private RODRIGUEZ was killed in this action. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

DOMINIC R. RUTTES, 37327390, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 17, 1944, to October 6, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. During this period Corporal RUTTES conducted himself in conformity with the highest standards of the Medical Corps. When his noncommissioned officer became wounded early in the campaign, he immediately assumed his supervisory responsibilities and carried them out in exemplary fashion. During the actions at Bridgehead near *** on September 17, and during the *** Bridgehead operation on September 20 he particularly distinguished himself by repeatedly and voluntarily effecting prompt treatment of casualties, often at the risk of his life. It was Corporal RUTTES' course of unselfish devotion to duty that prompted his unhesitating action on October 6 when several members of a company command post near *** were badly wounded during a heavy mortar barrage. Despite the heavy barrage, Corporal RUTTES volunteered to accompany two medical aid comrades of his to the command post and attempt immediate evacuation. Upon returning to the Battalion aid station with the casualties, a mortar shell burst nearby, killing him instantly. Corporal RUTTES' courageous actions and unselfish conduct throughout this period will remain as marked sources of inspiration to all those with whom he came in contact. Entered military service from MANKATO, MINNESOTA.

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JOHN SPRING, 25044648, Private, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 3 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private SPRING was acting as local security for his squad, the crew of a 57mm antitank gun. At about 2300 hours, enemy armored vehicles were reported to be near the area in which Private SPRING's gun was located. Because of ground haze visibility was so poor that it was necessary for Private SPRING to leave adequate cover and place himself in a more advantageous position from which he could better gain information concerning the enemy's movements. At approximately 2315 hours the enemy brought the area under artillery fire of such concentration as to indicate a probable intention to advance on that point. Because of insufficient time, the new position had not been prepared to adequately protect it from enemy mortar and mortar fire. Rather than take cover and expose his gun position to possible infiltration by enemy infantry and mechanized forces, Private SPRING remained at his observation post throughout the barrage until mortally wounded by enemy mortar fire. Private SPRING's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

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EDWARD T. SHEA, 32572961, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy for the period 18 to 19 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class SHEA was a rifleman, one of a squad of eight men of Company "I", 508th Parachute Infantry, who set a roadblock against continuous German assaults. For a period of more than twenty-four hours, he resisted the enemy in at least six fierce attempts to destroy an important roadblock near ***. German patrols were active throughout this area and continually maneuvered about the roadblock, placing harassing fire upon this position. Private First Class SHEA and his squad desperately defended the position and placed such accurate fire against the enemy that the attack failed to penetrate their defense. The stubborn and courageous defense of this roadblock strengthened the battalion flank and denied the enemy the use of an important communication route. Private First Class SHEA was killed in this action. Entered military service from HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY.

JOHN F. SMINDLER, 39007611, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Corporal SMINDLER, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "III", 508th Parachute Infantry, rendered gallant service during an enemy counterattack at ***. Corporal SMINDLER was one of a small group of men acting as a rear guard action to cover our withdrawal. Stubbornly holding his position until actually overrun by the enemy, he assisted in effectively checking the German attack, thus permitting his company to withdraw in good order to its original positions. Corporal SMINDLER was killed in this action. Entered military service from OHIO.

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ROBERT E. SIDES, 14131475, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant SIDES, Squad Leader, Company "III", 508th Parachute Infantry, gave his life to assure the displacement of his squad to more tenable positions. On the night of 20 September 1944, Company "III" attacked the town of ***. The attack penetrated the enemy position but strong counterattacks forced a withdrawal from the town. Sergeant SIDES led his squad, consisting of five men, and executed an effective rear guard action, covering the withdrawal of his platoon under heavy fire. By exercising expert control of his men and by personal daring, he was able to protect the rear until his platoon had reached its original positions. While covering the withdrawal of his own squad, Sergeant SIDES was killed. This courageous performance of duty reflects credit on the man and typifies the finest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

BERNARD C. SMITH, 32240577, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 to 20 September 1944 in ***, and ***, HOLLAND. Private SMITH, Cook's Helper, assigned to the Second Battalion Supply Section in his first combat mission, performed his duties with substantial willingness and devotion from the moment he landed in the DZ until he was killed by the enemy in the battle of ***. He did a superb job in clearing the DZ of equipment and ammunition. The section had no transportation but all ammunition was ready to serve with the troops shortly after they were assembled. Prior to the assault on ***, Private SMITH obtained supplies from German dumps and warehouses and helped equip the battalion with all things necessary for the operation. When the battalion moved, Private SMITH was detailed to run ammunition and supplies to each company while they attacked

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the enemy fortifications along the WAAL River. He helped supply them with food and water as well. At the time during the attack a rifle company was temporarily isolated from the battalion, Private SMITH, with other members of the supply section, attempted to run enemy road blocks but were stopped by a mine field. They had to abandon their trucks and fight their way back to their own lines. Private SMITH was killed in this action. His valiantly conducted and heroic efforts throughout the campaign earned Private SMITH the deep respect of all his comrades. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

III -- AWARD TO THE BRAVE SERVS WHO, MISSING IN ACTION:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in 1 title 28 U.S.C. (48) Headquarters XVIII Corps, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, Missing in Action:

DONALD T. DAVIS, 3703510, Technician Fifth Grade, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1944 near 3888, HOLLAND. During an attack by Company "C" through the streets of 3888, four of our men were seriously wounded and were unable to continue. Technician Fifth Grade DAVIS, attached medical aid man, came to the assistance of the wounded and remained with them after the company had moved ahead. This small group was isolated in enemy held territory for more than six hours and was constantly under enemy and enemy artillery fire. When other supporting units were contacted, Technician Fifth Grade DAVIS safely evacuated his wounded. His unselfish conduct in remaining with the wounded despite grave risk of injury to himself saved the lives of one and perhaps more of his comrades. Entered military service from IOWA.

FREDERICK L. BENEDICT, 20430297, Staff Sergeant, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near 3888, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant BENEDICT was assigned the mission to clear our DZ of equipment and to assist in the evacuation of a man injured during the jump. While engaged in the evacuation of the injured, an enemy antiaircraft gun brought accurate fire upon the "etail on" pinned the men to the ground. While his men saved to cover, Staff Sergeant BENEDICT overcame them by advancing upon the enemy gun installation. Armed with a rifle and hand grenades, he crossed open ground to a position within range of the enemy. By this act Staff Sergeant BENEDICT diverted the enemy fire upon himself. The heroic performance of duty by Staff Sergeant BENEDICT assured the safe evacuation of our wounded and contributed directly to the destruction of one enemy gun and an undetermined number of enemy. Entered military service from GEORGIA, GEORGIA.

DONALD T. HARRISON, 3512475, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 3 October 1944 near 3888, HOLLAND. After the company had successfully attacked and taken 3888, the platoons were placed in defensive positions. Technical Sergeant HARRISON's weapons platoon had been without food or water for two days when rations came forward. To avoid

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exposure of his men to enemy fire, he personally distributed rations throughout his platoon. He showed utter disregard for his own personal safety but great concern for the safety and comfort of the men in his platoon. Technical Sergeant HARBON's heroic conduct under fire and wholehearted regard for his men were a great inspiration to all who worked with him and fought at his side. Entered military service from HAMILTON, OHIO.

RALPH W. HENDRIX, O-116303, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 19 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant HENDRIX, Platoon Commander, in company with his platoon, were assigned the mission of establishing road blocks in the southern sector of ***. Although forewarned of the presence of a large force of enemy tanks in this area, First Lieutenant HENDRIX aggressively led his men in fulfilling the mission. He further evidenced to an exemplary degree courage and daring in developing and utilizing his men as infantry in the success of the mission. During a reinforced counter-attack, First Lieutenant HENDRIX was seriously wounded and has been unaccounted for since. Entered military service from ALSEA, OREGON.

ROBERT V. HENRISEN, O-1723298, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During his company's participation in the assault on the north approaches of the strategic *** Highway Bridge immediately following the parachute drop, Second Lieutenant HENRISEN, Assistant Platoon Leader, moved to an exposed position to engage an enemy flak gun which had the leading elements of his company pinned down. At the time speed of movement was of prime importance in order to insure the seizure and consolidation of the bridge objective before enemy reinforcements could be brought up. Although exposed to enemy fire from an adjacent position, Second Lieutenant HENRISEN unhesitatingly moved to an exposed position atop a tank wrecked with a bazooka. His second shot scored a direct hit on the position, knocking it out completely, thereby enabling his company to continue its advance to the north approach of the bridge which was subsequently seized and held. By his resourcefulness and aggressive action, Second Lieutenant HENRISEN, who is now missing in action from a subsequent engagement on October 9, 1944, reflected the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.

WALTER LUTON, O-1241108, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When heavy enemy machine gun and 20mm fire stopped our attack upon the MAALMAAS Bridge northwest of ***, HOLLAND, and pinned down the assaulting forces with heavy casualties, Corporal LUTON unhesitatingly led his squad across open terrain in order to place flanking fire upon the enemy's left and relieved the pressure upon the rest of his platoon. He directed the fire of his machine gun upon the apertures of a pillbox and moved forward despite enemy fire which knocked out his machine gun crew and killed two of his men. By his timely aggressive action, Corporal LUTON diverted enemy fire from his platoon and made possible its advance to a position where the platoon could successfully assault the bridge and secure it for later crossings by our forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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CLIFFORD RHODEN, 3472060, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private RHODEN, Wireman, Company "A", 505th Parachute Infantry, laid and maintained a communication wire across 300 yards of contested and shell torn territory throughout the hours of darkness to the First Platoon of Company "A" in a defensive position at an important and isolated outpost. Due to the offensive capabilities of the enemy, it was deemed necessary to maintain wire communication to the Company CP. Private RHODEN assumed the onerous and unenviable task of laying this important wire under conditions of darkness and across fields contested by enemy patrols. As a result of his efforts, vital fire data and information as to enemy dispositions were transmitted and used to the fullest in the defense of the sector. Private RHODEN's gallant and devoted duty reflected the high traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from ~~###~~, ~~###~~.

GUYTON L. STANLEY, 37924455, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 22 September 1944 near ~~###~~, GERMANY. While attacking a German position, Private STANLEY's squad from Company "B" came under fire from a German machine gun, and was pinned down. Private STANLEY, a forward element of the squad, suddenly rose and ran forward to a position of the enemy's left machine gun, he brought such heavy fire along the enemy position that they could not peer from their holes. The remainder of his squad was enabled to advance and capture the entire German position. This daring action by Private STANLEY was directly responsible for the success of the attack and prevented casualties within his squad. Entered military service from KANSAS.

By command of Major General G.VIN:

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I -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3:

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 3, this Headquarters, dated 6 January 1945, as pertains to the award of the Silver Star Medal to JOHN C. H. LEE, JR., O-23688, Major, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, is revoked.

II -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

JOHN C. H. LEE, JR., O-23688, Major, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 near BELGIUM. Major LEE, Battalion S-4, volunteered for, planned, led and successfully executed a bridge demolition mission two and one-half miles behind the enemy's front lines. Enroute to the objective, Major LEE skillfully by-passed enemy sentries and strongpoints and with utter disregard for his own safety made repeated reconnaissance into possible danger areas. During work upon the bridge, enemy vehicles and foot troops moved constantly back and forth. Major LEE accomplished the task efficiently, silently and speedily. His technical skill and fore-sightedness in preparatory planning, his courageous and inspiring leadership and cool-headedness during tense moments, assured accomplishment of a mission that greatly hindered enemy movement and materially delayed his advance. Entered the United States Military Academy, from WEST VIRGINIA.

III -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 66, 1944:

So much of Section V, General Orders No. 66, this Headquarters, dated 10-29-44, Major (then Captain), Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, is amended to read: "The Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to CLYDE O. THORNTON, O-789622, Major (then Captain), Headquarters 82d Airborne Division."

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IV — AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 57:

✓ So much of Section VIII, General Orders No. 57, this Headquarters, dated 29 October 1944, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to Private NORRIS B. CASE, 35346780, 504th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Bronze Star Medal posthumously to Private NORRIS B. CASE, 35346780, for heroic conduct against the enemy in HOLLAND on 20 September 1944.

V — AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 61:

✓ So much of Section I, General Orders No. 61, this Headquarters, dated 30 November 1944, as awards the Silver Star Medal to Private First Class FRED BRINK is amended to read Private First Class FRED BRINK and as awards the Silver Star Medal to HOWARD U. PARKER is amended to read HOWARD V. PARKER.

VI — AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Tec 5	Charles T. Carlisle	14092676	29 Oct 44	407th AB QM Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Alvin P. Kusowski	36289521	29 Oct 44	407th AB QM Co	HOLLAND
Pvt	Russel M. Lawlor	35500269	29 Oct 44	407th AB QM Co	HOLLAND
Tec 4	Joseph J. Gaspar	35042600	6 June 44	Hq Co 82d AB Div	FRANCE
<i>and by 35</i> Pfc	James B. Howard <i>and "Mc" 14058956</i>	14058956	28 Sep 44	Hq Co 82d AB Div	HOLLAND
Pvt	Lawrence E. Tico	35608694	30 Oct 44	Hq Co 82d AB Div	HOLLAND
Tec 5	Stanley L. Williams	35281624	28 Sep 44	Hq Co 82d AB Div	HOLLAND
1st Lt	Hugh W. Fraser	0-1013473	17 Sep 44	Hq 82d AB Div	HOLLAND
Sgt	Henry E. Funk	33793436	2 Oct 44	Hq 82d AB Div	HOLLAND
M Sgt	Willard R. Haller	35136629	28 Sep 44	Hq 82d AB Div	HOLLAND
Cpl	Calvin W. Taylor	34235238	2 Oct 44	MP Plat, 82d AB Div	HOLLAND
Pvt	Michael Rogers	32724627	2 Oct 44	MP Plat, 82d AB Div	HOLLAND

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I -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

✓ JAMES A. WHITE, G-1506317, Captain, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 at ~~near~~ FRANCE. Captain WHITE's company had been reduced by casualties to one third its strength and he was the sole remaining officer. He reorganized his own and adjacent officerless company and led them in assault against superior German forces who were supported by tanks, mortars and machine guns. When the attack started, Captain WHITE was the first man who jumped off yelling encouragement to his men. He set the pace for the charge and swept through the town to decisively defeat the enemy and take the battalion objective. His inspiring courage and leadership was emulated by his men. The number of Germans killed in this engagement totalled more than the strength of the company. The exemplary heroism displayed by Captain WHITE under the most disheartening conditions reflects credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ JAMES ALEXANDER, 35110697, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 near ~~near~~ FRANCE. In an effort to improve their position under concentrated artillery fire, Company "F" was obliged to displace to the security of a hedgerow. The degree of fire made the movement highly perilous. Voluntarily, Private First Class ALEXANDER took his machine gun and advanced forward of the line in the face of the fire and set up his gun in an exposed spot from which he could lay observed fire on the enemy. The Germans concentrated their fire on Private First Class ALEXANDER and shot the bolt handle and sight from his gun. He stayed with the gun and kept up an intense fire on the foe until his company had completed its

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displacement successfully. His calmness, courage and unflinching devotion to duty was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from KENNSVILLE, INDIANA.

✓ FRANCIS J. BOLGER, O-1210016, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action for the period 6 to 9 June 1944 near #88, FRANCE. First Lieutenant BOLGER, a platoon leader, Company #200, 508th Parachute Infantry, led his platoon with much courage and aggressiveness and was able to assist in seizing and defending an important position during the initial stages of the invasion of the continent. On the morning of D-Day, following a parachute drop in #88, First Lieutenant BOLGER assembled his platoon but was unable to contact his own organization. He joined a small force of parachute troops engaged in clearing the enemy from the town of #88, and assisted in driving the enemy from the town. A German strongpoint defended the bridge over the MERDRETT River west of the town and blocked the causeway. First Lieutenant BOLGER directed his platoon in an attack upon this position, and by personal daring was able to lead an attack which destroyed the enemy defending the bridge. He established a defense and neutralized enemy positions dug in along the causeway. Repeated counterattacks by the enemy to retake the crossing were repulsed. During one engagement First Lieutenant BOLGER was wounded in the leg but continued to direct the defense of his position. Supporting forces driving west from the beaches were permitted uninterrupted crossing of the MERDRETT River, largely as a result of First Lieutenant BOLGER's determined efforts in the defense of this position. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

✓ SEYMOUR COLE, O-1295831, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944 near #88, FRANCE. When two assault companies from his battalion were pinned down by heavy enemy fire, First Lieutenant COLE, Battalion S-3, went forward to discover what was delaying the attack. He found a dug-in enemy machine gun position and realized that further delay would be costly. Instead of returning for help, he attempted to wire out the hostile position alone and stood up in full view of the foe and emptied two full clips of ammunition into the gun crew. He received gun wounds in both hands, but his prompt and gallant action inspired the men of his battalion to move up quickly and drive the enemy out completely. First Lieutenant COLE exemplified in this gallant action the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from VILLARIGO, INDIANA.

✓ EVERETT D. CRAGO, 35137059, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 near #88, FRANCE. During an assault action of his company, Private First Class CRAGO observed the enemy displacing its machine guns to a flank while permitting his company to advance into their field of fire. Voluntarily and unhesitatingly, he quickly moved on the gun positions and attacked one machine gun with grenades, killing two and wounding three of the crew. He then attacked the other two machine guns with rifle fire, killing part of the crew and securing the abandonment of both guns. Private First Class CRAGO's courageous initiative permitted his unit to move forward on its mission with few casualties and was an inspiration to his comrades. His action exemplified the highest traditions of bravery of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM COURT HOUSE, OHIO.

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✓ WEO J. FITZMARTIN, 9-111810, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 June 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. When a part of his company was given the mission of clearing glider landing areas with the help of Sherman Tanks, and the advance was blocked for fourteen hours by enemy artillery fire, First Lieutenant FITZMARTIN courageously opened the way singlehanded. Under cover of small arms fire, he advanced to within ~~range~~ range of the cannon and killed and dispersed the entire crew. He then neutralized the gun by blowing the barrel with a grenade. This heroic action enabled the force to successfully accomplish its mission. First Lieutenant FITZMARTIN's courage and audacity was in keeping with the brave traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

✓ FERNAN O. GERRA, 1800031, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 July 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private GERRA covered the advance of his unit across an open field to assault enemy forces dug in a strongpoint supported by at least five or six automatic weapons. Advancing under artillery and mortar fire in an exposed position, Private GERRA fired his machine gun from the hip, singlehandedly knocking out one machine gun nest and assisting materially in causing the surrender of two others. Neutralization of the enemy strongpoint allowed Private GERRA's unit to complete its original mission. Entered military service from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

✓ HENRY I. HENDERSON, 3953850, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 in ~~###~~, FRANCE. During the town fight-
in, the advance platoon was cut by direct MG fire from a house and four men fell. Without a moment's hesitation, Private First Class HENDERSON dashed through the fire and seized a BAR and charged the machine gun which then concentrated its fire on him. He was wounded in the head, but despite this he continued the assault and wiped out the machine gun crew while the platoon moved into position. This voluntary act of heroism by Private First Class HENDERSON was in the brave traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

✓ ROBERT W. HOFF, 3464780, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. When his radio failed, Technician Fifth Grade HOFF - a radio operator - voluntarily assumed the responsibilities of a squad leader in his company's assault to clear glider landing fields. After the gliders landed, the enemy platoon was 200 yards forward of his lines and firing. Technician Fifth Grade HOFF took three men and advanced to assault these weapons. With great skill and determination, he destroyed his small group and successfully drove off the supporting enemy rifle men. The four men then attacked the positions with accurate overlapping rifle fire under cover of which they moved forward to grenade range and killed many of the gun crews and forced the rest to surrender. The initiative, courage and example set by Technician Fifth Grade HOFF inspired the small group to heroic action which insured the security of the glider landings. His conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILL.

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✓ J. C. McCLAREN, 3A192998, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 near 668, FRANCE. Private First Class McCLAREN was engaged with his platoon in an attack on a strong enemy position in the face of extremely heavy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire when the platoon came under heavy machine gun fire from the rear, threatening to cut it off from the remainder of the company and its supporting fire. Acting instantly without orders, and alone, Private First Class McCLAREN, armed with an automatic rifle, moved back over then 100 yards under fire with sparse cover and single-handedly silenced the machine gun, killing the gunner and assistant gunner and wounding two other members of the crew. By his prompt and effective action, Private First Class McCLAREN inspired the men of his unit, and rendered a critical aid to the successful accomplishment of the unit's mission. Entered military service from LEFLORENCE, TENNESSEE.

✓ FRANK KOSLOVICH, 15 472856, Technical Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 June 1944 near 668, FRANCE. While his company was in assault action with tanks, enemy fire disabled two of the tanks. Technical Sergeant KOSLOVICH was held in repair the tank tracks when fire opened from an enemy strongpoint in a house. Without a moment's hesitation, he moved toward the house and through its fire a distance of 350 yards and reached it safely. He then boldly demanded the surrender of the occupants on threat of grenading them. In fear of death, the Germans agreed to come out if he would place his weapons on the ground. Risking possible murder, he spread and eight Germans with arms and surrendered. Technical Sergeant KOSLOVICH's high courage and initiative resulted in the elimination of an enemy machine gun strongpoint and were in keeping with the brave traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CRUCIBLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ CHARLES A. O'BRIEN, 17066951, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 4 November 1944 near 668, HOLLAND. Corporal O'BRIEN, Assistant Detachment Section Leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry, demonstrated great initiative and high personal courage while on a patrol into enemy lines. He and a comrade had volunteered to explore the enemy position in search of missing members of a previous patrol. They crossed 150 yards of open water in an assault boat directly in front of known enemy positions and landed on the enemy side of the 668 Canal, and completely searched the enemy's territory. As a result of his cool, deliberate, and conspicuous participation in this particularly hazardous mission, the patrol was able to furnish on its return definite information as to the fate of the former patrol, as well as additional vital information of enemy positions and habits. Private First Class O'BRIEN's display of dominant personal courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from OLS WILKS, IOWA.

✓ WENDELL F. O'NEAL, 11092264, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944 near 668, HOLLAND. Sergeant O'NEAL, on his own free will, together with four other men, went on a daylight patrol into a heavily fortified enemy position and by aggressive action gained specific information of the enemy's disposition and strength. Their primary objective was an enemy dug in position and machine gun redoubt, and their secondary objective was to take prisoners. In pursuit of the redoubt they discovered no enemy so, on their own volition, they continued deep into enemy territory to seek addition

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information and prisoners. Though they were confronted by natural obstacles and well entrenched positions they pushed aggressively forward. Individually and by pairs they fought pill boxes and machine gun positions in an effort to drive out and capture some enemy. Several times they engaged the enemy groups at close quarters with hand grenades. Every individual in the patrol displayed individual and collective heroism of the highest order, and despite the fact that they were alone in enemy territory against overwhelming odds they made every effort to accomplish their voluntary task. Finally they were forced to withdraw without prisoners. As a result of their action, information regarding exact enemy disposition and strength, highly needed for the defensive security of the area, was gained. Action of a later patrol in the same area disclosed that they had also destroyed at least one enemy machine gun position. The conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity that characterized Sergeant O'NEAL's actions was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MARLBOROUGH, D. C.

ROLAND N. FORTNEY, 30919706, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 4 November 1944 near 4388, HOLLAND. Private First Class FORTNEY, Rifleman, Company "B", 505th Parachute Infantry, demonstrated great initiative and high personal courage while on a patrol into the enemy lines. He and another man had volunteered to explore the enemy position in search of missing members of a previous patrol. They crossed 150 yards of open water in an assault boat directly in front of known enemy positions and landed on the enemy side of the WINDMILL Canal, and completely searched the enemy's territory. As a result of his cool, deliberate and courageous participation in this particularly hazardous mission, the patrol was able to furnish on its return definite information as to the fate of the former patrol as well as additional information of enemy positions and habits. Private First Class FORTNEY's display of dominant personal courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SPERDIN, WYOMING.

WALTER J. ROUHT, 30919370, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944 near 4388, HOLLAND. Private ROUHT, on his own free will, together with four other men, went on a daylight patrol into a heavily fortified enemy position and by aggressive action gained specific information of the enemy disposition and strength. Their primary objective was an enemy position and a road block, and their secondary objective was to take prisoners. An investigation of the road block disclosed no enemy so, on their own volition, they continued deep into enemy territory to seek additional information and prisoners. Though they were confronted by natural obstacles and well entrenched positions they pushed aggressively forward. Individually and by pairs they fought pill boxes and machine gun positions in an effort to drive out and capture some enemy. Several times they engaged the enemy groups at close quarters with hand grenades. Every individual in the patrol displayed individual and collective heroism of the highest order, and despite the fact that they were alone in enemy territory against overwhelming odds they made every effort to accomplish their voluntary task. Finally they were forced to withdraw without prisoners. As a result of their action, information regarding exact enemy disposition and strength, highly needed for the defensive security of the area, was gained. Action of a later patrol in the same area disclosed that they had also destroyed at least one enemy machine gun position. The conspicuous gallantry and

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intrepidity that characterized private FOUCHT's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NICHOLSON, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ THOMAS A. STURN, 35043902, Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 in France. When ammunition had run dangerously low in his company, Sergeant STURN, with his empty TSMG voluntarily crawled back more than 300 yards through enemy held territory to secure a resupply. He was subjected to machine gun fire, but without a moment's hesitation he charged the position and clubbed the two gunners to death. He then continued to the rear and brought back sufficient ammunition to enable his company to beat off the enemy counterattack. Sergeant STURN demonstrated courage and initiative of the highest order in accomplishing this self-imposed mission. His conduct reflected high credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ELKHART, INDIANA.

✓ BRUCE E. TIPPITT, 34192075, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 near France. Staff Sergeant TIPPITT commanded a platoon through every encounter with the enemy from the initial landings in France until his unit was relieved. He assumed command after his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties in the glider landings. During a mission behind enemy lines in the vicinity of France, Staff Sergeant TIPPITT showed exemplary courage and leadership. His unit successfully penetrated enemy lines and then discovered it was completely surrounded. Staff Sergeant TIPPITT organized his platoon into such a well-balanced defensive position that the enemy was unable to penetrate his position. Staff Sergeant TIPPITT's position on commanding ground overlooking the main enemy supply route. By holding this high ground, Staff Sergeant TIPPITT's unit cut off the enemy's supplies and reserves. This action enabled the rest of the regiment to successfully establish a bridgehead across the MERDENT River, near France. Entered military service from HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

✓ CARL E. BENNETT, 15112606, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near France. Private First Class BENNETT was a member of a patrol operating in security of a glider landing zone. While enroute to rescue a crashed glider, the patrol encountered a platoon of Germans who attacked and caused casualties in the patrol. Private First Class BENNETT picked up the BAR of the wounded gunner and against the full force of the enemy fire charged the Germans and utterly disorganized them by his audacity and fire. His action drew their fire and enabled the glider occupants to reach cover

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and assist in the defeat of the enemy force. Private First Class BENNETT was killed in a later action. Throughout the operation he had shown constant heroism, calmness under fire and unflinching devotion to duty, typifying the high tradition of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MORGANTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

✓ PAUL J. EBERT, 35291001, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. After Staff Sergeant EBERT's platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties, Staff Sergeant EBERT took command of his platoon during a fierce enemy counter-attack in which the enemy was able to drive a wedge into Staff Sergeant EBERT's line. Staff Sergeant EBERT rallied his platoon and drove the enemy out of the gap, again making contact with the remainder of his unit. The enemy brought up tanks in an attempt to penetrate the line again. Staff Sergeant EBERT rallied his platoon and attacked the tanks with rifle grenades and bazookas, and after one tank was destroyed, the rest of the enemy tanks retreated. Staff Sergeant EBERT led his unit in an attack in pursuit of the enemy. This action allowed the rest of Staff Sergeant EBERT's unit to continue the attack and reach its objective. Entered military service from MANTON, OHIO.

✓ JUSTIN F. HUBBROCK, 36614458, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 in ***, FRANCE. When his company was under a severe attack and ammunition was almost exhausted, Private First Class HUBBROCK valiantly dashed through enemy fire a distance of 300 yards and brought back a small amount of ammunition. Later, when the company was ordered to counter-attack and was making slow headway against the intense enemy fire, Private First Class HUBBROCK sprang from cover and charged the enemy yelling, "Let's go!" He was killed in this valiant act, but his heroic conduct so inspired his comrades that they followed his example. Private First Class HUBBROCK exemplified those qualities of courage, initiative, and determination which are traditional with the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

✓ JAMES D. IRWIN, 6-1504372, Second Lieutenant, 507th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When one battalion of infantry was ordered to cross a causeway defended by a reinforced German regiment supported by artillery, Second Lieutenant IRWIN displayed courage and leadership of inspiring quality. The advance was slow and casualties heavy. But despite the fire and the rugged terrain, Second Lieutenant IRWIN ran up and down the line exhorting, urging, cheering, and joking with the advancing infantry to speed up the momentum of the attack. His exemplary courage and leadership contributed materially to the final success of the assault and were in keeping with the brave traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

✓ PATRICK J. McGRATH, 12080005, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on December 17, 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. During Company UP's attack on the vital bridge immediately after the parachute drop on D Day, several men were wounded by well concealed enemy. In order that his comrades might bring across effective fire on the enemy, Private McGRATH moved into the open field alone, thereby drawing heavy enemy fire and enabling his comrades to pick off the enemy positions. During his withdrawal to cover, Private McGRATH was fatally wounded by a burst of machine gun fire, but not before he personally had wounded two enemy riflemen and wounded another. Private McGRATH's courageous conduct at

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the cost of his life aided directly in Company "B"'s seizure of the bridge and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

✓ CHARLES P. SHUTACK, 35500286, Technical Sergeant, 1st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 in France. In preparation for an assault against the front of Company "F", the enemy commenced with heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Without hesitating, Technical Sergeant SHUTACK determined to counterattack and led off a charge against the hostile positions. He was killed in the crossfire of the two machine guns. His courageous example inspired his men that they followed him and neutralized the enemy gun positions and that night had resulted in an enemy penetration of a thinly manned front was converted to a successful assault. Technical Sergeant SHUTACK's courage, initiative and exemplary leadership were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

✓ HERBERT P. URSCHEL, 25044503, Technical Sergeant, 1st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 near France. Technical Sergeant URSCHEL, with total disregard for personal safety and without orders, single-handedly stopped a machine gun nest which had pinned his platoon to the ground killing the crew of five men with grenade and sub-machine gun fire, and thus knocking out the gun. This heroic action enabled the platoon to advance and successfully accomplish its mission. Technical Sergeant URSCHEL's extraordinary heroism and courage in the face of fire, devotion to duty and unflinching gallantry in the face of all odds were an inspiration to all who followed him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military services. Entered military service from WABASH, INDIANA.

IV -- 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 (19) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals Missing in Action:

✓ DONALD L. ADRIANSON, 16009326, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 November 1944 near Holland. Technician Fourth Grade ADRIANSON, on his own free will, together with four other men, went on a daylight patrol into a heavily fortified enemy position and by aggressive action gained specific information of the enemy disposition and strength. Their primary objective was an enemy dug in position and new log roadblock, and their secondary objective was to take prisoners. An investigation of the roadblock disclosed no enemy so, on their own volition, they continued deep into enemy territory to seek additional information and prisoners. Though they were confronted by natural obstacles and well entrenched positions, they pushed aggressively forward. Individually and by pairs they fought pill boxes and machine gun positions in an effort to drive out and capture some enemy. Several times they engaged the enemy groups at close quarters with hand grenades. Every individual in the patrol displayed individual and collective heroism of the highest order, and despite the fact that they were alone in enemy territory against overwhelming odds they made every effort to accomplish their voluntary task. Finally they were forced to withdraw without prisoners. As a result of their action information regarding exact enemy

disposition and strength, direly needed for the defensive security of the area, was gained. Action of a later patrol in the same area disclosed that they had also destroyed at least one enemy machine gun position. The conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity that characterized Technician Fourth Grade ADRIANSON's action, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from RACINE, WISCONSIN.

✓ SERGE L. CAPDEROCHE, 50259770, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944 near West, HOLLAND. Private CAPDEROCHE, on his own free will, together with four other men, went on a daylight patrol into a heavily fortified enemy position and by aggressive action gained specific information of the enemy disposition and strength. Their primary objective was an enemy dug in position and new log roadblock, and their secondary objective was to take prisoners. An investigation of the roadblock disclosed no enemy so, on their own volition, they continued deep into enemy territory to seek additional information and prisoners. Though they were confronted by natural obstacles and well entrenched positions they pushed aggressively forward. Individually and by pairs they fought pill boxes and machine gun positions in an effort to drive out and capture some enemy. Several times they engaged the enemy groups at close quarters with hand grenades. Every individual in the patrol displayed individual and collective heroism of the highest order, and despite the fact that they were alone in enemy territory against overwhelming odds they made every effort to accomplish their voluntary task. Finally they were forced to withdraw without prisoners. As a result of their action information regarding exact enemy disposition and strength, direly needed for the defensive security of the area, was gained. Action of a later patrol in the same area disclosed that they had also destroyed at least one enemy machine gun position. The conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity that characterized Private CAPDEROCHE's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

✓ STEPHEN C. MASON, 12165894, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944 near West, HOLLAND. Private MASON, on his own free will, together with four other men, went on a daylight patrol into a heavily fortified enemy position and by aggressive action gained specific information of the enemy disposition and strength. Their primary objective was an enemy dug in position and new log roadblock, and their secondary objective was to take prisoners. An investigation of the roadblock disclosed no enemy so, on their own volition, they continued deep into enemy territory to seek additional information and prisoners. Though they were confronted by natural obstacles and well entrenched positions they pushed aggressively forward. Individually and by pair they fought pill boxes and machine gun positions in an effort to drive out and capture some enemy. Several times they engaged the enemy groups at close quarters with hand grenades. Every individual in the patrol displayed individual and collective heroism of the highest order, and despite the fact that they were alone in enemy territory against overwhelming odds they made every effort to accomplish their voluntary task. Finally they were forced to withdraw without prisoners. As a result of their action information regarding exact enemy disposition and strength, direly needed for the defensive security of the area, was gained. Action of a later patrol in the same area disclosed that they had also destroyed at least one enemy machine gun position. The conspicuous gallantry

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and intrepidity that characterized Private MASON's actions was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ~~NEWARK~~, NEW JERSEY.

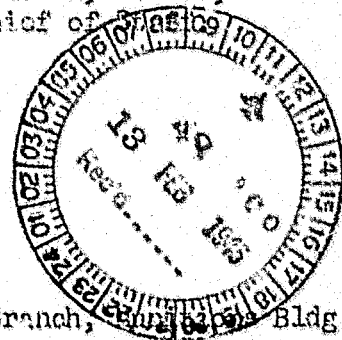
✓ **HOWARD MATT**, 35238955, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Private MATT, BAR Gunner, Company "E", 505th Parachute Infantry, gave a heroic and exemplary performance when, of his own volition, he alone remained in position and covered the withdrawal of his platoon from an out post when it was aggressively attacked by about one battalion of German parachute troops. Private MATT stayed in position and engaged the enemy with close range fire. As a result of his action, the platoon was enabled to counterattack and reestablish their former defensive position where they found his BAR still in position with every round fired, but no trace of Private MATT. The perseverance and actions of Private MATT cast a favorable reflection on the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ~~ELKHART~~, INDIANA.

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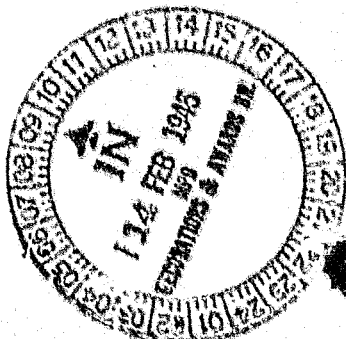
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I --- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WOLFRUM W. BECHT, 36235964, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 July 1944 near ~~XXX~~, FRANCE. When his company was attacking the town, the two lead scouts were ambushed and wounded. Voluntarily and in the face of direct machine gun fire, Private First Class BECHT crawled from the security of a hedgerow to the advance position where the scouts lay and was attempting to drag them to safety when he was himself wounded by machine gun fire and grenades. His heroism and gallantry at the jeopardy of his own life in trying to rescue his comrades was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

CHARLES B. CRIST, 31475595, Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 9 June 1944 at ~~XXX~~, FRANCE. In the battle for the crossing of the MEUSE River, when an adjacent squad lost both leaders, he voluntarily reorganized it and assumed command and led it successfully through the action. Both before and after this act, he constantly displayed qualities of leadership that consistently contributed to the furtherance of the company's efforts. He was always willing to assume more than his share and set a personal example in battle that proved an inspiration to all who fought with him. His courage, initiative and exemplary conduct were always in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SALAMANCA, NEW YORK.

JAMES W. DAY, 35135811, Staff Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 June 1944 near ~~XXX~~, FRANCE. While a member of a patrol behind enemy lines in search of intelligence, Staff Sergeant DAY demonstrated high courage and skill in the performance of his mission. The patrol was attacked and pinned down by machine gun fire. He and one comrade crawled within thirty yards of the hostile position, and attacked it with ~~AT~~ killing and dispersing the crew and silencing the gun. This ~~act~~ voluntarily and enabled the patrol to accomplish its mission.

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This action of Staff Sergeant DAY was typical of his conduct from the day of battle. His heroism, endurance under fire and total disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WELCH, WEST VIRGINIA.

JOHN G. DROGAN, 33255800, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company was fighting off a fierce enemy counterattack which was supported by mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant DROGAN observed the enemy flanking and encircling the position. On his own initiative, he took one man and placed an unmanned mortar into action in an exposed position from which he could observe and direct his fire. His prompt action and skillful performance of a voluntary duty resulted in heavy casualties for the enemy and was an important factor in beating off the counterattack. Sergeant DROGAN's conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BELLEFONTAINE, PENNSYLVANIA.

RALPH A. FAUGNO, 32598847, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. During the battle for this town, it was necessary to launch a counterattack against a strong enemy force supported by intense machine gun fire. The attack was slow getting under way, but Private First Class FAUGNO quickly sprang into action and was out fifty yards ahead of the company with his commanding officer. His action brought an enemy machine gun into action which wounded the two, but it served to inspire the platoon to follow their example and bring the assault to a successful conclusion. Private First Class FAUGNO'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 JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.

ALBERT E. GARDNER, 32680073, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Sergeant GARDNER was sent on a patrol deep into enemy territory to secure information on enemy strength and dispositions. He was attacked by machine guns and snipers on three occasions but determinedly continued on his mission. He secured accurate and valuable information which proved of great value in operations then under way. Sergeant GARDNER's initiative, courage and keen devotion to duty was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

CARL A. JARNIG, 17047963, Technician Fifth Grade, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For heroic conduct in action on 11 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade JARNIG, a technician in the automotive platoon, voluntarily supervised the recovery of a quarter ton command and reconnaissance car and trailer under heavy shell fire, blackout conditions, and extremely heavy traffic. By his voluntary and courageous deed, Technician Fifth Grade JARNIG contributed greatly to the success of the battalion's difficult move from the forward area, and at the same time setting a splendid example for members of this organization in future operations. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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✓ TONY J. MEDUNICK, 33267486, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Sergeant MEDUNICK voluntarily carried a light machine gun and ammunition and kept up with his company after all the men in the MG squad were knocked out. His indomitable spirit and high courage were manifest when the company was in a tight spot. Singlehandedly and in the face of strong enemy action, he advanced with his gun and destroyed twenty three of the enemy. Sergeant MEDUNICK's devotion to duty, calmness under fire and exemplary conduct under the most adverse conditions was an inspiration to all his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the airborne forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ RICHARD A. SALDIVAR, 29279812, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. While acting as scouts in the advance on the town, Private First Class SALDIVAR and a comrade were ambushed and the latter was wounded and lay in the open under direct fire from the enemy. Private First Class SALDIVAR left the cover he had found when attacked and went out to drag his comrade to a more sheltered spot. In this gallant act he received serious wounds from the same fire. His action was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

✓ LYON ED N. SLATER, 15100902, Technical Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action for the period 6 to 12 June 1944 in ***, FRANCE. While on attack near ***, Technical Sergeant SLATER was riding a tank which was hit by an enemy high velocity shell. He received painful injuries to his leg but refused evacuation and led his men into action. Throughout the following six days, he displayed high courage and keen determination at the head of his men through many skirmishes, and in the crossing of the MERDERET River under intense enemy fire. His injury became so acute that he had to be carried to an aid station, but his unflinching devotion to duty was a constant inspiration to his men, and in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

II -- AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR TERRITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 2806 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 2 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ HOWARD W. CLIMBERG, 35488052, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 11, 1943, to November 12, 1944, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, and GULF COAST Campaigns. During the three aforementioned campaigns, Sergeant CLIMBERG has never missed a single day of combat duty with this regiment and for the past year has brilliantly performed his duties as a Squad Leader. His all round dependability and resourceful leadership have made him one of the most respected members of his company. His untiring devotion to duty and willingness to shoulder responsibility regardless of the hazards involved reflect great credit upon himself and the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

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LEE W. COX, 20417998, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 17, 1944, to November 12, 1944, inclusive, during the HOLLAND Campaign. Throughout this campaign, Private COX performed his duties as mortar observer in such a brilliant and courageous manner that on several occasions the success of his company would have been seriously in doubt without his contributions and work. On September 25, 1944, Private COX established a mortar OP in a glider 150 yards in front of his company's position overlooking ***. For eighteen continuous days, he directed fire accurately from this position which was exposed to enemy small arms and machine gun fire throughout. This fire accounted for twenty enemy killed and wounded over the eighteen day period. By these and many other acts, Private COX displayed the highest order of courage and personal sacrifice during the HOLLAND Campaign and earned the highest respect of all those associated with him. His devotion to duty and eagerness to undertake any hazardous duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from PIR INCHON, LABAN.

GEORGE HALL, 12036904, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period from September 17, 1944, to November 12, 1944, inclusive, during the HOLLAND Campaign. Throughout the whole of this campaign, Corporal HALL, Assistant Squad Leader of Company "B", 504th Parachute Infantry, performed his duties in an extremely exemplary manner. His combat leadership and personal courage were at all times of the highest order. While attempting to get closer to one of three enemy machine gun positions he had located, he was seen by the sight of an illuminating flare. The enemy immediately opened up with a machine gun barely missing Corporal HALL and the other members of the patrol. Although under heavy close-range fire, he moved forward to a position from which he threw a Gascon Grenade which knocked out the gun, killed the gunner, and drove off another two enemy. This action is only one of many during the campaign in which Corporal HALL proved himself to be a courageous, dependable leader. His conduct throughout was such as to earn him the highest respect of all his comrades and uphold the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from NORTON, VIRGINIA.

HAROLD A. HENNE, 37162997, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 13, 1943, to November 12, 1944, inclusive, during the ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. Throughout this period, Staff Sergeant HENNE served in the capacity of Company Supply Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry. Staff Sergeant HENNE's efforts have always been directed toward making the members of his organization as well equipped and supplied as was possible. His high conception of duty and personal sacrifices have made a marked contribution to the overall successes of his company during the ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from HURDSFIELD, NORTH DAKOTA.

HANS I. LEVI, 32712563, Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND for the period 17 September 1944 to 13 November 1944. Sergeant LEVI rendered invaluable service in assisting the Division Civil Affairs Officer in the accomplishment of varied duties throughout all phases of the operation. He distinguished himself particularly in the town of *** in maintaining order in the

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town and later in effecting the evacuation of its inhabitants. This vital work was accomplished under hazardous conditions. Although his enlisted associate was killed by shell fire, Sergeant LEVI persisted in the performance of his duties without regard for his own safety and worked diligently, intelligently and with enthusiasm and initiative. In addition to these duties, he was frequently called upon to interpret in German and Dutch. Sergeant LEVI's courage and efficiency were a credit to himself and the Division. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JOHN A. METZ, 3609849, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 11, 1943, to November 12, 1944, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, and HOLLAND Campaigns. Staff Sergeant METZ has served as a Platoon Sergeant in Company "D" over a period of two years of which over two hundred days have been in actual combat against the enemy. On many occasions due to combat casualties, he has performed the duties of a Platoon Leader with exceptional ability. His devotion to duty and leadership under all types of combat conditions have been of a high order. Staff Sergeant METZ was injured on the parachute jump in HOLLAND but refused to be evacuated and continued to execute his duty in an exemplary manner. Staff Sergeant METZ has upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army both in combat and garrison over a period of time of such a duration as to reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

JOHN C. REYNOLDS, 12182916, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 20 September 1944 to 3 October 1944 near #00, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant REYNOLDS, although his routine duty consisted of disseminating the news and organizing factual material for the Division History, voluntarily covered the wide Division Sector in many towns and on the lines. During much of this time he was under all types of fire and engagements with the enemy. Many times during this entire period he met with and faced highly dangerous situations in towns and villages but always thoroughly fulfilled his mission. By so doing, and without personal regard for his own safety, he obtained highly accurate reports with which to supplement the coverage of accredited correspondents. His courage and bravery in the face of the enemy and aggressive determination to record events through first hand knowledge were in keeping with the finest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from GUNTON, NEW YORK.

ADRIAN L. RUSSELL, 35111016, Technical Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 14 June 1944 to 3 July 1944, in #00, FRANCE. When his platoon leader was killed, Technical Sergeant RUSSELL took over the command of the platoon under fire and led it with skill, determination and high courage until he was himself wounded on 3 July. Throughout the period of his leadership, he displayed outstanding qualities of command and ability to handle troops in assault combat. His conduct was a material contribution to the fine record of his company and was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HODGENSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

FREDERICK WALTERS, JR., 12050602, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 11, 1943, to November 12, 1944, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. Serving in the capacity of Battalion Supply Sergeant, Staff Sergeant WALTERS has continually demonstrated exemplary devotion to duty and extreme diligence in caring for the troops he served. He could always be depended upon to furnish his battalion with adequate ammunition, guns, and food at the proper time and place regardless of existing combat conditions. He was ever ready to assume additional duties in an emergency. By his calm efficiency under fire and his keen anticipation of his battalion's needs, Staff Sergeant WALTERS contributed greatly to the successful combat operations of his battalion and earned the respect of all associated with him. He typifies the best of the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (G) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual posthumously:

MORION W. MORTON, 34665449, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. While a member of a patrol operating behind enemy lines in search of intelligence and prisoners, his group was pinned down by machine gun fire. With one companion, Private First Class MORTON voluntarily advanced to within thirty yards of the machine gun's position only to find that they were trapped between two groups of enemy riflemen. Without a moment's hesitation, he jumped to his feet in the path of the fire and quickly and accurately tossed grenades into both groups, thereby killing, wounding and dispersing them. His prompt and heroic action enabled him to continue and help neutralize the MG position, and was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from JACOBSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

IV -- 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 (G) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, Missing in Action:

FRANKER REEL, 35394808, Private, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. After the successful crossing of the MOUHEREFET River, heavy opposition was encountered by Company "Q". The Company Commander called for volunteers to investigate. Private REEL stepped up and advanced through the hedge in the direction of the fire. In a short while the firing stopped and shortly afterward, Private REEL marched out a column of twenty four Germans. He had forced them to abandon two machine guns

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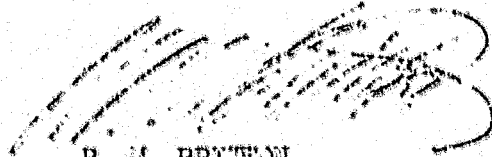
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and surrender. His initiative and audacity in neutralizing this group reflects credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CL RISSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

By command of Major General GIVIN:

R. H. WILNECKY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 3, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>A. S. N.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM</u>
WILFORD J. JAUBERT	0-412052	1st Lt.	Opelousas, Louisiana
PAUCE V. CARLOCK	0-395543	1st Lt.	San Diego, California
FRANK E. V. HUDON	11085817	PFC	Nashua, New Hampshire
CHARLES G. FOLMAR	12054934	PFC	Niagara Falls, New York
JOHN A. WHITE	20-16501	PFC	Stewart, Alabama
JAMES W. SNEAD	5-397874	PFC	Cave Spring, Georgia
HARRY B. LOGAN, JR.	33349940	PVT	Chicago, Illinois
DOMINIC J. CIGNTE	32203591	PFC	Garden, New York
STEWART R. KNOWLES	17109400	PFC	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
RICHARD E. WILLIAMS	13025744	PVT	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
WILLIS J. KRESGE	33459361	PFC	Seranton, Pennsylvania
WILLIAM J. WESTERMAN	35691311	PFC	Louisville, Kentucky
DON LANG	19004301	PVT	Portland, Oregon
ALBERT WEIDNER	37053498	PVT	St. Louis, Missouri
FRANK E. CONWAY, JR.	13135712	SGT	Baltimore, Maryland
WILLIAM E. WOOD	20243321	PFC	Sheridan, Wyoming
PAUL H. SPENCER	36575361	PVT	Indianapolis, Indiana
LEWIS D. SPALDING	39410251	PVT	Sacramento, California

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Akron, Ohio ✓
Canton, Ohio ✓

CITATION:

For meritorious achievement on 17 September 1944, in HOLLAND. At 1250 hours on D-Day, ten minutes prior to the arrival of the first element of the main body, the above named men, members of the Pathfinder Team, 504th Parachute Infantry, dropped by parachute with the specialized, delicate equipment and apparatus for guiding the incoming parachute and glider lifts. They were the advanced element of the greatest armada of Airborne Troops ever massed for a daylight operation. With only the protection of their individual small arms, they set up their complicated apparatus in open fields without benefit of cover or concealment. They exhibited the highest degree of courage and daring. With remarkable efficiency, they achieved great success in completing their dangerous mission. The accomplishment of their hazardous duty was a material contribution to the success of this airborne operation. Their voluntary performance was an excellent demonstration of daring and courage in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to the policy contained in letter CGO-3 (AG) Headquarters AVI II Corps, G-1, dated 31 August 1941, and Circular No. 3, Headquarters United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM:</u>
JOHNNIE P. JOJOLA	59012812	S/SGT	Isleta, New Mexico.
GEORGE PASKO	15088787	PFC	Painesville, Ohio.
DILLARD J. BENTON	20830893	PVT	Norfolk, Virginia.
JOHN F. LEE	11048374	CPL	Worcester, Massachusetts.
IVY-JON T. ODOM	18188343	PFC	Beaumont, Texas.
CARLYLE G. FUDCOCK	13769181	CPL	Homer City, Pennsylvania.
JOSEPH D. VLNA	38333316	PFC	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
REX M. WELSH	6872494	CPL	Memphis, Tennessee.
WILBUR A. WRIGHT	18380427	PFC	Canton, Ohio.

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ORVILLE J. YOUNG	16040885	PVT	Wolfe City, Tex- as.
JOSEPH R. HORVATH	15089850	OPL	Erwin, Pennsylv- vania.
RALPH J. DELGIORNO	32295185	PFC	New York City, New York.

CITATION:

Blaze Mortar Platoon, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry. (For meritorious service in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND, from 9 July 1943 to 13 November 1944. The above named are members of a mortar platoon which has distinguished itself in every engagement in which the 505th Parachute Infantry has participated. They have contributed materially to the effectiveness and accuracy of the platoon's fire and to its conspicuous efficiency in combat. They work willingly and diligently in battle and garrison to increase the quality of performance. At all times they were a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals posthumously:

KENNETH J. PINNEY, 32543224, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic achievement in HOLLAND on 17 September 1944. At 1250 hours on D-Day, ten minutes prior to the arrival of the first element of the main body, Private PINNEY dropped by parachute as a member of a small pathfinder team with the specialized, delicate equipment and apparatus for guiding the incoming parachute and glider lifts. They were the advanced element of the greatest armada of Airborne Troops ever massed for a daylight operation. With only the protection of their individual small arms, they set up their complicated apparatus in open fields without benefit of cover or concealment. Private PINNEY exhibited the highest degree of courage and daring. With remarkable efficiency, great success was achieved in completing this dangerous mission. The accomplishment of this hazardous duty was a material contribution to the success of the Airborne operation. The voluntary performance of Private PINNEY was an excellent demonstration of daring and in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LE ROY, NEW YORK.

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IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION:

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 21 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, Missing in Action:

RAY D. WILBANKS, 20443024, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic achievement in HOLLAND on 17 September 1944. At 1250 hours on D-Day, ten minutes prior to the arrival of the first element of the main body, Private WILBANKS dropped by parachute as a member of a small pathfinder team with the specialized, delicate equipment and apparatus for guiding the incoming parachute and glider lifts. They were the advanced element of the greatest armada of Airborne Troops ever massed for a daylight operation. With only the protection of their individual small arms, they set up their complicated apparatus in open fields without benefit of cover or concealment. Private WILBANKS exhibited the highest degree of courage and daring. With remarkable efficiency they achieved great success in completing their dangerous mission. The accomplishment of this hazardous duty was a material contribution to the success of the Airborne operation. Private WILBANKS' voluntary performance was an excellent demonstration of daring and in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

ALBERT R. ESSIG, 15130869, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic achievement in HOLLAND on 17 September 1944. At 1250 hours on D-Day, ten minutes prior to the arrival of the first element of the main body, Private First Class ESSIG dropped by parachute as a member of a small pathfinder team with the specialized, delicate equipment and apparatus for guiding the incoming parachute and glider lifts. They were the advanced element of the greatest armada of Airborne Troops ever massed for a daylight operation. With only the protection of their individual small arms, they set up their complicated apparatus in open fields without benefit of cover or concealment. Private First Class ESSIG exhibited the highest degree of courage and daring. With remarkable efficiency they achieved great success in completing their dangerous mission. The accomplishment of this hazardous duty was a material contribution to the success of the Airborne operation. Private First Class ESSIG's voluntary performance was an excellent demonstration of daring and in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

HAROLD W. WOLTZ, 36124727, Sergeant, 506th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND, from

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9 July 1943 to 15 November 1944. Sergeant WOLTZ was a member of a mortar platoon which has distinguished itself in every engagement in which the 505th Parachute Infantry has participated. He contributed materially to the effectiveness and accuracy of the platoon's fire and to its conspicuous efficiency in combat. He worked willingly and diligently in battle and garrison to increase its quality of performance. At all times, Sergeant WOLTZ was a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DEARBORN, MICHIGAN.

V -- CITATION FOR HEROIC CONDUCT IN ACTION:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are cited for Heroic Conduct in Action:

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>A. S. N.</u>	<u>RANK.</u>	<u>ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE FROM:</u>
RENEAU G. BREARD	0-477286	1st Lt.	Monroe, Louisiana.
OTTO W. HUBNER	338187	S/SGT	Chicago, Illinois
EDWARD E. ADAMCZYK	378638	SGT	Tonawanda, New York.
CLIFFORD E. DE CAMP	15077652	SGT	Cadiz, Ohio.
MITCHELL E. RECH	15077728	SGT	Marion, Ohio.
FRANK L. HEIDBRINK	35453279	GPL	Newport, Kentucky.
ALAN R. CUNDIFF	6991728	OPR	Huntington, West Virginia.
BENJAMIN M. BREW	36448606	GPL	Canton, Illinois.
LESLIE H. UCAS	13080459	T/5	Rochester, New York.
DONALD J. OWRA	19085463	PFC	Stockton, California.
PAUL P. KIRIAN	15077333	PFC	Carey, Ohio.
WILLARD H. EDSTROM	37384610	PFC	Rush City, Minnesota.
EDWARD J. GAIDA	35521034	PFC	Cleveland, Ohio.
JOHN KIRBY	51351423	PFC	Newport, New York.
VIRGIL C. DANIELSON	37322487	PFC	Burdulac, North Dakota.
AARON A. FAKE	33259899	PFC	York, Pennsylvania.
JACK W. BELK	20811576	PFC	Dallas, Texas.
RUBERT H. STALNAKER	36741523	PFC	Phillipi, West Virginia.
WILLIAM G. BROWN	32047128	PVT	Gloverville, New York.
KENNETH L. FORK	33800316	PVT	Bridge, Oregon.
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IGNATIUS W. WENGRESS	33423736	PVT	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
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JAMES E. TIPPETT	39178840	PVT	Paragould, Arkansas.

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HOMER G. STEEPRO	35483140	PVT	Albany, Indiana ✓
BOB R. LANIER	17091219	PVT	Paris, Texas. ✓
WALTER W. MILLARD	31180901	PVT	Providence, Rhode Island. ✓
WILLIAM H. CONSIGNY	11084772	PVT	Nashua, New Hampshire. ✓
FRANK BROWN, JR.	19169110	PVT	Merrill, Wisconsin. ✓
GORDON GOULD	31027604	PVT	Lawrence, Massachusetts. ✓
ARTHUR F. GILPATRICK	31318955	PVT	East Hiram, Maine. ✓
THOMAS J. DOWN	6940741	PVT	Altoona, Pennsylvania. ✓
DOUGLAS L. BUCKLEY	16086395	PVT	Muskegon, Michigan. ✓
WALTER R. GREY	31030518	PVT.	Boston, Mass. ✓

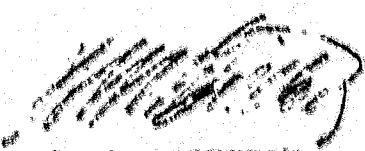
CITATION:

For heroic conduct in action on 23 October 1944, about one-half mile northwest of *****, GERMANY. At 1715 hours on 23 October 1944 a combat patrol composed of the above named officer and enlisted men from Company "A", 504th Parachute Infantry, launched an attack against a strongly fortified enemy road block near their main line of resistance. Following close behind a mortar barrage, the patrol courageously cleared a path through difficult barbed wire entanglements supported by anti-personnel mines by the use of grappling hooks and ropes. The advance of the patrol was so rapid and hard-pressed that the enemy infantry defending the road block were caught in their trenches and dugouts. Disregarding the close range small arms fire, members of the patrol overran the road block; killing eleven of the enemy and capturing two from whom valuable intelligence information was obtained. The aggressive attitude, courageous conduct, and exemplary teamwork demonstrated by each individual member of the patrol reflects the highest credit on the American Airborne Force.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

R. H. WIENECKE,
Colon, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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R. M. BRITTON,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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I -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following, named individual:

JUNIOR R. WOODRUFF, O-1309864, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944 in BELGIUM. Captain WOODRUFF, Commanding Company "F", 325th Glider Infantry, displayed gallantry, intrepidity and leadership of the highest order in aggressively defending a roadblock against enemy forces of superior strength and firepower. After all American armor supporting him in his area had been destroyed, he refused to give ground and by his own exemplary conduct inspired his company to emulate his example in fighting off continuous enemy counterattacks despite rapidly mounting casualties. Regardless of the intensity of the hostile artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he moved through his defensive area encouraging, cheering and advising his men. When his company was reduced to one-fourth its strength, he was ordered to withdraw, and then accomplished the displacement with outstanding skill to retrain his battalion. The courageous stand of Captain WOODRUFF and his men resulted in a definite set-back to the enemy with considerable losses. The conduct and gallantry of Captain WOODRUFF were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following, named individuals:

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JOSEPH HILL, O-1824359, Second Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 31 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Second Lieutenant HILL, Platoon Leader, Company "D", voluntarily led a patrol within the enemy lines. In daylight with six men, Second Lieutenant HILL proceeded to the outskirts of ***. Noting no enemy activity within the village, he searched the surrounding countryside and discovered a trail leading up a firebreak along which he moved swiftly until he came within sight of the enemy. Without pausing, he deployed his men and opened fire, killing one German. He continued his advance under an intense hail of fire and so disconcerted the enemy with the volume of his fire that the enemy machine gunners left their weapons and fled into the woods. Second Lieutenant HILL then attacked the main group in a ditch near the end of the firebreak. This attack was carried right into the enemy's position. Twelve Germans were killed in the ditch and the others driven back. Second Lieutenant HILL then reassembled his patrol and returned to his lines without casualties. His courageous action in the face of the enemy reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SALINA, NEW JERSEY.

WILLIAM M. HILL, O-1175159, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When the infantry unit which his battalion was supporting was counterattacked by the enemy and observation of their fire was unobtainable, First Lieutenant HILL voluntarily moved from the rear to a position in advance of the front lines. His radio failed to function, so he returned to his artillery position with the necessary data, and again went forward to observe and adjust fire. He repeated these trips under all sorts of hostile fire and did his work so efficiently that several of the enemy guns were knocked out and the infantry was thereby enabled to overrun the enemy positions. Throughout the engagement, First Lieutenant HILL displayed initiative, determination and high courage in the performance of a task beyond the call of duty in the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (IG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

JOHN D. LEONARD, O-1551445. First Lieutenant, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 November 1944 near the *** Bridge, ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant LEONARD, Platoon Leader of the Armament Platoon, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company, voluntarily supervised the recovery of a quarter-ton command and reconnaissance car and trailer at a point near the *** Bridge, under heavy shell fire, blackout conditions, and extremely heavy traffic. By his voluntary and courageous deed, First Lieutenant LEONARD contributed greatly

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to the success of the battalion's difficult move from the forward area, at the same time setting a splendid example for members of this organization in future operations. Entered military service from KINGSTON, NEW YORK.

IV -- 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

FRED W. GONZALES, 7012076, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant GONZALES, Platoon Sergeant, Company "C", 504th Parachute Infantry, was a member of a combat patrol with the mission of knocking out an enemy strongpoint. When the enemy discovered the presence of this patrol near one of their strongpoints, intense small arms fire from four machine gun, several rifle grenades, and machine pistols pinned down two squads of the patrol. Staff Sergeant GONZALES, with utter disregard for his personal safety, immediately walked boldly from man to man directing them toward the objective. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the platoon from a distance of 75 yards, he advanced alone toward the position, killing the machine gunner and driving away his assistants. During this action, several members of the patrol were wounded. Staff Sergeant GONZALES led four men a distance of 500 yards, into enemy territory where he remained for two hours protecting the evacuation of the wounded to the safety of our lines. During this time, he beat off an enemy patrol, killing two men and wounding two others personally. The conduct of Staff Sergeant GONZALES throughout this entire action was an inspiration to all the members of his platoon and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from TRINIDAD, COLORADO.

CLARENCE W. McKELVEY, O-1174068, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 16 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant McKELVEY was on duty as a field artillery liaison officer with an infantry battalion whose troops were being harassed by enemy artillery which was inflicting considerable damage. To secure observation on the enemy guns and establish their location, First Lieutenant McKELVEY voluntarily went beyond the front lines with an infantry patrol which was brought under intense fire, one man being killed and two wounded. Despite the hazards involved and in utter disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant McKELVEY proceeded to a point approximately four hundred yards from the enemy gun positions and brought the fire of his artillery battalion down to silence them. This act, reducing our losses due to enemy artillery shelling, was exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

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WILLIAM J. REID, O-434990, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Chaplain REID, a member of a detachment isolated in enemy held territory after landing by parachute, exposed himself repeatedly to enemy machine gun and small arms fire on numerous occasions in order to successfully gather together into one unit isolated parachutists who had landed nearby. On one occasion he, without regard for his personal safety, entered a field under enemy machine gun, machine pistol, and rifle fire to go to the aid and comfort of two dying enemy soldiers. Chaplain REID's courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration and an outstanding example to all those present and exemplified the best traditions of the military service. Entered military service from RAYVILLE, LOUISIANA.

MARSHALL W. STARK, O-25294, First Lieutenant, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action near ***, HOLLAND, on 29 September 1944. Just before dawn First Lieutenant STARK observed light enemy tanks in front of his position. These had moved up in support of a hostile counterattack in progress. Although visibility was poor, he personally fired two guns at the enemy and dislocated their efforts to move into position. As visibility improved more of the tanks were knocked out. The counterattack failed and no enemy penetration of the sector resulted. The destruction of at least two tanks was attributed to First Lieutenant STARK's prompt action and alert observation. In the performance of this action he moved from one gun to the other under direct fire. His example and courage were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the Service. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

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

Under the provisions of AF 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM B. ADDISON, O-399154, Major, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 12 November 1944 in HOLLAND and GERMANY. Throughout the entire HOLLAND Campaign, Major ADDISON, Regimental S-4, worked ceaselessly in keeping all the units of the Regiment adequately supplied and in rendering assistance to subordinate supply personnel on their multiple problems. Throughout the entire campaign and more particularly in the earlier stages, Major ADDISON was faced with a heavy handicap of inadequate transportation and poor communications. However, due largely to his own initiative and ingenuity, he was able to solve these problems in such an efficient manner that the regiment suffered a minimum of combat effectiveness loss due to these handicaps. His tireless effort and exemplary devotion to duty throughout the entire campaign were of inestimable value in the operational effectiveness of this regiment and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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THOMAS M. PURRISS, O-401623, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 17, 1944, to November 12, 1944, in HOLLAND and GERMANY. Captain PURRISS, serving in the capacity of Commanding Officer, Company "D", 504th Parachute Infantry, displayed exemplary leadership throughout the entire HOLLAND Campaign, and by his untiring occupation with problems both tactical and administrative proved a constant source of encouragement and admiration to his men. Due largely to Captain PURRISS' high conception of duty, his moral and physical courage in the face of danger, and his inspiring leadership, his company, although badly reduced by casualties, was nevertheless able to operate with a maximum of combat effectiveness. During the whole of the HOLLAND Campaign, Captain PURRISS' heroic actions and intelligent and intrepid leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from MOPRESTON, TENNESSEE.

JULIAN A. COOK, O-23550, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 17, 1944, to November 12, 1944, in HOLLAND and GERMANY. Throughout the entire HOLLAND Campaign, Lieutenant Colonel COOK, Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, distinguished himself by his personal direction of every operation undertaken by his battalion, and by his continuous presence with the forward elements of his battalion, as well as by his exemplary judgment and leadership which inspired his command to the successful accomplishment of every assigned mission. Though heavy casualties reduced his battalion to almost 50% normal strength, he successfully carried out both offensive and defensive missions normally designed for full strength battalions. By his intrepid direction, heroic leadership, and superior professional ability through the HOLLAND Airborne Operation, Lieutenant Colonel COOK set an inspiring example for his command, reflecting the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from MOUNT HOLLY, NEW YORK.

WALTER J. D'LESSIO, O-262179, Lieutenant Colonel, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 2 March 1944 to 12 July 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE. Lieutenant Colonel D'LESSIO assumed command of the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion with a nucleus of two batteries and a small cadre and built the battalion to full strength and superior efficiency from newly assigned replacements. In less than two months he prepared his unit for combat and led it throughout Division operations in NORMANDY with skill and judgment to render excellent support on all missions. Lieutenant Colonel D'LESSIO's performance reflects high credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

WILLARD F. HARRISON, O-395974, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 17, 1944, to November 12, 1944, in HOLLAND and GERMANY. Throughout the period covered by the HOLLAND Campaign, Lieutenant Colonel HARRISON, Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, constantly maintained his command in a state of instant readiness to

attack or defend. On D-Day, under his personal supervision, elements of his battalion successfully attacked and seized a strategic bridge across the LUIS-VAL Canal near MAA, HOLLAND. Throughout the entire campaign, Lieutenant Colonel HARRISON displayed a courageous and unflinching devotion to duty in directing the activities of his battalion. His inspiring leadership was directly responsible for the successes achieved by his battalion from D-Day to the day when his unit was relieved. Lieutenant Colonel HARRISON's achievements were in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Army and typify the best in combat leadership. Entered military service from NORFOLK, NEBRASKA.

WILLIAM K. KAPPEL, O-1264341, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND and GERMANY for the period 17 September 1944 to 12 November 1944. Captain KAPPEL, Commanding Officer, Company "F", more than fulfilled all duties of a company commander - both tactical and administrative - throughout the entire above-mentioned campaign. His exemplary devotion to duty was rewarded by the respect and cooperation of all members of his command. Captain KAPPEL constantly visited his most forward outposts as frequently as possible at great personal risk. Captain KAPPEL's initiative and constant endeavor to better the conditions of his troops achieved a spirit and unity within his company which at all times during the long campaign was constantly high. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

MURRAY E. MIDDLETON, O-1299926, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 11, 1943, to November 14, 1944, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. First Lieutenant MIDDLETON served as Assistant Battalion S-3 during the SICILIAN Campaign and later as Assistant Platoon Leader and Platoon Leader during the ITALIAN and HOLLAND Campaigns. Throughout this period, a total of approximately two hundred and ten days of actual combat, he has demonstrated a quality of skillful and aggressive leadership under all types of combat conditions which have inspired the complete trust in his decisions of those men who served under him. The continued successes of his platoon have been largely due to First Lieutenant MIDDLETON's excellent judgment under fire and his tactical handling of troops. In the execution of all his duties, First Lieutenant MIDDLETON has gained the respect and willing cooperation of everyone associated with him. His superior skill, his moral and physical courage under trying circumstances, and his highly effective leadership reflect high credit upon himself and the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

DAVID W. RYAN, O-338344, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period March 25, 1944, to November 30, 1944. Chaplain RYAN, of the 325th Glider Infantry rendered outstanding and invaluable service in the spiritual welfare of members of his regiment. He was ever willing to be of assistance to anyone or any unit, large or small, at any time. His cheerfulness and ready words of encouragement under all conditions, inarrison, on the deserts of NORTH AFRICA, and on the battlefields of ITALY, FRANCE and the NETHERLANDS did much to maintain the morale of every one with whom he came in contact. His constant willingness to help and his never failing words of cheer under all circumstances have been a great factor in upholding the esprit of the regiment which he served, and reflect great credit upon himself and the service. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

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HACK C. SHELLEY, O-1286195, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 12 November 1944 in HOLLAND and GERMANY. Throughout the aforementioned period, Captain SHELLEY, Regimental S-3, supervised the planning and execution of all tactical requirements with the highest degree of efficiency. Under his guidance and as a result of his thorough knowledge of military tactics, the execution of the battalion's missions on D-Day and thereafter was accomplished with unusual successes. Captain SHELLEY's effective accomplishment of his highly important duties reflects great credit on himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WILLSBURG, KENTUCKY.

HENRY M. WELLES, O-24464, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 12 November 1944 in HOLLAND and GERMANY. Lieutenant Colonel WELLES commanded the Second Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, which under his guidance established an enviable combat record throughout the HOLLAND Campaign. His battalion's initial mission was the seizure of the vital ~~***~~ Bridge, and he so expertly supervised the scheme of maneuver for the seizure of this objective that it was accomplished on D-Day in record time with a minimum of casualties. Throughout the entire campaign, Lieutenant Colonel WELLES, by his superb leadership and brilliant tactical intelligence, maintained a highly trained, efficient, and aggressive battalion that accomplished every assigned mission and relinquished no ground once taken. Entered military service from KILLS CITY, MONTANA.

VI -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and authority contained in letter 200.6 (G) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

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WILLIAM R. BLACKBURN, O-740750, First Lieutenant, 99th Squadron, 41st Troop Carrier Group. For meritorious achievement on 17 September 1944 near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant BLACKBURN, a pilot, acted with such courage and skill when his plane was hit by enemy antiaircraft fire that he was able to remain control of his aircraft and permit sixteen paratroopers to make safe exit from the crippled ship. On 17 September 1944, at approximately 1430 hours, First Lieutenant BLACKBURN, piloting a C47 aircraft as part of a formation which was carrying airborne troops, approached the drop zone near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Intense enemy flak was directed at the formation and the C47 piloted by First Lieutenant BLACKBURN received several hits. He maintained his position in the formation and when over the northern edge of the drop zone his ship received a direct hit, which caused it suddenly to lose about 150 feet of altitude. By skillful handling of his aircraft, First Lieutenant BLACKBURN was able to avoid striking parachutists who were jumping from the plane preceding his in the formation. His ship dropped off a second time but was quickly brought under control and slowed to the proper speed for parachute jumping. He gave the light signal to jump and continued to hold his ship on an even course until all parachutists had left the plane. During this entire run, the ship was bracketed by antiaircraft fire and equipment

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bundles slung in racks beneath the ship were afire. The calm, determined action of First Lieutenant BLACKBURN and his skillful handling of his aircraft made possible the safe exit of the airborne passengers and resulted in a close pattern on the ground. The conduct of First Lieutenant BLACKBURN reflects the greatest credit upon himself, his organization and the Army of the United States.

ALBERT A. BOULANGER, O-1172767, First Lieutenant, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 19 June 1944 to 5 November 1944 in NORMANDY and HOLLAND. First Lieutenant BOULANGER distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot, involving adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations and also front line reconnaissance. On all of these missions, First Lieutenant BOULANGER was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from fighter planes. Entered military service from GOSHEN, INDIANA.

LAURENCE F. COOK, O-1172397, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 12 June 1944 to 9 October 1944 in NORMANDY and HOLLAND. First Lieutenant COOK 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 COOK was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from GAINESBORO, MISSISSIPPI.

ELMER H. HATHLEY, O-1181291, First Lieutenant, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 22 June 1944 to 20 October 1944 in NORMANDY and HOLLAND. First Lieutenant HATHLEY distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot, involving adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations and also front line reconnaissance. On all of these missions, First Lieutenant HATHLEY was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from fighter planes. Entered military service from BOYLING GREEN, OHIO.

JAMES H. MILLER, O-1169379, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 9 June 1944 to 5 October 1944 in NORMANDY and HOLLAND. First Lieutenant MILLER 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 MILLER was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from REDON, GEORGIA.

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WILBERLY M. MORGAN, O-1181381, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 17 to 29 June 1944 in NORMANDY. First Lieutenant MORGAN 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 MORGAN was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from LEEsburg, FLORIDA.

JAMES VELASCO, O-1182290, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 24 September to 11 October 1944 in HOLLAND. First Lieutenant VELASCO 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 VELASCO was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from PUEBLO, COLORADO.

WESLEY A. WILSON, O-411995, First Lieutenant, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 5 March 1944 to 9 October 1944 in ITALY and HOLLAND. First Lieutenant WILSON distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty five sorties as an artillery observer involving adjustment, surveillance, and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations and also front line reconnaissance. On all of these missions, First Lieutenant WILSON was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from fighter planes. Entered military service from WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA.

VII -- AIR LEAF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, AIR 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Air Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

LAWRENCE F. COOK, O-1173197, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 9 October 1944 to 2 November 1944 in HOLLAND. First Lieutenant COOK 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 COOK was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from GAINESBORO, TENNESSEE.

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JAMES H. MILLER, O-1168379, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 6 October to 28 October 1944 in HOLLAND. First Lieutenant MILLER 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 MILLER was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from REDAN, GEORGIA.

WIMBENLEY I. MORGAN, O-1181381, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 1 July 1944 to 1 October 1944 in NORMANDY and HOLLAND. First Lieutenant MORGAN 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 MORGAN was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from LEEESBURG, FLORIDA.

WIMBENLEY I. MORGAN, O-1181381, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 1 to 16 October 1944 in HOLLAND. First Lieutenant MORGAN 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 MORGAN was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from LEEESBURG, FLORIDA.

WIMBENLEY I. MORGAN, O-1181381, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 16 October 1944 to 2 November 1944 in HOLLAND. First Lieutenant MORGAN 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 MORGAN was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from LEEESBURG, FLORIDA.

CHARLES L. SARTAIN, JR., O-466361, Captain, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 22 June to 8 July 1944 in NORMANDY. Captain SARTAIN 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, Captain SARTAIN was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

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JAMES VELASCO, O-1182290, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 12 to 28 October 1944 in HOLLAND. First Lieutenant VELASCO 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 VELASCO was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from PUEBLO, COLORADO.

VIII -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200,5 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Air Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

* ALBERT W. BROWN, O-1171923, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 12 June 1944 in ***, FRANCE. While adjusting artillery fire, First Lieutenant BROWN was attacked by two enemy pursuit planes. His own craft was hit by their gun fire but, regardless of the danger, he skillfully and courageously acted as a decoy and maneuvered the enemy planes within range of friendly anti-aircraft fire which drove them off while he landed in a pasture. He immediately took off again and continued his mission in observation for the Division during the Division attack toward the *** River. First Lieutenant BROWN was one of the two pilots who entered FRANCE on D+2 and flew more than six hours daily to provide air observation for the superior artillery support given the Division during the critical early days of the invasion. He lost his life in action on 13 July 1944 after a period of outstanding service in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CLINTON H. GUNBRECHT, O-1172887, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights between 10 June and 2 July 1944 in ***, FRANCE. During this period First Lieutenant GUNBRECHT completed forty four successful missions as artillery air observer. He lost his life in action on 2 July 1944 after a period of outstanding service in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from QUEENSVILLE, NEW YORK.

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I — AWARD OF SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 2 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

HEROLD C. ALLEN, O-1292817, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on December 20, 1944, near #88, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant ALLEN's platoon was in the fourth wave of his company's assault upon this heavily defended town. In the initial advance the Company Commander and platoon leader became casualties along with many enlisted men due to the fierce hail of enemy cannon, machine gun and mortar fire which the first assaulting units had encountered. First Lieutenant ALLEN came forward and reorganized the remaining element of the company. While directing the operations of the assault, he was exposed to the full concentration of enemy fire, and painfully wounded. Despite his wound, he led two men forward and knocked out a machine gun nest which was holding up the advance. When the advance was again halted by machine gun fire, First Lieutenant ALLEN crept forward and knocked out an enemy machine gun nest of two men. In this action he was again wounded but still refused evacuation until he had established a line of fire for the continuance of the advance. The intrepid and inspiring leadership and unselfish courage which First Lieutenant ALLEN demonstrated during this entire action contributed largely to the success of his company's accomplishment of this vital mission against superior odds of men and armor. His actions upheld the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.

NORMAN B. ANGEL, 20765654, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on December 20, 1944, near #88, BELGIUM. During the height of an attack on #88, BELGIUM, the First Battalion had expended nearly all of the basic load of ammunition and was in danger of being without ammunition for the defense of its hard won position. Staff Sergeant ANGEL, Headquarters Company Supply Sergeant, realized this and with complete disregard of his personal safety made repeated trips in a jeep over an exposed section of road about 1000 yards

long which was continually swept by fire from enemy cannons, machine guns, and small arms to deliver ammunition to a point 50 yards behind the foremost riflemen. From this point he personally carried the ammunition to the individual riflemen and machine gunners of the entire battalion, crawling as much as 200 yards under intense small arms fire to reach the battalion's flanks. Despite the fact that his vehicle was frequently hit by hostile fire, Staff Sergeant ANGEL never hesitated or faltered in his assigned task. By his unselfish devotion to duty, he played an important part in the successful accomplishment of his battalion's mission. The heroism and gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant ANGEL upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from STAMFORD, VERMONT.

WILLIAM L. ASTON, JR., 33A14344, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 about one mile from ~~***~~, BELGIUM. Private ASTON, a Bazookaman in Company ~~***~~, exposed himself fearlessly to accurate enemy small arms and machine gun fire which was causing many casualties in his company during an attack on an enemy strongpoint in an effort to fix his bazooka fire on the enemy position. Seeing two of his comrades become casualties he unhesitatingly advanced about 100 yards through the enemy fire in an effort to aid the two wounded men. In this attempt, he was hit three times by enemy bullets. He returned to his squad, took a rifle from the hands of another fallen comrade and continued the fight until loss of blood and exhaustion forced his evacuation. Throughout this entire action, Private ASTON displayed a singular devotion to duty and an exceptional heroism which was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Entered military service from WESTVIEW, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN G. CHAMBERLIN, 36525582, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. During an attack on an enemy strongpoint, Sergeant CHAMBERLIN's squad came under extremely heavy and accurate small arms and machine gun fire which caused numerous casualties. Sergeant CHAMBERLIN unhesitatingly rushed across approximately 100 yards of open terrain in the face of this fire in an effort to move the wounded man back. The enemy laid down a barrage of mortar fire, but he succeeded in moving the man to partial cover and returned to his original position. After the barrage had abated he again rushed out across the open field and was again met with a heavy barrage which forced him back after being wounded seriously in the arm. Refusing evacuation, he remained in an open position directing his squad's withdrawal until he collapsed from loss of blood. Sergeant CHAMBERLIN's courage and intrepid leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

DARREL D. EDGER, 7001376, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. Sergeant EDGER's rifle squad was serving as right flank protection for his battalion when an enemy strongpoint defending a nearby house opened fire on his positions. Sergeant EDGER's return fire killed one German and forced the remaining enemy into the cellar of the house. Placing his machine gun into position to cover the house entrance, Sergeant EDGER worked his way to the rear of the house and threw a grenade into the cellar, forcing eight Germans to surrender. Then with neither man he rushed the house across the street, forcing six more enemy to surrender. Sergeant EDGER then called for

TD fire on a roadblock 100 yards away after which his squad rushed this group of enemy, capturing twenty three more prisoners. Sergeant EDGAR's exhibited bravery and exemplary leadership reflected the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ALMA, GEORGIA.

ALBERT S. I'N'CONN, 32 94351, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. After capturing the village of ***, BELGIUM, the badly depleted and disorganized units were in the process of reorganizing to prepare for the defense of the town. Private First Class I'N'CONN and another man were placed in an outpost position which was soon attacked by the enemy. Private First Class I'N'CONN, realizing that his platoon was not completely dug in at the time, remained in position until the enemy force of approximately fifteen men reached a point within ten yards, then opened fire. The enemy patrol deployed and attacked Private First Class I'N'CONN with a machine gun, automatic pistols, rifles, and grenades causing Private First Class I'N'CONN to be painfully wounded. Despite his almost hopeless situation, Private First Class I'N'CONN continued to fight until he had knocked out the enemy machine gun with a hand grenade. After losing their machine gun and four of their men, the enemy patrol withdrew. Private First Class I'N'CONN's gallant action in the face of overwhelming odds delayed an enemy counterattack in force. His exemplary conduct reflect great credit upon himself and the unit in which he serves. Entered military service from BRONX, NEW YORK.

AND L. KINGRID, 34609786, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During an attack on a strongly defended enemy position, Private KINGRID, a rifleman in Company "F", voluntarily exposed himself to intense close-range enemy fire to cross approximately 100 yards of terrain in order to retrieve badly needed MG ammunition from a dead ammunition bearer. Early in this attempt, he was painfully wounded but continued on despite his wound until his mission had been completed. He then unhesitatingly returned in the face of the same fire to get a wounded man to a place of safety. This was successfully achieved with the aid of two other men. The heroic and unselfish actions of Private KINGRID are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from MORGANTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

LAWRENCE H. McFARLEN, 121 3754, Sergeant, 503th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26-27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant McFARLEN, Squad Leader, Company "G", was a member of a group which was dug in at the bottom of a draw about 200 yards from the enemy when they attacked in force and succeeded in overrunning several of the forward positions. A concentrated volume of enemy machine gun fire sprayed his positions. Sergeant McFARLEN noted that twelve men on forward outposts had been cut off. Seizing a BAR, he advanced through heavy fire and worked his way forward to the group. During his advance, he knocked out a German MG with a German grenade and inflicted severe casualties upon the enemy with his BAR. He succeeded in reaching the twelve men and led them back to the platoon positions from which they were able to place heavy fire upon the attacking enemy, forcing them to fall back with heavy losses. His gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PLACANTVILLE, NEW YORK.

✓ JOHN A. SCHAEBLER, 33129871, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. During the company attack upon this strongly defended town, Corporal SCHAEBLER, a squad leader, maintained contact with supporting units and control of his squad in such an exemplary manner that his actions were highly instrumental in his platoon's annihilation of a vastly superior force. Corporal SCHAEBLER continually exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire in order to better direct and exhort his squad in its advance. In the midst of a fierce enemy mortar barrage, Corporal SCHAEBLER saw one of his machine gunners fall wounded. Without a moment's hesitation, he rushed forward and moved the wounded man to a place of safety. He then retrieved the machine gun and led his squad forward in the face of the enemy fire firing the machine gun from the hip. Inspired by the brand of fearless leadership which Corporal SCHAEBLER displayed, his squad advanced 1200 yards routing the enemy with losses of 40 enemy dead and 48 prisoners. During this entire action, Corporal SCHAEBLER exhibited a brand of leadership in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ ELTON F. YOUNG, 39683567, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on December 21, 1944, in the vicinity of ~~###~~, BELGIUM. While proceeding north through the town of ~~###~~, the platoon in which Corporal YOUNG was an assistant squad leader was pinned down in open terrain by a cross fire from enemy cannons and machine guns. While attempting to crawl back to the safety of the reverse slope of the hill, one of the men of Corporal YOUNG's squad was seriously wounded. Corporal YOUNG unhesitatingly left a position of cover and crawled to his aid through a curtain of fire. While in the process of dragging his wounded comrade to a position where he could receive medical aid, Corporal YOUNG was himself seriously wounded in both legs by machine gun fire. This heroic and unselfish act was a source of inspiration to all who witnessed it and reflects great credit upon Corporal YOUNG and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from IDAHO.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

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* HOWARD KESSEL, O-1311163, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 December 1944 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant KESSEL's platoon was pressed into action after the first two assault waves on the town were badly depleted and disorganized by heavy casualties. While moving forward over the flat, open terrain crossed with barbed wire fences, the platoon came under the observed fire of two cannons and a freshly committed enemy platoon. Only through the cool courage and superior leadership displayed by First Lieutenant KESSEL as he moved fearlessly around among his men in order to better direct and exhort them onward was the platoon able to advance 200 yards. Five out of the platoon's eight machine gun crews had now been killed or wounded; further advance would have been suicidal. First Lieutenant KESSEL, after ordering his men to dig in on a defensive line, took a machine gun to a position 50 yards in front of his

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men and gave them covering fire until they were safely dug in, expending five boxes of ammunition in the process. The full concentration of the enemy fire was placed on this lone target; bullets rained through his clothing and ricocheted off his gun, but First Lieutenant KIMBLE remained steadfast. After his men had been entrenched safely without further casualties, he returned to the rear and collected all the company overhead with which he strengthened his defensive line so ably that this reinforced unit was able to break up two determined enemy counterattacks with heavy casualties. Throughout this entire vital action, the unsurpassed courage and inspiring leadership displayed by First Lieutenant KIMBLE made such a profound impression on his men that their performance was above that expected in the call of duty. The eventual successful completion of his company's mission can be attributed largely to the impetus provided by First Lieutenant KIMBLE at a critical juncture in the attack. First Lieutenant KIMBLE was killed in action the next day while leading a subsequent assault. The memory of his actions at 488, BUNDELL, will serve as a lasting inspiration to all who witnessed them. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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 (A) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individual, missing in action:

DAN C. L. MILL, 38539159, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 at 488, BUNDELL. Private MILL, Light Machine Gun Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, volunteered on 24 December 1944 to cross a ravine which was under enemy observation and heavy machine gun fire, in an attempt to secure medical aid for four men who had been seriously wounded. It was impossible to render first aid to the wounded men and their presence in the positions endangered the operation of the machine gunners. Private MILL unhesitatingly volunteered to secure medical aid and have these men evacuated. His unselfish action, in an effort to aid his comrades and to clear the position so that its operations would not be hampered, reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from BENTON ROSS, LOUISIANA.

IV -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, PROMOTED TO B MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200,6 (A) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

STEWART J. FINEBERT, 38460196, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near 488, BUNDELL. Technician Fifth Grade FINEBERT, Medical Detachment, administered first aid and evacuated wounded during a heavy enemy attack upon Company HQ. It was necessary to evacuate wounded from very dangerous positions under heavy enemy and friendly

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machine gun and small arms fire. Technician Fifth Grade WEINHART, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, labored continuously, risking his life many times in carrying out his duties. When medical supplies were running short, Technician Fifth Grade WEINHART worked his way past the enemy positions to his CP and secured the necessary supplies. His actions were in keeping with the high standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

V -- 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ JOSEPH J. ACCARDI, 12028115, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During the Company "C" assault on ***, an intense curtain of enemy cannon and interlacing MG fire caused very heavy casualties. Private First Class ACCARDI, an attached medical aid man, unhesitatingly began his work of administering first aid to the many wounded. Despite a hail of all types of fire, he moved quickly from one wounded man to another over the whole area, giving no thought to his personal safety. He remained in full view of the enemy, subjected to heavy fire until the last of the wounded men had been evacuated safely. Private First Class ACCARDI's courageous and unswerving devotion to duty throughout the entire action probably saved the lives of many comrades, and uphold the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

✓ CHARLES H. ADAMSON, 34888680, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private ADAMSON, Rifleman, Company "G", was on outpost in front of Company "G"'s position when it was attacked by a strong force of Germans, estimated at two battalions. Private ADAMSON remained at his outpost to delay the enemy until he was almost surrounded, thus allowing his platoon to better prepare to meet the attack. Private ADAMSON continued to fire, even after the enemy had bypassed his position. He was wounded in the right wrist and rejoined his platoon. Shunning medical attention, he volunteered to carry ammunition to a platoon on the MLR which had been overrun at several points. Private ADAMSON was again wounded, this time severely, and was unable to continue on his mission. His great personal courage and disregard for his own safety reflects credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from W. FORTON, TENNESSEE.

✓ WILLIAM W. BULLOCK, 1A041375, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on December 20, 1944, at ***, BELGIUM. As Battalion Communications Chief, Staff Sergeant BULLOCK, carried out his duties with gallant and merit of the highest order during his battalion's attack on the heavily fortified town. Despite intense 20mm and cannon fire, Staff Sergeant BULLOCK led his communications section closely behind the assault elements. Wire lines were reportedly cut by enemy fire, but under Staff Sergeant BULLOCK's direction they

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were speedily repaired. He personally installed telephone communications in the proposed battalion CP before its occupation, thereby expediting the tactical situation immeasurably. His coolness under fire and efficiency in battle were contributing factors to the successful accomplishment of his battalion's mission and upheld the highest traditions of the Allied Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEEBO, SOUTH CAROLINA.

✓ WILLIAM D. BUSH, O-1325808, Second Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Second Lieutenant BUSH, a platoon leader, Company "I", 508th Parachute Infantry, led his platoon in support of his company attack against enemy positions near *** with such courage and resourcefulness that he was able to assist in the continuous swift assault of the attacking echelons. Company "I" encountered an enemy strongpoint which partially pinned the company with effective automatic weapons fire and momentarily slowed the attack. Second Lieutenant BUSH, leading the support platoon, quickly estimated the situation and committed his platoon. He directed his platoon in an assault upon the enemy strongpoint which effectively neutralized its fire and permitted the company to move forward. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ HAROLD R. BUTLER, 35900561, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During his company's assault on this strongly defended town, all of Private BUTLER's squad with the exception of one other man became casualties from the intense enemy fire encountered. Private BUTLER, a machine gunner, picked up his gun and advanced through the fire to a position from where he knocked out an enemy machine gun and several riflemen in a house. Observing a platoon of enemy attempting to outflank his unit, he again set up his gun and delivered such effective fire that many casualties were caused and the remaining enemy withdrew. In this action he was wounded by small arms fire. However, he continued to advance and fight with his unit until he collapsed from exhaustion. Throughout this entire action he had remained exposed to the full concentration of enemy fire with utter disregard of his personal safety, and his heroic actions contributed greatly to his company's successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from INDIANA.

✓ CALVIN W. CAIN, 38434472, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on December 21, 1944, near ***, BELGIUM. During his company's assault on this strongly defended town, all of Private CAIN's squad with the exception of one man became casualties from the intense enemy fire encountered. Private CAIN, a rifleman, picked up four boxes of MG ammunition and advanced with the remaining machine gunner to a position from where they engaged an enemy strongpoint, silencing a MG and several riflemen. At this time they observed a platoon of enemy attempting to flank their unit. Engaging this force, they caused many casualties and forced the enemy to withdraw. After their ammunition had been expended, Private CAIN returned a distance of 500 yards of open fire-swept terrain and secured another four boxes of ammunition. In continuing the fight, the gunner was wounded and was losing consciousness. Private CAIN, after using all available ammunition, carried him to safety in the rear, again crossing open fields subjected to heavy fire. His unswerving devotion to duty and intrepid initiative contributed in no small part to his company's success in attaining its mission. Entered military service from WACO, TEXAS.

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✓ HARRY J. COOKSEY, O-334127, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant COOKSEY, Platoon Leader, Light Machine Gun Section of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, directed the fire of his machine gun section effectively during a ferocious and determined attack of an estimated force of one battalion of SS Panzer Grenadiers upon his positions. He was instrumental in slowing down and finally bringing to a halt the attack. The fire of his machine guns inflicted heavy casualties upon the unrelenting foe. During the attack First Lieutenant COOKSEY having no communications to the rear, had to depend on personal contact with all members of his section in order to coordinate their fire. He moved from position to position under intense enemy and friendly small arms and machine gun fire giving encouragement and advice to his men. His coolness set an example for his men and contributed materially in a successful defense and a final repulse of the enemy. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

✓ FRANK L. DIETRICH, 36147239, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant DIETRICH's platoon acted as the assault wave during his company's attack on an enemy roadblock. Upon reaching a reverse slope position, extremely heavy small arms and mortar fire pinned his platoon, but Staff Sergeant DIETRICH, ignoring all possibilities of retreat, boldly led his men towards the roadblock. In this assault action he advanced within 25 yards of an enemy machine gun and with his own machine gun killed the gunner and forced the assistant gunner to flee. Inspiring by Staff Sergeant DIETRICH's heroic conduct, the platoon surged forward enveloping the roadblock. Despite a painful hand wound, Staff Sergeant DIETRICH remained with his comrades in the front until the subsequent attack on *** until ordered to the rear by his battalion commander. Entered military service from TRVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN.

✓ WALLACE H. FIELD, 39239244, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class FIELD, machine gunner, was advancing with his platoon towards the strongly defended town when it came under intense small arms fire which inflicted heavy casualties on the company and made movement practically impossible. Private First Class FIELD engaged two enemy machine guns which were firing on his platoon, destroying one. The heavy counter fire knocked out the other machine gun, so Private First Class FIELD picked up a bazooka and with an assistant, advanced on an enemy flak wagon. His first round hit the enemy vehicle and his second round hit the crew as they attempted to leave the vehicle, killing two of them. Private First Class FIELD was severely burned by the propelling charge from the first round, as he had never fired a bazooka previously. His heroic conduct and aggressive actions were a source of inspiration to all his fellowmen and contributed greatly to the company's eventual successful assault of this vital objective. Entered military service from SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

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✓ BULAND B. HOOVER, 38438121, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private HOOVER volunteered to act as a BAR gunner on a captured SP gun which was given the mission of destroying a vital enemy roadblock. While advancing to the attack, the vehicle encountered heavy fire from several flak wagons concealed behind buildings, Private HOOVER returned the enemy fire, at no time taking cover, and assisted in knocking out the crew of one enemy flak wagon. When the gunner of the 77mm cannon was wounded, he took over the gunner's position and set another enemy half track on fire with his first shot. Private HOOVER continued acting as gunner until he fired most of the available ammunition in support of the assaulting troops. His ingenuity and initiative enabled his unit to make use of badly needed armor support and assisted materially in the later success of the assault. Entered military service from TEXAS.

✓ HARRY KAPROWSKI, 33290078, Private First Class, 80th Airborne Anti-aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class KAPROWSKI, an ammunition carrier in an AT Squad, volunteered to act as leader on a captured German self-propelled gun when it was planned to use the weapon in aiding the advance of the First Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, during its attack on the town of ***, BELGIUM. Despite the fact that he had had no prior knowledge of, or instruction in the use of, the enemy weapon, and in the face of intense fire from enemy automatic weapons, Private First Class KAPROWSKI assisted in keeping the piece in action for over two and one-half hours. During the action, from approximately 1445 hours to 1715 hours, Private First Class KAPROWSKI's courageous and able operation of the captured weapon resulted in the destruction of several German flak guns and much enemy personnel, and contributed in large measure to the success of the attack. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ THOMAS J. LECCESE, 20115457, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. After Company "C" had sustained heavy losses in overcoming an enemy roadblock on the only approach to ***, the company was in a state of disorganization and vulnerable to an enemy counterattack. Sergeant LECCESE, Squad Leader, was alert to the tactical situation and upon his own initiative organized a group of men and immediately led them to a piece of high ground overlooking the newly won position. Despite the good enemy observation and fire directed on the area, Sergeant LECCESE placed his men in sound defensive positions and repelled several counterattacks. Sergeant LECCESE's initiative and fearless action was responsible to a great extent for the successful defense of this bitterly contested ground. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

✓ ROBERT MADRUGA, O-1703071, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944. During an attack on ***, BELGIUM, Second Lieutenant MADRUGA's platoon was the assault element of Company "C". When the entire unit was pinned down by a curtain of enemy machine gun and mortar fire which was causing heavy casualties, Second Lieutenant MADRUGA intentionally exposed himself to this fire as he ran from man to man exhorting them to get up and attack.

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His fearless example encouraged his men to face the terrific enemy fire and continue the attack. Second Lieutenant MADRUGA received a severe multiple fragment mortar shell wound but forced himself to continue to lead his men until the enemy positions were overrun. His courageous and inspiring leadership both before and after being wounded was a great contributing factor to the eventual success of the attack. Entered military service from GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

✓ EUGENE P. MASTROSIOMI, 32198725, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class MASTROSIOMI, company runner, unhesitatingly made repeated hazardous trips to the adjacent units to help the company commander maintain contact. Private First Class MASTROSIOMI volunteered to contact flanking units when the enemy fire was so heavy that the company commander hesitated to send him. He worked his way alone through the enemy machine gun and 20mm fire to locate units that were hard to find and in areas that had not been cleared of enemy positions, and brought back information that was vital to the company commander's decisions. Private First Class MASTROSIOMI's actions contributed greatly to the ultimate success of the company. Entered military service from BRONX, NEW YORK.

✓ JAMES G. MONTGOMERY, 36065836, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During an assault on this heavily defended town, Company "C" to which Technician Fifth Grade MONTGOMERY was attached as a medical aid man suffered heavy casualties. After moving out across flat, open terrain, the company encountered a withering curtain of fire from enemy cannons, mortars, and machine guns; many men were seriously wounded and required instant medical aid. Technician Fifth Grade MONTGOMERY, without thought of personal safety, moved forward across the open terrain in the face of this fire to give medical attention to all who required it. Fearlessly, he moved throughout the whole company area looking for stray wounded in obscure places. After the objective had been overrun, Technician Fifth Grade MONTGOMERY rendered invaluable assistance in the speedy evacuation of the wounded while still under mortar and SP artillery fire. His actions throughout the entire engagement uphold the highest traditions of the Medical Corps and reflected great credit upon himself. Entered military service from WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

✓ WILFRED I. PEARSON, 20950336, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 and 27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class PEARSON, Light Gunner, Company "G", was the first man to note the approach of enemy. When his company's positions were attacked by an enemy force estimated at two battalions, Private First Class PEARSON opened fire and killed several Germans. The enemy set up an MG-42 and at a range of thirty yards sprayed his position. Private First Class PEARSON returned the fire until his position was hit by German bazooka fire. Though injured and gassed, Private First Class PEARSON removed his MG and continued firing from a new position. He refused medical aid and stayed at his gun until the enemy was repulsed. His gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DODDGE'S, WYOMING.

HUGH Q. QUEEN, 18193898, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 and 27 December, 1944, near ***, BELGIUM. Private QUEEN, Acting Squad Leader, Company "G", 508th Parachute Infantry, was in command of a squad when two German battalions attacked with great ferocity. During the attack, Private QUEEN continually went up and down the line directing and controlling the fire of his squad and offering encouragement to the men. When one of the platoons was partially overrun by the Germans and was in need of ammunition, Private QUEEN gathered a detail and successfully delivered it under heavy fire, thus enabling them to continue the fight which ended in the repulse of the Germans with extremely heavy casualties. Private QUEEN's outstanding leadership and heroism reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PERRY, OKLAHOMA.

FRANCIS V. ROGERS, 31346567, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private ROGERS, advance scout of his platoon when his company was attacking the village, was fired upon by a machine pistol from a nearby house. He instantly dashed into the house where he killed two Germans and forced two others to flee. In the severe fighting that developed later, the platoon's advance was held up by an enemy machine gun, Private ROGERS, without awaiting orders, charged the machine gun alone, killing all four members of its crew with a hand grenade after being wounded in the head by the machine gun. Private ROGER's fearless and effective action contributed materially to the success of the attack and reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from CHICOPEE, MASSACHUSETTS.

EDWARD SOKOLOWSKI, 12206602, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class SOKOLOWSKI, a wireman, after seeing his platoon's two supporting TD's put out of action with the loss of most of his platoon's key non-commissioned officer and realizing the need for automatic fire, picked up a complete LMG and a box of ammunition from one of the TD's. When his platoon met its initial resistance, Private First Class SOKOLOWSKI set up his gun and delivered such effective fire that the two men enemy outposts temporarily holding up his platoon's attack surrendered. Throughout the entire attack on ***, he carried and manned the LMG alone and exposed himself to heavy enemy small arms fire continually to fire on every target which presented itself. His courageous initiative and devotion to duty typifies the highest standards of the parachute infantryman. Entered military service from BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY.

JAMES J. WALLACE, 3480117, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During an attack on ***, the company's two supporting TD's were put out of action, one by an AT mine, and several men of Corporal WALLACE's platoon were wounded. Corporal WALLACE quickly reorganized the remainder of his squad and continued the attack against overwhelming odds. After clearing one sector of the town, one squad was held up by fire from a house which wounded three men. Corporal WALLACE seized a light machine gun with one other man and charged this house through a hail of small arms fire, feeding the belt of the gun while the other man fired from the assault position. Three enemy were killed and six taken prisoner and the resistance in that end of the town was wiped out. Corporal WALLACE's courageous actions and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA.

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✓ JAMES J. WRIGHT, 13070711, Private First Class, 501st Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When Private First Class WRIGHT's platoon, which had been cut to 18 men by casualties, was pinned down by intense, close-range machine gun fire during a frontal assault on an enemy strongpoint, he crawled forward fifty yards, disregarding the enemy fire, to a position in front of the platoon's two supporting TD's. From this position, he directed the TD's fire upon the well concealed enemy machine guns. After these guns were silenced, Private First Class WRIGHT personally led and directed the first squad of his platoon during the remainder of the attack in an extremely exemplary manner despite numerically superior enemy infantry and withering small arms fire. Private First Class WRIGHT's initiative and courage throughout this action was a credit to himself and the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

VI -- AWARD OF 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ ELMER B. BOWMAN, 16063353, Staff Sergeant, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy throughout four combat missions. Staff Sergeant BOWMAN has completed four combat missions and has always performed his duties in a superior manner. By exercising superior technical ability, ingenuity, and untiring devotion to duty in the salvage and repair of all types of small arms during four combat operations Staff Sergeant BOWMAN has contributed materially to the ability of combat elements of the Division to meet the enemy with sufficient fire power to accomplish their mission. His resolution of purpose has materially aided the repeated successes of his unit in servicing the Division in combat. Staff Sergeant BOWMAN's exemplary conduct was at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

✓ CHARLES F. JENKINS, 18069814, Technician Fourth Grade, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy throughout four combat missions. Technician Fourth Grade JENKINS has completed four combat operations and has always performed his duties in a superior manner. By exercising superior technical ability, ingenuity, and untiring devotion to duty, Technician Fourth Grade JENKINS has personally repaired Division equipment, such as vehicles, generators, batteries, etc., into service with Division troops. His resolution of purpose has materially aided the repeated successes of his unit in servicing the Division in combat. Technician Fourth Grade JENKINS' exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SAUGUACHE, COLORADO.

✓ THEODORE LeFREE, 20944078, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 23 - 30 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal LeFREE, a member of the Intelligence Section, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, led numerous daily patrols into enemy lines, to contact friendly units engaged with the enemy, bringing back information of such value concerning the contemplated routes of approach of the enemy. On 24 December 1944 he led a patrol into *** under enemy fire to secure identification of enemy units in that town. He also led a patrol to the vicinity of ***, BELGIUM, and directed artillery fire upon enemy position located in that region. Corporal LeFREE's patrol activities assured a constant flow of vital information and marked him as a superior soldier with a high degree of initiative and daring. Entered military service from EVERETT, WASHINGTON.

✓ ANTHONY F. LUKE, 35022240, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 September 1943 to 31 December 1944 in FRANCE, SICILY, ITALY, UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE. Technical Sergeant LUKE, as cashier of the Division Finance Office, has displayed outstanding capacities in the performance of his duties entailing the disbursement, collection and exchange of varied foreign currencies. In addition to the superior manner in which he has discharged the duties of cashier, Technical Sergeant LUKE has devoted long hours and technical skill to developing detailed conversion tables to facilitate interchange of currencies. The exceptional and meritorious services rendered by Technical Sergeant LUKE reflect great credit upon himself and the Division which he serves. Entered military service from MUFENSTER, TEXAS.

✓ JOHN J. McGILLIVRAY, O-1314809, First Lieutenant, Military Police Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 and 19 December 1944 in BELGIUM. First Lieutenant McGILLIVRAY was sent by the Assistant Division Commander to ***, BELGIUM to assure the complete separation of intermingled convoys of the 82d Airborne Division and other units committed against the *** Salient. Arriving at the crucial road junction he assumed the post with his men and remained on continuous duty until the convoys were separated, seeing personally that the vehicles were directed along their proper routes and keeping the convoys moving. Due to his diligent and efficient performance the Division arrived at its proper battle stations as scheduled. This separation of convoys was done despite adverse conditions of weather and confusion resulting from rapidly withdrawing forces. Entered military service from MARLBORO, MASSACHUSETTS.

✓ STEPHEN J. PASTVA, 13009349, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 14 January 1944 to 31 December 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM and FRANCE. Master Sergeant PASTVA - acting in the capacity of an Assistant Division Finance Officer - contributed materially to the services rendered the Division by his section at times when it was necessary to plan and execute fiscal operations involving accountability for large sums of several different foreign currencies. Master Sergeant PASTVA's judgment, diligence and perseverance in the discharge of assignments beyond his normal call of duty are an inspiration to every member of his section and reflect highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from N. TRON, PENNSYLVANIA.

VII -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

✓ GEORGE W. CLEMENTS, III, 12152388, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant CLEMENTS, Platoon Sergeant, Company "L", 508th Parachute Infantry, while acting as an Assistant Platoon Leader during the defense of a bridgehead between *** and ***, BELGIUM, on 24 December 1944, personally led a counterattack force against the enemy who controlled the approaches on the *** side of the river. An attempt to blow the bridge had been unsuccessful. The enemy arrived on the opposite side and were preparing an assault to seize this vital bridgehead. The counterattack that Staff Sergeant CLEMENTS led, was successful in forcing the enemy to withdraw and enabled the demolition men to lay new charges which destroyed the bridge. Staff Sergeant CLEMENTS withdrew only a few moments before the bridge was blown. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

VIII -- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual posthumously:

✓ KEITH ROUSH, 37673066, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 and 27 December, 1944, near ***, BELGIUM. Private First ROUSH, Assistant Light Machine Gunner in Company "G", manned a light machine gun which laid heavy fire on the enemy during the early part of a violent attack carried out by an estimated force of one battalion of Germans with two battalions in support. The attack was of such ferocity that the enemy succeeded in overrunning several positions, and reached a point about thirty yards in front of his machine gun. One of the Germans fired a bazooka. Private First Class ROUSH saw the flash and pushed his gunner away from the opening. The projectile hit about two feet from the position causing it to collapse. Private First Class ROUSH was fatally injured. His unselfish action cost him his life but saved the life of one of his comrades. This heroic act reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the traditions of the Service. Entered military service from INDIANA.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

OFFICIAL:

M. E. Stuart

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (10) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

ARTHUR J. LAYO, 6553695, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action from 1 October to 3 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fourth Grade LAYO, Patrol Leader, 505th Parachute Infantry, displayed unusual courage and aggressiveness as a member of a contact patrol. At 0130 hours on the morning of 2 October 1944 the enemy had launched a sharp attack against a key roadblock of the defensive sector and had driven a salient two hundred yards in depth between the Third Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, and the 508th Parachute Infantry on its left severing the contact between the two units. Technician Fourth Grade LAYO was a member of a contact patrol to skin the enemy and make contact with the scattered flank elements of an adjacent unit. The route of a patrol was through a heavy enemy artillery concentration and part of the route was subject to enemy patrol activity. Several times they became engaged in close-in combat with enemy patrols, but despite the odds, inflicted several casualties on the enemy caused them to withdraw. As a result of their action the contact was reestablished, the enemy was cleared from the area, and the defensive sector remained intact. Technician Fourth Grade LAYO's perseverance, initiative and personal courage in this action were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from S.M. JOHNS, CALIFORNIA.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (10) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

ROBERT O. BUTLER, O-446771, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 8 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND.

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First Lieutenant BUTLER, Executive Officer of Battery "B" at risk of his own life saved 40 Howitzer shells from destruction after the ammunition pit had been struck by enemy artillery. Six rounds had fallen in the Howitzer position and started fires in the ammunition. He unhesitatingly jumped into the pit, removed a burning shell and extinguished the fires while enemy shells were falling in the position. First Lieutenant BUTLER's prompt and heroic action prevented an explosion which might have destroyed a Howitzer and imperiled the lives of his battery. His exemplary conduct was a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA.

CARROLL B. ISHEE, O-116953, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944 near ~~###~~, GERMANY. First Lieutenant ISHEE, Reconnaissance Officer, landed with a glider group that missed the designated landing zone by three miles. These gliders were subjected to fire from enemy flak guns and severe small arms fire which was so intense that men were forced to remain in ditches and canals until after darkness. First Lieutenant ISHEE organized men to unload gliders and posted a perimeter defense to protect the unloading. After darkness while in charge of the rear guard of the column and when attacked near ~~###~~, GERMANY, he and his rear guard became separated from the main body. He searched the area for wounded and for stragglers during the night and led his small group to the vicinity of ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Entered military service from HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI.

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H. ROLD G. TUCKER, 3293397, Private First Class, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Immediately after landing by glider, Private First Class TUCKER, a ~~###~~ man, assembled fourteen critically wounded men approximately three hundred yards behind the front lines and gave them first aid, though continually under strafing enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private TUCKER made several trips into the area under fire to remove the wounded men to a safer place. He cared for the wounds of the men and stayed with them for fifty hours, administering to their needs until it was possible to evacuate them. Some of the men were seriously wounded and probably could not have survived without the aid given them by Private TUCKER. His conduct at all times exemplified the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from BOONTON, NEW JERSEY.

III -- 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

EULEN D. 'TCHINSON, 18217215, Private First Class, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 15 October 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private First Class 'TCHINSON, a medical aid man for a battery of field artillery, heard a call for first aid at about 0230 hours on 15 October 1944. The battery position was under fire by Nebelwerfers. Private First Class 'TCHINSON immediately left his foxhole and, with utter disregard for his own personal safety,

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by ignoring the Nebelwerfer fire, gave first-aid to the wounded. His heroic conduct gave confidence to the wounded and is exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from RICHLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS.

EARL W. BOLING, 3510101, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near 8888, HOLLAND. Corporal BOLING acting as rifle squad leader, Company 407th, 505th Parachute Infantry, after its sergeant had been killed, voluntarily took a patrol on a dangerous daylight mission deep into German territory to determine enemy strength and dispositions. He led his men far behind enemy lines and located several German positions before being discovered. When his patrol was pinned down by close range machine gun and rifle fire, Corporal BOLING, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crossed an open field to locate the enemy and determined the safest route for the patrol's withdrawal. Corporal BOLING acquired valuable information with great resourcefulness and courage and was an inspiration to the men of his squad. Entered military service from AKRON, OHIO.

NELSON E. CHAFFIN, 35200724, Sergeant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near 8888, HOLLAND. Sergeant CHAFFIN after his glider had landed in enemy territory under small arms and mortar fire, directed the men of his section through hostile lines to a place of safety. He then obtained a quarter ton truck for use as a prime mover, and disregarding his personal safety went back through the lines to his glider, unloaded his mortar and equipment from the glider and brought it through the lines with only a man from his section. During the entire time he was subjected to constant enemy small arms and mortar fire. His courage under fire was an example of inspiration to the men under his command. He, at all times, demonstrated the coolness and courage exemplifying the best traditions of the service. Entered military service from WYNNERSBURG, OHIO.

LOUIS COSTA, 11069759, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1944 near 8888, HOLLAND. Private First Class COSTA, a demolition man attached to Company 407th during the attack and capture of a bridge on the 8888 Canal, was sent forward to remove the enemy's charges and demolitions from the bridge before they could destroy it. After working his way to the bridge he found that he could not move on top of the bridge because of machine gun and small arms fire coming from the other side. Private First Class COSTA, with complete disregard for his own safety and on his own initiative moved under the bridge found a half sunk boat and peddled himself across the canal while under determined machine gun and small arms fire. Upon reaching the other side, Private First Class COSTA climbed up into the girders of the bridge removed the charges and cut the lead wires from the charges. On the return trip across the canal the boat was sunk by small arms fire. Private First Class COSTA through this action saved the bridge from the danger of being blown up. Entered military service from PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

JAMES W. HENLEY, 12007634, Technician Fifth Grade, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 15 October 1944 near 8888, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade HENLEY, a medical aid man for a battery of field artillery, heard a call for first aid about 0930 on 15 October 1944. The battery position was under fire by Nebelwerfers. Technician Fifth Grade HENLEY by ignoring

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the Nebelwerfer fire, gave first-aid to the wounded. His heroic conduct gave confidence to the wounded and is exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM B. MASON, 13069450, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1944 near #888, HOLLAND. Private First Class MASON, a demolitions man attached to Company "E", was moving forward with the Third Platoon to establish outmost line of defense for the #888 Bridgehead when it was stopped by three machine guns, small arms fire, and one medium tank which moved slowly toward the platoon firing its weapons. Private First Class MASON, with complete disregard for his own safety and on his own initiative, moved forward to the highway, placed and camouflaged a mine field which he maintained through the night. This action caused the turning of the tank at about twenty five yards from the mine field, later in the evening the destruction of a German command car with one German officer and four enlisted men, also one German motor cycle and messenger. Private First Class MASON's gallant action also urged and ordered counterattack along the highway thus insuring the safety of the #888 Bridge and the city of #888. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

JOSEPH W. MULLEN, 02282430, First Lieutenant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action from 8 October 1944 to 15 October 1944 in HOLLAND. On 14 October 1944 in HOLLAND the company area in which First Lieutenant MULLEN maintained his OP was subjected to intense harassing fire by enemy machine guns. First Lieutenant MULLEN crept forward to the furthest outpost, which was the only spot to observe the fire, and neutralized the enemy machine gun fire. He was under enemy observation on his way out and on his return. This action not only silenced the machine guns, but prevented any possible casualties. This is but one instance of many incidents of gallant action on First Lieutenant MULLEN's part. Such actions and endeavors by First Lieutenant MULLEN reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from KENTLAND, INDIANA.

WALTER G. PANKOFF, 32225442, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1944 near #888, HOLLAND. Private First Class PANKOFF, a demolitions man during the attack and capture of a bridge on the #888 Canal, was sent forward to remove the enemy's charges and demolitions from the bridge before they could destroy it. After working his way to the bridge he found that he could not move on top of the bridge because of machine gun and small arms fire coming from the other side. Private First Class PANKOFF with complete disregard for his own safety and on his own initiative moved under the bridge, found a half sunk boat, and paddled himself across the canal, while under hot rained machine gun and small arms fire. Upon reaching the other side, Private First Class PANKOFF climbed up into the girders of the bridge, removed the charges, and cut the lead wires from the charges. On the return trip across the canal, the boat was sunk by small arms fire. Private First Class PANKOFF, through this action, saved the bridge from the danger of being blown up. Entered military service from BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.

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FRANK S. ROGALA, 36259709, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1944 near #888, HOLLAND. Private First Class ROGALA, Third Battalion S-2 Section, 505th Parachute Infantry, displayed unusual courage and aggressiveness as a member of a contact patrol. At the 0100 hour on the morning of 2 October 1944 the enemy had launched a sharp attack against a key roadblock of the defensive sector and had driven a salient two hundred yards in depth between the Third Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, and the 503th Parachute Infantry on its left, severing the contact between the two units. Private First Class ROGALA was a member of a contact patrol to skirt the enemy and make contact with the scattered flank elements of the adjacent unit. The route of a patrol was through a heavy enemy artillery concentration and part of the route was subject to enemy patrol activity. Several times they became engaged in close-in combat with enemy patrols, but despite the odds, inflicted several casualties on them and caused them to withdraw. As a result of their action the contact was reestablished, the enemy was cleared from the area, and the defensive sector remained intact. Private First Class ROGALA's perseverance, initiative and personal courage in this action were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

FRANK VUKOVIC, 3560332, Sergeant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near #888, HOLLAND, S. V., and #888, Chief of Section, after his glider had landed in enemy territory under heavy small arms and mortar fire, directed the men of his section through hostile territory to a place of safety. He then obtained a quarter ton truck for use as a shelter, and disregarding his own personal safety went back through the lines to his glider, unloaded his howitzer and equipment from the glider and brought it through the lines without losing a man from his section. During the entire time he was subjected to constant and heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire. His courage under fire was an example and inspiration to the men under his command. He, at all times, demonstrated the coolness and courage exemplifying the best traditions of the Service. Entered military service from BRONFIELD, OHIO.

HAROLD J. WALZ, 3574029, Technician Fifth Grade, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 3 October 1944 near #888, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade WALZ was radio operator in a liaison party to the 503th Parachute Infantry Regiment holding a defensive position near #888 0009. At about 2400 hours the enemy launched a determined attack with approximately two hundred men supported by an uncounted number of tanks. This attack was preceded by a severe enemy artillery concentration which destroyed all wire communications. Technician Fifth Grade WALZ went forward as radio operator with the Battalion commander and the artillery liaison officer and transmitted fire direction orders for over two thousand rounds of artillery. His initiative, courage, and devotion to duty under fire were highly instrumental in effecting the repulse of the enemy attack. Entered military service from MONTROSS, MISSISSIPPI.

FREDERICK L. WILSON, 3514544, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action from 1 October to 3 October 1944 near #888, HOLLAND. Private First Class WILSON, Third Battalion S-2 Section, 505th Parachute Infantry, displayed unusual courage and aggressiveness as a member of a contact patrol. At the 0100 hour on the morning of 2 October 1944 the enemy had launched

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a sharp attack against a key roadblock of the defensive sector and had driven a column two hundred yards in depth between the Third Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, and the 503rd Parachute Infantry on its left flank. In contact between the two units, Private First Class WILSON was a member of a contact patrol to skirt the enemy and make contact with the scattered flank elements of the adjacent unit. The route of a patrol was through a heavy enemy artillery concentration and part of the route was subject to enemy patrol activity. Several times became engaged in close contact with enemy patrols, but despite the odds, several casualties on their side caused them to withdraw. As a result of their the contact was reestablished, the enemy was cleared from the area, and the defensive sector remained intact. Private First Class WILSON's perseverance, initiative and personal courage in this action were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

IV -- 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 (1) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

IRVING S. KIRBY, 35014324, Corporal, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, rendered us service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 28 September 1944 through 5 October 1944 in HOLLAND. Corporal KIRBY landed by glider with his organization in HOLLAND. His duties in the battery were those of a Corporal. Upon landing Corporal KIRBY was injured, one leg being broken about the knee. Despite his injury, he directed the unloading of his glider and assisted in the collection of signal equipment. Upon reaching the battery position, Corporal KIRBY immediately organized a wire crew and made additional trips to the landing zone, which was under intense small arms and mortar fire, and further assisted in the collection of communication equipment. It was not until the next day that Corporal KIRBY stopped for medical attention. Throughout succeeding days, he was instrumental in directing wire communications on many occasions in actual engagements. These actions by Corporal KIRBY enabled the Battalion Officer to receive close and effective artillery support for the successful execution of each mission. His aggressive activities in this duty were a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SHELLEYSBURY, IOWA.

SPURDIN E. KING, 35137187, Sergeant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, rendered us service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 September 1944 to 1 November 1944 in HOLLAND. Sergeant KING landed by glider in HOLLAND. Due to the soft landing, the glider turned upon its nose, the jeep broke the tail gun ropes, and was hurled through the nose of the glider, killing the driver, injuring the pilot. Sergeant KING sustained a bruised chest and injured several ribs. Despite his injury, which was painful and affected his breathing, Sergeant KING assisted in removing the injured personnel and administering first aid and directed the removal of his equipment from the wrecked glider. Sergeant KING then proceeded to the designated battery position, and there

directed the collection of all the battery's signal equipment as the gliders arrived. At about 1500 hours, 13 September 1944, the battery was in position and ready to fire. It was due to Sergeant KING's efforts that the forward observation parties were so speedily equipped and commencing fire. The rapidity in which the battery was able to fire after landing, and the continued support it was able to render in the attack was due to the quick assembly of signal equipment and installation of wire communcation lines of which Sergeant KING directed. Such devotion and attention to duty were an inspiration to those who saw him, and reflect the highest credit upon the Military Service. Entered military service from LOUISIN, OHIO.

LOUIS J. SOGA, 3452500, Corporal, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 15 September 1944 to 1 November 1944 near XXX, HOLLAND. Corporal SOGA, driver, displayed extraordinary conduct in the furtherance of his unit's assignments, under adverse conditions and although wounded, when his glider crashed, he worked under intense fire to recover equipment and vehicles from his own and other gliders. On succeeding days, he never hesitated to drive his jeep wherever needed and once used it on top of a hill as an artillery observation post, where he was wounded by shrapnel in the thigh. On this occasion he refused other than first aid until the mission was completed. Throughout the entire operation, Corporal SOGA remained continually at the front rendering exemplary service. His actions reflected high credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TAMPA, FLORIDA.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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Colonel, G.I.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (a) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January, 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ JOSEPH C. SCHOOLY, 38371436, Corporal, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. When two tanks from his own platoon had been knocked out by German antitank fire which disabled his own, Corporal SCHOOLY, tank gunner, dismounted and attacked the antitank gun. He crawled for 250 yards through intense small arms fire and approached the enemy weapon. He killed four of the crew and captured the fifth. Through his intense devotion to duty and gallant courage, Corporal SCHOOLY eliminated a serious obstacle to the advance of our troops and enabled them to continue to the successful accomplishment of their mission. His conduct reflects great credit on himself and the Armed Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ELDERADO, TEXAS.

✓ CHARLES H. TRIMBY, G-1317438, First Lieutenant, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Without thought for his own safety during the attack in ~~###~~, First Lieutenant TRIMBY repeatedly left the protection of his vehicle to better direct the fire of assisting tank destroyers. On one occasion he dismounted from his tank and guided others into positions from which one finally destroyed an enemy tank. On a second occasion, he repeated the maneuver and guided his tanks into position to disable another enemy tank. His fearless disregard of the extremely heavy enemy small arms, artillery and tank fire in this battle, coupled with cool, efficient leadership at a critical time, enabled both tanks and infantry to advance and seize their objective. Entered military service from LIPPSIC, OHIO.

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CHARLES S. WALKER, O-1016480, Second Lieutenant, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action near ***, BELGIUM, on 3 and 4 January 1945. In the attack on ***, the tank in which Second Lieutenant WALKER was riding was hit by a German AT gun and the tank was knocked out. Second Lieutenant WALKER's steel helmet was pierced by rifle fire from a German sniper in a nearby tree as he dismounted from his tank. With complete disregard to his own safety he walked over to another tank in his platoon and continued the battle, and gained his objective for the day. Next day in the attack on the high ground south of *** on 4 January 1945, the tank in which Second Lieutenant WALKER was riding was hit by an enemy AT gun which knocked the muzzle of the tank cannon, disabling the tank and wounding Second Lieutenant WALKER by shell fragments in the head. Although painfully wounded, Second Lieutenant WALKER refused medical aid, moved the tank beyond small arms and mortar fire, got his crew safely out and then mounting the third tank, continued the battle and captured his objective. His gallantry reflects great credit on the Armed Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

II -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, a Bronze Star having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

JAMES A. McDONALD, 31162886, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND, from 9 July 1943 to 13 November 1944. Private McDONALD was a member of a mortar platoon which has distinguished itself in every engagement in which the 505th Parachute Infantry has participated. He contributed materially to the effectiveness and accuracy of the platoon's fire and to its conspicuous efficiency in combat. He worked willingly and diligently in battle and garrison to increase its quality of performance. At all times Private McDONALD was a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WESTSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS.

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

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

ROY M. TUTTLE, 37038726, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND, from 9 July 1943 to 13 November 1944. Sergeant TUTTLE was a member of a mortar platoon which has distinguished itself in every engagement in which the 505th Parachute Infantry

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has participated. He contributed materially to the effectiveness and accuracy of the platoon's fire and to its conspicuous efficiency in combat. He worked willingly and diligently in battle and garrison to increase its quality of performance. At all times Sergeant TUTTLE was a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS.

IV — 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

NELLO J. FASOLI, 32207004, Sergeant, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant FASOLI was ordered to attack a battalion of enemy infantry who were forming in the woods in preparation for a counterattack to retake the town just captured by our troops. Sergeant FASOLI, with his tank, accompanied by another tank and about sixty infantrymen, moved in under intense small arms, mortar and bazooka fire. Sergeant FASOLI's tank was hit by enemy bazooka fire and he ordered his crew to evacuate the tank. He then inspected it; found that it would operate, ordered the crew back in and rendered such skillful and courageous support that our forces killed or captured the entire enemy battalion, thus breaking up the counter-attack before it could be launched. Entered military service from TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.

LOUIS D. HERRIDGE, 38432719, Technician Fourth Grade, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade HERRIDGE, Tank Driver, had his tank hit and disabled by an enemy antitank gun which destroyed the radio in the tank and wounded the tank commander and gunner. Technician Fourth Grade HERRIDGE, without regard for his own life, left his vehicle, and, under heavy enemy fire, went on foot to his platoon leader's tank and warned him of the antitank gun and pointed out its exact location. His platoon leader knocked it out, and Technician Fourth Grade HERRIDGE returned on foot to his own tank and assisted his tank commander out of the tank and to the rear where he could be given medical aid. Due to Technician Fourth Grade HERRIDGE's courageous act his platoon was able to continue the battle and capture its objective. Entered military service from DODD CITY, TEXAS.

CHARLES D. KILGORE, 38474372, Sergeant, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action near ***, BELGIUM, on 4 January 1945. Sergeant KILGORE was ordered to attack a battalion of enemy infantry who were forming in the woods in preparation for a counterattack to retake the town just captured by our troops. Sergeant KILGORE, with his tank, accompanied by another tank and about sixty infantrymen, moved in under intense small arms, mortar and bazooka fire. Sergeant KILGORE's tank was hit by enemy bazooka fire and he ordered his crew to evacuate the tank. He then inspected it; found that it would operate, ordered the crew back in and rendered such skillful and courageous support that our forces killed or captured the entire enemy battalion, thus breaking up the counterattack before it could be launched. Entered military service from BOSTON, TEXAS.

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CARL D. MILLER, 38474352, Technician Fourth Grade, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. The tank in which Technician Fourth Grade MILLER was the driver, was hit twice by enemy AT gun fire and knocked out. Technician Fourth Grade MILLER left the vehicle and had crawled about 30 yards when he realized that none of the crew were with him. Without regard for his own safety and under heavy small arms and mortar fire he started back to his tank to find the missing members of his crew. Upon approaching the tank he found the bow-gunner with his arms paralyzed. Entering the tank Technician Fourth Grade MILLER found another member of the crew seriously wounded. He took the two men to a spot which was not subject to enemy small arms fire, returned to the tank again and procured blankets to keep the wounded men warm and started to find medical aid. Technician Fourth Grade MILLER came upon his tank commander who was badly wounded and took him to the aid station. He then guided the medics to the wounded men he had left and helped evacuate them. His courageous action was in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from DeKalb, TEXAS.

RIDGELL E. WOODY, 38431791, Technician Fifth Grade, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. When the progress of his platoon had been stopped by a disabled tank ~~***~~, Technician Fifth Grade WOODY left the protection of his own vehicle under fire and directed the removal of the obstacle. He crawled to the knocked out tank in the face of intense small arms and artillery fire and attempted to start it. On failing, he returned and pulled his own tank in behind the disabled tank, hooked a cable to it and pulled it out of the way. This courageous action, exemplifying a keen devotion to duty, enabled his platoon to continue to the successful conclusion of its mission. Entered military service from KLEBERG, TEXAS.

V -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Pfc	Leonard G. Holliday	36195021	6 June 1944	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	FRANCE
Pvt	Leo Kaplan	32539582	6 June 1944	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	FRANCE
Pvt	James J. Murphy	36628971	6 June 1944	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	FRANCE

VI -- AMENDMENT OF SECTION III, GENERAL ORDERS NO. 36, 1944:

Section III, General Orders No. 36, this Headquarters, dated 16 July 1944, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to JOHN A. BREEN, O-1295656, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Bronze Star Medal posthumously to JOHN A. BREEN, O-1295656, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

Stated Posthumous Award by G.O. 28-57 Mar 45
ALEXANDER P. SUER, O-400651, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Captain SUER, Assistant Battalion Surgeon, received word that two men had been wounded near the German occupied town of **. Under full enemy observation, within 200 yards of enemy positions, Captain SUER went forward at the risk of his personal safety. En route forward his group was observed upon open terrain and a mortar barrage was laid down upon it. Captain SUER was seriously and painfully wounded, but asked that others be treated and evacuated first. His conduct in deliberately trying to cross open terrain to help the wounded was a credit to the Medical Services of the United States Army and to his regiment. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WAYNE M. FETTERS, O-1703040, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During the attack on **, First Lieutenant FETTERS, a platoon leader in Company "C", commanded the support platoon which made up the third assault wave on the town. In the initial stages of the attack, the Company Commander was wounded; and most of the officers and non-commissioned officers were either killed or wounded. The attack was moving across flat, open ground, and through numerous

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barbed wire fences running perpendicular to the direction of advance. Intense grazing fire from machine guns and 20mm cannons inflicted heavy casualties on the assault waves and threatened complete disorganization of the unit. Seeing the seriousness of the situation, First Lieutenant FETTERS, quickly and unhesitatingly, led his platoon through the assault waves and reached the objective. He continually exposed himself to the heavy fire while moving around among his men to better direct and urge them onward. His own fearless example was an inspiration to all his men and was largely responsible for the successful accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

SAXTON W. FLETCHER, 42055734, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 at *** and near ***, BELGIUM. During the attack on ***, Private FLETCHER, Company Aid Man, displayed exceptional bravery and outstanding devotion to duty in caring for the wounded of Company "C". Heedless of heavy and accurate mortar and artillery fire, Private FLETCHER constantly went about his work without regard for his personal safety. He worked on wounded under direct machine gun fire, many times shielding the wounded from enemy action with his own body. By his bravery and prompt medical aid he saved the lives of many wounded and instilled confidence in the men of his company. During a later phase of the operation, Private FLETCHER's feet became frozen but he refused to make this known until the attack was over three days later. Private FLETCHER's complete disregard for his own personal safety and his determination and devotion to duty exemplified the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK.

MARSHALL H. MASSEY, 14068625, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant MASSEY, Squad Leader, hearing Germans digging in near his positions, moved forward through heavy timber for personal reconnaissance. Disregarding his own safety, he crept closer and opened fire with his M1. His attack caught the enemy by complete surprise. He killed and wounded fifteen Germans, three of whom were officers. Completely confused by his attack an entire battalion of Germans never completely regained unity. Sergeant MASSEY's initiative and courage were an inspiration to his men and his solitary actions were over and above the call of duty. Entered military service from DUNHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.

MANLEY R. PEEPLES, 34210328, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant PEEPLES, Squad Leader, was directing his squad while his platoon assaulted enemy positions on a wooded hill. When his squad was pinned down by enemy fire, Sergeant PEEPLES advanced by himself 75 yards and single-handedly knocked out one machine gun position. He next assaulted a dugout, killing three and capturing two. Sergeant PEEPLES then laid down considerable fire with a TSMG, enabling his squad to advance on a line with the rest of the platoon and was wounded during this action. The heroic conduct of Sergeant PEEPLES was above and beyond the call of duty and worthy of emulation and reflects the highest credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHESTER, NORTH CAROLINA.

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HAROLD A. STUCLAND, O-1165455, First Lieutenant, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant STUCLAND, acting as Battalion Artillery Liaison Officer and forward observer, played an outstanding part in the success of a coordinated attack on the town of *** from two directions. Forced by exigencies of combat, First Lieutenant STUCLAND laid one-half mile of wire through sniper infested territory to maintain communications, vital for effective close artillery support. First Lieutenant STUCLAND personally killed three enemy and assisted in the capture of ten more while carrying out his assigned job. His outstanding industry and fortitude under fire made possible the capture of *** and over two hundred prisoners, with relatively few casualties by the American forces. Entered military service from SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN.

MICHAEL VULETICH, 36320520, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant VULETICH, Communications Sergeant, in the absence of an officer, took command of fifteen men on his company's flank and led them in a bayonet charge resulting in the capture of 95 enlisted men and one officer. The enemy had been in well dug-in positions, but Sergeant VULETICH's aggressive action forced them to surrender. The gallant actions of Sergeant VULETICH were above and beyond the call of duty and exemplified the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

III -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 15-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

LAWRENCE J. HARRIGAN, 20251202, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. During an attack on the town of ***, Private HARRIGAN, Bar Gunner, moved without orders and with complete disregard to his own safety across open terrain commanded by enemy machine gun fire and knocked out the enemy position with a rifle grenade. His action allowed his platoon, which had been pinned down by the enemy fire, to advance toward their objective. Later in the same attack, Private HARRIGAN gave his life in an attempt to eliminate still another enemy machine gun position. Although not completely successful in this mission he forced the enemy to concentrate their fire on himself and gave the remaining men in his platoon opportunity to maneuver. His actions - always aggressive in addition to being above and beyond the call of duty - were worthy of emulation and an inspiration to the men with whom he fought. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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LELAND C. HELLER, 16076777, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private HELLER, Medical Aid Man, received word that two men had been seriously wounded near the German occupied town of ***. Under full enemy observation, within 200 yards of enemy positions, Private HELLER went forward at the risk of his own personal safety. En route forward, the group was observed upon open terrain and a mortar barrage was laid down upon it. Private HELLER was seriously wounded but still asked that others be treated and evacuated before him. His conduct in deliberately trying to cross observed terrain to help the wounded was a credit to the Medical Services and to the regiment. Private HELLER died of the wounds he received in the above action. Entered military service from ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

KENNETH V. HUNGERFORD, 39087728, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private HUNGERFORD, Acting Squad Leader, demonstrated dominant leadership ability during an attack by his battalion on the WIAL River Bridge under automatic weapons fire from concealed enemy fortifications. In order to accurately direct his squad, Private HUNGERFORD deliberately exposed himself to draw fire and thus located the enemy positions. He aggressively led his men forward under intense artillery, automatic weapon and small arms fire and was the first American soldier to reach the *** Bridge. Private HUNGERFORD received wounds which later resulted in his death. His efforts were an immeasurable contribution to the success of the attack and his men were inspired to successfully defend their position. Private HUNGERFORD's gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

HAROLD L. LEWTON, 36162012, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During the initial attack with the assault platoon advancing toward the SALM River, Corporal LEWTON, with total disregard for personal safety, left the protective cover of a tank to knock out an enemy bazooka position that was firing on the lead tank. His heroic action enabled the attack to progress without loss of tank or crew. Corporal LEWTON's devotion to duty was an inspiration to the men under him. In this gallant act, which exemplified the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army, Corporal LEWTON lost his life.

IV -- 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

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GEORGE W. McALLISTER, 11065043, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on December 20, 1944, near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. During an attack on a strongly defended road block, Sergeant McALLISTER, Squad Leader, was on the left flank of his platoon's leading assault wave. After crossing 500 yards of open fire swept terrain, the momentum of the attack was halted by approximately 15 barbed wire fences 10 to 50 yards apart. Seeing that many casualties were being caused by the difficulty of passing over the fences while under heavy grazing machine gun fire, Sergeant McALLISTER stood up, rushed into the fire, and cut a path for his men to follow through each of the 15 fences. This heroic and unselfish act allowed his platoon to press the attack to its successful conclusion. Entered military service from MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT.

V -- 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

HORTON E. BRYAN, 20444138, Private First Class, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 28 October 1944 near ~~***~~, GERMANY. Private First Class BRYAN, radio operator, was a member of an artillery forward observer party which was in support of Company "I", 504th Parachute Infantry. Members of the Company "I" outpost in ~~***~~, GERMANY, reported that a platoon of German infantry reinforced by twelve machine guns, several enemy mortars, and one SP Gun, was attacking their position. Private First Class BRYAN was transmitting and receiving field artillery fire commands on his radio to bring fire of his battalion on the enemy force attacking Company "I" outpost. The enemy mortar position nearby Private First Class BRYAN was receiving concentrated enemy artillery fire. A direct hit was scored on the house in which Private First Class BRYAN was operating his set. He was knocked down and was in a state of unconsciousness momentarily. When he regained consciousness a few moments, he refused to be evacuated and insisted upon operating his set to bring fire of his artillery battalion upon the enemy. His coolness and courageous conduct in the face of concentrated enemy shelling expedited the delivery of artillery fire on the enemy, thereby materially contributing to repelling the attack. Entered military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

WILLIAM CHAPPEL, JR., 35291621, Technician Fourth Grade, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 29 September 1944 near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Technician Fourth Grade CHAPPEL, Fireman, was a member of a forward observer's party that found it necessary to advance to an alternate observation post to observe enemy troops approaching our lines. Technician Fourth Grade CHAPPEL, who was laying wire with another member of the party, advanced through an area which was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, apparently being laid down as a preparation for an attack.

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Before they could successfully complete the wire line, enemy shells broke the wire. This break was repaired by another member of the party who was servicing the wire behind Technician Fourth Grade CHAPPEL. Immediately upon completion of the line, shellfire again broke the line. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade CHAPPEL returned to the wire route and made repairs. Within a few minutes of his return to new OP, again shellfire broke the wire line and Technician Fourth Grade CHAPPEL again reestablished the communications, despite the dangers from enemy artillery shelling. Technician Fourth Grade CHAPPEL's heroic conduct in this action made it possible for the forward observer to bring artillery fire upon the enemy, thereby destroying numerous enemy personnel and repelling the attack. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

BERT G. EASON, 14120377, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. Corporal EASON, ATTL Gunner, took over a MG after his own weapon was rendered useless by shrapnel piercing it. Seeing a better vantage point, Corporal EASON, on his own aggressive initiative, moved the gun forward, although the new position offered little cover or concealment. His flank protection was knocked out and pinned down by small arms fire and occasional mortar fire but Corporal EASON stayed alone with his gun and returned effective MG fire to the enemy. He so reduced enemy resistance that his platoon was able to accomplish its mission. Corporal EASON's heroism made a profound impression upon his men and inspired them in successful action against the enemy. Entered military service from PHOENIX CITY, ALABAMA.

MORRIS P. GUERRANT, O-511700, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant GUERRANT, Assistant Platoon Leader, during a fire fight, operated as an observer 400 yards in front of his own lines. He made four tiring trips back and forth, infiltrating through the scattered enemy each time, directing and correcting mortar fire. He secured 50 caliber MG's and employed them effectively, directing their indirect fire. His route back to his own lines was under intermittent mortar fire. Without wire or radio communications, he supervised successful limited pursuit of the enemy after they had started their withdrawal. Because of his aggressiveness and initiative, a much longer and harder fire fight was avoided. His conduct reflects great credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

HOWARD E. JENSEN, O-1302309, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant JENSEN, Assistant Platoon Leader, demonstrated conspicuous courage and ability under devastating artillery fire. He directed an effective artillery barrage on enemy forces during the assault on the WAIL River Bridges when the artillery observer attached to his platoon became a casualty. Without hesitation, First Lieutenant JENSEN left the protection of his foxhole and rushed to the one occupied by the observer. Under the rain of artillery and sniper fire, he took over the phone and efficiently "zeroed" friendly artillery fire on enemy concentrations. As a result of his action, his

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battalion was enabled to capture the southern approaches of the WAAL River Bridges with reduced casualties. First Lieutenant JENSEN's exemplary bravery and initiative was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TROY, NEW YORK.

EUGENE C. JONES, 20524300, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. After his squad leader had been wounded, Corporal JONES, Assistant Squad Leader, took command of his squad on the right flank of his platoon and placed them in position to ward off a flanking movement by the enemy. They held off two attacks and personally accounted for fifteen enemy killed and twelve captured. By his courageous actions and leadership, Corporal JONES relieved a critical situation on the company front. Entered military service from WACO, TEXAS.

LESTER M. JOYCE, 20124162, Private, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 29 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private JOYCE, machine gunner, was a member of a forward observer's party that found it necessary to advance to an alternate observation post to observe enemy troops approaching our lines. Private JOYCE - who was laying wire with another member of the party - advanced through an area which was subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, apparently being laid down in a preparation for an attack. Before they could successfully complete the wire line, enemy shells broke the wire. This break was repaired by another member of the party who was servicing the wire behind Private JOYCE. Immediately upon completion of the line, shellfire again broke the line. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private JOYCE returned over the wire route and made repairs. Within a few minutes of his return to the new OP, again shellfire broke the wire line and Private JOYCE again reestablished the communications despite the dangers from the enemy artillery shelling. Private JOYCE's heroic conduct in this action made it possible for the forward observer to bring artillery fire upon the enemy, thereby destroying numerous enemy personnel and repelling the attack. Entered military service from CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

WILLIAM F. KNAFF, 16148795, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant KNAFF - Platoon Sergeant - just prior to a Division attack, was instrumental in extinguishing a fire in the ammunition dump of Company "B", 508th Parachute Infantry, which had been caused by enemy artillery. Staff Sergeant KNAFF, with three other men, voluntarily crawled through heavy artillery fire, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, to extinguish the blaze which threatened the ammunition dump. Though exposed to artillery fire and exploding small arms ammunition from burning ammunition cases, Staff Sergeant KNAFF and his companions succeeded in rapidly extinguishing the fire before too much damage could be caused. Staff Sergeant KNAFF's actions were of vital importance to his company since the possibility of a counterattack was imminent. Staff Sergeant KNAFF's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LANSING, MICHIGAN.

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ORLEAN E. KOEPPEN, 17043972, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant KOEPPEN, Mortar Sergeant, was ordered to move to an area in which he was to set up an OP for his mortar. Sergeant KOEPPEN came across a hedgerow which was occupied by an enemy bazooka team. With great aggressiveness and assurance, he knocked out the bazooka team with a Gammon Grenade. He then moved to the best position possible for an OP and directed his mortar fire, which knocked out an enemy artillery OP and set it afire with only twelve rounds. Sergeant KOEPPEN's actions aided in the platoon and company's success. His actions - always aggressive - in addition to being above and beyond the call of duty were an inspiration to the men with whom he fought. Entered military service from FORT DES MOINES, IOWA.

JOHN T. LITTLE, O-887923, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant LITTLE, Battalion S-2, Third Battalion, was directly responsible for placing supporting tanks and tank destroyers into position during an attack upon ***, BELGIUM. The battalion met with heavy resistance from enemy high-velocity guns in attaining their objectives. Two tank destroyers and one tank were lost in attempting to make an approach to cover the attack. First Lieutenant LITTLE then made a personal reconnaissance for a covered avenue of approach. Having selected a route, First Lieutenant LITTLE then lead the vehicles on foot. During this time, First Lieutenant LITTLE was constantly exposed to direct artillery fire for over two hundred yards. As he advanced, he located and removed five mines from the trail. His personal bravery and coolness under fire was responsible for the successful placing of all the tanks and contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation, reflecting credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from EDGEWOOD STATION, RHODE ISLAND.

JOHN OTTO, O-1030182, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant OTTO, Platoon Leader, Company "A", voluntarily exposed himself to hostile enemy rifle and machine gun fire that was holding up the advance of his platoon. He ran across 30 yards of open terrain, jumped onto a friendly tank and directed its fire into the hostile rifle and MG positions. This gallant and courageous deed enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN W. PAULSON, 37162530, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant PAULSON, Platoon Sergeant, demonstrated outstanding courage when he fought his way to a forward and exposed observation post and directed an effective mortar barrage on enemy troops and installations near ***. Staff Sergeant PAULSON was given the mission of establishing a forward observation post for the mortar platoon. With two men he fought and strung combat wire from the company's lines to a position where he could view enemy activity. With a sound powered telephone he directed the fire of the mortar platoon on enemy installations. As a result of his action one enemy machine gun was knocked out and several enemy riflemen were wounded. Staff Sergeant PAULSON's

exemplary conduct favorably reflected the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HENNING, MINNESOTA.

ANTHONY A. POPESH, 37298323, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. When the platoon to which Private POPESH was attached as a medical aid man was pinned down by a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage in the Company "D" sector near ****, BELGIUM, he noticed a wounded comrade unable to move to cover. Private POPESH immediately and unhesitatingly left the cover of his foxhole and rushed to the forward slope of a hill under full view of the enemy to render first aid to the wounded man. At the height of the barrage, he covered the wounded man's body with his own and waited for a lull in the barrage before evacuating him to safety. Private POPESH's heroic and unselfish action was entirely in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from ELK, MINNESOTA.

CARROL P. POWERS, 16049298, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. Sergeant POWERS, Squad Leader, personally led assaults on an enemy machine gun nest and on an automatic rifle position although he had been wounded by shrapnel earlier in the attack. He remained with his squad directing cleanup action in his sector until the battalion's attack on **** was successfully completed. At that time, approximately three hours after being wounded, Sergeant POWERS had to be ordered to the rear for medical attention. His actions were an inspiration to all his men, reflecting the finest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CAMP WOLFERS, TEXAS.

JAMES B. PRINCE, 34737000, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. During the attack by Company "C", Private First Class PRINCE's squad became pinned down by heavy MG fire from the front. In the absence of his squad leader - who was on a patrol - he took command of the squad and at once sent a part of his squad to the right to flank the MG position. They were able to advance only a short distance because of the MG fire. Without hesitation, Private First Class PRINCE moved out in front of his squad to draw fire from the MG and allow the flanking patrol to advance. Though he was wounded by this action, he continued to fire on the MG and direct his squad from where he had fallen. By his courageous action, without consideration for his own personal safety, he enabled his squad to advance and relieve a critical situation on the company front. Entered military service from THOMPSON STATION, TENNESSEE.

DAVID P. RICE, 36294258, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. Private RICE, Line man, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, patrolled the wire lines in the Third Battalion to prevent any enemy attempt to tap in on the lines. During his tour, a heavy artillery barrage knocked out all of the lines. Private RICE immediately went to Company "D"'s CP to secure aid. While at this location, the enemy attacked Company "G" with great ferocity. Realizing the importance of reestablishing lines of communication with the company under attack,

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Private RICE located the wire lines and worked his way to Company "G"'s position through heavy enemy and friendly machine gun fire, repairing the breaks. He administered first aid to the wounded he encountered as he went along. He succeeded in repairing the line and was the first to contact his battalion headquarters and give word of the situation. He remained at his post, maintaining communication until the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FELICIAN LAKE, WISCONSIN.

MARVIN RISNES, 39193472, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Sergeant RISNES, Squad Leader, Company "G", was manning an outpost approximately 300 yards in front of the MLR when the enemy launched an attack from the left and to the rear of his positions. Seeing that the outpost was in danger of being surrounded, Sergeant RISNES was ordered to withdraw, but by the time he was ready to displace, a platoon of the enemy was between his position and the MLR. Without hesitation, Sergeant RISNES gathered his six men and attacked, and prevented the enemy from spreading any further to the right. Sergeant RISNES and his squad killed seventeen Germans and wounded three in their attack. Sergeant RISNES' coolness and determination while surrounded, and his decisive action resulted in severe casualties to the enemy. Sergeant RISNES' actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FEEQUOT LAKE, MINNESOTA.

WARREN H. ZUELKE, SR., 38501094, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 and 27 December 1944 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Private ZUELKE, a member of a LMG team of Company "F", was in position on the right flank of the company's defense sector. A German force, estimated to be two battalions, attacked on a narrow front involving positions on the right flank, around the village of ~~###~~. From their emplacement, Private ZUELKE's LMG team placed heavy effective fire upon the attacking enemy. They held this position until the Germans succeeded in overrunning the front line positions and had reached the right rear of Company "F", a distance of forty yards from their emplacement. Private ZUELKE and the two other men in the team then left their position under heavy fire, selected a new position which enabled them to bring a deadly fire upon the Germans and prevented them from encircling the right flank. Private ZUELKE's and his companion's courage and initiative enabled the company to hold its positions and was instrumental in throwing back the enemy with heavy losses. Private ZUELKE's actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

LEONARD HARMON, JR., O-1702988, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 12 November 1943 near ~~###~~, ITALY. Second Lieutenant HARMON, JR., then Staff Sergeant, Acting Platoon Leader, led his platoon in the initial assault wave up the heavily mined slopes of Hill 1017 under heavy fire and personally knocked out a machine gun nest at the very crest of the hill. While organizing his defenses for an imminent counterattack, Second Lieutenant HARMON, JR., observed an American soldier being escorted to the German lines by two enemy soldiers. Unhesitatingly, Second Lieutenant HARMON and an enlisted man sped over the top of the hill deep into German territory, killed one of the Germans and wounded the other, rescued the captive American soldier, and returned safely to the American lines, capturing two more Germans en route. Second Lieutenant HARMON, JR.'s initiative, devotion to duty, and unsparring efforts made him an outstanding example to all of those with whom he served. Entered military service from WICHITA, KANSAS.

BERNARD R. KARNAP, O-1703039, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 February 1944 near ~~###~~, ITALY. Second Lieutenant KARNAP, then Platoon Sergeant, Company "A", while leading an eight man combat patrol, ran into an enemy machine gun nest. Having instructed his men to take cover, he alone crept forward to wipe out the machine gun position when an approximate twenty man patrol was heard approaching. When the patrol approached his position, Second Lieutenant KARNAP opened fire with his Thompson Submachine Gun killing or wounding approximately twelve men of the patrol and putting the rest to flight. After hurriedly reloading his weapon in a nearby outhouse in which he took temporary cover, Second Lieutenant KARNAP dashed out into the open under enemy fire, secured valuable identification data from one of the enemy corpses, and tossed two hand grenades into the machine gun nest thereby rendering it ineffective. Then rejoining his men whose safety he had previously insured, Second Lieutenant KARNAP led them safely back to his own lines under long distance small arms fire. His singular act of heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from FOSTON, OHIO.

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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 (A.G) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

PETER L. KELLEY, O-1322926, First Lieutenant, 503th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant KELLEY was Battalion Supply Officer, First Battalion. During the entire operation in the NETHERLANDS he worked with great zeal and energy to provide an adequate resupply of all battalion units. Many supply missions by First Lieutenant KELLEY and his section were accomplished despite heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, which he did not permit to delay the progress of the moving of necessary items to all units. By personal supervision he was able to direct the operation of his section and to secure any equipment needed to perform his battalion mission. The exemplary conduct of First Lieutenant KELLEY enabled him to perform an important service to his battalion and to his regiment. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

III -- 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 (A.G) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

MARK J. ALEXANDER, O-411615, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military activities against the enemy for the period 20 September 1944 to 2 January 1945. Lieutenant Colonel ALEXANDER, Base Commander, FRANCE, established new camps in FRANCE for the 82d Airborne Division while it was in combat in HOLLAND. He administered and organized the camps and accomplished the reception of troops in a highly efficient manner. Faced with numerous and complex problems and a meager staff from the UNITED KINGDOM bases of the Division, Lieutenant Colonel ALEXANDER executed the tremendous assignment with outstanding skill and initiative. When the 82d Airborne Division was unexpectedly committed in BELGIUM, his invaluable assistance helped expedite that unprecedented commitment of a reinforced Division into combat in less than twenty four hours. After its departure, he operated the two Airborne camps for the successive tenancy of two Divisions and an Army Headquarters. His intelligent and determined efforts in a period of critical troop movements were material factors in the success of the 82d Airborne Division and other major organizations which stopped the German surprise offensive in BELGIUM. Entered military service from KANSAS.

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JOHN R. BUEFKIN, Jr., O-1286781, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 near MONT, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant BUEFKIN, JR., Adjutant, First Battalion, performed all duties in a superior manner while under adverse combat conditions. He kept the battalion commander accurately posted on the strength of the units composing the battalion, meticulously collected and forwarded all matter pertaining to casualties, promotions, and decorations. Frequently it was necessary for First Lieutenant BUEFKIN, JR., to move to the battalion forward positions to obtain accurate information for his records. This he did without hesitation, although these positions were under enemy shell and artillery fire. When the battalion clerk was wounded on D+1, First Lieutenant BUEFKIN JR. assumed practically all of those duties, rather than take a rifleman from one of the understrength rifle companies. He supervised the proper distribution and logging of all incoming and outgoing messages at the CP, and was responsible in large part for an efficient and smooth-running command post. His ceaseless efforts in the performance of additional duties as well as the superior performance of his own office reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from CLINGERBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA.

JAMES J. CARUSO, 36312903, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 10 January 1945 in HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant CARUSO, Supply Sergeant, Company 150, performed his duties during this period in a superior and highly commendable manner. During this period, Staff Sergeant CARUSO, and the other members of the Second Battalion Supply Section, labored under adverse weather conditions, on extremely hazardous terrain, and under heavy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire to maintain a constant flow of arms and ammunition to their companies. During the attack of MONT Ridge, Staff Sergeant CARUSO and three other supply sergeants worked for twenty six hours without rest, hand carrying ammunition and supplies 1200 yards over the ridge in deep snow, under fire a good deal of the time. On their return trips, they carried wounded back with them to aid in their evacuation. The zealous, untiring efforts of Staff Sergeant CARUSO and the other three supply sergeants rendered a great service to their battalion, to the 508th Parachute Infantry, and insured a ready supply of vital material with which to push the attack and insure the defense of the ridge. Entered military service from NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

HENRY W. ENGLISH, O-1541786, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 10 January 1945. First Lieutenant ENGLISH worked as liaison and evacuation officer during the NEW BRUNSWICK, HOLLAND and BIELEN Campaigns. In two airborne missions the important task of clearing large numbers of casualties in the initial phases fell to this officer, who worked tirelessly to accomplish the mission. Particular hardships were encountered because transportation was scant and included no ambulances. Successful evacuation of casualties in both of these

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operations and in BELGIUM was carried on excellently. On several occasions First Lieutenant ENGLISH personally led the jeeps and ambulances to the forward installations so as to insure early evacuation, thus frequently exposing himself to enemy fire. The accomplishments of First Lieutenant ENGLISH are reflected in the superior manner of evacuation during the three campaigns. Entered military service from FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

ROBERT M. ESCOBOSA, 39362575, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 10 January 1945 in the area of ***, ***, and ***, BELGIUM. Private ESCOBOSA, Rifleman, Company " ", voluntarily carried on the duties of a light machine gunner after a gun crew was put out of action. For eight days he alone acted as a complete team, carrying the gun and ammunition and operating it when in action. In spite of the fact that he was still handicapped by injuries sustained in the HOLLAND Campaign, Private ESCOBOSA displayed great fortitude. By his actions he won the admiration and gratitude of the entire company. Entered military service from PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

LIONEL O. FRIGO, O-1293576, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. During the initial stages of The NETHERLANDS Campaign, First Lieutenant FRIGO conducted his S-2 Section with such skill and ingenuity that he was able to provide his battalion with much complete and accurate information of the enemy, a factor which proved of highest value in the preparation of battalion defensive positions. On 22 September 1944 he became Battalion S-3 and performed the duties of this office according to his previous high standards. He made daily personal contacts with all battalion units in order to insure the tactical soundness of the battalion defensive positions, and continued to exercise great diligence in the coordination of the defense of the Battalion MLR, despite heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. The exemplary conduct of First Lieutenant FRIGO enabled him to perform an important service to his regiment. Entered military service from WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

CLARK H. FULLER, 32213722, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 11 January 1945, inclusive, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND, and BELGIAN Campaigns. Sergeant FULLER, Company Communication Sergeant, has served in this capacity for a total of 244 days in actual combat under all types of combat conditions with an exceptional degree of skill and devotion to duty. Sergeant FULLER worked tirelessly and often with extreme courage to maintain his company's inter-communication and contact with higher echelons under the worst possible conditions of terrain, weather, and enemy resistance. The many successes of his company in four campaigns have been greatly facilitated by the constant and unflinching communication which Sergeant FULLER maintained. During the BELGIAN Campaign, Sergeant FULLER

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performed his duty in a particularly exemplary manner by maintaining both wire and radio communication constantly with utter disregard of his personal comfort or safety in bitter cold and snow during several hard-fought engagements with the enemy. Throughout a long tenure of hazardous service, Sergeant FULLER has typified the standards and spirit of the Parachute Infantry. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

GERALD P. GUILLOT, O-470109, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the NORMANDY, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM Campaigns. First Lieutenant GUILLOT, Executive Officer, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, has rendered meritorious service to his regiment during the NORMANDY, HOLLAND, and present BELGIUM Campaigns. On many occasions, First Lieutenant GUILLOT took command of his company when the commanders became casualties. In the combat jump in NORMANDY, First Lieutenant GUILLOT reorganized his company and was in command of it until the 21st of June. During an attack on 2 July 1944 he again assumed command of the company, remaining in command until the conclusion of the NORMANDY Campaign. In HOLLAND, First Lieutenant GUILLOT assembled his company, following the jump, and was responsible for its efficient assembly. During the present action, First Lieutenant GUILLOT has performed his duties in a highly commendable manner maintaining a CP defense with a limited amount of personnel. His unceasing efforts have earned him the respect and admiration of all officers and men with whom he has contact. Entered military service from PAINGOUEVILLE, LOUISIANA.

ROBERT M. HAVENS, O-1310927, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period from 17 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant HAVENS, a platoon leader, Company "H", performed his duties in an exemplary manner. On 19 September, with his platoon of only fourteen men, he secured the high ground to the South of *** and protected the flank of his company attacking Hill ***. The following day he moved his platoon to the high ground in rear of the company position in time to meet a fierce German attack which surrounded his position but was unable to penetrate this defense, due largely to the determined efforts of First Lieutenant HAVENS in coordinating his position. On 25 September he became Battalion S-2. He initiated a vigorous scouting and patrolling plan, which enabled his battalion to obtain accurate first hand information of the enemy at all times. He efficiently organized and supervised both reconnaissance and combat patrols and voluntarily joined in combat patrols about the 9th and 21st of October in order to insure the success of the patrol missions. The exemplary conduct of First Lieutenant HAVENS has enabled him to perform an important service to his organization. Entered military service from HOWARD, VIRGINIA.

JOHN H. HOWAT, O-084094, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 23 January 1945 to 11 January 1945 inclusive, during the ITALIAN, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. Paralleling his outstanding achievements in previous operations, Private HOWAT in December, 1944, in the vicinity of *** on ***, BELGIUM, showed superb skill as a driver and took possible the transport of supplies to his battalion over practically impossible, snow-bound forest trails. On the night of January 5, 1945, in the vicinity of

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***, BELGIUM, in the face of artillery fire which wounded one of the loading detail, Private HOWT, without considering his own safety, continued the loading of badly needed ammunition. Throughout these three campaigns his devotion to duty and incunuity have been of great benefit to the operational successes of his battalion. Entered military service from DENVER, COLORADO.

MICHAEL J. KOGUT, 11061743, First Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 9, 1943, to January 11, 1945. First Sergeant KOGUT has progressed to his present rank during the course of the five campaigns in which this regiment has participated, by conclusive demonstration of a unique conception of duty and courageous conduct under all types of combat conditions. Many times he has capably assumed the duties of an officer when casualties depleted his company. During the Belgian Campaign, First Sergeant KOGUT assisted greatly in coordinating the administrative and tactical operation of his company after the commanding officer had become a casualty in the initial stages. He served faithfully and singularly conscientiously with his company for 230 days of actual combat; his only loss of combat time having been occasioned by wounds received in action. Sergeant KOGUT has won the respect, cooperation and admiration of all who have been associated with him by his leadership and ability. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

JOHN P. LAMBORN, 17045340, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period September 24, 1944, to January 11, 1945, in HOLLAND and BELGIUM. As a supply truck driver for the Second Battalion, Private LAMBORN demonstrated coolness under fire and adept skill as a driver in transporting vital supplies to and from front line positions. During the BELGIUM Operation, Private LAMBORN again proved his physical courage in rendering valuable service to his battalion as driver of an ammunition and supply truck. His superb skill effected transport of vital supplies over almost impassable log-strown, snow-bound forest trails. On December 24 near ***, BELGIUM, he was loading ammunition under artillery fire when his truck was pierced by shell fragments, but Private LAMBORN never once paused in his work. Private LAMBORN has performed creditably in the difficult, dangerous, and uncertain task of front line supply. Entered military service from ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

FRED H. McMURRY, 33735407, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND and BELGIUM for the period 18 September 1944 to 10 January 1945. Private First Class McMURRY served as jeep-ambulance driver with the Third Battalion Air Station, 505th Parachute Infantry. He worked bravely and tirelessly through many successive days and nights with little rest to transfer casualties to the rear installations. Because of a shortage of drivers and also vehicles it often became necessary for this one person to work continuously through most of a 24 to 36 hour period without relief, when the casualties were heavy. On many occasions he voluntarily and courageously drove his jeep forward to the immediate front line to pick up

casualties from the spot where they had been wounded. The superb performance of Private First Class McJURKIN contributed to a great extent to the early evacuation and subsequent successful care of the battle casualties. Entered military service from [redacted], WEST VIRGINIA.

LOUIS G. MENDEZ, JR., O-23262, Lieutenant Colonel, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 1 October 1944 near [redacted], HOLLAND. Lieutenant Colonel MENDEZ was Battalion Commander of the Third Battalion, during the action south of [redacted], HOLLAND. The Third Battalion successfully seized and held, in spite of fanatical German opposition, the key ground in the [redacted] area. The successful defense of this sector was characterized by several bloody counterattacks which elements of Lieutenant Colonel MENDEZ' battalion had to make to regain lost ground. Subsequently, the battalion seized the flat ground between [redacted] and [redacted] in GERMANY after some of the bloodiest fighting of the entire campaign. In spite of heavy losses sustained by his battalion, Lieutenant Colonel MENDEZ maintained the esprit de corps in his unit at a high level and his battalion was capable of sustaining the action although considerably understrength. The entire record of the Third Battalion in battle and its high degree of combat efficiency in the HOLLAND Campaign was directly due to the ceaseless efforts and dynamic leadership of Lieutenant Colonel MENDEZ, which reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from COLORADO.

CECIL H. SEIBERT, 39248050, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM for the period June 6, 1944, to January 10, 1945. Private First Class SEIBERT served as jeep-ambulance driver with the Third Battalion Aid Station, 325th Glider Infantry. He worked devotedly and tirelessly through many successive days and nights with little rest to transfer casualties to the rear installations. Because of a shortage of drivers and also vehicles, it often became necessary for this one person to work continuously throughout most of 24 to 36 hour periods without relief when the casualties were heavy. On many occasions he voluntarily and courageously drove his jeep forward to the immediate front line to pick up casualties from the spot where they had been wounded. The superb performance of Private First Class SEIBERT contributed to a great extent to the early evacuation and subsequent successful care of the battle casualties. Entered military service from LITTON, OKLAHOMA.

THOMAS J. B. SHANLEY, O-21828, Lieutenant Colonel, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period from 17 September 1944 to 14 November 1944 near [redacted], HOLLAND. On 17 September 1944, the 508th Parachute Infantry made a parachute drop south of [redacted], HOLLAND. Lieutenant Colonel SHANLEY led the Command Group from the drop zone and established the Regimental Command Post near [redacted]. The nature of the operation and wide sector of defense necessitated the absence of the Regimental Commander much of the time. Lieutenant Colonel SHANLEY organized the operation of the Command Post and directed its functioning.

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frequently directing the tactical employment of the units in contact with the enemy. In the absence of the Regimental Commander on special duty to Division Headquarters, Lieutenant Colonel SHIFFY assumed command of the Regiment and directed the operation until its return to a base camp. While acting as Regimental Commander, he directed the operation until its return to a base camp. While acting as Regimental Commander, he directed the organization of the Regimental defense sector, planned and supervised alternate plans of defense, and maintained personal contact with all regimental units. The tireless energy of this officer and his superior qualities of leadership rendered a service of highest value to the 508th Parachute Infantry and reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BUTTE, MONTANA.

ALEXANDER S. SOFEL, 33399015, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in HOLLAND and BELGIUM from September 26, 1944, to January 6, 1945. As medical jeep driver with the Second Battalion Air Section, 504th Parachute Infantry, Private First Class SOFEL rendered service above and beyond the call of duty. Often working long hours without relief, Private First Class SOFEL has frequently evacuated casualties from front line positions during sharp fire fights. His ability to speedily locate wounded men and to find suitable routes of casualty evacuation has undoubtedly saved the lives of many wounded comrades. Private First Class SOFEL's exemplary execution of his duties while in combat has measured up to the highest standards of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

GEORGE I. STOECKERT, O-1287082, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 near HOLLAND. First Lieutenant STOECKERT, Mortar Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, performed his duties in a superior manner under adverse combat conditions at all times. Immediately after the drop, he organized his mortar platoon and began such strict supervision over it that he encountered no casualties during the entire campaign. Day or night when mortar fire was called for he either directed the fire from an observation post or supervised the firing at the mortar positions. His devotion to and performance of duty had the admiration of all officers and enlisted men with whom he associated. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

FRED S. VLISAK, 6713654, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 24 December 1944 in the vicinity of HOLLAND, BELGIUM. Master Sergeant VLISAK, Communication Chief, Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery, after a certain time at HOLLAND, BELGIUM, at 0230 hours, 19 December 1944, personally supervised and established wire communications with all artillery battalions, which he tirelessly and energetically maintained in the Division's advance to HOLLAND and withdrawal to HOLLAND, BELGIUM. Due to armored and other units passing through the Division area, the maintenance of wire communications was

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extremely difficult, but Master Sergeant VLASK displaying exceptional energy, initiative and devotion to duty maintained the communications so vital to the accomplishment of the mission with very little rest over a crucial period of six days. His exceptional energy was an inspiration to the men of his platoon and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

HAYDN WILLIAMS, O-398328, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period June 6, 1944, to January 10, 1945, in NORMANDY and HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Acting in the capacity of Liaison and Evacuation Officer, First Lieutenant WILLIAMS directed and often personally supervised the evacuation of casualties in NORMANDY, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM. Following the airborne landings in NORMANDY and HOLLAND, First Lieutenant WILLIAMS worked diligently and continuously for day and night periods to clear the large number of casualties sustained in the initial phase. The excellent performance of medical evacuation continuously performed was directly attributed to the energetic and tireless effort of this officer who often exposed himself to hostile artillery and mortar fire to reach the forward positions. The speedy evacuation of casualties played a tremendously important part in insuring adequate medical care for these men. Entered military service from BAY CITY, MICHIGAN.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals posthumously:

JOHN R. GUGERTY, 39297431, Private First Class, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 29 September 1944 near HOLLAND. Private GUGERTY - machine gunner - was a member of a forward observer's party that found it necessary to advance to an alternate observation post, to observe enemy troops approaching our lines. Private GUGERTY was servicing wire being laid ahead of him by two other members of the party. To get to the new observation post the party was required to move through an area which was then subjected to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, apparently being laid down as a preparation for an attack. When shellfire broke the line in front of him, Private GUGERTY remained in the hazardous area, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repaired the break, moving on only after he had established communication for the forward observer. Private GUGERTY's heroic conduct in this action made it possible for the forward observer to bring artillery fire upon the enemy, thereby destroying numerous enemy personnel and repelling the probable attack. Entered military service from GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.

ORLANDO J. MADUCCI, 19176362, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When informed of casualties among his company personnel located in an open field of fire, Private First Class MADUCCI, Medical Aid Man, went forward on a friendly tank to the area. He rendered medical aid to the casualties, during which time he was severely wounded by enemy mortar fire. His initiative, resourcefulness, and bravery were a great credit to his organization. Entered military service from BENTONVILLE, CALIFORNIA.

DONALD H. OLDS, 36196216, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant OLDS, Squad Leader, was a member of a night patrol whose mission was to invade the enemy positions and take prisoners. The patrol became pinned down by enemy machine gun and grenade fire. Sergeant OLDS quickly estimated the situation and took a three man automatic rifle team forward to an exposed position where he directed fire on the enemy and drew their concentrated fire to his group. This action enabled the remainder of the patrol to withdraw with only two casualties. Sergeant OLDS' exemplary display of courage and initiative reflects great credit upon the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORT CUSTER, MICHIGAN.

ALBERT VALENTINELLI, O-1290845, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant VALENTINELLI, during the initial attack with the First Battalion, advancing toward the SAIM River, was subjected to an intense barrage of enemy artillery. With total disregard for personal safety, First Lieutenant VALENTINELLI exposed himself to flying shrapnel and enemy small arms fire in order to aid a member of his squad who laid out in the open. Under constant enemy observation, First Lieutenant VALENTINELLI rendered medical aid to this wounded man until he was killed from flying shell fragments. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN WILKS, O-1305137, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant WILKS, Assistant Platoon Leader, demonstrated dominant leadership when, under enemy fire, he led his men in a successful attack against organized enemy positions. His platoon was the leading element of the battalion, and assaulted an enemy position that was detaining the attack on the WAIL River Bridges. The leading elements of the platoon encountered well directed enemy artillery and small arms fire and was temporarily halted. First Lieutenant WILKS rallied the faltering men and coolly led them forward to envelope the enemy positions. In a demonstration of leadership and courage he personally attacked one emplacement with his sub-machine gun and killed two of the occupants. As a result of his efforts, the pace of the attack was quickened and the enemy position was taken with reduced casualties. First Lieutenant WILKS' exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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WOODROW W. YARBOROUGH, 34098963, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class YARBOROUGH, a company runner, volunteered to lay wire to the attacking platoons as they were closing in on their objective. This entailed passing within a few yards of several by-passed enemy strongpoints and sniper infested terrain. Despite this he laid the vital wire, following the platoons as they advanced. This enabled the company and battalion to have constant communication with the forward elements. While entering the town of ***, Private First Class YARBOROUGH was mortally wounded by the hail of enemy fire which greeted the first men to enter the town. His high conception of duty in volunteering for a hazardous mission which resulted in his death typifies the best traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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- I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

ROBERT J. LOE, 12136538, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on February 1, 1944, near ****, ITALY. Staff Sergeant LOE, Platoon Sergeant, Company "A", voluntarily led two men over 200 yards of open terrain under heavy fire to a position from which fire could be directed on groups of enemy which were threatening the right flank of the company during a heavy counterattack. Approximately twenty German infantrymen armed with rifles and machine pistols had broken through the forward outpost line. Staff Sergeant LOE, and the two men with him, brought effective fire on this group of enemy and although Staff Sergeant LOE was wounded in the right side, he effected the continuation of fire until fifteen enemy were wounded and four were captured. The attack was broken and the lost ground regained. Staff Sergeant LOE's heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, posthumously:

SHERMAN E. AXLINE, 33498035, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 at ****, HOLLAND. Private AXLINE, a machine gunner, Company "A", displayed great courage while defending a position which had been encircled by infiltrating enemy. After an unsuccessful attack upon German positions in the town of ****, this company was ordered to displace to the high ground to the rear and reorganize. Private AXLINE remained in position and directed accurate fire which displaced the enemy and

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permitted the orderly withdrawal of his entire squad. He destroyed several enemy who infiltrated near his position, and stubbornly defended it until he was killed. This gallant action by Private AXLINE contributed much to the prompt reorganization of his company and enabled it to prepare a second attack which seized the town. Entered military service from KNOXVILLE, MARYLAND.

DANIEL E. KUSZMAUL, 35245415, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 September 1944 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class KUSZMAUL was an assistant squad leader, Company "G". While on a reconnaissance patrol with his platoon investigating Hill ***, he discovered an enemy machine gun emplacement which had pinned his platoon to the ground. Private First Class KUSZMAUL, after discovering the gun position, began to move towards it though he was still under fire. He managed to crawl within a few yards of the position to where he could attack. With two fragmentation grenades he assaulted and charged the machine gun position firing his TSMG, and disabled or destroyed the crew. Private First Class KUSZMAUL was fatally wounded in this action but this courageous and heroic act allowed his patrol to continue on its mission. Entered military service from OHIO.

III -- 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM C. ANDERSON, JR., 32482997, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade ANDERSON, Medical Aid Man, was attached to Company "G". During an attack to secure the highway bridge in ***, one man was hit by enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade ANDERSON left a position of cover and moved to the assistance of the fallen soldier, rendering first-aid despite continuing artillery and mortar fire. While he was attempting to evacuate his patient, Technician Fifth Grade ANDERSON was seriously wounded by a near hit which caused the loss of his arm. His unselfish action saved the life of the wounded soldier at great cost to himself. Entered military service from WESTMONT, NEW JERSEY.

ARTHUR E. GETTS, 38276110, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 19 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal GETTS, a machine gun squad leader, LMG Platoon, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, demonstrated great courage and resourcefulness when an enemy counter-attack threatened his position. While supporting the defense of the sector, an enemy attack approached the position occupied by Corporal GETTS and his machine gun squad. The machine gun section leader was killed and the section became disorganized. Corporal GETTS quickly took command of the situation and

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directed the fire of the section. His alert action enabled him to coordinate the fire of his guns and repulse the German efforts to penetrate his position. Entered military service from BELLEFLOU, OKLAHOMA.

STANTON H. MESENBRIK, 39684243, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1-2 October 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant MESENBRIK, Platoon Sergeant, Company "F", was in position with his platoon in the Company "F" sector under heavy enemy artillery fire followed by a fierce German attack with the main enemy effort directed against the company armored vehicles approached to within a few hundred yards, and the platoon leader ordered a withdrawal from the position, during which control was temporarily lost. Staff Sergeant MESENBRIK disregarded all attempts to seek cover from the artillery fire and succeeded in regaining control of the squads of the platoon in the vicinity of the Company CP and partially reorganized the platoon. While in this act he was wounded in the leg but continued despite his handicap and led the platoon back to the Company CP where further reorganization was effected. The courageous actions of Staff Sergeant MESENBRIK at this critical stage probably prevented many casualties within his platoon and enabled it to return to a position in the Battalion MLR. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

HILLARD NEWMAN, 36505165, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on June 8-9, 1944, near ***, FRANCE. Private NEWMAN, Medical Aid Man, Medical Detachment, 508th Parachute Infantry, while on Hill *** near ***, FRANCE, with a group of paratroopers surrounded by the enemy for three days, repeatedly gave medical aid and carried wounded men to safety while under direct enemy fire and with disregard for his own safety. Suggestions on his part were entirely voluntary. The prompt care and evacuation of the wounded, no matter where they fell, was a large factor in maintaining the morale of the remainder of the troops on Hill ***. The life of at least one man was saved as a direct result of Private NEWMAN's bringing him in, unassisted to the battalion aid station for further attention. Entered military service from FLINT, MICHIGAN.

IV -- 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 (a) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

VINCENT F. DAUBY, 3510762, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant DAUBY was a supply sergeant, Service Company. Following the parachute drop by this regiment, Staff Sergeant DAUBY, as a part of the regimental supply section, was given the mission of assisting in salvaging all equipment from this area and to assist in evacuating men injured on the drop.

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While engaged in completing this task the enemy began to attack and overran a large part of the drop zone. Staff Sergeant DAUBY quickly prepared supplies for removal to secure areas and assisted in the evacuation of all men in the temporary aid station. While enemy swept the area with gun fire, making all movement extremely hazardous, and advanced nearer this position, Staff Sergeant DAUBY joined other men of the supply section in a covering action which enabled the supply wagons to evacuate the area. The determined action of Staff Sergeant DAUBY gave valuable assistance in the safeguarding of equipment which was vital to the continuation of a successful defense of the regimental sector. Entered military service from CANNELTON, INDIANA.

WARD T. ECOFF, 15332287, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant ECOFF, a platoon sergeant, Company "H", acted with courage and initiative while leading his platoon in support of a night attack by his company against German positions in ***. A German strongpoint directed heavy automatic weapons fire into the attacking company, pinning down at least one platoon. In the darkness, control was momentarily lost and the attack began to lose its momentum. Staff Sergeant ECOFF, upon his own initiative, moved about the dark, fire-swept position and located an ATRL Team. He led this team forward and directed accurate fire, which knocked out the German strongpoint and allowed his company to move forward. Entered military service from ANDERSON, INDIANA.

CHARLES F. HAYDEN, 35663076, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1-2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private HAYDEN, a machine gunner, Company "G", manned his machine gun and an ATRL, alternately in defense of his company position in the battalion sector of the regimental PLI. When two German medium tanks broke through the battalion forward position Private HAYDEN, with one other man, maneuvered through heavy machine gun fire to a position from which they attacked and knocked out both tanks. Private HAYDEN returned to his original position and continued to fire his machine gun into German infantry which had been moving forward under cover of this armor. His brave and exemplary act contributed greatly to the security of his company defensive position. Entered military service from INDIANA.

JAMES G. KAY, 15332265, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 13 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant KAY was a 60mm Mortar Squad Leader, Company "H". When his company attacked German defensive positions east of ***, he located his OP at a point from which he could best observe and direct his mortar fire. The enemy discovered this position and directed machine gun and flat trajectory artillery fire in the position. Sergeant KAY remained at this OP during the entire attack and was able to direct effective mortar fire in support of his platoon and company. Near hits from enemy artillery showered him with dirt and made his position a hazardous one. Sergeant KAY's courageous performance of duty despite intense enemy fire enabled him to give important supporting mortar fire to his company. Entered military service from SPENCER, INDIANA.

WINFRED KECK, 15066724, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private KECK was a

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member of the Demolitions Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. With two demolitions men from his platoon, he directed a detail in laying a minefield while under heavy enemy artillery fire. Several times, when near hits from artillery caused his detail to become disorganized, Private KECK quickly restored control and caused the detail to resume its mission. At all times during this action, this area was subjected to heavy artillery fire which caused four casualties. The minefield was successfully completed and later proved an important obstacle in the path of enemy units attacking positions along the regimental MLR. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

JOHN W. LUKETICH, 16151329, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant LUKETICH, a squad leader, Company "H", acted with much courage during an attack by Sergeant LUKETICH's company upon German positions in ***. As the company advanced against the town, and enemy machine gun placed such effective fire into Sergeant LUKETICH's platoon that this platoon was partially pinned down and the advance of the entire company was impeded, Sergeant LUKETICH, with two riflemen for covering fire, advanced to a position from which he attacked the German gun with a TSMG and grenades, knocking out gun and crew. The swift, aggressive action of Sergeant LUKETICH removed this obstacle and allowed his company to continue to advance. Entered military service from FLINT, MICHIGAN.

ROBERT H. MORRIS, 19261269, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1-2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant MORRIS was platoon sergeant, LMG Platoon, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion. When a strong enemy attack penetrated the forward position of the Second Battalion in the sector of the regimental MLR, and enemy assault groups infiltrated through our company position and encircled the command post, Staff Sergeant MORRIS directed the fire of one section of LMG's in support of this company position. He directed his section guns to fire into the enemy and he moved to a position from which he could observe this fire. He was able to neutralize this threat from the flank and prevent further infiltration to the rear and flank of the command post. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

ARTHUR W. PUFFER, 16129483, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action 24-25 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal PUFFER, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "H", displayed exceptional courage and assisted in the orderly movement of his platoon while an enemy counterattack was in progress. When his company had reached its objective, the enemy launched a counterattack supported by heavy artillery fire. Company "H" displaced to new positions and prepared for a second attack. During the displacement, Corporal PUFFER remained in position from which he covered his platoon until he was seriously wounded by artillery. His brave action contributed to the orderly movement and subsequent prompt reorganization of his platoon and company for a second attack. Entered military service from GALILEY, NEW MEXICO.

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HARRY D. PURDY, 37343636, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20-21 September 1944 at ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Corporal PURDY, an assistant squad leader, Company "H", while under heavy enemy fire which wounded his squad leader, assumed command of his squad and held up an enemy advance. When the attack by his company against German positions in the town of ~~###~~ was halted, Corporal PURDY moved about the fire-swept position to contact all members and reorganize his squad in the face of a German counter-attack. He succeeded in restoring control of his unit and blocked the enemy advance upon his squad position. He conducted himself without regard for personal safety as he directed a covering action which enabled his platoon to displace to original positions and reorganize to meet this enemy assault. The actions of Corporal PURDY contributed largely in preventing a dangerous penetration of the company position by the enemy. He was painfully wounded during this action, but continued to direct his squad throughout the action. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the United States Army. Entered military service from OTIS, COLORADO.

FRED G. TAYLOR, 36694173, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 September 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private TAYLOR was a member of the Demolitions Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. With two demolitions men from his platoon he directed a detail in laying a minefield while under heavy enemy artillery fire. Several times, when near hits from artillery caused his detail to become disorganized, Private TAYLOR quickly restored control and caused the detail to resume its mission. At all times during this action, this area was subjected to heavy artillery fire which caused four casualties. The minefield was successfully completed and later proved an important obstacle in the path of enemy units attacking positions along the regimental line. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

HERLAND L. TERPIL, 20720163, Technician Fourth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 February 1944 near ~~###~~, ITALY. Technician Fourth Grade TERPIL, Rifleman, when a German counterattack threatened to break the right flank of his company's defensive position, with two other men, voluntarily ran some 200 yards over open terrain under heavy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire to a position from which they could direct fire on the coming Germans. From this position he was able to help stem the tide of the enemy attack, and although under heavy fire, Technician Fourth Grade TERPIL and his two comrades killed or wounded approximately fifteen of the enemy. His heroic action was directly responsible for the repelling of the enemy attack and the recovery of the lost ground and was in keeping with the highest traditions and standards of the United States Army. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

JAMES J. TURNER, 39043000, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 October 1944 near ~~###~~, HOLLAND. Private TURNER was a radio operator, Headquarters Company, First Battalion. While on patrol he called for and observed supporting artillery fire, which destroyed enemy machine gun emplacements and permitted his patrol to continue upon its missions. When

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enemy machine gun fire suddenly fired on the patrol and pinned it to the ground, Private TURNER immediately radioed for artillery support. He remained in a position from which he could observe this fire, although he was exposed to this artillery as well as fire of the enemy machine guns. The patrol was able to bypass this enemy position and continue. Entered military service from SLATTON, WASHINGTON.

AURELIUS M. VENEGAS, 16216790, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. Private VENEGAS was an acting machine gun squad leader, LMG Platoon, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, when an enemy attack reached the forward position of the Second Battalion IIR. Private VENEGAS led his LMG squad to a position in support of Company "F", which was attempting to restore the battalion forward positions. Moving through heavy machine gun and artillery fire, Private VENEGAS was wounded as he placed his gun in action. Disregarding his own wounds he remained with his gun and delivered effective fire upon the enemy, assisting Company "F" in repelling the attack, and restoring the battalion forward positions. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

ROBERT R. WHITE, 15397117, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 October 1944 near ****, HOLLAND. Sergeant WHITE, a squad leader, Company "A", voluntarily joined a reconnaissance patrol to scout enemy defensive positions in a static sector. He attempted to outflank and capture two German SS troops who were discovered by the patrol, but was unable to do so when the patrol became engaged in a fire fight. In the ensuing flight, the patrol leader was injured but was removed to safety when Sergeant WHITE exposed himself in order to fire into a German automatic weapon emplacement, momentarily diverting the fire of that gun. Sergeant WHITE was able to rejoin the patrol and direct a successful withdrawal back to his company position, although the entire route was under observed enemy mortar fire. Entered military service from ST. ALBANS, WEST VIRGINIA.

LOUIS A. LOPEZ, 32307215, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 February 1944 near ****, ITALY. Private First Class LOPEZ, when a German counterattack threatened to break the right flank of his company's defensive organization, with two other men, voluntarily ran some 200 yards over open terrain under heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire to a position from which they could direct fire on the oncoming Germans. From this position he was able to help stem the tide of the enemy attack, and although under heavy fire, Private First Class LOPEZ and his two comrades killed or wounded approximately fifteen of the enemy. His heroic action was directly responsible for the repelling of the enemy attack and the regaining of the lost ground, and was in keeping with the highest traditions and standards of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

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V -- 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, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ JOSEPH V. CASTELLANOS, Jr., 20427919, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period October 27, 1943, to December 29, 1943, near ****, ITALY. First Sergeant CASTELLANOS, Battalion Communications Sergeant, Third Battalion, over an eight week period maintained an efficient wire net in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles. Although companies of his battalion were at times operating far in advance of the closest friendly units over rugged mountain terrain and were by virtue of the tactical situation widely scattered, First Sergeant CASTELLANOS and his section were able to maintain vital communications. The lack of transportation, miserable weather, and a very fluid and vague enemy situation further complicated the communications problem. On occasion First Sergeant CASTELLANOS personally supervised the laying of wire lines to platoon strong points as far as five miles in advance of the front lines. By his unsparing effort and tireless devotion to duty, First Sergeant CASTELLANOS contributed directly to the combat efficiency of this battalion. Entered military service from VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI.

✓ TERENCE T. NELSON, 6285171, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry, For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 June 1944 to 20 July 1944 near ****, FRANCE. Private First Class NELSON, a Rifleman, Company 1000, while a prisoner of war, displayed great determination and a high sense of duty, which enabled him to escape from a guarded troop train. Isolated from his regiment following a parachute drop in NORMANDY on 6 June 1944, he moved for four days through enemy territory in an effort to rejoin his organization. He was taken prisoner of war and removed to **** where he was held for several days in a freight car in a rail yard near ****. When the train began to move from that city he made an opening in the side of the car and escaped approximately twenty kilometers from ****. He was able to find shelter with civilians who assisted him until American troops arrived in that area. Private First Class NELSON, subsequently, returned to his organization. The exemplary conduct of Private First Class NELSON although many miles behind enemy lines and without any promise of success, reflects the highest credit upon himself, his organization, and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from JEFFERSON, TEXAS.

✓ JOHN F. SMITH, 34128111, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 26 January 1944 to 25 March 1944 near ****, ITALY. Staff Sergeant SMITH, Mess Sergeant, Second Battalion, brought his kitchens ashore on D+5 with ration "RU" cans which were then unavailable anywhere on the beachhead. Staff Sergeant SMITH fed his battalion hot food and bolstered the morale of the Second Battalion which had suffered rather heavy casualties.

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Throughout the campaign, Staff Sergeant SMITH maintained kitchens under enemy observation and artillery fire for his battalion, and for many days he personally carried hot food and coffee to the front line troops in a captured enemy half-track. In addition to their normal duties, men from this mess section under Staff Sergeant SMITH's control manned breakthrough guns during the more critical stages of the campaign. By his devotion to duty, initiative, and efficient operation of his mess section, Staff Sergeant SMITH contributed directly to the combat efficiency of his battalion. Entered military service from CHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.

GLENN L. SOMERVILLE, 35738784, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period from 17 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 near HOLLAND, Sergeant SOMERVILLE, Mortar Section Sergeant, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, performed his duties in an exemplary manner. During the entire operation in The NETHERLANDS, this non-commissioned officer was alert and energetic in the accomplishment of all fire missions of his mortar section. He exposed himself to enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to observe the fire of his guns and directed his section in the prompt, accurate placing of mortar fire in support of his battalion operations. His ceaseless efforts made of his mortar section a closely coordinated team, highly dependable at all times. The exemplary conduct of Sergeant SOMERVILLE enabled him to render an important service to his battalion and to his regiment. Entered military service from LOST CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA.

LAMONT V. VANCOURT, 15337620, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 10 November 1944 near HOLLAND, Corporal VANCOURT, a section leader, 81mm mortar platoon, First Battalion, performed his duties in an exemplary manner. During the entire operation in The NETHERLANDS, this non-commissioned officer was alert and energetic in the accomplishment of all fire missions of his 81mm mortar section. He exposed himself to enemy artillery and small arms fire in order to observe the fire of his guns, directing his section in the prompt accurate placing of mortar fire in support of his battalion operations. His ceaseless efforts made of his 81mm mortar section a closely coordinated team highly dependable at all times. The exemplary conduct of Corporal VANCOURT enabled him to render an important service to his battalion and to his regiment. Entered military service from RIVINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

VI -- WARD OF THE HOME DEPARTMENT, POSTHUMOUS

Under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200,6 (16) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual posthumously:

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WILLIAM J. KURZANSKI, 43668395, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on ~~19-20~~ September 1944 at ~~9944~~, HOLLAND. Private KURZANSKI was an assistant 60mm mortar squad leader, Company "H", in support of the night attack by his company to seize the town. Heavy enemy resistance was encountered and it became necessary for the company to move back to the high ground west of the town and reorganize. Private KURZANSKI made personal contact with all members of his squad and informed them of this order of withdrawal. He covered the displacement of the squad and fought off one machine gun team which attempted to move forward under cover of darkness and fire into the company. During this action, Private KURZANSKI was killed. His courageous efforts were responsible in large part for the successful movement of his squad and contributed much to the prompt reorganization of his company for a second attack against this position. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

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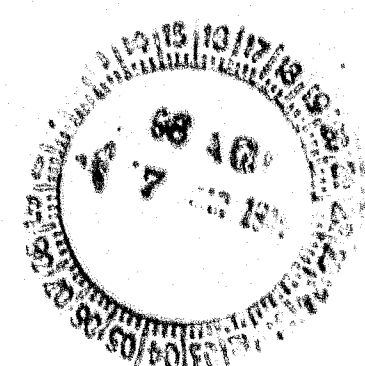
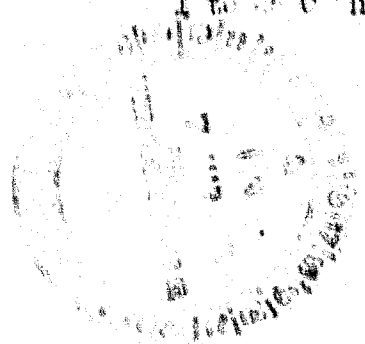
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, and Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

RICHARD E. GERARD, O-326275, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Lieutenant Colonel GERARD - Battalion Commander - during an attack on a determined enemy occupying high ground south of ***, accompanied the assault companies and personally directed the attack. When the assault elements were pinned down by heavy fire, Lieutenant Colonel GERARD moved calmly forward ahead of the leading companies to reconnoiter the enemy strongpoints which were holding up the advance, and determine the most effective method of overcoming them. He then went from position to position under heavy fire to coordinate the elements of his command and got the attack moving again. At one point, when he and an artillery observer found themselves under close-range fire from an enemy machine gun, Lieutenant Colonel GERARD moved over, at great risk to himself, to a friendly tank and personally led it to a position from which it eliminated the machine gun. As on many other occasions during the same campaign, Lieutenant Colonel GERARD's calmness and complete unconcern for himself were a great inspiration to his men. Entered military service from LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.

OSMUND A. LEAHY, O-23106, Lieutenant Colonel, 401st Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When a sudden tank attack halted the advance of his battalion and threatened to disorganize it, Lieutenant Colonel LEAHY went immediately, under heavy close range fire from supporting artillery, to the most exposed company. Narrowly escaping death when a shell killed five men near him, Lieutenant Colonel LEAHY imperturbably continued with the business of getting the exposed elements of his battalion to higher and more sheltered ground. Lieutenant Colonel LEAHY himself remained on open ground exposed to the fire of the tanks until all his men had moved to cover. His prompt action and his example of great personal courage minimized the disorganization caused by the armored attack and insured the accomplishment of the battalion mission without delay. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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II — AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

PHILLIP L. ALTON, 33096346, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class ALTON - Company Aid Man - displayed exceptional bravery and high devotion to duty in caring for the wounded of his company. Twice he carried men across open spaces swept with machine gun fire, protecting them with his own body. Several times he administered first aid to the wounded under direct fire from the enemy and risked capture to carry wounded to the safety of our lines. Private First Class ALTON displayed outstanding bravery and exceptional devotion to duty, and inspired confidence in the men with whom he worked. His actions reflect credit upon the traditions of the Armed Forces and are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

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* ERNEST L. ARLASI, 37088223, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16-17 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company became disorganized during an attack, Sergeant ARLASI with a small group infiltrated to a point 900 yards behind enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety, although he was exposed to small arms and automatic weapons fire from both enemy and friendly forces, Sergeant ARLASI took position in a hedgerow on a main highway in an attempt to halt enemy reinforcements. Observing two enemy vehicles approaching, Sergeant ARLASI opened fire at point blank range, killing two of the enemy. Then - assisted by his comrades - he captured four enlisted men, one officer, both vehicles and an enemy field piece. A total of seventeen enemy were killed. Refusing to withdraw to his own lines, Sergeant ARLASI waited until a group of seventeen men and one officer of his company assembled and joined them in another successful attack in which their objective was seized. This gallant and courageous conduct on the part of Sergeant ARLASI aided materially in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA.

KENNARD C. AUSTIN, 15336316, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal AUSTIN killed and wounded an estimated fifteen Germans, knocked out a machine gun with a grenade and took over a B.R. and then an MG after both gunners were hit. He fired the B.R. until all ammunition was expended, then took the light machine gun in both hands and walked forward firing, keeping at least a platoon of enemy pinned down. His continued aggressiveness enabled the left flank of his platoon to move forward and capture the remainder of the enemy and effect the destruction of a German Battalion. Entered military service from CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

JOSEPH J. BALEK, 31315811, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class BALEK was part of an assault group which volunteered to cross a vital bridge to prevent the enemy from seizing it before a demolition charge could be prepared. The group succeeded in holding the enemy, then withdrew to our side of the river. Private First Class BALEK noted that two of his comrades had been wounded and were still on the other side of the bridge. Urgently, he recrossed to aid them and successfully covered their retreat. When he could cross himself, the bridge was destroyed. Private First Class BALEK ran through a hail of small arms fire, jumped into the river and swam across. Then he took up a position in a nearby house and resumed firing, killing several Germans, where he remained until reached by a counter-attack launched by his platoon. His complete disregard for personal safety to help his wounded comrades was gallantry which reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT.

JOSEPH H. BOONE, 38229591, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant BOONE, a squad leader in Company "A", remained with his squad as a rearguard for the withdrawal of his platoon which had been left as a covering force. The enemy main effort came through Sergeant BOONE's positions. For an hour, he and his squad resisted the advance of the enemy, placing a heavy volume of fire upon the advancing foe, hampering their advance and pinning them down. During the course of this fire fight, Sergeant BOONE scaled a small cliff overlooking a road on which the enemy was advancing and tossed grenades between their ranks as they passed. This caused heavy casualties and temporarily halted their forward movement. When Sergeant BOONE withdrew his squad he was the last man to leave. He safely led them through enemy artillery and small arms fire to the assembly point. His determined resistance prevented enemy interference with the withdrawal of his platoon. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from OLNEY, TEXAS.

JAMES M. BOYD, 15098446, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on January 9, 1945, near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant BOYD - Platoon Sergeant - had just moved his understrength platoon of seventeen men to its objective when it was attacked by a company of German Infantry. When part of the enemy attempted a flanking movement, Staff Sergeant BOYD took four men and forced them back 200 yards, during which action Staff Sergeant BOYD personally shot one and captured two of the enemy. Returning to his platoon, Staff Sergeant BOYD then selected four fresh men to drive off a thrust on his opposite flank. Dashing 200 yards across an open field in rear of the enemy, Staff Sergeant BOYD killed a motorcycle dispatch rider and two more infantrymen from a range of 25 yards. His ammunition gone, he picked up an enemy weapon and wounded two more of the enemy and captured two. With the enemy in retreat, Staff Sergeant BOYD returned to his unit, carrying a wounded comrade through sniper fire. His gallant action greatly inspired all his men and was a dominant factor in the successful defense of his position. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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RENEAU G. BREARD, O-477286, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant BREARD's seventeen man rifle platoon had just reached its objective when it was fiercely attacked by a company of German panzer grenadiers. With one of his squads, First Lieutenant BREARD immediately attacked frontally, temporarily halting the enemy. Dashing across an open field under heavy grazing fire, he then led thirteen men against the foe's flank. With the enemy temporarily disorganized, First Lieutenant BREARD then led the initial squad in another frontal attack, driving back the enemy which had penetrated up to 25 yards of his MLR. With the other squad, he then attacked the opposite flank whereupon the enemy withdrew in disorder. Throughout the initial action, First Lieutenant BREARD, himself, fought as a rifleman and in the latter phases with a machine pistol which he took from a German he had killed. His understrength platoon killed fifteen, wounded fourteen, and captured six of the enemy with the loss of only two men wounded. The courage, leadership, and sound judgment displayed by First Lieutenant BREARD contributed directly to his platoon's unusual accomplishment. Entered military service from MONROE, LOUISIANA.

THEODORE H. CERWOOD, 20317350, Staff Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant CERWOOD, Platoon Sergeant, was at the ***, BELGIUM Highway Bridge when it was scheduled to be blown, but the charge failed to go off. Several more attempts were made to set off the charge but they too failed. When the bridge was about to fall into enemy hands - consisting of one platoon, supported by a medium tank on the other shore - Staff Sergeant CERWOOD voluntarily carried several boxes of TNT on the bridge under heavy enemy fire which he helped place and prepare for demolition. The bridge was successfully demolished. Staff Sergeant CERWOOD's realization of the importance that the bridge be destroyed, his willingness to accomplish this difficult task with utter disregard for his own personal safety and skill of doing the work added materially in accomplishing an important mission. His conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

CHARLES D. COLE, 34076228, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16-17 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company became disorganized during an attack, Technician Fifth Grade COLE, with a small group, infiltrated to a point 900 yards behind enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety - although he was exposed to small arms and automatic weapons fire from both enemy and friendly forces - Technician Fifth Grade COLE took position in a hedgerow on a main highway in an attempt to halt enemy reinforcements. Observing two enemy vehicles approaching, Technician Fifth Grade COLE opened fire at point blank range, killing two of the enemy. Then, assisted by his comrades, he captured four enlisted men, one officer, both vehicles and an enemy field piece. A total of seventeen enemy were killed. Shortly after this action, Technician Fifth Grade COLE ambushed and killed two enemy radio operators, who were withdrawing from their forward positions, and captured both radios. Refusing to withdraw behind own lines, Technician Fifth Grade COLE waited until a group of seventeen men and one officer of his company assembled and joined them in another successful attack in which the objective was seized. This gallant and courageous conduct on the part of Technician Fifth Grade COLE aided materially in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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HANZ K. DRUENER, O-1323673, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant DRUENER's platoon had the mission of attacking towards *** thereby drawing out enemy fire to facilitate large scale attacks on his platoon's flanks. Although recent casualties had left his platoon far understrength, First Lieutenant DRUENER led it aggressively and by brilliant leadership and skillful maneuvering, he reached the town of *** approximately thirty minutes before adjacent forward elements closed in. The speed and drive of his platoon's attack overran numerous positions. Approximately forty enemy were killed or wounded, and an additional forty-eight surrendered to First Lieutenant DRUENER whose loud and clear exhortations in German convinced them that further resistance was useless. This unusually high toll of enemy was gained with a minimum of casualties. First Lieutenant DRUENER's personal leadership and relentless aggressiveness resulted in the perfect accomplishment of the platoon mission. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

JAMES E. GREEN, 12207459, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During the attack on Company "G" by an estimated battalion of Panzer Grenadiers, Sergeant GREEN, Light Machine Gun Section Leader of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, was in direct charge of five machine guns which were delivering intense fire upon the attacking forces. As the attack progressed, a call was made for support on the left flank. Sergeant GREEN called for two volunteers and undertook to lead a one hundred yards of brilliantly moonlit ground, under heavy fire from both enemy and our own forces, to a new position. Close to their objective, the machine gunners were free to fire with Germans. Acting swiftly and coolly, Sergeant GREEN shoved his machine gun into one of the German's hands and shouted: "Here - this is for you." He then fell flat and called to his two men, "Kill them - they're Germans." The squad opened fire, killed two Germans and forced the others to fall back. Sergeant GREEN established the new position and brought effective fire to bear on the enemy. Throughout the entire action, Sergeant GREEN directed the fire of his section with great skill, and, although subsequently wounded, remained with his section until the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

EMERSON G. HILL, 20360726, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16-17 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company became disorganized during an attack, Private HILL with a small group infiltrated to a point 900 yards behind enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety, although he was exposed to small arms and automatic weapons fire from both enemy and friendly forces, Private HILL took position in a hedgerow on a main highway in an attempt to halt enemy reinforcements. Observing two enemy vehicles approaching, Private HILL opened fire at point blank range, killing two of the enemy. Then - assisted by his comrades - he captured four enlisted men, one officer, both vehicles and an enemy field piece. A total of seventeen enemy were killed. Refusing to withdraw to his own lines, Private HILL waited until a group of seventeen men and one officer of his company reassembled and joined them in another successful attack in which their objective was gained. This gallant and courageous conduct on the part of Private HILL aided materially in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

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BARNARD W. HEGEDUS, 32092746, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16-17 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company became disorganized during an attack, Technician Fifth Grade HEGEDUS with a small group infiltrated to a point 900 yards behind enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety, although he was exposed to small arms and automatic weapons fire from both enemy and friendly forces, Technician Fifth Grade HEGEDUS took position in a hedgerow on a main highway in an attempt to halt enemy reinforcements. Observing two enemy vehicles approaching, Technician Fifth Grade HEGEDUS opened fire at point blank range, killing two of the enemy. Then assisted by his comrades, he captured four enlisted men and one officer, both vehicles and an enemy field piece. A total of seventeen enemy were killed. Refusing to withdraw to his own lines, Technician Fifth Grade HEGEDUS waited until a group of seventeen men and one officer of his company assembled and joined them in another successful attack in which their objective was seized. This gallant and courageous conduct on the part of Technician Fifth Grade HEGEDUS aided materially in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from FORT UPTON, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

OTHO W. HOLMES, O-38252, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1-2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Lieutenant Colonel HOLMES, Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, displayed courage and direct personal leadership while under heavy enemy fire as he moved through a fire-swept position to maintain contact with his units and direct the defense of his battalion position against two strong German attacks. The outstanding bravery displayed by Lieutenant Colonel HOLMES and his ceaseless efforts largely insured the success of his battalion defense. His willingness to expose himself to enemy fire to secure closely coordinated defense enabled him to effect a swift and complete reorganization of his battalion in time to repulse the second attack and further the security of the position. The conduct of Lieutenant Colonel HOLMES reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from WILMINGTON, OHIO.

ROBERT E. HOWAN, 31309504, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16-17 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company became disorganized during an attack, Private HOWAN with a small group infiltrated to a point 900 yards behind enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety, although he was exposed to small arms and automatic weapon fire from both enemy and friendly forces, Private HOWAN took a position in a hedgerow on a main highway in an attempt to halt enemy reinforcements. Observing two enemy vehicles approaching, Private HOWAN opened fire at point blank range, killing two of the enemy. Then assisted by his comrades, he captured four enlisted men, one officer, both vehicles and an enemy field piece. A total of seventeen enemy were killed. Refusing to withdraw to his own lines, Private HOWAN waited until a group of seventeen men and one officer of his company assembled and joined them in another successful attack in which their objective was seized. This gallant and courageous conduct on the part of Private HOWAN aided materially in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from FORT DAVIS, MASSACHUSETTS.

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MARTIN E. KIMMAN, 16095092, Corporal, 503rd Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 September 1944 near ****, GERMANY. Corporal KIMMAN was a squad leader, Company "M". When his squad was dropped beyond the drop zone and was immediately attacked by the enemy in that vicinity, Corporal KIMMAN quickly assembled his men and organized a defensive position which delayed the enemy and permitted the salvage of equipment from bundles which were afire from flak. In a subsequent fire fight against a numerically superior enemy he led his squad in the destruction of a German strongpoint. Corporal KIMMAN approached to a position from which he could assault this position with a high explosive grenade. He killed two Germans and captured others. During the fighting while his squad attempted to make contact with the company, then on the drop zone, Corporal KIMMAN led his squad in killing twenty one enemy and capturing fifty nine. This was accomplished without a single casualty within the squad. Entered military service from ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

MARTIN E. MIDDLETON, O-1299926, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. When a combat patrol from the First Platoon of Company "F" became pinned down by murderous fire from an enemy strong point, First Lieutenant MIDDLETON, Third Platoon Leader, immediately and without orders, organized a rescue patrol for a flanking attack on the enemy positions. This action was met by fierce enemy resistance, and First Lieutenant MIDDLETON returned for smoke shells to blind the enemy positions. The smoke laid down permitted the safe withdrawal of only two of the wounded. Thereupon First Lieutenant MIDDLETON then laid down a heavy base of flanking fire on the strongpoint. Under heavy return fire he moved into the area raked by enemy fire and personally directed the evacuation of all the stragglers and wounded. He himself carried one seriously wounded man to safety and killed two Germans who were attempting to loot our dead. Through First Lieutenant MIDDLETON's personal and voluntary efforts, a total of eight enemy were either killed or wounded, and all the members of the beleaguered combat patrol returned to safety. His gallant conduct reflects highest credit on the Armed Forces. Entered military service from DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

GILBERT N. MOSER, 38441909, Sergeant, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action 24-25 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. During a night attack by enemy infantry and tanks at ****, BELGIUM, Sergeant MOSER dismounted from his destroyer and despite heavy enemy machine gun and high explosive anti-tank fire, attempted in the darkness to locate the enemy tanks which he could hear approaching in his position. Noticing a part of a tank turret visible by the corner of a building about 35 yards away, Sergeant MOSER remained on foot and directed the fire of his destroyer until it destroyed the enemy tank with two rounds. Then in the light of the burning enemy tank, Sergeant MOSER saw that another enemy tank was attempting to pass his own position. Despite the continuing machine gun fire and his exposed position, he continued to direct the fire of his own gun upon the second tank. The fight ended when simultaneous shots from his destroyer and the enemy tank knocked both vehicles out of action. When his destroyer burst into flames, Sergeant MOSER, although still under enemy machine gun and shell burst fire, assisted three wounded members of his destroyer crew from the burning vehicle to the safety of another destroyer. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

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III — AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Sgt	Hans Rosenthal	32009280	18 Sep 44	50th Fld Hosp	HOLLAND
Pfc	John Kipness	32991673	18 Sep 44	50th Fld Hosp	HOLLAND

By command of Major General GAVIN:

R. H. WIENICKE,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

R. E. Stewart
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Major, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER 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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

KENNETH F. NELSON, 17045079, Technician Fourth Grade, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade NELSON, on duty with an artillery liaison party, accompanied the attacking company of infantry and tank destroyers on the mission of securing the towns of *** and ***, BELGIUM. Strong opposition was met by our force and the two leading tank destroyers were knocked out. Technician Fourth Grade NELSON, assisted by another member of the artillery liaison party, laid a vital line of communication over a distance of 2000 metres, half of it through terrain in the process of being neutralized, and which was continuously under heavy fire from enemy artillery, machine gun, and small arms. Several times during the attack Technician Fourth Grade NELSON had to fight off enemy snipers with rifle fire, and, although wounded by artillery fire, continued to lay and service his line until the mission was accomplished. This gallant action not only provided communication for the artillery forward to render very close artillery support for the attacking infantry, but also kept the infantry headquarters informed, materially assisting in the accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from GUILFORD, MISSOURI.

ELBERT E. NEWTON, 36230446, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16-17 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company became disorganized during an attack, Private NEWTON, with a small group, infiltrated to a point 900 yards behind enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety, although he was exposed to small arms and automatic weapons fire from both enemy and friendly forces, Private NEWTON took position in a hedgerow on a main highway in an attempt to halt enemy reinforcements. Observing two enemy vehicles approaching, Private NEWTON opened fire at point blank range, killing two of the enemy. Then, assisted by his comrades, he captured four enlisted men, one officer, both vehicles and an enemy field piece. A total of seventeen enemy were killed. Refusing to withdraw to his own lines, Private NEWTON waited until a group of seventeen men and one officer of his company assembled and joined them in another successful attack in which their objective was seized. This gallant and courageous conduct on the part of Private NEWTON aided materially in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from CAMP VOLZERS, TEXAS.

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WAYNE C. NORWOOD, O-1295413, First Lieutenant, 596th Airborne Engineer Company. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. At approximately 1200 hours, First Lieutenant NORWOOD and a squad of the Second Platoon were clearing the road of mines from *** toward ***. The squad removed the roadblock and captured one French speaking prisoner who warned First Lieutenant NORWOOD that an unknown number of the enemy were dug in 200 yards ahead near the town of ***. A quick reconnaissance of the area was made and an enemy machine gun nest and a mortar position located. He maneuvered his men through the woods in such a manner that his own avenue of escape was insured and set his men into position 75 yards from the enemy without detection. At the first volley of shots the enemy machine gun crew and mortar crew raised a white flag. As they were coming to our positions to surrender, another enemy machine gun opened up on the flank. By skillful maneuvering, First Lieutenant NORWOOD led his group in silencing the gun. First Lieutenant NORWOOD's quick thinking and sound judgment were instrumental in cracking the enemy's defenses and in saving many American lives. His courage, coolness under fire, devotion to duty and actions beyond the call of duty have won him the highest praise of his men. Entered military service from IDABEL, OKLAHOMA.

JOSEPH PALKIEWICZ, 6916911, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24-25 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class PALKIEWICZ, P.R. Gunner, Company "B", was a member of a covering force after the main forces had withdrawn when the Germans directed a concentrated artillery and mortar barrage against our positions and launched an attack. Private First Class PALKIEWICZ allowed a group of the enemy to approach within 20 yards of his position before opening fire. His fire was so effective that they had piled up in front of his position so that it was necessary for Private First Class PALKIEWICZ to leave his foxhole and drag the fallen enemy to clear his field of view. When a MG on his right was knocked out, Private First Class PALKIEWICZ occupied its position and fired on its target, having expended all his ammunition he then withdrew, taking a wounded comrade with him. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

FRANK J. SAIKOWSKI, 12006175, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant SAIKOWSKI, Platoon Sergeant, was on a combat patrol when it suffered heavy casualties from an unexpected sniper point of twelve enemy machine guns. When the enemy continued to fire on the helplessly wounded, Staff Sergeant SAIKOWSKI deliberately exposed himself to the enemy fire so that comrades could evacuate the wounded. Since only two men were rescued by this action, Staff Sergeant SAIKOWSKI then established a base of fire with a BAR from a necessarily exposed position and fearfully silenced the enemy. With elements of his patrol still not safely withdrawn, Staff Sergeant SAIKOWSKI attempted to attack the enemy with smoke shells, but this effort only resulted in increased casualties on his position. Still unharmed, he then extinguished his BAR fire with that of a reserve BAR. This final action resulted in the safe withdrawal of all patrol members, including all wounded, to a place of safety. Only

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after completely assured that all members of his patrol had safely withdrawn. Staff Sergeant SILKO SALI gave the dangerous impact area for a defiled spot. His considerate and courageous actions typify the highest standards of the American Infantryman. Entered military service from BRIDGEFORD, PENNSYLVANIA.

LUCIFER F. SALVA, 6046161, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 December 1944 at #, BELGIUM. Corporal SALVA, Machine Gunner, distinguished himself on the night of December 1944 during an attack on enemy "G's" position. Corporal SALVA permitted a group of the enemy to approach within 25 yards of his position, then opened up with such devastating fire that seven Germans were killed, and the remainder forced to fall back. Corporal SALVA then picked up his gun and under heavy fire moved to an alternate position. He continued in this until the enemy, advancing within his field of fire, were forced to stop and then to retreat. Corporal SALVA's disregard for his personal safety, and his coolly calculated fire accounted for numerous enemy dead and wounded, and was responsible for halting the enemy's drive into his platoon area. His coolness under fire, and his disregard for his own personal safety in his efforts to inflict casualties upon the enemy, reflect great credit on himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS.

CLEMENS J. SLIFKINS, 3623846, Private First Class, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near #, BELGIUM. Private First Class SLIFKINS, on duty with artillery liaison party, accompanied the attacking company of infantry and tank destroyers on the mission of securing the towns of # and #, BELGIUM. Strong opposition was met by our forces and the leading tank destroyers were knocked out. Private First Class SLIFKINS, assisted by another member of the artillery liaison party, laid a vital line of communication over a distance of 2000 metres, half of it through terrain in the process of being neutralized, and which was continuously under heavy fire from enemy artillery, machine gun, and small arms. Several times during the attack Private First Class SLIFKINS had to fight off enemy snipers with rifle fire, and although wounded by artillery fire, he continued to lay and service his line until the mission was accomplished. This gallant action not only provided communication for the artillery forward observer to render very close artillery support for the attacking infantry, but also kept the infantry headquarters informed, materially assisting in the accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from SHREVEPORT, MISSISSIPPI.

LEROY E. THIEROLF, 19032169, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25 December 1944 near #, BELGIUM. Sergeant THIEROLF, Squad Leader, HQ Platoon, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, was sent with four men to his machine gun position overlooking the approaches to a roadblock that was being established in a road from that which was pierced by the battalion. Before the position was completed, an attack was made by an estimated force of two battalions of the enemy reinforced by several armored vehicles. Because his orders had been to hold the position until the arrival of the machine gun, Sergeant THIEROLF was determined to remain as long as possible. He held his men

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and defended the position with rifle fire and a few grenades. The Germans made a frontal attack on his position and from the flanks. Some Germans were killed within 15 feet of the emplacement. Although their ammunition was running low, Sergeant THIBBLET refused to withdraw and remained until the attack was repulsed and the enemy forced to retreat. His courage in a desperate situation and his gallant resistance against great odds, reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from O'CONNOR,

FRANCIS S. URELL, 36588540, Private First Class, 517th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. The First Reconnaissance Battalion attacked and seized the high ground near ****, BELGIUM. The first objective was reached, cleared and organized after dark. At 0300 hours, 6 January 1945, the First Battalion position received heavy and sustained mortar and artillery fire followed by a fierce counterattack. Because of the freezing weather, the machine gun protecting the extreme right flank would not fire. The enemy quickly found this weak spot and directed his force against a breakthrough at this point. The Company Commander realizing what was happening quickly called for another automatic weapon to be brought to this position. Private First Class URELL, with complete disregard for the heavy concentration of enemy mortar and small arms fire hitting all around him, picked up his machine gun and ran with it from the left flank of the company's position. Private First Class URELL was struck by a piece of shrapnel causing a chest wound. He fell behind his gun and despite his painful wound, continued to man the gun until the enemy threat was completely repelled. His courageous action is primarily responsible for the holding of the battalion's position. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

CHESTER A. URBAN, 16062433, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16-17 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his company became disorganized during an attack, Private First Class URBAN with a small group infiltrated to a point 900 yards behind enemy lines. With utter disregard for his own safety, although he was exposed to small arms and automatic weapons fire from both enemy and friendly forces, Private First Class URBAN took position in a hedgerow on a main highway in an attempt to halt enemy reinforcements. Observing two enemy vehicles approaching, Private First Class URBAN opened fire at point blank range, killing two of the enemy. Then assisted by his comrades, he captured four enlisted men and one officer, both vehicles and an enemy field piece. A total of seventeen enemy were killed. Refusing to withdraw to his own lines, Private First Class URBAN waited until a group of seventeen men and one officer of his company assembled and joined them in another successful attack in which their objective was seized. This gallant and courageous conduct on the part of Private First Class URBAN aided materially in the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from SCOT CUSTER, IOWA.

RAYMOND G. WILSON, 19121611, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24-25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class WILSON, a machine gunner, Company "B", was a member of a holding force in the area after the main force had withdrawn. Heavy enemy artillery and mortar concentration was directed on the positions held by the covering force and

Germans attacked. When the enemy was only fifty yards from his position, Private First Class WILSON opened fire inflicting heavy casualties and silencing an enemy MG-42. As the enemy force withdrew, Private First Class WILSON moved his gun to various positions under heavy fire, halting each new enemy thrust that was mounted. Private First Class WILSON's crew were wounded during the action, making it necessary for him to move his gun and set up for firing without aid. Private First Class WILSON remained until every man had been withdrawn. Without his valiant and determined resistance this withdrawal would have failed. His courage reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSA.

III — WARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals posthumously:

WALTER FIFESTINE, 2019037, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 in the vicinity of ~~1944~~, BELGIUM. Corporal FIFESTINE, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "A", was in charge of a section of MGs which formed the base of fire for a counterattack his company launched to recapture a bridgehead. He covered the enemy approaches while his platoon covered the rear. When he moved his gun forward to the bridge to cover a further advance of the assault force, his crew became casualties and the tripod for the gun was lost. Without hesitation, Corporal FIFESTINE picked up the gun and continued firing the machine gun from his hip. Upon reaching the bridge he fired from a prone position with no tripod, holding the hot barrel up with his left hand although it scorched his neck, and he did not allow this to interfere with his fire. His gallant actions assured the success of the counterattack and reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

HILTON J. HOLLAND, 3431467, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 near ~~1945~~, BELGIUM. Corporal HOLLAND, an assistant squad leader, was with his platoon which had been reduced to seventeen men while it was engaged in setting up a defensive position. Before this could be completed, it was attacked by a company of enemy supported by a section of enemy mortars. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Corporal HOLLAND unhesitatingly started out alone to an exposed firing position from which he killed two and captured an additional two enemy. Overwhelmed by numbers having covered his withdrawal from this position, he then led three men in a flanking counterattack through intense enemy small arms fire which forced the flank platoon of the enemy to retreat in disorder, leaving two more prisoners. Corporal HOLLAND then voluntarily led another flanking attack and personally knocked out

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an enemy machine gun crew of two men. During this action, he was seriously wounded in the abdomen. Throughout the entire engagement, Corporal HOELAND displayed a brand of courageous initiative and intelligent leadership which was an inspiration to his comrades. His actions were largely responsible for the successful defense of his platoon's position and typify the highest standards of the United States Army Heroes. Entered military service from FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANA.

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RICHARD S. SMITH, O-1703072, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 in BELGIUM. Second Lieutenant SMITH, a platoon leader, was leading his company's advance elements toward the heavily defended town of ... when his unit came under withering mortar and machine gun fire, pinning it down. He boldly and calmly organized his firing line, exposing himself with utter disregard of his personal safety, until the MG's were silenced and the enemy had suffered many casualties. Later that night, Second Lieutenant SMITH was with the leading platoon when the attack was resumed. Although the platoon suffered extremely heavy casualties, he organized the remaining men and personally led a charge which overran another enemy strongpoint, destroying two armored vehicles and another two MG's. Hastily reorganizing his platoon, which was now cut to eleven men, he led his men on still another charge against two houses and a flak wagon. While exhorting his men onward through a hail of enemy fire, he was killed. The few remaining men were so inspired by his unsurpassed heroism and exemplary leadership that they overran this objective in the face of overwhelming odds. His conduct during this entire action will be a source of lasting inspiration to all those who were associated with him.

THE -- COMMISSION:

Under the provisions of AR 600-55, the following named individuals of the 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion are commended for outstanding achievement on 4 January 1945 in BELGIUM.

1st Lt	John C. H. Lee, Jr.	O-23688	1st Lt	Frank L. Url	O-392231
1st Lt	Robert W. ...	O-1103442	1st Lt	William W. McDermott	O-1103307
Sgt	David S. ...	15104037	Sgt	Leo W. ...	35204152
Cpl	Albur T. Meyer	31289907	Cpl	Frederick S. Petty-	39133504
Cpl	Charles J. Parker	32426944		John, Jr.	
Tec 5	James T. ...	34241610	Pfc	Henry J. Bates, Jr.	32043987
Pfc	Oswald W. ...	33245792	Pfc	Rufus ...	34034010
Pfc	Frank P. Lloyd	35138695	Pfc	Alfred McBrook	34235696
Pfc	Francis W. O'Brien	36195007	Pfc	Joseph T. Popp	35044581
Pfc	Gaston P. Vietto	32607735	Pfc	William W. Wolff	35209280
Pvt	Celestine Sancheval	30166831	Pvt	Howard ...	37569715
Pvt	Robert L. Seilman	30486561	Pvt	Charles H. ...	34577598
Pvt	Walter L. ...	39036436	Pvt	John B. Kieran	32860117
Pvt	Walter L. Lucas	33700658	Pvt	Joseph F. Polinyak	20222731
Pvt	Matthew J. ...	32999602			
71967	ROBERT d. ...	8536345			
10289	ROY E. ...	15135446			

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The above listed personnel, combining their efforts and respective skills, were organized into an efficient team and constructed a trestle bridge over a heavy mortar and rifle fire when the platoon assigned the task was unable because of loss of equipment and personnel due to enemy fire. The above listed team, hindered by the loss of necessary equipment such as the hydraulic hoist, improvised by ingenuity alternate methods for assembling the bridge and opened the Division main supply line in record time.

By command of Major General CLVIN:

R. H. WENDELL,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

ORIGINAL:

M. L. Stuart
M. L. STUART,
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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 (A) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded:

EVERETT W. NICOLS, 39169040, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 15 June 1944 near ~~****~~, FRANCE. His company's advance was halted by an enemy strongpoint consisting of small arms, automatic weapons and a tractor drawn mobile AA Gun, reinforced by mortar fire. Private First Class NICOLS, disregarding his personal safety, left his position to render first aid to a wounded man although he was forced to expose himself to enemy fire. Shortly thereafter flat trajectory fire from the AA weapon seriously wounded him. Private First Class NICOLS left his position of comparative safety on two other occasions, ignored enemy fire and administered medical aid to the wounded although their position was completely exposed. A short time later, taking advantage of a lull in activities, Private First Class NICOLS coolly and courageously helped to evacuate the wounded to a more sheltered position. Private First Class NICOLS' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon the Medical Corps. Entered military service from COPTON, CALIFORNIA.

EDMO T. RAUSCH, 39160014, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade RAUSCH without orders and at great risk to his personal safety during an attack by the Third Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, on ~~****~~, BELGIUM, reconnoitered a route across country for the evacuation of wounded from the forward aid station back to the village of ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade RAUSCH brought the first medical vehicle from the rear aid station to this forward aid station. Because of the way the wounded were so badly that they could not walk and because the only route previously known lay across two high hills covered with ice, one of which sloped upward at more than 45 degrees, plus the inclement weather, such suffering and possible death was averted because of the initiative and high sense of duty of Technician Fifth Grade RAUSCH. Entered military service from HITTONS, IOWA.

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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 (IG) Headquarters VIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, and Circular No. 2, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 4 January 1945, the following named individuals are awarded the Bronze Star Medal:

HARRY H. DOWDY, 12137578, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Corporal DOWDY was part of an assault group which undertook to regain possession of a vital bridge across the SAPE RIVER. The bridge had been prepared for demolition but the charges failed to go off. The enemy had reached the opposite side and were preparing to force a crossing. While new charges were being prepared, Corporal DOWDY's group boldly crossed the bridge and forced them back. Corporal DOWDY voluntarily remained behind and covered withdrawal of his group when the bridge was again ready for demolition. Under heavy fire he successfully covered the withdrawal delaying his own return until the last moment. Corporal DOWDY barely escaped death when the bridge was blown a few seconds after he reached the friendly side. Corporal DOWDY's gallantry while in imminent risk of being destroyed with the bridge reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

JAMES C. FRITTS, 17052989, First Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. First Sergeant FRITTS displayed unusual courage when the company was attacked by a greatly superior force. The platoon facing the brunt of the enemy's attack had been knocked out and needed a replacement gun badly but could not afford to leave their block for it. Upon receiving this message, First Sergeant FRITTS immediately left the Company CP, ran to Battalion S-4, obtained the gun, and ran to the river through heavy small arms fire. First Sergeant FRITTS immediately set up the gun under fire and engaged the enemy until relieved by a gunner. This heroic act of First Sergeant FRITTS enabled the first platoon to continue the fight with a full complement of weapons and helped speed a river crossing by the enemy. This unsolicited action by First Sergeant FRITTS reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and his country. Entered military service from FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. MISS.

ROBERT T. GLUNT, 12115675, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 December 1944 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Corporal GLUNT, Machine Gunner, was part of a MG Section which helped repulse the attack of an estimated battalion of German troops on the Company "G" positions in the vicinity of ~~****~~, BELGIUM. The enemy attacked with great ferocity and overran several positions. When Corporal GLUNT prepared to open fire the gun failed to function. Corporal GLUNT at once ran back toward a hill of machine gun and small arms fire, over one hundred yards of brilliantly illuminated ground and secured another gun. He carried this gun back to his position, set it up, opened fire and routed the enemy from in front of his position, killing many of them. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LITONIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

THOMAS M. HOLLIDAY, 37736259, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Private First Class HOLLIDAY, Belgium, volunteered to act as B.F. man for the crew of captured armored vehicle during the mission of destroying an enemy road block. During the advance towards the enemy, Corporal HOLLIDAY, despite the intense return fire, calmly killed the crew of one enemy flakwagon. Then machine pistols opened up on his crew from a house, Private First Class HOLLIDAY boldly returned fire, killing or wounding at least four of the enemy. During the entire action, Corporal HOLLIDAY manned his B.F. for a twelve hour stretch, escaping both enemy and injury numerous times. His voluntary and courageous efforts aided materially in the success of his company's assault. Entered military service from POST BEND IN HARRISON, INDIANA.

KENNETH W. HUFFNEY, 17074893, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 12 June 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. During a night attack on the town of ~~###~~, FRANCE, Corporal HUFFNEY's platoon met heavy resistance and was unable to advance further. Voluntarily assuming the role of messenger, Corporal HUFFNEY, despite heavy machine gun and mortar fire, maintained contact with all squads of his platoon. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, Corporal HUFFNEY exposed himself to enemy fire in order to effect liaison with friendly troops in the area. Corporal HUFFNEY's coolness and bravery under fire in his delivered messages was a great factor in the security of his platoon. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

WILLIAM J. JONES, 38534141, Private, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 at ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Private JONES, Squad Demolition Men, was a member of a party that was to demolish a trestle bridge in the town of ~~###~~, BELGIUM. About 1725 hours the bridge site and town were heavily shelled. Immediately afterwards enemy infantry entered the town. Following instructions that the bridge would not fall into enemy hands intact, Private JONES then returned through the town in which enemy infantry had already infiltrated and reported that the bridge was blown. Private JONES' devotion to duty and disregard for his own personal safety insured the success of an important mission. In the performance of this mission he was wounded by shrapnel. Entered military service from TX 9.

HUGH W. MITCHELL, 2033199, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. During his platoon's 1000 yard attack on the town, Sergeant MITCHELL, Rifle Squad Leader, demonstrated exceptional leadership. On one occasion when one of his men was wounded by sniper fire, Sergeant MITCHELL sprang forward through the raining enemy fire to bring his comrade to a place of safety. A few minutes later, by having helpfully at the head of his squad heaved it hurriedly through a dangerous mortar impact area. Although his platoon suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant MITCHELL's squad suffered but one, thereby reflecting directly on his troop leadership ability. A considerable portion of the 40 prisoners taken in approximately 40 enemy houses by his platoon during this action was due to Sergeant MITCHELL's brilliant and forceful leadership. Entered military service from SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA.