

THOMAS R. HOLLIDAY, J., 35730259, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class HOLLIDAY, Rifleman, volunteered to act as BAR man for the crew of a captured armored vehicle assigned the mission of destroying an enemy road block. During the advance toward the enemy, Corporal HOLLIDAY, despite the intense return fire, calmly killed the crew of one enemy flakwagon. When 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 BAR for a twelve hour stretch, escaping death or near injury numerous times. His voluntary and courageous efforts aided materially in the success of his company's assault. Entered military service from FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANA.

KERRITT W. HUMPHREY, 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 HUMPHREY's platoon met heavy resistance and was unable to advance further. Voluntarily assuming the role of messenger, Corporal HUMPHREY, despite heavy machine gun and mortar fire, maintained contact with all squads of his platoon. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, Corporal HUMPHREY exposed himself to enemy fire in order to effect liaison with friendly troops in the area. Corporal HUMPHREY's coolness and bravery under fire as he delivered messages was a great factor in the security of his platoon. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

WILLIAM W. JONES, 38534141, Private, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private JONES, Sound Demolition Man, 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 TEXAS.

HERBERT H. KITCHEN, 20831999, 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 KITCHEN, Rifle Squad Leader, rendered a most exemplary example of troop leadership. On one occasion when one of his men was wounded by sniper fire, Sergeant KITCHEN sprang forward through the razing enemy fire and dragged his comrade to a place of safety. A few minutes later, by moving boldly at the head of his squad he moved it hurriedly through a dangerous mortar impact area. Although his platoon suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant KITCHEN's squad suffered but one, thereby reflecting directly on his troop leadership ability. A considerable portion of the 48 prisoners taken on approximately 40 enemy wounded by his platoon during this action was due to Sergeant KITCHEN's brilliant and forceful leadership. Entered military service from SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA.

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ALUIS L. LINGFRICH, 15103367, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. During his company's attack on enemy position in ****, Private First Class LINGFRICH, Machine Gunner, repeatedly advanced through heavy enemy fire with his weapon in the assault position to knock out disclosed enemy positions. In the middle of his platoon's progress he voluntarily exposed himself in order to deliver more effective fire. This courageous action resulted in Private First Class LINGFRICH being wounded, but he refused evacuation and carried on until ordered by his platoon leader to return for first aid treatment. His aggressive spirit inspired all his comrades to do their utmost. Entered military service from DECATUR, IOWA.

ROBERT MEREDITH, 35881618, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24-25 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. When the Second Platoon, Company "C", was ordered to remain in position along the Silla River, BELGIUM, as part of a covering force while the regiment stabilized their defensive positions, Private MEREDITH was chosen as a runner and was sent to the Battalion CP approximately one and one half miles distant. The enemy succeeded in infiltrating through the covering force and were in the area between the platoon position and the Battalion Command Post. Private MEREDITH started back to his platoon with an order to withdraw. His route lay over mountainous terrain in bright moonlight. At times he was forced to by-pass large groups of Germans. During the last half mile, Private MEREDITH proceeded under heavy artillery fire. In spite of all the obstacles encountered, Private MEREDITH reached his platoon and delivered the order and guided the platoon back to friendly territory. By his devotion to duty, his tenacity of purpose, and his disregard for his own safety, Private MEREDITH executed his mission and was instrumental in extricating his platoon from a critical position without loss of life. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PINEVILLE, KENTUCKY.

FRANK J. PESCE, 12191494, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. Private First Class PESCE, Light Machine Gunner, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, was in position facing the enemy five hundred yards to his front on the opposite side of the SILLA River. The enemy was reorganizing for an assault to force a crossing of the river. Heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire was being concentrated on his company's position and they were being subjected to aerial attack. The officer and non-commissioned officers of Private First Class PESCE's section became casualties as a result of the bombing. Private First Class PESCE immediately assumed control of the section and reorganized the gun crews and continued to deliver fire on their assigned targets so effectively that the enemy assault force which was being formed was hampered. This action was instrumental in delaying an imminent attack upon a vital point of the First Battalion's sector. Private First Class PESCE's courage under fire and his ability to assume control of his section at a time when all officers and non-commissioned officers were out of action, reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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ALBERT A. PETRARCHI, 11063359, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Acting in the dual capacity of assistant rifle squad leader and machine gunner, Corporal PETRARCHI demonstrated marked courage and skill during the attack on ***. Although repeatedly exposed to sniper and mortar fire, Corporal PETRARCHI continually moved his gun forward, carrying it alone in the assault position. His accurate fire accounted for at least one enemy machine gun and approximately ten of the German infantry. Corporal PETRARCHI's machine gun support in this offensive action made a direct contribution to his platoon's outstanding accomplishment in this engagement. Entered military service from WEST WICK, RHODE ISLAND.

EDGAR W. ROSEBERRY, JR., 35422847, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant ROSEBERRY, a squad leader in Company "D", single-handedly captured eleven Germans and returned with them to his company. Sergeant ROSEBERRY was on outpost when he noted a German Officer and ten men moving towards his outpost in single file. Remaining cool, Sergeant ROSEBERRY allowed the enemy group to approach within a few yards of his position, then leaped onto the roof, covered them with his Browning Automatic Rifle, and ordered them to surrender. He accomplished this with such swiftness and boldness that, although the group outnumbered him and was heavily armed, they were taken by complete surprise and surrendered. The officer later proved to be a German Intelligence Officer and provided much valuable information which aided the defensive organization of the sector. Sergeant ROSEBERRY's actions reflect great credit on himself and were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WADON, OHIO.

CHARLES W. SKILL, 35135286, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. On the morning of 25 December 1944, the First Battalion moved in and set up a defense around the town of ***, BELGIUM. At 0915 on 26 December 1944, Company "C" was attacked by an enemy force estimated to be an reinforced battalion. The enemy was engaged immediately and a heavy fire fight ensued. During the action a BAR man twenty yards to Private First Class SKILL's right was wounded rendering this weapon useless. Private First Class SKILL, knowing the strength of Company "C" to be small, realized the importance of getting this automatic weapon back into action immediately. Together he and a comrade, with utter disregard for their own safety, crawled out of their foxhole, across the open ground under heavy fire, secured the BAR, and placed this weapon in action again. This substantially increased the fire power of the company which eventually stopped and repulsed the attack. Later during the same attack, Private First Class SKILL saw a wounded man lying in the open, but an enemy automatic weapon prevented anyone from securing or aiding him. These two men again left the comparative safety of their foxholes and under heavy fire moved to a new position from which they could bring fire to bear on this enemy weapon and succeeded in knocking it out. Then Private First Class SKILL, under the covering fire of his comrade, continued on to secure the wounded man and move him into a shell crater for protection. Then the two men returned to their former position and continued to maintain highly effective fire on the enemy. Entered military service from UNION, OHIO.

RUSSELL P. SNOW, 19099495, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. During the attack of the First Battalion on the village, powerful enemy armored resistance was encountered. Private First Class SNOW brought a captured enemy half-track, which he had previously volunteered to drive, into action. Private First Class SNOW forced his way to within one hundred feet of the forward enemy vehicles while his runner fired the gun. He was forced to withdraw when the runner was wounded. Private First Class SNOW then maneuvered his vehicle into a more advantageous position where he personally manned the piece, leaving at least one enemy armored vehicle in flames. Private First Class SNOW's aggressive and fearless action attracted a large amount of fire away from the advancing infantry and accounted for at least one enemy armored vehicle. His aggressive and heroic conduct reflected great credit upon himself and the unit in which he serves. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

STEVE W. SUSLEE, 26786625, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. On the morning of 25 December 1944, the First Battalion moved in and set up a defense around the town of ****, BELGIUM. At 0315 on 26 December 1944 Company "C" was attacked by an enemy force estimated to be a reinforced battalion. The enemy was engaged immediately and a heavy fire fight ensued. During the action a BAR man twenty yards to Private First Class SUSLEE's right was wounded rendering this weapon useless. Private First Class SUSLEE, knowing the strength of Company "C" to be small, realized the importance of getting this automatic weapon back into action immediately. Together he and a comrade, with utter disregard for their own safety crawled out of their foxhole, crossed the open ground under heavy fire, secured the BAR and placed this weapon in action again. This substantially increased the fire power of the company which eventually stopped and repulsed the attack. Later during the same attack, Private First Class SUSLEE saw a wounded man lying in the open, but an enemy automatic weapon prevented anyone from securing or aiding him. These two men again left the comparative safety of their foxhole and under heavy fire moved to a new position from which they could bring fire to bear on this enemy weapon and succeeded in knocking it out. Then his comrade under the covering fire of Private First Class SUSLEE continued on to secure the wounded man and moved him into a shell crater for protection. Then the two men returned to their former position and continued to maintain highly effective fire on the enemy. Entered military service from NOKOMIS, ILLINOIS.

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 (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 JUSTIN, 6569290, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 2-11 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. Private First Class JUSTIN, First Grenadier, carried a 60mm mortar base plate and sight in addition to his

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own mortar tube and bipod for a period of eight days, after his squad leader was wounded. During this period his unit made many forced marches during daylight, and at night, across hilly and thickly wooded terrain, blanketed with a six inch layer of snow. Private First Class AUSTIN's feet were frostbitten, and perseverance in carrying the extra load under such trying conditions was of great value to his company, since he was the only experienced mortar gunner available. Private First Class AUSTIN's devotion to duty is in the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from MARYSVILLE, WASHINGTON.

LAWRENCE G. CARROLL, 39384158, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 13 December 1943 through 10 January 1945. In ITALY, Staff Sergeant CARROLL, First Battalion Supply Sergeant, personally led mule trains over treacherous mountain trails which were constantly subject to artillery fire, to insure that the battalion got its vital supplies when they were needed. On the ANZIO Beachhead, Staff Sergeant CARROLL personally directed the supply of his battalion over complex supply routes that were often hazardous and always difficult to maintain. During the first four days of the HOLLAND Campaign, Staff Sergeant CARROLL displayed boundless energy and initiative in consolidating large quantities of airborne supplies and distributing them completely without transportation. In BELGIUM under extreme weather and terrain conditions, Staff Sergeant CARROLL was greatly instrumental in keeping the constantly moving battalion adequately supplied. Staff Sergeant CARROLL's devotion to duty and conscientious service to his organization, over a long period of time, represents a great contributing factor in the success of the unit. Entered military service from EUGENE, OREGON.

ROBERT E. NICHOLSON, SR., 35110795, Technician Fourth Grade, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 January 1945 near #, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade NICHOLSON, on duty as an artillery liaison sergeant, was left in charge of the artillery section at the infantry CP, while the liaison officer and the rest of the party accompanied the infantry assault on the towns of # and #, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade NICHOLSON maintained liaison between the attacking forces, the infantry CP, and the artillery forward observer. He acted in the capacity of an officer during the entire day, coordinating the intricate and difficult problems of combining artillery and infantry tactics. His skillful handling of a complicated and involved operation helped immeasurably in obtaining fire in answer to the almost constant requests made upon the artillery. Technician Fourth Grade NICHOLSON's alertness, initiative, and profound attention to duty aided insistently in the success of the operation. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, INDIANA.

LLOYD M. SMIDER, 35117500, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period December 25, 1944, to January 1, 1945 in the vicinity of #, BELGIUM. Sergeant SMIDER, serving in the capacity of section chief for a group of ambulance drivers attached to the Third Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, volunteered to personally drive a jeep ambulance in order to better insure the speedy and careful evacuation of the wounded. Working tirelessly day and night

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without relief for eight days, Sergeant SMIDER took his jeep unhesitatingly over terrain subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire. When all instincts of self-preservation dictated retreat, he drove carefully and skillfully with consideration only for the comfort of the wounded man he was carrying. The courage he displayed in the face of all types of enemy fire served as an inspiring example for the men under him. Although the roads used for the evacuation of the wounded were almost impassible, due to Sergeant SMIDER's efforts and skill, successful evacuation was effected for a large number of seriously wounded men with no fatalities. His devotion to duty and heroic conduct throughout this period upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from OHIO.

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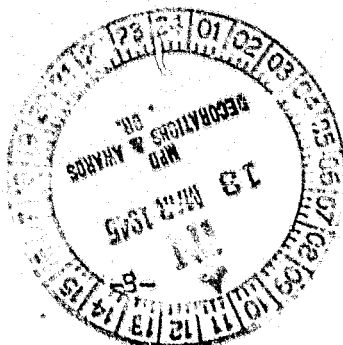
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I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, 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:

JACK H. BAILEY, O-506183, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant BAILEY took command of the First Platoon, Company ***, when its platoon leader was wounded. It was his personal courage and example to the men which was largely responsible for his newly acquired platoon remaining in position and beating off five counterattacks against the company position. First Lieutenant BAILEY moved from man to man directing fire and encouraging each man, thus exposing himself with complete disregard for his own personal safety. When ordered to withdraw he safely maneuvered his platoon to the other side of the river. As a result of his dominant leadership and ability, his platoon was highly successful in accomplishing their assigned missions. First Lieutenant BAILEY's composure under fire and inspiring leadership reflect great honor on himself and on the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

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

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

GEORGE A. DUSHNER, 39203900, Private, 517th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. On 24 December 1944, Private DUSHNER was a member of a squad occupying a house as an outpost as part of the defense of the town of ***, BELGIUM. Just after daylight the town was attacked by enemy troops, greatly outnumbering the troops occupying the town. The members of Private DUSHNER's squad returned fire until the house was surrounded and they were cut off from the remainder of their company. In order that the squad might withdraw to the company's main line of resistance, Private DUSHNER dashed one hundred yards through direct sniper and machine gun fire to a position from which he could fire on the enemy on one side of the house. His fire

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stopped the enemy, diverted their fire, and caused two casualties, while the other members withdrew from the house to the lines of their company. The action of Private DUSHNER prevented the annihilation of his squad, and his coolness under fire, his disregard for personal safety, his initiative and his aggressiveness served as an inspiration to his comrades in their continued and successful defense of the town. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON.

COREY F. GIBBON, 6944957, Staff Sergeant, 596th Airborne Engineer Company. For heroic conduct in action on 1 September 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant GIBBON and his platoon were given a mission of building a by-pass on the main supply line from *** to ***. The bridge, around which the by-pass was to be made, was partially destroyed by German demolitions. While making a reconnaissance of the proposed by-pass site, Staff Sergeant GIBBON discovered among the debris and fallen masonry of the bridge, a charge of one thousand pounds of German dynamite. It was in a badly crushed and dangerous state. Without further thought of his own personal safety, thinking only of the job to be done and its importance, Staff Sergeant GIBBON sent the remainder of his platoon a safe distance from the bridge. The fallen masonry had to be cleared by hand before he could work on the explosives. Picks and shovels could not be used because of the danger of setting off the explosives. The charge was placed in a large sewer pipe and had to be removed piece by piece. The detonators were still in the charge making the job of removal quite hazardous. Staff Sergeant GIBBON had to crawl into the pipe to remove all of the explosive. By doing this the by-pass was completed with a minimum of delay, opening the vital supply line. Staff Sergeant GIBBON's coolness and steadiness in handling such a highly dangerous job reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

DONALD E. KARR, 35607595, Private First Class, 517th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class KARR was with his platoon which was participating in an attack against superior enemy forces. They were supported by a platoon of tanks which were in the lead due to the fact that they had to move across an open field to get at the enemy, who were well entrenched on the edge of a heavily wooded area. They advanced through heavy fire from the enemy's mortars, tanks and tank destroyers. In the midst of the open field one of our tanks was knocked out and set afire, trapping the occupants on the inside. Private First Class KARR with absolute disregard of his own safety rushed across the open terrain in the face of heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire, climbed into the tank in an attempt to free the occupants, and when discovered that the occupants had been mortally wounded. During the time he entered the tank until he left, the enemy subjected it to heavy fire from their tanks and tank destroyers. Entered military service from BARBERTON, OHIO.

ROBERT D. KUEHLER, O-12 5893, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant KUEHLER, Executive Officer, Company "F", when attempting to contact a lost flank platoon which had been forced to withdraw due to a numerically superior

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enemy counter-attack, encountered a force of enemy estimated at about one platoon of infantry accompanied by four half-tracks moving into position on an exposed left flank of his company. Sensing his runner back to the company C.I. for reinforcements, First Lieutenant KOELLER moved to an advantageous position and opened fire on the enemy with his carbine, delivering the maximum amount of fire possible until his ammunition supply was exhausted, at which time he picked up an abandoned M-1 and ammunition, and continued to bring effective fire on the enemy, knocking out two enemy M-1's and keeping the enemy pinned down until reinforcements arrived. This opportune action by First Lieutenant KOELLER was instrumental in securing his company's defensive position and reflects much credit on himself and his country. Entered military service from C. P. CROFT, SOUTH CAROLINA.

JAMES M. MOSES, 34352269, Sergeant, 596th Airborne Engineer Company. For heroic conduct in action on 15 January 1945 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Sergeant MOSES and his squad had a mission of sweeping a road for mines to enable tanks to support the infantry in the attack on the town. Without cover or concealment, Sergeant MOSES led his men past the last friendly outpost and continued their minesweeping. At a bend in the road he was instructed by an officer to give two tanks which were following close behind a good area in a field from which the tanks could fire direct upon a house which harbored several enemy snipers who had been harassing our troops all during the day. Sergeant MOSES directed his men to clear an open field and by doing so came under heavy enemy mortar fire. Nevertheless, Sergeant MOSES kept his squad working until the tanks were in an ideal position to fire on their target. While the tanks and the enemy snipers and mortar pieces were engaged, the minesweeping squad was between the two lines of fire and had to lie in open terrain. In a few minutes the tanks advanced and the enemy withdrew. Sergeant MOSES then led his men back to the road and continued their work to the predestinated spot. Entered military service from MT. VERNON, GEORGIA.

DONALD A. PARFON, 35599977, Private, 517th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. A message was received at the Regimental Aid Station stating that there were two seriously wounded soldiers in front of the CP of one of the assault platoons. Aware of the great danger involved, Private PARFON and another medical soldier volunteered to evacuate the casualties. The road leading to this forward position was under direct enemy observation and undergoing intense shelling. Because of this, Private PARFON attempted to drive his jeep over a back road. The road became impassable after half a mile. Private PARFON and his companion then left the jeep and started cross-country towards the wounded, being forced to cross open stretches of ground which were under direct observation of the enemy. They found a seriously wounded litter case and a less seriously wounded walking case. After first aid treatment was given, Private PARFON organized a litter team composed of himself, his companion, another American soldier and a Prisoner of War. On the return trip the litter squad with its patients was under almost constant mortar barrage as well as machine gun fire. Despite the great danger involved Private PARFON continued with direction of his squad and evacuation of patients. They made their way safely to the jeep and thence by jeep to the Regimental Aid Station. Entered military service from MT. VERNON, OHIO.

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PATRICK P. FENNETTI, 33161165, Corporal, 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal FENNETTI, antitank gunner on an M-36 Tank Destroyer of Company "B", knocked out two enemy tanks at point blank range, within 35 yards of his gun, in darkness and fog on the night of 24 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Disregarding heavy enemy machine gun fire directed at his destroyer, Corporal FENNETTI exposed himself to locate the enemy tanks advancing on his position. Having succeeded in knocking out one enemy tank, his destroyer was taken under fire by another enemy tank only 35 yards away and was hit by a shell. Despite the burning condition of his vehicle, Corporal FENNETTI traversed his gun and knocked out the second tank before being forced to quit his destroyer. This man remained at his post to the last minute although he had been injured by shrapnel when his destroyer was hit. Entered military service from BRIDGEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

ROBERT E. BAGLAND, O-1091748, First Lieutenant, 50th Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During a skirmish between twenty Americans and forty Germans, First Lieutenant BAGLAND, Platoon Leader, directed intense mortar barrage and close range small arms fire, organized a firing line. He constantly moved from position to position coordinating his fire, even after being wounded by a mortar shell. First Lieutenant BAGLAND's courage and spirit inspired his men to drive the enemy to retreat in disorder with heavy losses. His courageous conduct and leadership exemplified the finest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

JOHN L. RANDLESS, O-400400, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When one of his platoons was fiercely attacked by a company of German infantry, First Lieutenant RANDLESS, Company Commander, immediately rushed to the scene of action. The numerically superior enemy force had, by adroit maneuver through the heavy forest, moved to within fifty yards of the platoon's MLR. First Lieutenant RANDLESS rendered valuable on-the-spot assistance to his platoon leader and non-commissioned officers in supervising reorganization of the platoon's defense. Despite heavy small arms fire he moved fearlessly among his men directing their defensive actions. As a result of his personal efforts the enemy thrust was successfully beaten off; fifteen Germans were killed, fourteen were wounded, and six captured. First Lieutenant RANDLESS' presence at the peak of the fight enabled one rifle platoon to successfully drive off a company of Germans. Entered military service from MCKINNEY, TEXAS.

HOWARD W. RATHS, O-1107647, Second Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Second Lieutenant RATHS, with nine enlisted men, prepared a culvert on the main route of advance of the Panzer Troops while that unit was pressing into the horizontal sector, and waited with two men until enemy armor was in sight before blowing the crossing. When the last vehicle in the American column had escaped the German trap with information that enemy tanks were within 500 yards, Second Lieutenant RATHS destroyed the culvert. The enemy armor was thus halted and his

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PATRICK P. PENNETTI, 35161165, Corporal, 623rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. Corporal PENNETTI, antitank gunner on an M-36 Tank Destroyer of Company "B", knocked out two enemy tanks at point blank range, within 35 yards of his gun, in darkness and fog on the night of 24 December 1944 at ****, BELGIUM. Disregarding heavy enemy machine gun fire directed at his destroyer, Corporal PENNETTI exposed himself to locate the enemy tanks advancing on his position. Having succeeded in knocking out one enemy tank, his destroyer was taken under fire by another enemy tank only 35 yards away and was hit by a shell. Despite the burning condition of his vehicle, Corporal PENNETTI traversed his gun and knocked out the second tank before being forced to quit his destroyer. This man remained at his post to the last minute although he had been injured by shrapnel when his destroyer was hit. Entered military service from BRIDGEVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

ROBERT E. RIGLAND, O-1031743, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. During a skirmish between twenty Americans and forty Germans, First Lieutenant RIGLAND, Platoon Leader, disordered intense mortar barrage and close range small arms fire, organized a firing line. He constantly moved from position to position coordinating his fire, even after being wounded by a mortar shell. First Lieutenant RIGLAND's courage and spirit inspired his men to drive the enemy to retreat in disorder with heavy losses. His courageous conduct and leadership exemplified the finest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES H. RANGLES, O-400400, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. When one of his platoons was fiercely attacked by a company of German infantry, First Lieutenant RANGLES, Company Commander, immediately rushed to the scene of action. The numerically superior enemy force had, by adroit maneuver through the heavy forest, moved to within fifty yards of the platoon. First Lieutenant RANGLES rendered valuable on-the-spot assis. to his platoon leader and non-commissioned officers in supervising reorganization of the platoon's defense. Despite heavy small arms fire he moved fearlessly among his men directing their defensive actions. As a result of his personal efforts the enemy thrust was successfully beaten off; fifteen Germans were killed, fourteen were wounded, and six captured. First Lieutenant RANGLES' presence at the peak of the fight enabled one rifle platoon to successfully drive off a company of Germans. Entered military service from MCKINNEY, TEXAS.

HOWARD W. RYMS, O-1107447, Second Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. Second Lieutenant RYMS, enlisted man, prepared a culvert on the main route of advance of the Paratroop Troops while that unit was pressing into the roadmental sector, and held it with two men until enemy armor was in sight before blowing the crossing. When the last vehicle in the American column had escaped a German trap with indication that enemy tanks were within 500 yards, Second Lieutenant RYMS destroyed the culvert. The enemy armor was thus halted and his

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rapid advance was thereby delayed to contribute to the successful operations of the Division in this sector. Second Lieutenant RATHS had displayed skill and determination in risking possible capture by remaining at his post until 2400 hours that night and effectively completing his mission. Second Lieutenant RATHS' gallantry reflects great credit upon himself and upon his branch of service, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from UNION GROVE, WISCONSIN.

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JOHN W. SPOONER, O-1169345, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During an attack on the town, the assault waves of infantry were held up by the fire of a self-propelled cannon and a half track which were causing many casualties. The attacking battalion was supported by two M-36 Tank Destroyers. First Lieutenant SPOONER, the Battalion Communications Officer, went back to the rear and told the Tank Destroyer Commander to follow him. For six hundred yards down a road that was continually swept by fierce hostile fire from machine guns and enemy cannons he walked in front of the tank destroyer which had begun to draw fire as soon as it commenced advancing. The ammunition box on the tank destroyer was hit and exploded. Bullets bounced off the armor all the way, but First Lieutenant SPOONER continued to walk in front without cover. He led the tank destroyer to within forty yards of the lead vehicle and directed the tank destroyer's fire. The flak wagon was destroyed and the half track withdrew. By his courageous action, First Lieutenant SPOONER was responsible for the elimination of the flak wagon which enabled our forces to advance and saved the lives of many men. Entered military service from TAYLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

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 (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:

JAMES R. GEE, O-326534, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 October 1944 to 15 January 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, HOLLAND, FRANCE, and BELGIUM. First Lieutenant GEE, Regimental S-2, displayed outstanding capacities in the performance of his duties. First Lieutenant GEE assumed the duties of regimental intelligence officer while this unit was actively engaged with the enemy in POLAND, and through his knowledge, training, technical skill, and supervision both in that campaign and the BELGIUM Campaign, the Commanding Officer has been at all times completely familiar with the enemy location, disposition, weapons and capabilities. In addition to his normal duties, First Lieutenant GEE has devoted long hours in handling civilian control both in combat zones and in base camps, overseeing the regimental history, and handling public relations for the regiment. He has through his untiring work in both planning and participating in regimental patrols gained the highest respect of all the men and women he has come into contact with. His actions have reflected the highest credit on himself and his unit. Entered military service from SOFT MORSE TRIST, WASHINGTON.

LONNIE R. ALFORD, O-1298491, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 July 1943 to 25 January 1945 through five combat operations. First Lieutenant ALFORD, Service Company, has meritoriously participated in four campaigns - ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM. In each one of these he has distinguished himself by personally supervising the repair, and maintenance of the regimental transport. In addition to this normal function he also formed, in an exemplary manner, the abnormal function of restoring to working order with a small detachment of men, 32 German vehicles captured by the regiment in NORMANDY and around fifty in HOLLAND. Six American one quarter ton vehicles, two American half tracks and three German vehicles were also restored to working order in BELGIUM. All of this work was done under adverse conditions and in the absence of proper tools and working space. Because of First Lieutenant ALFORD's industry, ingenuity and energetic solution of every problem that presented itself, the Regiment was materially benefitted by having at its disposal indispensable transportation that greatly augmented the problems of supply and mobility that frequently beset it. First Lieutenant ALFORD's extreme devotion to duty in this action reflects great credit upon himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.

WILLIAM B. ALLEN, O-1311102, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period January 3, 1945, to January 10, 1945, in BELGIUM. First Lieutenant ALLEN, Battalion Supply Officer, First Battalion, voluntarily carried on his duties as Battalion S-4 when the battalion was committed, even though an old fracture in his foot, sustained during his last combat period, was giving him considerable pain, due to the formation of scar tissue which caused swelling. He had been advised by the Battalion Surgeon to return for further hospitalization. The battalion advanced in the attack approximately 14 kilometers, over extremely difficult, wooded and hilly terrain. There were no roads over the greater portion of the distance of the advance, and it was necessary to use fire trails which led through marshes and very steep inclines. Movement was made more difficult by extremely cold weather and a drifting snow. First Lieutenant ALLEN, operating under the severe hardships by strenuous personal supervision and display of great fortitude, kept an ample supply of ammunition, food and other items in the hands of front line troops. By his actions, he materially aided in the success of the attack, and won the admiration and gratitude of the entire battalion. Entered military service from NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

MICHAEL K. BERKUT, O-396154, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 23 September 1944 to 29 January 1945. Captain BERKUT, Regimental S-2, rendered outstanding service preparatory to and during combat operations in HOLLAND and BELGIUM. In preparation for the HOLLAND Operation he devoted long hours to the study of plans, maps, aerial photographs and reports pertaining to number and disposition of enemy troops, and he did an excellent job of briefing personnel concerned. During both operations his selection of areas to be reconnoitered, and his thorough briefing and interrogation of patrols at any time of day or night, were responsible for the collection of valuable information regarding disposition, strength, and type of enemy troops at a time when such information was vital to the operation of the regiment. Always alert, he kept his

regimental commander informed of the situation and was quick to notify higher headquarters, as well as disseminate to subordinate units, information that might immediately or in the future affect the operation. While the regiment was actively attacking, Captain BERKUT was habitually at the forward CP, frequently under heavy fire, for the purpose of keeping abreast of the situation and laying plans for most effective future reconnaissance. His long experience as a staff officer was often valuable even in matters not specifically related to intelligence. His conscientious attention to duty, cooperation with his superiors, and initiative have contributed much toward the successful operation of his regiment in combat. Entered military service from RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.

CHARLES W. CHAPLINSKI, G-1100046, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11-25 December 1944 in BELGIUM. First Lieutenant CHAPLINSKI and his company of engineers were attached to the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment during these first eight days. Heavy demands were made upon First Lieutenant CHAPLINSKI's company in addition to the duties normally required of an engineer unit. His company operated as a regimental reserve, was utilized as outposts, and as security detachments. In spite of these heavy demands upon his personnel, First Lieutenant CHAPLINSKI succeeded in preparing more than eight bridges for demolition, and laid more than a thousand anti-tank mines. His unit marched more than thirty miles in moving from one sector to another. During this period, First Lieutenant CHAPLINSKI exercised the greatest possible degree of personal control over his company, day and night, with complete disregard for his personal comfort and with only a few hours of rest. His zealous efforts, untiring devotion to duty, and his inspiring leadership were responsible for the excellent manner in which his company carried out its assigned tasks during this extremely difficult period and reflects great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from TEXAS.

LUDWIG J. CIBELLI, G-1509166, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 January 1945 near MAASTRICHT, BELGIUM. On January 3, 1945, during the Third Battalion attack on the German strongpoint at MAASTRICHT, BELGIUM, the Battalion Surgeon became a casualty. Captain CIBELLI, then acting as assistant surgeon, took charge of the evacuation and first aid for the battalion during heavy shell fire, and under the most adverse conditions of communication and transportation. Continuing the attack in close proximity to the assault echelons through snow covered woods and mountains, Captain CIBELLI administered to and evacuated fifty-eight men and officers. Due to the extreme cold many lives were saved by his untiring effort and initiative. Only by his coolness under fire and a complete disregard for his own safety was the officer able to render this important service. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS, G-1597346, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 September 1944 to 29 January 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM. Major HARRIS, Battalion S-3, 505th Parachute Infantry, has displayed outstanding capabilities in the performance of his duties entailing the planning of, and the carrying out of regimental combat operations. He has

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Discharged his duties as regimental operations officer in a superior manner, even under the most trying of combat conditions. In addition to these duties, Major HARRIS has devoted long hours and technical skill in drawing up proposed Tables of Organization, which have aided this unit in its combat organization. He has, through his untiring work, reflected the highest credit on himself and his unit. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

EDWARD C. KRAUSE, O-375296, Lieutenant Colonel, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 20 January 1945 in HOLLAND and BELGIUM. After jumping in HOLLAND, Lieutenant Colonel KRAUSE was instrumental in gathering men from the drop zone and completing the organization and defense of the regimental command post. Because of the nature of this operation the regimental command post sectors were wide and necessitated the absence of the regimental commander much of the time. In the absence of the commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel KRAUSE directed the efficient functioning of the command post and frequently directed the tactical disposition of this unit in contact with the enemy. In the absence of the commanding officer at the time of the move order to BELGIUM, Lieutenant Colonel KRAUSE planned and personally supervised a most orderly and efficient tactical move, and again personally supervised the tactical disposition of the troops in this area. The tireless effort of Lieutenant Colonel KRAUSE, his personal supervision, his devotion to duty, as well as his superior qualities as a leader, reflects the highest credit upon himself and his unit. Entered military service from NEENAH, WISCONSIN.

ROBERT W. PIERRE, O-407914, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period June 1, 1944, to January 25, 1945, in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM. Captain PIERRE, Regimental S-1, has displayed outstanding capacities in the performance of his duties throughout these combat divisions. He has performed his duties as Adjutant in a superior manner even under the most trying of combat conditions. In addition to these duties, Captain PIERRE has devoted long hours and technical skill planning combat field administration procedures so that, although the unit was actively engaged with the enemy, the commanding officer could be constantly advised as to casualties, strength, and other administrative happenings. Captain PIERRE, has, through his untiring work reflected the highest credit upon himself and his unit. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

JACOB W. WAGNER, O-296140, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 September 1944 to 20 January 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM. Major WAGNER, Regimental S-4, has displayed outstanding capacities in the performance of his duties including the supplying of the period of reorganization and resupply both during the NORMANDY Campaign and the HOLLAND Campaign. Major WAGNER throughout many days of combat conditions worked with great zeal and energy providing resupply for all parts of the regiment and in order to do this many long hours of planning and work were tirelessly carried out.

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Supply missions under heavy enemy fire were unhesitatingly carried out in a superior manner by Major WAGNER. In addition to these duties, Major WAGNER has devoted long hours on technical skill in supplying every man's needs both in combat and garrison. By his personal supervision he was able to direct the operation of his staff section and fulfill all needs in a superior manner. Through his untiring work, Major WAGNER has reflected the greatest credit on himself and his unit. Entered military service from FORT ATKINSON, WISCONSIN.

OW RITA A. ZAGATA, C-1312370, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 14 November 1944 in HOLLAND and from 18 December 1944 to 7 January 1945 in BELGIUM. As Platoon Communications Platoon Leader, First Lieutenant ZAGATA displayed exemplary professional skill and ingenuity in providing more than adequate communications under most difficult circumstances. In ECHELON where elements of this regiment were often widely scattered, he nevertheless provided a continuously efficient wireless despite difficulties of supply and a shortage of trained personnel. Through wireless supervision and direction of signal activities he has in BELGIUM continued to maintain a high standard of efficient communications. First Lieutenant ZAGATA's ingenuity, technical ability and devotion to duty reflected the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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I -- AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE:

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 345, dated 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the following units:

307th Airborne Medical Company: For superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 February 1944 to 31 July 1944.

407th Airborne Quartermaster Company: For superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 February 1944 to 31 July 1944.

782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company: For superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 February 1944 to 31 July 1944.

II -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 70, 1944:

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 70, this Headquarters, dated 30 December 1944, as awards the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Technician Fifth Grade CLYDE S. DUNN, 39154984, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked.

III -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 15, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 15, this Headquarters, dated 4 February 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal to Private First Class HAROLD G. TUCKER, 32923397, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, is amended to read Private First Class HAROLD G. TUCKER, 32923397, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion.

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IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 17, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 17, this Headquarters, dated 15 February 1945, as awards the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal to ALEXANDER P. SULL, O-400651, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal posthumously to ALEXANDER P. SULL, O-400651, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry.

V -- AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

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

Capt	Hugo V. Olson	O-1284562	5 Jan 45	Hq 82d Abn Div	BELGIUM
1st Sgt	Willard R. Hallor	35136629	19 Oct 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
Pfc	Raymond E. Jones	35018227	10 Feb 45	307th Abn Med Co	GERMANY

VI -- 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:

Pfc	Robert F. Anderson	34395978	25 Sep 44	1F Flat, 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
Sgt	Jerry J. Belden	O-375276	25 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Cpl	Charles Bertencourt	35450078	19 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Curtis Brauer	6781000	12 Oct 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pvt	William Griffith	34810496	28 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pvt	Archie L. Harris	34890238	18 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Romeo R. Kotajarvi	36413881	2 Oct 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Ralph H. Bradley	35223025	4 Jan 45	307th Abn Med Co	BELGIUM
Pfc	Albert A. Kirschler	32248048	10 Jan 45	307th Abn Med Co	BELGIUM
Pfc	Carl F. Krug	36629018	27 Dec 44	307th Abn Med Co	BELGIUM
Pvt	Quentin T. Martin	32942464	19 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Thomas P. Quinn	36629251	19 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	John P. Rademacher	36629575	21 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND

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Pfc	Sidney L. Smith	35137203	18 Oct 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Alexander S. Sopel	33899015	8 Oct 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Harl N. Trump	35136519	12 Oct 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Andrew W. McAuley	33781820	5 Jan 45	307th Abn Med Co	BELGIUM
Pvt	Fred H. McMurray	33735407	9 Jan 45	307th Abn Med Co	BELGIUM
Pfc	Albert L. Ravan, Jr	34658773	26 Sep 44	307th Abn Med Co	HOLLAND
Pvt	Tony J. Spatafore	37578706	9 Jan 45	307th Abn Med Co	BELGIUM
Pvt	Biagio Saviano	32507261	27 Dec 44	307th Abn Med Co	BELGIUM
2d Lt	Henry A. Uppendahl	C-1579245	19 Sep 44	782d Abn Ord Maint Co	HOLLAND
Pfc	Wayne P. Logue	15112249	19 Sep 44	82d Abn Sig Co	HOLLAND
Pvt	John A. Tiernan	12205841	30 Sep 44	82d Abn Sig Co	HOLLAND

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I -- AWARD OF 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:

VERNON L. AUTRAND, O-1301083, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant AUTRAND, commanding four light machine guns emplaced as a road block, opened fire upon an enemy half track and disabled the vehicle. The enemy troops dismounted and took up positions along a hedgerow. Leaving one man on each machine gun to lay down a base of fire, First Lieutenant AUTRAND organized the balance of his small force and led them in the attack in the face of intense small arms fire. Blasting the enemy from their positions with hand grenades, First Lieutenant AUTRAND and his men killed ten and captured sixteen of the enemy. First Lieutenant AUTRAND's courage and aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT McDOWELL, CALIFORNIA.

ROBERT J. DWYER, O-1309149, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant DWYER and his demolition section, during the attack on Hill 131, penetrated behind the enemy's lines. Although repeatedly attacked by small enemy patrols, which were always beaten off, First Lieutenant DWYER's section of fourteen men worked back toward their own lines clearing roads of anti-tank mines, anti-personnel mines, and booby traps on the way, enabling tank destroyer vehicles and anti-tank guns to be brought forward, with these weapons wiping out three enemy assault guns. First Lieutenant DWYER's coolness and efficiency in handling this mission greatly facilitated the accomplishment of the Second Battalion mission, namely the capture of Hill 131. Entered military service from JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK.

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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 (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:

VICTOR J. ELDREDGE, 37181056, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 11 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Private First Class ELDREDGE, with two other men, volunteered to infiltrate the enemy lines to obtain information. Over a twenty hour period the patrol succeeded in reaching a point six and a half miles behind the enemy and located enemy supply routes, bivouac areas and supply dumps. Private First Class ELDREDGE also contacted the French underground and obtained valuable information. He displayed resourcefulness, courage and stamina in avoiding enemy forces and returned successfully from this dangerous mission. Private First Class ELDREDGE's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from RICHLAND, MISSOURI.

CHESTER E. JOHNSON, 37062698, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Volunteering as a member of a four man patrol to infiltrate the enemy lines to obtain identity of enemy units, Corporal JOHNSON and his companions found it necessary to swim a river, the bridge having been destroyed. Immediately upon leaving the water the patrol came under enemy machine gun fire. With utter disregard for danger, Corporal JOHNSON and the patrol advanced four hundred yards and destroyed the MG position, killed four and drove off twenty six of the enemy. This action enabled the patrol to obtain identification from one of the enemy dead. Corporal JOHNSON's courageous aggressiveness was a dominating factor in the success of the patrol's mission and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SOUTHAVEN, MICHIGAN.

ROY J. McDANIEL, 18116254, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 11 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Private First Class McDANIEL, with two other men, volunteered to infiltrate the enemy lines to obtain information. Over a twenty hour period the patrol succeeded in reaching a point six and a half miles behind the enemy and located enemy supply routes, bivouac areas and supply dumps. Private First Class McDANIEL also contacted the French underground and obtained valuable information. He displayed resourcefulness, courage and stamina in avoiding enemy forces and returned successfully from this dangerous mission. Private McDANIEL's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DAYTON, OHIO.

JOHN E. STRENGTH, 14098044, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Unable to retrieve his signal equipment following a combat drop, Corporal STRENGTH voluntarily joined a bazooka team. While guarding a bridge, this team was attacked by

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three enemy tanks reinforced by infantry. During this action, Corporal STRENGTH noticed that the assistant gunner of a nearby team had been hit. With complete disregard for his own safety he exposed himself to intense machine gun and flat trajectory fire to go to the aid of the gunner. While in the process of loading this second weapon, Corporal STRENGTH was seriously wounded. His initiative and courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WYLAN, ALABAMA.

JOHN C. THOMSON, 20423077, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. With his battalion under heavy attack and constantly harassed by sniper and artillery fire, Staff Sergeant THOMSON searched the surrounding countryside for unretrieved bundles of supplies and ammunition which had been dropped by plane. At times it was even necessary to repulse small enemy patrols in order to reach the battalion. Several times Staff Sergeant THOMSON drove his jeep to front line positions with ammunition and food. Staff Sergeant THOMSON's courage, aggressiveness and initiative were a dominant factor in the repulse of the enemy's attack. Entered military service from TAMPA, FLORIDA.

A. C. WHITTEN, 34160342, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Taking charge of three men and a light machine gun, Corporal WHITTEN established a roadblock on a vital highway. Subjected to continuous artillery fire and repeated attacks by enemy infantry, Corporal WHITTEN held this position for four hours. On two different occasions he beat off attacks from the front and both flanks simultaneously. Corporal WHITTEN's courage, aggressiveness and ability were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LANGSTON, ALABAMA.

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 (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 is awarded to the following named individuals:

LOUIS G. BLUMENSTALK, 12035309, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 15 May 1944 to 5 June 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM. During this period, Technician Fourth Grade BLUMENSTALK made experiments for practical means of sighting the M-1 Rifle when being used to fire the 9-A-1 Grenade AT. The result of this experimentation was the development of a sighting arrangement more accurate than any then available. His sight was installed on one hundred and fifty anti-tank rifles in use in his regiment and their effectiveness was thereby greatly increased. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

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JAMES T. FARNAN, 39386967, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 June 1944 to 15 July 1944 in FRANCE. Private FARNAN jumped in combat as assistant to the battalion clerk. When the clerk was evacuated he took over those duties. Shortly thereafter he also assumed the duties of battalion Sergeant Major and was responsible for the excellent functioning of the enlisted staff section. On 24 June 1944 the battalion adjutant was evacuated and there being no officers available, Private FARNAN took over his duties in addition to the work he already was doing. Private FARNAN performed the duties of this responsible post in a highly satisfactory manner. His ability and devotion to duty are a credit to the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

IV -- WARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 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 having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

RICHARD W. CUTLER, 15101860, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 11 June 1944 near ~~***~~, FRANCE. Private First Class CUTLER, with two other men, volunteered to infiltrate the enemy lines to obtain information. Over a twenty hour period the patrol succeeded in reaching a point six and a half miles behind the enemy and located enemy supply routes, bivouac areas and supply dumps. Private First Class CUTLER also contacted the French underground and obtained valuable information. He displayed resourcefulness, courage and stamina in avoiding enemy forces and returned successfully from this dangerous mission. Private First Class CUTLER's conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DAYTON, OHIO.

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LELAND G. HELLER, 16076777, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 June 1944 near ~~***~~, FRANCE. During an attack a man was seriously wounded and lying in an exposed position. Private HELLER, completely disregarding his own safety, left his concealed position and made his way to the wounded man. Despite heavy small arms fire, he administered vitally necessary first aid and made possible the early evacuation of the wounded soldier. Private HELLER's courageous action was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

V -- WARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 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 posthumously to the following named individuals:

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HARRY F. ACKERMAN, 36690549, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During the height of an attack on Company "G", Private ACKERMAN, an ammunition bearer in a light machine gun squad of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, volunteered with one other man to accompany his section leader to a more favorable position. Carrying two ammunition boxes, Private ACKERMAN followed his section leader through heavy enemy and friendly machine gun and small arms fire across one hundred yards of ground brilliantly lit by moonlight. Before reaching their objective they ran into enemy and fought at close range killing two and forcing the others to fall back. Later Private ACKERMAN covered his companions as they fell back to their original position. He then crawled back and killed a German who had reached the gun emplacement and was about to fire into it. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

WILLIE B. BEATY, 34360243, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Volunteering as a member of a four man patrol to infiltrate the enemy lines to obtain identity of enemy units, Corporal BEATY and his companions found it necessary to swim a river, the bridge having been destroyed. Immediately upon leaving the water the patrol came under enemy machine gun fire. With utter disregard for danger, Corporal BEATY and the patrol advanced four hundred yards and destroyed the MG position, killed four, and drove off twenty six of the enemy. This action enabled the patrol to obtain identification from one of the enemy dead. Corporal BEATY's courageous aggressiveness was a dominating factor in the success of the patrol's mission and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LITTLE CRAB, TENNESSEE.

WILLIAM W. DYKMAN, 39017703, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. While his organization was defending the town, it was attacked by a regiment of enemy and ammunition and supplies were almost exhausted. Staff Sergeant DYKMAN volunteered to salvage uncollected ammunition which had been dropped by parachute during the night. Acquiring a German truck, Staff Sergeant DYKMAN scoured the areas around the jump field for a day and a half under constant harassing by sniper fire and in continuous danger of being cut off. Although seriously wounded in this action, Staff Sergeant DYKMAN secured sufficient ammunition and supplies to enable his battalion to carry out its mission. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

CARL JOSEPH, 35342930, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 15 May 1944 to 5 June 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM. During this period, Corporal JOSEPH experimented for a practical means of sighting the M-1 rifle when being used to fire the 9-4-1 Grenade AT. The result of this experimentation was the development of a sighting arrangement more accurate than any then available. His sight was installed on one hundred fifty antitank rifles in use in his regiment and thereby effectiveness was greatly increased. Entered military service from TOLEDO, OHIO.

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CLIFFORD E. KEENAN, 34373397, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Although his platoon was attacked by a far superior force of enemy, Private KEENAN took up a position several hundred yards beyond the right flank and laid down a steady mass of fire. His action prevented the enemy from flanking the balance of the platoon. He refused to withdraw even when virtually surrounded and was killed during the gallant and courageous action in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HUMBOLDT, TENNESSEE.

FRANK L. LABIANCA, 32118429, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his platoon was under heavy enemy counter-attack, Private First Class LABIANCA, a platoon runner, exposed himself fearlessly to continuous small arms and artillery fire to carry orders from his platoon leader to the squad leaders. His courage and devotion to duty were a determining factor in the repulse of the enemy. In this action Private First Class LABIANCA was killed. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

BEN POPILSKY, 39023776, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. A glider crashed near Sergeant POPILSKY, injuring many of the occupants. Disregarding heavy, accurate artillery and mortar fire, he left his foxhole and with no thought for his own safety, carried several of the unconscious men to comparative safety. His example of courage and leadership inspired the men of his squad to aid in the rescue. Sergeant POPILSKY's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DEL MONTE, CALIFORNIA.

NORMAN E. PRITCHARD, 32277359, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 16 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. His platoon being harassed by numerous snipers, Private First Class PRITCHARD moved ahead of the unit to aid in the clearing of the enemy. Exhibiting outstanding aggressiveness and courage, Private First Class PRITCHARD exposed himself time and time again to draw fire which would enable him to locate a sniper. With skillful stalking and utter disregard for personal safety he cleared several areas of the harassing enemy. Private First Class PRITCHARD was killed during this action. Entered military service from GRANVILLE, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM F. REYNOLDS, 34212149, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his squad was pinned down by two enemy automatic weapons, Private REYNOLDS, with utter disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to fire from both enemy positions. His courageous action enabled his squad to locate the enemy and knock out the emplacements, contributing materially to the ultimate success of their mission. Private REYNOLDS' conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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JAMES P. SREDNICKI, 36698861, Technician Fifth Grade, 503th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During the height of a fierce attack upon our positions enemy artillery fire disrupted wire communication between the company command post and the first platoon of Company "F" which had been receiving the brunt of the attack. Technician Fifth Grade SREDNICKI immediately undertook to check the wire to the first platoon, voluntarily exposing himself to a terrific hail of enemy machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire in order to check this vital line. At one point it was necessary for him to cross an open field which was being subjected to heavy enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade SREDNICKI was killed by enemy artillery fire in the process of checking the line across this terrain. His unflinching devotion to duty, his gallantry and courage in braving the hail of lead and artillery to maintain an uninterrupted flow of communications, cost him his life and reflects credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CLABORN A. STEELE, 38559716, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private STEELE, BAR Gunner, Company "A", was part of a force assigned to cover displacement of the unit to new defense positions. Private STEELE was stationed at a point overlooking the enemy route of approach. When the enemy launched their attack, he opened fire upon them with his BAR and for forty five minutes brought such accurate fire to bear upon the enemy that he killed approximately twenty five Germans. The enemy was in such force that they succeeded in infiltrating through the lines, but Private STEELE continued to fire until his platoon had withdrawn. In spite of heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, he fought his way back to his platoon. His actions and dogged determination in resisting the enemy were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TYLER, TEXAS.

JOSEPH G. TREML, 36220689, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Corporal TREML's platoon, on outpost protecting an important highway, met heavy enemy resistance and were isolated from their unit. Without regard for his own safety, he installed wire communications to battalion headquarters when radio communications failed. The wire was cut by the enemy but he maintained contact by runner. Through Corporal TREML's coolness and initiative under fire, his platoon received the orders which enabled it to avoid encirclement. Entered military service from GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN.

WILLIAM F. WIGAND, 32946966, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During the height of an attack on Company "G", Private WIGAND, an ammunition bearer in a light machine gun squad of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, volunteered with one other man to accompany his section leader to a more favorable position. Carrying two ammunition boxes, Private WIGAND followed his section leader through heavy enemy and friendly machine gun and small arms fire across one hundred yds of ground brilliantly lit by moonlight. Before reaching their objective they encountered enemy and fought at close range, killing two and forcing the others to fall back. Later when he and his section leader returned to their original position under covering fire of the other member of their group, Private WIGAND

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exposed himself to enemy fire and enable other members of his section to fall back to their positions. His actions reflect credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 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 missing in action:

GEORGE KAPACKWICZ, 6902519, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 June 1944 near ~~***~~, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant KAPACKWICZ, acting as platoon leader in the absence of an officer, led the light machine gun platoon in a successful attack on enemy positions. Upon securing the position, Staff Sergeant KAPACKWICZ, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to heavy artillery and mortar fire and made a thorough reconnaissance of the area. This knowledge of the terrain enabled him to place his crew-served weapons in such a manner that they were able to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy and completely disorganize their withdrawal. Staff Sergeant KAPACKWICZ commanded his platoon throughout the entire engagement in an excellent manner. Entered military service from NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

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II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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

✓ EDWARD L. BOJACK, 35135617, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant BOJACK, Squad Leader, and at the time of this action Acting Platoon Sergeant, was instrumental in organizing the remnants of his platoon in the face of a concentrated German attack. Staff Sergeant BOJACK worked up and down the line, under heavy fire, encouraging men and assisting his platoon leader to insure the most effective use of the group's fire power. When the platoon was reduced to nine survivors they were ordered to withdraw, having successfully completed the delaying mission assigned to them. Staff Sergeant BOJACK carried a wounded man almost a mile. His conduct in this engagement exemplified the high courage and traditional gallantry of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

✓ WILEY L. BRADY, 34449386, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 21 February 1945 during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND, and ARDENNES Campaigns. Private First Class BRADY, Platoon Runner, participated in every battle engaged in by his unit. In all types of weather he carried important messages under heavy artillery fire, through mine fields and over open ground subjected to intense small arms fire. Twice when the platoon was encircled, Private First Class BRADY made his way through the enemy lines with vital information. On several occasions he took over the position of squad leader or machine gunner when the platoon suffered heavy casualties and helped repel enemy attacks. Private First Class BRADY, throughout his long period of hazardous duty, performed every task assigned him in an exemplary manner. His service was always a credit to the company and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

ELLWOOD P. STAKE, 20418471, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 20 February 1945 in NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Staff Sergeant STAKE, Transportation Sergeant, maintained transportation at a high level in a commendable manner during the NORMANDY Campaign. He came in by parachute and organized and maintained transportation for six days by the use of a captured German Motor Pool. Unfamiliar with foreign type vehicles, Staff Sergeant STAKE maintained adequate repair of these vehicles and thus supplied vitally needed transport. He performed his duties in a like manner during the HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. In HOLLAND he was wounded by artillery, but refused to be evacuated. Staff Sergeant STAKE has served his regiment in superior fashion throughout every campaign in which it has participated and has not missed a day in over one hundred fifty days of combat. Entered military service from MINNISCORE, FLORIDA.

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JAMES E. HELMER, O-453688, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Captain HELMER, Company Commander, displayed rare courage in leading his company against deadly automatic weapons fire while attacking prepared concrete fortifications of the Siegfried Line. When part of his company was pinned down by fire from enemy pillboxes, Captain HELMER went at once to the portion of his line receiving the most intense fire, with utter lack of concern for his life, and called for tank fire. Moving between his firing line and his radio, he observed and adjusted the tank fire until its effect slackened the withering enemy automatic weapons concentration. He then regrouped his company, encouraged the men by his own fearlessness and led them vigorously into the attack again. Under his aggressive and able leadership, his company was the first to reach its objective and establish a firm position on the soil of the Reich. The company, although decimated by heavy casualties, took one hundred prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Captain HELMER's courage and leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CARROLL, IOWA.

✓ J. J. KOHLRIESER, 35135282, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant KOHLRIESER, 60mm Mortar Section Leader, displayed high courage and initiative in the employment of his mortar section two hundred yards behind the forward lines. He directed fire from an exposed OP under enemy small arms fire and continuous artillery and mortar fire for a period in excess of two hours. Staff Sergeant KOHLRIESER adjusted fire so accurately that he knocked out machine gun nests which had pinned down the two companies he was supporting. His cool and competent work, performed under difficult circumstances, enabled these companies to successfully attain their objectives with minimum casualties. Staff Sergeant KOHLRIESER's courage and conduct were a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BOTKINS, OHIO.

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JAMES R. HELMER, O-153683, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 near *** Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES R. HELMER, O-153683, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry displayed rare courage in leading his company against deadly automatic weapons fire while attacking prepared concrete fortifications of the Siegfried Line. When part of his company was pinned down by fire from enemy pillboxes, Captain HELMER went at once to the portion of his line receiving the most intense fire, with utter lack of concern for his life, he observed and called for tank fire. Moving between his company, encouraged the men by his own fearlessness and able leadership, his company was the first to reach his objective and establish a firm position on the soil of Reich. The company, although subjected by heavy casualties, took one hundred prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Captain HELMER's courage and leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from C. BOLL, IOH.

LEO J. KOHLRIEGER, 35195282, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near *** BEIJING. Staff Sergeant KOHLRIEGER, 60mm mortar section leader, displayed high courage and initiative in the employment of his mortar section under enemy small arms fire and continuous artillery and mortar fire for a period in excess of two hours. Staff Sergeant KOHLRIEGER directed the two companies he was supporting. He knocked out machine gun nests which had pinned down the companies in circumstances, enabled these companies to successfully perform objectives with minimum casualties. Staff Sergeant KOHLRIEGER's courage and leadership were a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from KOHLRIEGER, OHIO.

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JAMES B. HELMER, O-453686, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 near ~~###~~, GERMANY. Captain HELMER, Company Commander, displayed rare courage in leading his company against deadly automatic weapons fire while attacking prepared concrete fortifications of the Siegfried Line. When part of his company was pinned down by fire from enemy pillboxes, Captain HELMER went at once to the portion of his line receiving the most intense fire, with utter lack of concern for his life, and called for tank fire. Moving between his firing line and his radio, he observed and adjusted the tank fire until its effect slackened the withering enemy automatic weapons concentration. He then regrouped his company, encouraged the men by his own fearlessness and led them vigorously into the attack again. Under his aggressive and able leadership, his company was the first to reach its objective and establish a firm position on the soil of the Reich. The company, although decimated by heavy casualties, took one hundred prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Captain HELMER's courage and leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CARROLL, IOWA.

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✓ THOMAS J. WHITE, 34571212, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 11, 1943, to February 16, 1945, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND, and ARDENNES Campaigns. Throughout this long tenure of combat duty, Private First Class WHITE has served with distinction and outstanding devotion to duty. His determination, courage in the face of the enemy, and unfailing dependability have earned him the respect and admiration of all the officers and enlisted men of his company. His exemplary conduct over a long period of time and under varied and trying combat conditions reflects great credit upon himself and is typical of the best standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CANTON, GEORGIA.

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

L. N. EMMONS, 6281546, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 at #, BELGIUM. The advance of the battalion was held up by a 20mm cannon supported by crossfire from two enemy machine guns. Private EMMONS, realizing the casualties inflicted by this obstacle were a vital factor in the attack, organized a three man party to close in and destroy it. With covering fire from one machine gun, he crawled across flat ground under concentrated grazing fire from automatic weapons to gain an advantageous position from which to personally engage this opposition. Private EMMONS was compelled, by the intense enemy fire, to change his plan of attack and destroy the supporting elements of the strongpoint. He then traversed an open stretch of ground under heavy fire, pausing to cut a barbed wire fence in his line of approach. After gaining shelter from a small hill to his right, Private EMMONS hurled two hand grenades into the machine gun nest destroying the gun. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private EMMONS rushed the remaining personnel in the strongpoint with his tommy gun, killing the entire group. The gallantry displayed by Private EMMONS in this action typifies the training and spirit of the American Parachute Infantry. Entered military service from WOODRIVER, ILLINOIS.

ARLEY C. FARLEY, 35254552, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 at #, BELGIUM. During an attack on this stubbornly defended enemy town, the advance of the right flank company of the attacking battalion was stopped and pinned down by fire from a 20mm cannon and supporting fire from automatic weapons. This fire had destroyed or neutralized five of the unit's eight machine guns. Realizing that further loss of firepower by his unit would be disastrous, Private First Class FARLEY, a bearded man, crawled in the face of this fire to a position from where he could deliver effective bazooka fire on the enemy cannon. With utter disregard of his personal safety, Private First Class FARLEY succeeded in reaching a position from where he was able to engage and destroy this cannon. This gallant and unselfish act enabled his unit to successfully continue its assault of the enemy IIR. The devotion to duty and initiative displayed by Private First Class FARLEY typifies the spirit and caliber of the parachute infantryman. Entered military service from HERRISON, INDIANA.

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ROBERT H. KINNEY, 12285001, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ~~XXX~~, BELGIUM. Private KINNEY, a member of a machine gun crew, was attached to the left element of the attacking force which had advanced about 200 yards when it was stopped by a vicious crossfire from an enemy cannon and machine guns. The fire from this strongpoint destroyed five out of eight machine guns. Private KINNEY, realizing further casualties would result in disaster, advanced with three other men, under this crossfire of enemy automatic weapons, for about 200 yards. His path was constantly crossed by barbed wire fences, causing him to silhouette himself while advancing. With complete disregard for his personal safety he cut these wires and continued his advance. Although small arms fire was hitting within a short distance, Private KINNEY crawled within one-to-five yards and threw two hand grenades, destroying the gunner and neutralizing the enemy cannon. The actions of Private KINNEY were an inspiration to his comrades in the subsequent assault which was successfully concluded. Entered military service from WAIR, 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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

Retrospective date AMEND. BY G.O.P. 88 -- *June 8, 1945*
PAUL M. HAYDEN, 20381999, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ~~XXX~~, BELGIUM. Private HAYDEN was a member of an advance machine gun crew during an attack on this strongly defended town when the left flank assault company was held up by the fire from an enemy cannon and supporting machine gun elements. Casualties were becoming heavy when Private HAYDEN, realizing the seriousness of the situation, picked up his machine gun and rushed to a forward position in an effort to draw fire from his comrades engaged in a flanking movement. While engaged in this gallant and unselfish act, Private HAYDEN was killed. Due to his supreme sacrifice, his company was able to take advantage of the diversion he created in its flanking assault on the enemy. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

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, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

WILLIAM W. HARRISON, O-395974, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20-21 December 1944 near ~~XXX~~, BELGIUM. Throughout the entire battle for this vital and strongly defended town, Lieutenant Colonel HARRISON, Commanding Officer of the assault battalion, performed his duty with a disregard of personal safety above that expected of a battalion commander. In

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order to intelligently render instantaneous decisions, he exposed himself continuously to the vicious enemy fire. He mingled with the assaulting troops, personally contacting company commanders in an effort to gain first-hand knowledge of the progress of the battle. Lieutenant Colonel HARRISON's on-the-spot direction of the attack and the great personal courage he exhibited in his leadership inspired all the members of his battalion to their utmost efforts. Due in a large measure to Lieutenant Colonel HARRISON's intrepid and aggressive leadership his battalion not only gained a vital objective in the critical stages of the German counteroffensive but completely annihilated five companies of enemy SS troops and knocked out four 20mm SP cannons, one Mark VI Tank, two 77mm SP guns, two troop carriers, six half-tracked vehicles, one 105mm H-witzer gun, and many machine guns and miscellaneous enemy equipment. The course and final termination of this fiercely contested battle was greatly influenced by the personal courage and ingenious tactics employed by Lieutenant Colonel HARRISON during its critical stages. Entered military service from NORFOLK, NEBRASKA.

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

JEFF DAVIS, JR., O-352109, Captain, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in NORMANDY, FRANCE, for the period 8 June 1944 to 10 July 1944. Captain DAVIS, commanding the 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company, was responsible for the outstanding coordination of the ordnance services and the line troops in NORMANDY. During the initial stages of the campaign, Corps ordnance service was almost non-existent. Captain DAVIS worked with tireless energy and superior ability to overcome this handicap. He organized repair sections and improvised parts and supplies from captured and scrap materials and accomplished the repair and assembly of vehicles to insure their use during this critical phase. Captain DAVIS worked continuously with phenomenal energy and outstanding leadership and was an inspiring example to the men and officers of the company in the maintenance of adequate ordnance service throughout the campaign. Entered military service from SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

STANLEY H. HEATH, O-1288740, First Lieutenant, 82d Parachute Maintenance Company, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 March 1944 to 12 July 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM. As Division Air Force Supply Officer, First Lieutenant HEATH exhibited foresight, initiative and tireless zeal and accomplished the difficult tasks of supplying the Division with items of air force supply prior to and during the Division's participation in the campaign in NORMANDY. Operational requirements necessitated the fabrication of many items of equipment by the maintenance section of the Parachute Maintenance Company. He was responsible for the prompt supply of all materials for this purpose. First Lieutenant HEATH displayed unusual ability, tact and high devotion to duty in securing the release of certain fabrics and cloth from the British and other supply agencies to the end that all demands were met promptly and on time. His efforts were a material contribution to the success of the Division in the campaign. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

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ANDREW J. KNOX, 6969782, Technician Fourth Grade, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 10 July 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Technician Fourth Grade KNOX was the only Division Ordnance mechanic to enter NORMANDY by glider. During the critical initial days, he repaired, cleaned and issued ordnance material to troops of both the 82d Airborne Division and 101st Airborne Division, displaying energy and initiative which contributed materially to the Division effort. On one occasion he exercised commendable skill and courage by salvaging enemy armor plate and working forty-eight hours under fire to effect modifications in six-pounder anti-tank guns in combat positions. His diligence and keen devotion to duty were outstanding and reflects credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TALLASSEE, ALABAMA.

HARRY G. McFARLIN, 35291070, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 July 1943 to 12 July 1944. Technical Sergeant McFARLIN participated in three missions in the capacity of Chief Clerk of the Adjutant General's Office, and was charged with the responsibility of collecting, compiling and disseminating statistics relative to personnel accounting. Technical Sergeant McFARLIN's superior performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and was an invaluable contribution to the Division effort. Entered military service from CARRION, OHIO.

HENRY J. McGLINN, 31021142, Technician Fourth Grade, 82d Airborne Division Band. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 15 July 1943 to 1 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade McGLINN diligently and tirelessly throughout this period to raise and maintain a high calibre of service of the Division Artillery Band. He contributed twenty five original arrangements to its repertoire, and devoted time, skill and personal effort to the modernization of harmonies, tone colors and rhythms in adaptations for military band instruments. The outstanding and superior performance of the Artillery Band has been largely the result of Technician Fourth Grade McGLINN's zeal and enthusiasm to give musical entertainment of the highest caliber for the fighting men of the Division. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

WILLIAM P. REID, 35348315, Technician Third Grade, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 July 1944 to 1 January 1945. Technician Third Grade REID was responsible for the administration details connected with the processing of all records and reports pertaining to battle casualties during that period. Technician Third Grade REID's skill and intelligence in summarizing the various administrative directives and his energetic devotion to duty were of invaluable aid in the administration of the Division. Entered military service from TOLEDO, OHIO

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HARRY W. URSCHEL, 3561301, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in BELGIUM during the period 17 December 1944 to 26 January 1945. As Chief Clerk, Division Adjutant General Forward Echelon, Technician Fourth Grade URSCHEL was charged with the responsibility of executing and supervising the tedious and exacting administrative procedures pertaining to personnel accounting and reports. Technician Fourth Grade URSCHEL's initiative and energetic devotion to duty were outstanding contributions to the Division effort. Entered military service from WILLIAMSBURG, OHIO.

WALKER E. WOOD, 34435356, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in NORMANDY, FRANCE, from 3 to 11 July 1944. During operation of the Division in the attack toward ***, the speed of the assault and the nature of the terrain resulted in wide separation of units and increased the difficulties of control. Sergeant WOOD volunteered to carry messages during this period and accomplished this duty with outstanding courage and perseverance by traversing territory not cleared of enemy and under intense enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Regardless of the danger or difficulty, Sergeant WOOD never failed to deliver a message. His superior performance facilitated close effective control over the attacking units and contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the Division's mission. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

V -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

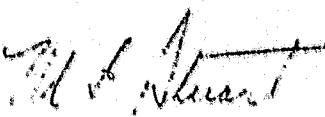
Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

DONALD R. GOSNELL, O-1174561, First Lieutenant, 254th Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 26 November 1944 to 13 February 1945. First Lieutenant GOSNELL 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 of these missions, First Lieutenant GOSNELL was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from fighter planes. Entered military service from LEBANON, INDIANA.

By command of Major General GILVIN:

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

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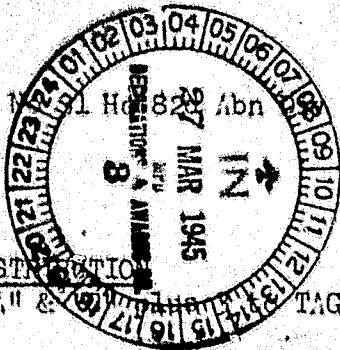

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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WARREN G. HAYES, 7001636, Staff Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near ~~****~~, HOLLAND. During the assault crossing of the WAAL River, Staff Sergeant HAYES was an Engineer Boatman in the first wave of the attack. Two engineers in the boat were killed and Staff Sergeant HAYES was painfully wounded in the leg. He rallied the remaining infantrymen and managed to get his boat to the far shore and pulled it up by himself to save the wounded men from drowning. Amid the confusion of battle and under intense enemy fire, he calmly organized a new boat crew and returned to the near shore. He made six trips across the river, refusing all medical aid until his company was relieved. Staff Sergeant HAYES' actions contributed materially to the success of the operation, and were a source of constant inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

HAROLD ROY, O-1166597, First Lieutenant, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant ROY, as an artillery forward observer, was accompanying the leading infantry company in a daylight attack, when suddenly a withering cross fire from three enemy guns split the company and pinned down about a platoon in an open area. The company and platoon commanders were both wounded and evacuated. In the absence of any infantry officers, First Lieutenant ROY took command of the exposed troops and directed them to cover behind the ridge. Despite the cross fire and lack of cover, First Lieutenant ROY remained in this hazardous position set up his radio and fired his artillery battalion almost constantly for more than an hour; knocking out three tanks, two scout cars and inflicting heavy personnel casualties against the enemy. First Lieutenant ROY's gallant action saved our own troops many casualties and assured the accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

MARVIN DIXON, 35265795, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade DIXON, a company aid man, unhesitatingly crossed two hundred yards of wooded terrain under extremely heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to a wounded soldier in an exposed position. While administering first aid to the wounded man, Technician Fifth Grade DIXON was instantly killed. His sacrificial devotion to duty and utter disregard for extreme danger upholds the traditions of the Medical Corps in which he served. Entered military service from WACO, KENTUCKY.

VICTOR G. WALSH, 39029923, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26-27 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class WALSH, machine gunner, Company "G", remained in his position after the balance of his squad had withdrawn during an attack by a force of enemy estimated at two battalions. When the enemy overran the positions, Private First Class WALSH withdrew to rejoin his squad. Unable to contact them, Private First Class WALSH returned to his previous position and continued fighting. His extremely effective fire hampered the attacking Germans causing them heavy casualties. Private First Class WALSH continued firing, although surrounded by the enemy, until he ran out of ammunition. In attempting to fight his way back to his lines, Private First Class WALSH was wounded. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

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, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

JULIAN A. COOK, O-23290, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 28-29 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Lieutenant Colonel COOK, Battalion Commander, with the mission of seizing a strongly defended enemy town and surrounding fortifications of the Siegfried Line, planned and coordinated an attack with such precise tactical skill and foresight that his battalion, after wading through deep snow drifts in bitterly cold weather, was able to achieve a signal victory without the loss of a single casualty, killed or wounded. Under Lieutenant Colonel COOK's personal direction and leadership, 138 enemy were killed, 180 taken prisoners and a large amount of useful enemy equipment seized in good condition. His brilliant achievement reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MOUNT HOLLY, VERMONT.

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FREDERICK W. GOUGLER, 6891026, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action for the period 17 to 24 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant GOUGLER, as squad leader of the First Section of the Light Machine Gun Platoon of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, gave an exemplary performance of extreme devotion to duty and was instrumental in repelling numerous enemy attacks. On one occasion the enemy attacked with one battalion of infantry supported by two medium tanks. The tanks pushed through their position but the section inflicted such heavy casualties on the infantry that the enemy troops were repulsed and the tanks withdrew. As a result of their collective heroism, his section made a material contribution to the security of the entire defensive area. Sergeant GOUGLER's exemplary conduct and extreme devotion to duty as a member of this section reflects credit upon the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN W. MOHRMANN, O-347389, Lieutenant Colonel, 407th Airborne Quartermaster Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 12 July 1944 to 12 January 1945 in ENGLAND, HOLLAND, FRANCE and BELGIUM. Upon the return of the Division from NORMANDY to the base camps in ENGLAND on 12 July 1944, Lieutenant Colonel MOHRMANN directed the resupply of quartermaster equipment necessary to re-equip the Division after completion of its combat mission. Although the quartermaster personnel available was inadequate for the Division and its attachments, all units were resupplied by the beginning of August and thereby enabled to start intensive training earlier than anticipated. In HOLLAND he organized and maintained supply for the Division under the most adverse conditions involving procurement from British sources far behind the Division area and in the UNITED KINGDOM. Upon relief of the Division, Lieutenant Colonel MOHRMANN commenced its immediate re-equipment in preparation for future activities. The quality of his efforts was reflected in the ability of the Division to go into action in the ARDENNES within 24 hours after receipt of an alert. The contributions of Lieutenant Colonel MOHRMANN to the achievements of the 82d Airborne Division have been outstanding and valuable. Entered military service from GONZALES, TEXAS.

ALFRED W. RAYMOND, 13152346, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 September 1944 to 8 November 1944 in HOLLAND. Private First Class RAYMOND, a member of the S-2 Section, was successively and voluntarily a scout, forward observer and patrol leader. Private First Class RAYMOND led a reconnaissance patrol into the *** Woods and later joined a combat patrol near *** which became held up by enemy machine gun fire. Working his way back to the battalion CP, Private First Class RAYMOND directed a Sherman Tank forward and enabled the patrol to continue with its mission. Near ***, Private First Class RAYMOND, singlehanded, attacked an enemy outpost with grenades and drew its fire to pin point its location. The brave and resourceful services of Private First Class RAYMOND were of great value to his organization. Entered military service from READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

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✓ HARRY J. SMITH, 37300277, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 19 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. When an captured enemy antitank gun disabled a tank near his medical aid station, Technician Fifth Grade SMITH went to assist in removing the wounded. A sniper in a pillbox to the immediate front prevented the wounded crew from being removed to safety. Under cover of a smoke screen placed by the other tanks, Technician Fifth Grade SMITH moved the wounded to an aid station where they were given medical treatment which may have saved their lives. Entered military service from S. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

EDWARD N. WELLEMS, O-24484, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 2-5 February 1945 in the vicinity of ***, GERMANY. Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS, Battalion Commander, was assigned the mission of spearheading an attack over steep, densely wooded, snow covered terrain in bitterly cold weather, against the heavily defended Siegfried Line in the *** Sector. The battalion, under Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS' inspirational leadership and tactical skill, advanced 4000 yards in three days, captured five of the main defenses and eliminated approximately one battalion of the enemy. Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS' outstanding achievement reflects the highest credit upon his leadership and the United States Airborne Troops. Entered military service from MILES CITY, MONTANA.

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 20C.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

PAUL D. BRUNS, O-416602, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Captain BRUNS, Battalion Surgeon, while working at his forward aid station, was struck and rendered unconscious by fragments of a hand grenade thrown by an enemy soldier. Regaining consciousness, Captain BRUNS refused evacuation or treatment until the attack was successfully completed, all wounded evacuated and another medical officer was brought forward to relieve him. Captain BRUNS' devotion to duty reflects credit upon the highest traditions of the Medical Corps in which he served. Entered military service from SIOUX CITY, IOWA.

GUY COLLEY, 33091724, Technician Third Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Technician Third Grade COLLEY, Surgical Technician, was wounded by enemy grenade fragments while on duty at a forward aid station. Despite intensive pain, Technician Third Grade COLLEY refused to be evacuated until all other casualties had been cleared and adequate medical personnel had replaced him. Technician Third Grade COLLEY's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

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HAROLD J. FREEMAN, 31341969, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class FREEMAN, BAR gunner, by skillful and courageous employment of his weapon under constant enemy observation and heavy fire greatly assisted his platoon in successfully accomplishing its mission. Private First Class FREEMAN, although wounded, continued in the attack until ordered to the rear. His courage and devotion to duty typifies the spirit of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WILLIAMTIC, CONNECTICUT.

JOHN D. KINGTON, 38439426, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Corporal KINGTON, Squad Leader, disregarding his own personal safety, made a quick visual reconnaissance of the area and estimate of the situation and so deployed his squad and automatic weapons that initial heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy. Running low on ammunition and having no resupply, Corporal KINGTON exposed himself to heavy and accurate fire, personally informed his two advanced scouts of his contemplated action and then proceeded to withdraw his squad. Corporal KINGTON's heroic conduct while under fire proved inspiring to his men and contributed materially to his company's success in repelling the enemy in a five hour battle. Entered military service from FORT BLISS, TEXAS.

THOMAS E. SHOCKLEY, O-453596, First Lieutenant, Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. After crash landing in a glider under extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, First Lieutenant SHOCKLEY, acting commander of Headquarters Battery, 82d Airborne Division Artillery, continually exposing himself, conducted all the members of his organization he could find to a place of comparative safety. Having some twenty men left to account for, he, with one volunteer, again entered the landing zone which was now covered by enemy machine gun and rifle fire, to bring out the stragglers and wounded. He went back a third time to recover sufficient vital signal equipment to start operations against the enemy. The disregard for his personal safety in his conscientious concern for his men and equipment reflects credit upon the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA.

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 Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

BLAIR B. BRUNBAUGH, 13048722, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 8 February 1945 in the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY Campaigns. Staff Sergeant BRUNBAUGH, Squad Leader, by his physical endurance, dependability, courageous actions, outstanding devotion to duty, and capable leadership earned the complete confidence of all who worked with him and marked him as a superior and gallant soldier. Entered military service from SEXTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

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WALTER B. CAUGHRAN, O-409719, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 6 January 1945 in the UNITED KINGDOM. Captain CAUGHRAN, Assistant G-4, planned and executed all supply and resupply missions connected with the tactical requirements of the Division while it was in HOLLAND. In addition, he effected the expeditious handling and transportation forward of all personnel sent forward subsequent to the airborne commitment. Captain CAUGHRAN demonstrated outstanding devotion to duty, thoroughly understanding and capably executing all missions. Through his initiative and skill he contributed materially to the Division's success in the field. Entered military service from ROCKWALL, TEXAS.

ROBERT J. CELLAR, O-1283723, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 5 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Captain CELLAR, as battalion communications platoon leader, through the extensive and excellent training given his platoon, accomplished the difficult task of maintaining communications during the mountainous operations of ITALY. As Company Commander, Captain CELLAR's tactical knowledge in the employment of the machine gun and mortar platoons contributed greatly to the successes of his battalion during the ANZIO BEACHHEAD, ITALY, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM Operations. Entered military service from ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

IVAN J. ROGGEN, O-392914, Major, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 December 1944 to 18 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Major ROGGEN, Regimental Surgeon, displayed ability and devotion to duty at a time when the operational effectiveness of the regiment depended upon the ingenuity and ability of its medical staff. Faced with an inadequate period of preparation and later with weather and terrain conditions, Major ROGGEN, by intelligence and foresight, kept his medical detachment operating smoothly and efficiently despite handicaps. Major ROGGEN's services reflect credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps in which he serves. Entered military service from MAURICE, IOWA.

VI -- 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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

MELVIN G. ULLRICH, O-442438, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ~~the~~, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant ULLRICH, commanding an engineer platoon in the attack on that town, had the mission of protecting the accompanying tank destroyers. When a large part of the infantry battalion was pinned down by heavy fire from enemy armor and prepared positions, First Lieutenant ULLRICH kept the tank destroyers

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moving forward, despite the enemy fire. Many of the infantry officers had become casualties. First Lieutenant ULLRICH took upon himself the command of un-officered infantry elements and reorganized them for defense and then for attack, until relieved by other infantry officers. His courageous conduct and leadership were in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, 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 individual:

GERALD R. WEED, 19075852, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January to 7 January 1945, near *****
*****, BELGIUM. Sergeant WEED, Communication Sergeant, showed outstanding devotion to duty under heavy enemy fire. The entire Company Headquarters Section, with the exception of Sergeant WEED, became casualties. Communications between the Company and Battalion were out. Sergeant WEED moved under heavy artillery and mortar fire, recovered both the SCR 300 and SCR 536 radios and reestablished communications. This action was a deciding factor in the successful accomplishment of the Company's mission. Sergeant WEED, during the following days of the attack, also acted as Operations Sergeant, First Sergeant and Communications Sergeant, performing each duty efficiently and with remarkable initiative and skill. Entered military service from SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

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

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Letter 200.3 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM A. MASTRANGELO, 01322545, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944, at *****
*****, BELGIUM. One platoon of a company across the river was attacked by approximately a battalion of German Infantry reinforced by two self-propelled guns and became separated from its leaders. Lieutenant MASTRANGELO, under heavy fire, voluntarily ran to the river's edge, gathering the scattered men as he went, and placed them in new defensive positions which materially aided the defense of the river line. This act of gallantry by Lieutenant MASTRANGELO, with complete disregard for his own safety, was instrumental in keeping

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the enemy force from crossing the river and enabled the platoon to take up new positions with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM E. SCHMEES, 01286011, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in connection with military operations on 6 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Captain SCHMEES, Company Commander, under harassing enemy fire and in unfamiliar terrain, quickly grasped the situation and assembled his company. Disregarding heavy enemy fire, he personally led the collecting parties and was responsible for the quick location and recovery of the equipment so extremely important to the success of his Regiment. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

JAY G. RAND, 12079465, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 June 1944, near ******, FRANCE. Private RAND, Rifle Grenadier, despite enemy small arms fire and from an exposed position, calmly fired his rifle grenades into the midst of the forming counter-attack. Private RAND's accuracy inflicted many casualties and dispersed the enemy, thus enabling his platoon to organize its defenses and avert an enemy penetration. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM B. MURRAY, 33109319, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944, near ******, FRANCE. Private MURRAY voluntarily drove a captured enemy vehicle loaded with vitally needed land mines and mortar ammunition over a route which was under constant enemy small arms and artillery fire. Although the vehicle was hit several times, Private MURRAY delivered the essential ammunition, which changed the ensuing action and caused the enemy to be repelled. Entered military service from NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA.

ROBERT B. HORGAN, 31303524, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944, at ******, BELGIUM. Private First Class HORGAN, Messenger, voluntarily left his CP and ran toward the scene of battle to assist an outpost under attack across the river *****. Upon reaching the bank of the river, Private First Class HORGAN observed that the bridge was blown and many men dazed from the sudden strength and surprise of the attack and unable to cross the river unassisted. He immediately crossed, although under extremely heavy small arms fire, and assisted the men across. This heroic act by Private First Class HORGAN was in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

OSCAR I. BYRN, 37523598, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, at ******, BELGIUM. Private First Class BYRN showed outstanding courage and aggressiveness when he personally saved his platoon from heavy casualties by closing with the enemy at point blank range. The platoon, upon entering the town, was subjected to intense enemy small arms fire from a building to their immediate front. Private First Class BYRN saw several of his comrades already wounded as a result of this unexpected fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety

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he charged forward, firing his weapon as he went, killing three of the enemy and causing the remaining twenty to lay down their arms in surrender. This gallant deed, carried out in the face of enemy fire, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WILSEY, KANSAS.

WILLIAM A. CARSON, 32168252, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 January 1945, about one and one-half miles from *****, BELGIUM. Moving into an attack, the left flank of the company was blocked by a strong pocket of German resistance. Corporal CARSON moved his machine gun to the exposed flank and laid down heavy fire. He immediately was subjected to intense mortar and machine gun fire but remained in position and fired until the enemy were forced to withdraw. As they withdrew, Corporal CARSON laid intense fire on the column and enabled Company "D" to move into the attack with a minimum of casualties. Corporal CARSON's gallant and heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY.

EDWARD F. MURPHY, 12061226, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944, in *****, FRANCE. Corporal MURPHY, a Machine Gunner, on various occasions due to constant enemy fire moved his machine gun and occupied key flank positions. As the enemy advanced it was necessary that the platoon penetrate the encirclement and fight a skillful delaying action. Corporal MURPHY, by keeping his gun in action under heavy fire, was largely responsible for the possible withdrawal of his platoon. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

JAMES C. CHESTER, 32483302, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944, in *****, BELGIUM. Private First Class CHESTER, Machine Gunner, displayed extraordinary courage at the risk of his life when the outpost of which he was a part was attacked by a vastly superior force. He held his fire until the enemy was at point blank range and then opened fire, inflicting heavy casualties upon them. Although hopelessly outnumbered and completely exposed, Private First Class CHESTER continued firing in an attempt to keep the enemy disorganized. During a second attempt to dislodge him from his position, he was partially blinded and badly shaken up by hand grenades thrown into his position, but maintained fire until ordered to withdraw by his Platoon Leader. Private First Class CHESTER's gallant deed was a deciding factor in the successful repulse of the enemy assault. Entered military service from MERCHANTVILLE, NEW JERSEY.

JAMES E. BEAVER, 17045599, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Private First Class BEAVER delivered ammunition to an assault company under heavy fire. When it was unloaded he proceeded to help the wounded to the vehicle under direct artillery, sniper and automatic weapons fire which killed one and wounded four. When he had brought them safely to the aid station, Private First Class BEAVER returned through the same withering fire and evacuated more of his fallen comrades. His gallant action and unhesitating

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risk of his own life in such a worthy cause reflects great honor on himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

RALPH C. POWELL, 34823795, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, in *****, BELGIUM. Corporal POWELL, (then Private), when his squad leader and assistant squad leader were both wounded, took command of his squad which had been cut off and isolated from the company by enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal POWELL courageously attacked a machine gun position, destroyed it, and captured twenty-three prisoners. When all resistance from this quarter had ceased, he continued to safely protect the flank of his company. This action by Corporal POWELL permitted the company to move forward to its objective and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA.

ALEX H. JONES, 39016878, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944, in ****, BELGIUM. When one of his comrades was hit by sniper fire, Private First Class JONES voluntarily left the safety of his foxhole to render aid to the stricken man. Although fired upon while enroute to aid his comrade, he completely ignored enemy action. Private First Class JONES continued toward the wounded man until he was severely wounded himself. Although unsuccessful in his efforts, Private First Class JONES' heroic act was in keeping with the traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

CHRISTOPHER J. PERRY, JR., 12057532, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944, in ****, BELGIUM. Corporal PERRY, Company Aid Man, went to the aid of a comrade who had been wounded by sniper fire. Corporal PERRY moved unhesitatingly across barren open ground through intense small arms fire with no protection or cover, reached the wounded man, applied hasty first aid and conveyed him back across the fire-swept field to safety. Corporal PERRY then rendered further aid and evacuated his seriously wounded comrade. This gallant act by Corporal PERRY was in keeping with the traditions of the Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from KINGSTON, NEW YORK.

ALBERT R. CASKEY, 3720367, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM. Private First Class CASKEY delivered ammunition to an assault company under heavy fire. When it was unloaded he proceeded to help the wounded to the vehicle under direct artillery, sniper and automatic weapons fire, which killed one and wounded four. When he had brought them safely to the aid station, Private First Class CASKEY returned through the same withering fire and evacuated more of his fallen comrades. His gallant action and unhesitating risk of his own life in such a worthy cause reflects great honor on himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D.C.

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JACK YOUNG, 34007485, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 16 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Private YOUNG, a Platoon Scout, voluntarily reconnoitered a route of approach for the attack. Despite serious head and limb wounds, Private YOUNG accomplished his mission and continued with the attack until ordered to withdraw to the rear for medical aid. Private YOUNG's outstanding and exemplary conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MIAMI, FLORIDA.

WILLIAM N. TRIPP, 14093107, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Private TRIPP voluntarily drove a captured enemy vehicle loaded with vitally needed land mines and mortar ammunition over a route which was under constant enemy small arms and artillery fire. Although the vehicle was hit several times, Private TRIPP delivered the essential ammunition which changed the ensuing action and caused the enemy to be repelled. Entered military service from ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

FRANK A. JARVEN, 35012304, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Private JARVEN, a BAR Gunner, by his exemplary courage and aggressive spirit in rallying the men on the outpost, was directly responsible for repulsing the counter-attack and causing the enemy to retreat. Private JARVEN's courage and aggressiveness was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. 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 300.3 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

BEECHER J. LAJOIE, 11013587, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 14 September 1943 to 25 January 1945, in the European Theater of Operations. Sergeant LAJOIE, Mechanic, through skillful ingenuity, initiative, and boundless energy, on all combat missions, although handicapped by lack of tools and equipment and often under enemy mortar and artillery fire, exercised his wide range of technical ability to provide transportation for his unit during combat. Sergeant LAJOIE participated in the capture, recovery and maintenance of enemy vehicles and often drove vehicles when his drivers were under a severe physical strain of long and dangerous hours of driving. Entered military service from AUGUSTA, MAINE.

LEROY E. HORN, 37051198, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 September 1943 to 25 January 1945, during participation in four campaigns. Private First Class HORN, Driver and Mechanic, although handicapped by lack of tools and equipment and in numerous instances under enemy mortar and artillery fire, exercised initiative, courage and ingenuity in the

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capture, recovery, repair and operation of foreign and allied vehicles to expedite the necessary functions of his unit in ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Through a wide scope of technical ability and great physical exertion he has, in every instance, fulfilled his duty in an exemplary manner. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

HERMAN F. NICHOLS, 14041644, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 July 1943 to 25 January 1945, in the European Theater of Operations. Technician Fourth Grade NICHOLS, Mechanic, throughout four campaigns in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM, although handicapped by lack of tools and equipment, and often under enemy mortar and artillery fire, exercised his wide range of technical ability to the utmost regardless of hours or conditions. Under rapidly moving combat conditions that necessitated a severe strain on transportation, Technician Fourth Grade NICHOLS participated in the capture and maintenance of enemy vehicles. His conscientious performance of duty was of material aid to his unit's continued success. Entered military service from ROME, GEORGIA.

WALTER O. SWOAGER, 35399219, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 July 1943 to 25 January 1945, in the European Theater of Operations. Technician Fourth Grade SWOAGER, Mechanic, was of material benefit to his unit throughout combat in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Although handicapped by lack of tools and equipment, and often under enemy mortar and artillery fire, he exercised his wide range of technical ability to the utmost. Technician Fourth Grade SWOAGER participated in the capture and maintenance of enemy vehicles, and exercised his technical ability with increasing skill, aiding in his unit's continued success. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER, 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 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual, Missing in Action:

DONALD L. WHITE, 35369021, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944, near ***** BELGIUM. Private First Class WHITE, Fireman, along with one other man, repaired communication wire which had been damaged beyond working condition as a result of enemy artillery fire. The route which the wire followed compelled Private First Class WHITE to pass between his own lines and those of the enemy and on occasions under the fire from friendly forces. This heroic act, at the height of an enemy attack, enabled the Battalion Commander to keep the necessary contact with his front line companies and defeat the enemy offensive. Private First Class WHITE's devotion to duty under most hazardous conditions reflects the highest qualities of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

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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, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

ORVILLE G. GRAMOLL, 16049207, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant GRAMOLL, a platoon sergeant, led his platoon safely through a mine field in the face of intense artillery and mortar fire although two scouts had been lost there. Later in the day, while leading a three man patrol, Sergeant GRAMOLL's daring aggressiveness and initiative took him close to an enemy 75mm Howitzer, which he knocked out of action with an accurate Gammon grenade. Locating another 75mm Howitzer in the adjoining neighborhood, he slipped up close enough to also neutralize this artillery piece and capture its crew intact. The courage, aggressiveness and gallant conduct displayed by Sergeant GRAMOLL were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GRAFTON, WISCONSIN.

R. A. SANDEL, 18062735, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, For gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant SANDEL displayed remarkable courage in directing his machine gun platoon in the successful support of the attacking company. A squad was in position with the assigned mission of supporting the assault when it suffered a direct hit by an enemy mortar shell. Although painfully wounded about the face, neck and hands, Sergeant SANDEL removed the wounded to a position of comparative safety. After administering first aid, he directed another gun in the firing of the important support. As a result of this gallant action, the enemy was repulsed with heavy casualties and a route of march into town was made available. This gallant conduct on the part of Sergeant SANDEL was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LONGVIEW, 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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WALTER J. BLASIK, 6145837, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 10 November 1944, near *****, HOLLAND. Private BLASIK, Rifleman, was a member of a 12-man combat patrol sent out to capture a prisoner. The patrol, while crossing a muddy, rainswept clearing, became silhouetted by a break in the overcast. Caught off guard in an open field, the patrol was forced by enemy machine gun and small arms fire to seek cover. Private BLASIK voluntarily broke from cover and ran straight for the enemy machine gun, killing its two gunners with bursts of tommy gun fire. Private BLASIK's gallant demonstration of bravery reflects great honor upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KENYON, RHODE ISLAND.

JAMES B. DUNN, JR., 15058258, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, about two miles from *****, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant DUNN, Squad Leader, when his platoon was pinned down by intense machine gun fire, led his squad around the flank. Staff Sergeant DUNN knocked out an enemy machine gun. He then directed the fire of his squad on two other enemy machine guns. Exposing himself to heavy fire, Staff Sergeant DUNN moved forward, firing his submachine gun and tossing grenades. He knocked out both machine guns, killed eight enemy infantrymen and captured twelve. Staff Sergeant DUNN's leadership and fighting ability enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Entered military service from BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA.

ARNOLD A. EMPSON, 32254867, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Corporal EMPSON, Bazooka Gunner, demonstrated great initiative and aggressiveness during a patrol action behind enemy lines. The patrol had advanced approximately one mile into hostile territory when it observed an enemy group entrenching on a hillside and was immediately engaged with rifle and machine gun fire. Corporal EMPSON, in the face of intense small arms fire, moved to an exposed position, knocked out one of the machine guns with his bazooka and by fire and movement drew the fire of the other gun, allowing the patrol to disengage itself without casualties and continue on its mission. This conspicuous bravery and exemplary performance of Corporal EMPSON was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DUNN DEE, NEW YORK.

JOSEPH F. GILHOOLY, 12033041, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant GILHOOLY established a forward observation post for 81mm mortars on the outskirts of town and directed effective mortar fire on the enemy within the town. Although under continuous heavy fire from SP guns, mortars and artillery, and suffering from wounds, Sergeant GILHOOLY stayed at his post directing devastating mortar fire.

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In the assault on the town, Sergeant GILHOOLY moved forward with the first waves, stringing wire for communication and bringing mortar fire in direct support of the attack. As a result of his action the town was taken with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant GILHOOLY's tireless devotion to duty and heroic efforts were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

LLOYD H. GOOSE, 12166940, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant GOOSE, Platoon Sergeant, immediately assumed command of his platoon when its leader became separated from the unit during an advance. While crossing a piece of open terrain 200 yards across, the platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire from woods to their front. Technical Sergeant GOOSE worked his way forward in spite of the intense fire and knocked out an enemy machine gun in the woods, killing three Germans. Inspired by Technical Sergeant GOOSE's example, the platoon advanced into the woods, killing several enemy, taking fifteen prisoners and driving between fifty and one hundred Germans from the objective. Technical Sergeant GOOSE's courageous action and example were responsible for his platoon's accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

GERALD G. JONES, 13135218, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Private First Class JONES, Bazooka Gunner, Company "G", 508th Parachute Infantry, during the attack on **** ridge in BELGIUM, was instrumental in knocking out an enemy high-velocity gun which had brought punishing fire to bear upon the Company as it pushed forward in the final phase of the attack. The Company was in the process of reorganizing for the final push when a concealed enemy high-velocity gun opened up with direct fire from a range of approximately 150 yards. Private First Class JONES, and a LMG gunner, both moved forward, without cover, to engage the gun. In spite of the fact that they were in the open and the enemy gun continued firing, Private First Class JONES fired from a standing position. He fired two rounds which failed to explode. The enemy gun fired two rounds back into the vicinity of where Private First Class JONES was standing. Without hesitation, Private First Class JONES loaded a third round, while the LMG gunner fired on the enemy gun, and succeeded in scoring a hit which immobilized the gun. Private First Class JONES' gallant and intrepid action in engaging the enemy gun while exposed and in a standing position was instrumental in removing a serious threat to the advance of his Company and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

MILLARD A. NEWMAN, 33505165, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 January 1945, in *****, BELGIUM. Corporal NEWMAN, on duty with the aid station of the First Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry, in the course of removing the harness of a casualty, cut the tape on a fragmentation grenade. The pin had apparently been removed previously for the grenade fused. All of the personnel except Corporal NEWMAN attempted to leave the room. Cor-

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poral NEWMAN, in an attempt to protect the three litter cases and other personnel in the room, seized some blankets and attempted to smother the grenade. The grenade exploded before Corporal NEWMAN was able to cover it and he received penetrating wounds of the face and leg. Entered military service from FLINT, MICHIGAN.

WILLIAM L. REED, 6883872, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. While Company "C" was in a temporary defensive position in the Siegfried Line, the rifle squad led by Staff Sergeant REED was heavily counterattacked by a reinforced company. Because of his isolated position it was impossible to reinforce Staff Sergeant REED's position. Although instructed by radio to withdraw, Staff Sergeant REED requested permission to remain because of four wounded comrades whom he did not wish to abandon. Exhorting his men to supreme effort Staff Sergeant REED directed them in their repelling the enemy. When the enemy withdrew temporarily, Staff Sergeant REED effected a speedy withdrawal of all his able bodied and wounded men to a secondary position. His gallant leadership saved the lives of four comrades and enabled his company to maintain control of strategic terrain. Entered military service from CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND.

MARVIN L. RISNES, 39193472, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 September 1944, near ***** HOLLAND. Sergeant RISNES was a Squad Leader, Company "G", 508th Parachute Infantry. Company "G" was moving eastward from ***** HOLLAND, in an attack across the ***** flatlands. About 1000 hours the unit came under heavy enemy artillery fire followed by intense small arms and automatic weapons fire. It was at this time that Sergeant RISNES noticed an enemy group, estimated to be a squad, maneuvering to counterattack their exposed left flank. Without hesitation, and with entire disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant RISNES launched a singlehanded attack on the maneuvering element of the enemy. Employing his rifle and fragmentation hand grenades, he killed six of the enemy and caused the remainder to withdraw. Sergeant RISNES' quick decision and unhesitating attack on the maneuvering element of the enemy enabled his platoon to concentrate on their attack of the German position until fire superiority could be gained and a successful assault launched, which resulted in the overrunning of the enemy position. Sergeant RISNES' gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WASHINGTON

ROBERT M. TAGUE, 33068792, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 December 1944, near ***** BELGIUM. Sergeant TAGUE, Demolition Squad Leader, volunteered for the mission of blowing an important bridge spanning the **** River during a strong counterattack. Under intense small arms fire and constant enemy observation, Sergeant TAGUE, with complete disregard for his personal safety, crawled over artificial and natural barriers to complete his mission. Destruction of this important and strategic bridge deprived the enemy of the opportunity of infiltrating men and armor through our lines and was a vital part of the town's successful defense. Sergeant TAGUE's gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

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KENNETH H. TAIT, 14081113, Sergeant 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. The platoon was advancing behind tanks across open terrain when Sergeant TAIT spotted a machine gun position whose fire was such that it had to be put out of action before his unit could accomplish their mission. Making a courageous and instantaneous decision, Sergeant TAIT, with no regard for his own safety, assaulted the enemy strong point by himself although he knew he would not only be subjected to frontal fire from the Germans but also from the tanks who believed all friendly infantry to be behind them. Advancing fearlessly over flat, open terrain, Sergeant TAIT first fired his anti-tank rifle grenade at the position and then advanced rapidly throwing hand grenades. All four of the enemy were killed and the gun silenced by this single-handed attack. Sergeant TAIT's courageous aggressiveness was a magnificent contribution to the success of the mission and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MIAMI, FLORIDA.

WILLIAM H. TRABAND, 20309891, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 29 January 1945, at *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant TRABAND, Platoon Sergeant, Company "C", 508th Parachute Infantry, was a member of a platoon which was held up in their attack by an enemy strong point at *****, BELGIUM. This strong point consisted of two houses which the enemy was defending with a large number of automatic weapons with a 75mm gun in support. Sergeant TRABAND, with two other men, volunteered to assault the position from the flank. The group had only thirty rounds of TSMG ammunition apiece, five clips of BAR ammunition, and a few grenades. They attacked the gun first and killed the tank commander. This demoralized the other crew members who ceased firing and fled. While Sergeant TRABAND's two comrades laid down a base of fire, Sergeant TRABAND assaulted the houses with grenades. The assault was successful and a total of forty-one prisoners were captured as a result of this action, thus permitting Company "C" to take the remainder of the village. The actions of this group were responsible for the success of the attack and the capture of *****. Sergeant TRABAND's gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CLIFTON HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA.

LOUIS H. TUTHILL, 31276938, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. Private First Class TUTHILL, Bazooka Gunner, continually exposed himself to heavy machine gun and rifle fire in order to bring forward his bazooka to within 75 yards of an enemy pillbox against which he fired all available ammunition effectively. Private First Class TUTHILL, upon expending all his bazooka ammunition, ran forward to within 25 yards of the pillbox and threw a Gammon grenade near the firing slit, which resulted in the surrender of five Germans. Private First Class TUTHILL then retrieved his squad leader's tommy-gun, after he had been killed, and used it to its maximum of efficiency until this ammunition was also expended during a counterattack. He then took a Browning Automatic Rifle from a wounded gunner and continued to fire this, killing and wounding many of the enemy. Private

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First Class TUTHILL's coolness and bravery under fire and versatile use of numerous weapons played a great part in the success of his company and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

III - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER, 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, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual, Posthumously:

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RONALD F. ADAMS, SR., 18109222, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM Corporal ADAMS, Squad Leader, was assigned the mission of protecting the right rear flank of the assault company. Leading his Squad, and firing his machine gun, Corporal ADAMS came under extremely heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. Continuing to push forward, Corporal ADAMS was wounded and fell to the ground. Raising on one knee, he continued to fire his weapon until an enemy strong point was neutralized. Still crawling towards the enemy, Corporal ADAMS died from the wounds he received. His courage and personal sacrifice reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LONGVIEW, TEXAS.

IV - 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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, Posthumously:

THOMAS M. DOBBS, 14161911, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 27 September 1944, near *****, HOLLAND. During the defense of the ***** Bridgehead in HOLLAND, the patrolling activity of frontline troops played an important part in securing the bridgehead from enemy attack. Corporal DOBBS, Acting Squad Leader, Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry, volunteered for numerous patrols conducted against the enemy during the period that his battalion was on line. On 27 September 1944, near *****, HOLLAND, Corporal DOBBS had volunteered for a patrol whose mission was to lay AT mines on a road behind the German lines that was used as a supply route for front line enemy troops. Corporal DOBBS, exercising great caution moved his patrol through the enemy lines and began laying in mines. During the process of laying the mines, his patrol was discovered by the enemy and a heavy artillery concentration killed two and wounded several of his men. At this critical stage, control of the men was imperative. Corporal DOBBS, by his superior leadership ability and by his movements through the artillery barrage from one man to the next, gained control of his men quieted them down, and had them complete the mission they were assigned to do. The group completed laying mines in the prone position and upon returning with his patrol to the MLR, Corporal DOBBS could not contact medical aid to return after his wounded men. He quickly

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organized a volunteer group of four men, moved back across the field where artillery fire was still falling, found three seriously wounded men and moved them back to evacuation channels. During this entire action, Corporal DOBBS was admired by his men for his gallant manner of performance in carrying out his mission under very hazardous and confused circumstances and displaying utter disregard for his own personal safety in considering the safety of his men above his own. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

SAMUEL D. DURBIN, 37416 50, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944, near ***** , BELGIUM. Private DURBIN, Bazooka Gunner, when his platoon's position was being attacked by enemy infantry supported by a half track mounting a light artillery piece, voluntarily moved to an exposed position under heavy enemy small arms fire and employed his weapon against the enemy vehicle. Private DURBIN scored a direct hit on the half track and knocked it out of action. During this action, Private DURBIN received wounds which later resulted in his death. His courageous act enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission and upholds the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WEST PRAIRIE, MISSOURI.

LAWRENCE J. STEWART, 34876631, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, in *****. Private First Class STEWART, when his platoon was momentarily pinned down, ran from one flank under heavy small arms fire to advance beside his platoon leader. Firing his BAR from the hip, he walked forward toward the heaviest fire and into a machine gun emplacement, firing furiously. He caused six Germans to surrender and killed others. Keeping up a continual fire and never stopping his advance, he walked upright beside his platoon leader throughout the attack and knocked out all resistance. Private First Class STEWART was wounded in the leg but kept on going until he was seen to fall under a shell burst. His courageous and inspiring conduct under fire exemplified the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LAUDALE, MISSISSIPPI.

RICHARD W. THORNE, 15012095, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945, near ***** , BELGIUM. Private THORNE, Company Aid Man, exposed himself under heavy small arms and artillery fire to tend several wounded men. While making an attack, the platoon with which Private THORNE was advancing was pinned down by enemy fire and suffered heavy casualties as they lay on the snowy ground with meager cover. Private THORNE, with a complete unconcern for his own safety, moved from one casualty to another, treating in all some five wounded soldiers. In going about among the injured men, Private THORNE was hit in the chest by small arms fire and died almost immediately. His sacrifice of self for the wounded was far beyond the call of duty and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from LONDON, OHIO.

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ DONALD A. DOYLE, 31118090, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. When members of a patrol were pinned down by heavy mortar and machine gun fire, one man was killed and three others seriously wounded, and Private First Class DOYLE volunteered to go to the aid of these men. To reach them it was necessary to expose himself while crossing an open field, and Private First Class DOYLE was wounded in the left shoulder by an enemy sniper. But disregarding his own injury he continued to the aid of the injured men and moved them to a safe area from which they could be evacuated to the rear. Private First Class DOYLE's gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

✓ HOWARD W. HICKS, JR., 33365295, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Leading a squad forward to reestablish a roadblock, Sergeant HICKS' group was suddenly engaged by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Sergeant HICKS, accompanied by his lead scout, crawled forward in search of the enemy gun. As he moved forward, Sergeant HICKS fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy in an attempt to discover the exact location of the machine gun. After locating it he silenced the gun with hand grenades and signalled his men forward. This gallant and courageous deed by Sergeant HICKS enabled his squad to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from BROWNSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ WILLIS E. MAGLOTHIN, 36880230, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private MAGLOTHIN, Light Machine Gunner, was in a position protecting a roadblock when three German vehicles approached. The vehicles, a half track and two tanks, opened fire wounding Private MAGLOTHIN with the first shell. He continued firing his gun until it had been rendered useless by the enemy fire, thus aiding in knocking out

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the enemy half track and the killing and wounding of over twenty Germans. Private MAGLOTHIN's gallant action inspired the other members of the roadblock to remain at their posts until ordered to withdraw, thereby contributing greatly to the successful repulse of the enemy assault. Entered military service from FLINT, MICHIGAN.

DONALD D. MOXLEY, O-2055096, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant MOXLEY, Company Executive Officer, voluntarily crossed 2000 yards of dangerous terrain under continuous enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to bring up vitally needed tanks for the attack on the town. As the company moved up, Lieutenant MOXLEY contacted three tanks and personally guided them to his company sector. He cleared one minefield on the way and maneuvered the tanks into strategic positions, enabling the capture of this vital point with reduced time and casualties. First Lieutenant MOXLEY's brave and voluntary action reflects credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

WILLIAM W. REED, JR., O-417334, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 at ~~****~~, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant REED, Forward Observer, went forward to join a surrounded unit over the one remaining escape route. For four days and nights, First Lieutenant REED remained with the trapped unit while large forces of enemy troops could be observed moving in on their position. During this time, First Lieutenant REED placed a ring of artillery fire around the encircled unit and at night had harassing fires dropped fifty yards in front of the friendly tanks. By his action, First Lieutenant REED saved this friendly force from almost certain annihilation. The disregard for his own personal safety displayed was an inspiration to all concerned and contributed materially in breaking the attack of the enemy division against our lines. Entered military service from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

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*BURT W. ROEBUCK, 31283306, Staff Sergeant, ~~505th Parachute Infantry~~. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant ROEBUCK, a member of an advance command post party, came upon a platoon of engineers opposing a group of enemy which was attempting to stop the installation of a mined roadblock. Completely exposed, Staff Sergeant ROEBUCK manned his .50 caliber machine gun and brought withering fire on the enemy, inflicting heavy damages. Later it was learned that Staff Sergeant ROEBUCK had turned the advance point of a column of 400 enemy soldiers who were attempting to slip out of a Division pocket. By his gallant action, Staff Sergeant ROEBUCK saved the engineer platoon from probable annihilation and the CP party and equipment from a similar fate. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA.

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

✓ HOYT T. GOODALE, O-1290934, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. When a platoon of his company, assigned to demolish a bridge, came under heavy enemy attack, First Lieutenant GOODALE proceeded to the point of attack and assumed personal control. In the face of enemy armored vehicles reinforced by infantry and with complete disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant GOODALE set up a machine gun in a commanding position. Although exposed to intense enemy fire he retaliated so heavily and accurately that the Germans were forced to retreat. Gathering a few men, First Lieutenant GOODALE then cleared the area temporarily of enemy troops and coolly blew the bridge. His courage, aggressiveness and initiative prevented a serious penetration of our lines. First Lieutenant GOODALE's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA.

✓ PHILLIP M. LYNCH, 39312178, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant LYNCH displayed great initiative and bravery when his company was fired upon by friendly tanks supporting the action of troops on their flank. Sergeant LYNCH, without regard for personal safety, made a bold dash from his position across an open field towards the tanks. As he moved directly in front of them he kept waving his arms until the tank crews recognized him as friendly and ceased fire. Shortly after, Sergeant LYNCH was hit by a mortar shell and died instantly. His gallant action saved the lives of many members of the company and enabled them to successfully pursue the attack. Sergeant LYNCH's conduct reflects great credit upon the traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON.

✓ EDWARD R. O'BRIEN, O-1165319, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant O'BRIEN, a Field Artillery Liaison Officer, voluntarily went forward to serve as Forward Observer during an attack when the "regular Forward Observer" was not available. Moving to the outpost line of the battalion he immediately brought effective fire to bear on strong enemy forces which were preparing to counterattack. This fire was so effective that the enemy counterattack never materialized. In this exposed outpost, First Lieutenant O'BRIEN was killed by enemy fire while carrying out his duties as Forward Observer. His aggressiveness and devotion to duty saved the lives of many men and reflects the highest credit on himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from IOWA.

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✓ CHARLES K. QUALLS, O-1289137, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant QUALLS demonstrated great courage and gallantry in action when he voluntarily led a reconnaissance patrol and located important enemy positions in a strongly held town. He insisted that he be the first to enter buildings occupied by enemy snipers. In house after house he hunted the enemy in each room with bursts of fire from his sub-machine gun. At the doorway of one building he was fired upon but moved in, sprayed the room, and killed three of the enemy. In the next house as he searched one room, a comrade was wounded in the hall. First Lieutenant QUALLS, disregarding his own personal safety, went to the aid of the fallen man, but was met by enemy fire directly to his front. He opened fire with his weapon and killed two of them before he himself was killed. First Lieutenant QUALLS throughout this action displayed courage and gallantry in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHO:4.

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

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

ERVIN P. AUGUSTINE, 36884393, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private AUGUSTINE, Assistant Machine Gunner, was in a position protecting a road block when three enemy vehicles approached. A half track and two tanks opened fire wounding Private AUGUSTINE with the first shell. He continued firing his gun until it had been rendered useless by enemy fire, and aided in knocking out the enemy half track and killing and wounding over twenty Germans. By his gallant action, Private AUGUSTINE inspired the other members of the road block to remain at their posts until ordered to withdraw, thereby contributing greatly to the successful repulse of the enemy assault. Entered military service from GLADWIN, MICHIGAN.

IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 9, 1945:

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So much of Section VI, General Orders No. 9, this Headquarters, dated 18 January 1945, as awards the Purple Heart Medal to Sergeant JAMES B. HOWARD, 14058956, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 in HOLLAND, is amended to award an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Medal (a Purple Heart Medal having been previously awarded) to Sergeant JAMES B. HOWARD, 14058956, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 in HOLLAND.

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V -- 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:

✓ Col.	Roy E. Lindquist	0-18125	3 July 44	508th Procht Inf	FRANCE
✓ Sgt.	Walker E. Wood	34435356	3 Jan 45	Hq Co, 82d Abn Div	BELGIUM
✓ Pvt.	Cecil H. Arnold	36421977	7 Oct 44	Hq Co, 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
✓ Pfc.	Daniel Barnaish	13127063	16 Oct 44	Hq Co, 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
✓ Pfc.	Kenneth L. Bumbarger	35289303	28 Sep 44	Hq Co, 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
✓ M Sgt.	Harland J. Harris	16006318	28 Sep 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
✓ Pfc.	Robert Kilpela	36413897	19 Sep 44	Hq Co, 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
2nd Lt.	Charles W. Mason	0-887988	19 Sep 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
(then M Sgt)					
Lt. Col.	George L. Riddle	0-287888	18 Sep 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
✓ Pvt.	Marvin L. Russell	34255695	2 Oct 44	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
1st Lt.	Cecil Schweighardt	0-2046818	28 Sep 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
Tec 4	William G. Hotzlar	13085585	28 Sep 44	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
1st Lt.	Hunter S. Marston	0-440438	17 Sep 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
Capt.	Alfred G. Lapitino	0-856764	17 Sep 44	Ninth U. S. Army (atcd 82d Abn Div)	HOLLAND
Sgt.	Harry E. Funk	33793436	28 Sep 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
Pvt.	John J. Schenkul	32638327	2 Oct 44	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
✓ Opl	Edward J. Sobczak	36545759	14 June 44	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	FRANCE
✓ Pfc	Robert J. Edwards	16068043	14 June 44	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	FRANCE
S Sgt	Manfred Steinfeld	36737899	18 Sep 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	HOLLAND
Tec 5	John P. Atsales	31197968	6 June 44	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	FRANCE
Pvt	Gordon F. Adams	20829966	6 June 44	Hq Co 82d Abn Div	FRANCE

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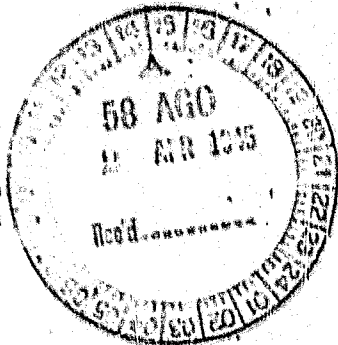
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WARREN F. ALBRECHT, 35560889, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 December 1944 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. Voluntarily leading a daylight patrol to clear snipers in front of the MLR, Sergeant ALBRECHT maneuvered his patrol so as to ambush a strong party of the enemy, killing four of them. Then observing an enemy column, supported by two SP guns, he sent the information back by runner. Taking advantage of the artillery barrage brought on by his message which demoralized the enemy, Sergeant ALBRECHT and his patrol harassed the disorganized Germans in such a manner that they withdrew. By his courageous aggressiveness and initiative, Sergeant ALBRECHT was highly instrumental in breaking up a heavy enemy attack and was directly responsible for inflicting heavy casualties. Sergeant ALBRECHT's conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WINDFALL, INDIANA.

RICHARD J. BITTERMAN, O-1997784, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ~~****~~, BELGIUM. When the leading platoon of his company was pinned down by rifle and automatic weapons fire, First Lieutenant BITTERMAN promptly sprang to his feet spraying the enemy with his sub-machine gun and called his men to follow. By his personal example and forceful leadership he caused his men to get to their feet and flush out the enemy from well dug in positions. First Lieutenant BITTERMAN continued his audacious leadership against each point of enemy resistance until he was wounded and returned to the aid station upon order of his company commander. On his way to the aid station he received additional serious wounds. His courage and gallantry were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from MANNINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

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GEORGE E. CLARK, JR., O-1296170, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 July 1943 near ***, SICILY. First Lieutenant CLARK, although he suffered a broken ankle when he dropped by parachute in the Sicilian Invasion, refused to be evacuated. Instead, he organized a five man patrol and proceeded toward the beach, approximately three and one half miles away. Although under frequent artillery, small arms and automatic weapons fire, he led his platoon safely to a pre-designated point where they lit signal fires to guide the seaborne elements. Placing his men in defensive positions he then helped to repulse attempts by small enemy groups to extinguish these important beacons. His outstanding leadership and courageous aggressiveness were important contributions to the coordinated landings. First Lieutenant CLARK's exemplary conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PROSPECT PARK, PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRY J. FREAR, O-1294814, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 28 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant FREAR, a platoon leader, distinguished himself by establishing himself as the point of his platoon which was the spearhead of his battalion's assault upon the outlying fortifications of the Siegfried Line. In an action lasting eleven hours and fought in waist-deep snow drifts, First Lieutenant FREAR displayed a high order of aggressive and courageous leadership by personally entering enemy occupied bunkers on five different occasions and killing and routing the occupants with hand grenades. He killed seven Germans who were attempting to hold up the advance of his platoon with his Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, one of whom was later identified as the battalion commander of the enemy troops in the vicinity. Throughout the entire action he completely disregarded all consideration of his personal safety as he directed BAR and machine gun fire upon enemy strong points. By his exhibition of fearless disregard of the intense enemy fire, he instilled great confidence in his men and inspired them to the successful completion of a hazardous mission under the most trying conditions of weather and terrain. His conduct during this action was such to reflect highly upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

BENJAMIN H. HILL, O-1306095, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Displaying exceptional courage and leadership, First Lieutenant HILL established outposts in positions occupied by the enemy, despite furious and fanatical resistance. When moving on his second objective meant exposing the flank of his patrol to hostile fire, First Lieutenant HILL fearlessly moved forward alone over open ground in an effort to locate the enemy strong point. With complete disregard for his safety, First Lieutenant HILL exposed himself time and time again to enemy fire until the focal point of resistance was located. Then, signalling the balance of his patrol forward, he led the assault which took the strong point, capturing eight of the enemy and driving the balance away. Quickly consolidating the position, the patrol repelled two particularly vicious counter-attacks. The courage, aggressiveness and initiative displayed by First Lieutenant HILL were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HILLSBORO, TEXAS.

JACK R. ISAACS, O-1288058, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Hearing gunfire and yelling in the vicinity of his OPL and simultaneously receiving word that his first platoon was being attacked, Captain ISAACS turned over OP duties to his Executive Officer and ran to personally direct the defense of the company sector. Upon his arrival Captain ISAACS, with complete disregard for his own safety, directed the withdrawing elements of his command in the face of devastating small arms fire. Setting up positions from which any attempted penetration could be blocked, Captain ISAACS exposed himself to heavy fire in order to better the positions and to check each man personally. Then, from within fifty yards of the enemy, Captain ISAACS directed and adjusted mortar and artillery fire upon the enemy positions, inflicting heavy casualties. The leadership and courageous aggressiveness of Captain ISAACS were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BURLINGAME, KANSAS.

FREDERICK R. JONES, O-452273, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Captain JONES, Company Commander, when an enemy strongpoint held up the company on his right and slowed the battalion advance, personally organized a rifle platoon for an assault on the enemy position. The strongpoint could only be approached by crossing open fields. Recklessly exposing himself to heavy enemy fire, Captain JONES was the first to jump to his feet and rush forward. Under his inspiring leadership, the platoon followed him, maintaining a furious assault fire. Captain JONES' leadership resulted in the neutralization of the strongpoint and allowed his battalion to continue its advance. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

WALLACE G. JUDD, 32422229, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Charged with supplying overhead fire from his machine gun in support of attacking troops, Corporal JUDD exposed himself fearlessly to knock out an enemy emplacement on his company's flank. He then directed the fire of his automatic weapon upon an enemy mortar position, effectively neutralizing it and removing this danger to the company's advance. When the attacking troops came under heavy fire from two self-propelled guns, Corporal JUDD, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved his weapon forward and succeeded in killing and maiming the crew of one gun and aided in knocking out the other. Corporal JUDD's conduct and gallantry were dominant factors in the success of the battalion's attack and were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

JAMES L. KAISER, O-24085, Lieutenant Colonel, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. When a company from his battalion was being attacked by a numerically superior force, Lieutenant Colonel KAISER left his OP and proceeded to that sector. Going to each position, always under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he made sure that the men were in the most advantageous positions to withstand the fanatical enemy assaults. Suddenly perceiving enemy infantry attempting for the second time to cross the river, Lieutenant Colonel KAISER instantly opened fire with his personal weapon and also directed the fire of the company. With utter disregard for his

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own safety, in the face of the enemy's terrific assault fire, Lieutenant Colonel KAISER, from his exposed position, continued to pour fire into the enemy. By his gallantry, Lieutenant Colonel KAISER inspired his men to even greater acts of courage. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

JAMES MEGALLAS, O-439607, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 28 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. After breaking a trail across country for twelve hours in deep, dry snow, First Lieutenant MEGALLAS, a platoon leader, was ordered to advance with his platoon and two supporting tanks along the main road leading into ~~###~~. About one mile from the town, his platoon was fired upon by about 200 Germans forming for a defense. Quickly grasping the situation, he led a frontal assault on the startled enemy who attempted to fight back. First Lieutenant MEGALLAS' direction and leadership of his men was so superb that within ten minutes the entire force of enemy was either killed, captured, or fled into the town. He then reorganized his platoon, and with the two supporting tanks followed the enemy into the town. Braving heavy enemy sniper and rifle fire, he personally took a leading part in flushing the enemy out of their houses, killing eight and capturing five enemy. As a result of First Lieutenant MEGALLAS' fearless leadership and skillful handling of his men, over 100 enemy were killed, 180 captured, and large amounts of valuable equipment fell into our hands. This feat was accomplished without the loss of a single man wounded or killed. First Lieutenant MEGALLAS demonstrated a remarkable degree of tactical skill and a brand of courageous leadership which reflects highly upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FON DU LAC, WISCONSIN.

HERMAN T. ZEITNER, 39384292, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 10 June 1944 near ~~###~~, FRANCE. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant ZEITNER displayed outstanding courage and aggressiveness as he exposed himself time and again to enemy fire as he reorganized the unit and finally led it in the assault which gained the objective. Later in the day when the advance was again held up, Staff Sergeant ZEITNER, with a three man patrol, knocked out an armored car and an enemy tank with bazooka fire. In the final phase of the assault he fearlessly rushed a machine gun nest and eliminated it with hand grenades. The courageous aggressiveness and leadership displayed by Staff Sergeant ZEITNER in this action were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from EUGENE, OREGON.

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II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER, 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, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual posthumously:

✓ EARL H. HABLE, 13092962, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class HABLE, Machine Gunner, stayed in position and employed his weapon under fire from an enemy self-propelled gun less than one hundred fifty yards to his immediate front. Although the self-propelled gun had killed or wounded the riflemen protecting his position, Private First Class HABLE continued firing from his exposed position. His gallant action enabled the platoon to repulse the enemy attack and accomplish its mission. Private First Class HABLE was later killed by enemy sniper fire as his platoon moved forward in the attack. His exemplary conduct under fire was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals posthumously:

✓ ELWOOD J. BREY, O-1312374, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During an attack on strongly defended enemy positions, First Lieutenant BREY fought valiantly at the head of his company, leading them through numerous enemy strong points and with a Tommy-Gun, destroying many of the enemy himself. Always forward, he aggressively directed devastating mortar and machine gun fire on the enemy, heedless of any personal danger. When tanks were used in the attack, First Lieutenant BREY rode upon the leading tank, fighting and directing his men, quitting only after he was mortally wounded while manning a machine-gun. The action of this gallant officer has always been an inspiration to those he led and his spirit has been instilled in those men in a manner which will endure. Entered military service from ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN WALMS, O-1305137, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant WALMS displayed outstanding leadership when he led his platoon to establish a bridgehead across the SAIN River. He personally placed his men in commanding positions on the road net and hold those positions for a day and a night. His command was under almost constant enemy attacks of overwhelming numerical superiority and was occasionally threatened with being overrun. First Lieutenant WALMS, by his courage, aggressiveness and leadership, inspired his men to stay and hold the positions from which they inflicted numerous casualties upon the enemy. As a result of his direction the platoon turned back five separate desperate counterattacks and destroyed two enemy half track vehicles. First Lieutenant WALMS' exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 22, 1945:

OK So much of Section II, General Orders No. 22, this Headquarters, dated 26 February 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal posthumously to RICHARD A. SMITH, O-1703072, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded.

V -- REVOCAION OF THE AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

OK So much of Section II, General Orders No. 70, this Headquarters, dated 30 December 1944, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to GEORGE VANASKY, 19164883, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry, is revoked.

VI -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7, 1945:

OK So much of Section I, General Orders No. 7, this Headquarters, dated 13 January 1945, as awards the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to GEORGE VANASKY, 19164883, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Bronze Star Medal.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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I -- 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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

✓ FREDERICK C. A. KELLAM, O-20376, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Landing in the scheduled drop zone on D-Day, Major KELLAM assembled and organized all available troops of his battalion and personally led them through enemy held territory to their initial objective. Heedless of danger from intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Major KELLAM moved among his men, and by his courage and aggressiveness instilled within them the determination to withhold the numerous counterattacks from a numerically superior enemy. In moving to a more advanced point, from which to better direct his troops, Major KELLAM lost his life. His gallantry and devotion to duty inspired his men to successfully complete their mission and aided materially in the success of the Airborne troops. Entered military service from JENNINGS, LOUISIANA.

✓ JAMES E. MCGINITY, O-23257, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Landing in NORMANDY by parachute on D-Day, Major MCGINITY displayed great qualities of initiative and leadership in assembling his battalion and leading them to their initial objective in the face of intense enemy fire. With no regard for his personal safety, Major MCGINITY moved among his men despite heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and by his example inspired his men to withhold the fierce enemy counter-attacks. In moving forward to where he could better aid his battalion commander, Major MCGINITY lost his life, but his devotion to duty, gallantry and aggressive spirit are still an inspiration to his men. Major MCGINITY's conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN, O-1308754, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Dropping into FRANCE on D-Day, Second Lieutenant McLAUGHLIN's platoon became the assault element of the company. Five hundred yards from the objective the platoon leader became a casualty and Second Lieutenant McLAUGHLIN took command of the unit. Exposing himself fearlessly in the face of intense small arms and automatic weapons fire, he personally led the assault. When the radio operator was wounded and lying in an exposed position, Second Lieutenant McLAUGHLIN, with no regard for his personal safety, ran to his assistance. While endeavoring to move the wounded man to a place of comparative safety, Second Lieutenant McLAUGHLIN received a fatal wound. The courage and aggressiveness, as well as the compassion of mercy displayed by Second Lieutenant McLAUGHLIN, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MISSOULA, MONTANA.

DALE A. ROYSDON, O-414812, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Dropping into FRANCE on D-Day by parachute, Captain ROYSDON demonstrated great initiative in assembling and organizing his battalion. As the battalion operations officer, Captain ROYSDON's superior skill and ability in the issuance of concise orders, orientating unit commanders and in leading the battalion through enemy held territory to the objective were dominant factors in the success of the mission. Fearlessly exposing himself to intense mortar and small arms fire, Captain ROYSDON moved over all parts of the field of battle to better direct his men in the repulsing of heavy enemy counter-attacks. While moving to a forward point in order that he might better aid in the control of his men, Captain ROYSDON was killed by enemy mortar fire. His aggressiveness, superior tactical knowledge and personal example of gallantry and courage were inspiring to his men, and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LAUREL, MONTANA.

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

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

WORSTER M. MORGAN, 18213606, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5-6 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant MORGAN, Patrol Leader of the Regimental Intelligence Section, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 508th Parachute Infantry, led a four man patrol which left our lines to reconnoiter the area in which an attack was planned to retake *** and the surrounding villages. Staff Sergeant MORGAN and the patrol

passed through a friendly unit's lines under cover of darkness and proceeded through enemy territory to ***, the deepest the enemy lines had been penetrated up until this time. Staff Sergeant MORGAN and his companions encountered many enemy groups, were challenged, and fired upon on several occasions. They noted enemy movements, scouted the enemy positions, cut several lines of communication, and secured information which proved of great value during the attack that was later launched. Staff Sergeant MORGAN and his companions remained inside of the enemy lines for over twenty-four hours. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DALLAS, TEXAS.

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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ JOSEPH W. GATES, 35569752, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class GATES, Litter Bearer, after working all day as a bearer, voluntarily took over the duties of jeep driver when the regular medical jeep driver became a casualty about midnight. Private First Class GATES worked tirelessly the remainder of the night and all next day, evacuating about 65 casualties. Although the roads over which he had to drive were in terrible condition and liberally sown with mines which had already blown up one medical company jeep and an ambulance and were under frequent artillery fire, Private First Class GATES unhesitatingly made trip after trip over them, completely unmindful of his own safety. On one occasion he took his jeep up to one of the rifle company CP's to evacuate wounded. Private First Class GATES' courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ANDERSON, INDIANA.

✓ LEROY MEANS, 37046242, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. While a seven man outpost from Company "A" was laying mines to establish a roadblock on the south edge of ***, Private MEANS with two other men were evacuating civilians from the town. While doing so he observed a squad of Germans attempting to outflank the outpost. He immediately engaged them with rifle fire, killing two, and thus warned the outpost who saw two more squads of Germans approaching their flank. Private MEANS' warning came in time to permit an orderly withdrawal of the outpost without casualties, and killing three Germans. He was the last to withdraw continuing his fire to cover the rest of the men. His immediate and unhesitating action saved the outpost from a possible disastrous engagement with numerically superior forces. Entered military service from CLINTON, IOWA.

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

ROBERT H. FRENCH, O-1172014, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 15 November 1944 in HOLLAND, and from 18 December 1944 to 20 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. First Lieutenant FRENCH, Assistant S-1 and S-4, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery, has displayed the highest type of initiative and sound judgment in rendering exceptional service to the Division Artillery during both of these campaigns. His grasp of the administration and supply problems of the artillery units in combat and his energetic efforts to solve these problems, contributed greatly to the successful accomplishment of the missions of the artillery in each campaign. His conduct reflects great credit upon the Military Service. Entered military service from WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

R. H. WIENECKE,
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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, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

✓ CHARLES L. TRIBBY, O-1016438, First Lieutenant, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant TRIBBY, while moving his tank platoon through town, dismounted from his tank and advanced on foot pointing out targets to his tank commanders as well as to supporting infantry. At one stubborn strongpoint, First Lieutenant TRIBBY, with utter disregard for his own safety, entered the house and captured eight enemy. Moving his tanks to the edge of the town, he then directed fire which knocked out two enemy tanks. On 7 January 1945 he led the attack on ***, BELGIUM. The attack was being held up by three enemy tanks. First Lieutenant TRIBBY advanced on foot, reconnoitered a route to move his tanks forward and brought effective fire on the enemy forcing them to withdraw. By his aggressive and courageous action the capture of the town was greatly facilitated. In these actions the conduct of First Lieutenant TRIBBY was an inspiration to all and was a credit to the traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

✓ PAUL KROOK, 16043160, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6, 7, and 8 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Corporal KROOK, leader of a squad occupying a machine gun position in an exposed area, kept his gun and crew in position for two and a half days in the face of constant artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. During the second of the heavy enemy attacks, the defending forces were forced to withdraw because of the terrific artillery preparation. Corporal KROOK displayed great qualities of courageous leadership when, though the attack was spearheaded by tanks and supported by withering fire from automatic weapons, kept his crew by their gun and directed the laying down of a base of fire behind which our forces reorganized and regained their

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positions. The outstanding bravery, leadership and determination displayed by Corporal KROOK were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

✓ CHARLES L. BURCHDUFF, 19075481, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. While on a night attack with his company, Private BURCHDUFF discovered a strong force of enemy dug in at a roadblock. Fearlessly exposing himself he called for the enemy to surrender. The answer was a hail of rifle grenades and automatic weapons fire. With great courage and aggressiveness, Private BURCHDUFF ignored the intense fire of the Germans, and, shooting from the hip, led the assault upon the position which killed twenty three of the enemy and left three captive. Still leading the assault, Private BURCHDUFF continued down the road, using hand grenades to neutralize the small rear guard. The heroism, initiative and aggressiveness displayed by Private BURCHDUFF were an inspiration to his fellow men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

✓ JOHN DURST, 32765133, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Corporal DURST was leading a combat patrol into town when it was trapped by a numerically superior enemy force. He led the group to the temporary shelter of a large monument and set up defensive positions. Realizing that for the patrol to remain there meant capture or annihilation, Corporal DURST, disregarding his own safety and with great heroism, deliberately crossed the road in full view of the enemy. This courageous action drew the full attention and fire of the enemy to him while the balance of the patrol made their escape. Corporal DURST was killed while following this course of action. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

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, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ EDWIN A. BEDELL, O-322823, Lieutenant Colonel, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 9 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Lieutenant Colonel BEDELL, Battalion Commander, advanced with the troops assigned the mission of clearing the bridge and causeway across the MERDERET River.

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Disregarding the heavy enemy small arms and shell fire, Lieutenant Colonel BEDDELL calmly moved among the men, and, by his courageous example, inspired them to continue with their work. By keeping personal contact on the situation, Lieutenant Colonel BEDDELL insured that the important mission was successfully accomplished. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ HOWARD E. JENSEN, O-1302309, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant JENSEN displayed great courage and leadership by leading his platoon in numerous counter-attacks against a very determined and aggressive enemy. After each German thrust, First Lieutenant JENSEN would lead his platoon to counter-attack, but was restrained in his actions due to lack of ammunition. When the ammunition was completely exhausted, First Lieutenant JENSEN, with conspicuous bravery, covered the withdrawal of his men. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

CHARLES W. MAJOR, JR., O-328232, Lieutenant Colonel, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Lieutenant Colonel MAJOR, Battalion Commander, when his battalion was leading the regiment in attack and was pinned down at the edge of an open field by heavy and accurate machine gun fire, went forward to the assault companies through heavy artillery and mortar fire. He went ahead of the assault company scouts and personally reconnoitered the enemy position under intense machine gun fire. He personally directed the assault on an enemy strongpoint, inspiring his men to charge across the open field by his own example and by his complete disregard for his own safety. Lieutenant Colonel MAJOR's calm courage and effective leadership brought about the quick collapse of enemy resistance, thus getting the battalion out of a spot where it was suffering heavy casualties and allowing the regiment's advance to proceed on schedule. Entered military service from ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA.

✓ JAMES A. McDONALD, 31162886, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private McDONALD, Wireman, demonstrated initiative and personal courage under heavy concentrations of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire by maintaining wire communication between the forward observation posts and the mortar positions. When the forward positions and observation posts were overrun by the enemy, Private McDONALD, though wounded, voluntarily returned and maintained wire communication which aided in the repulse of the attacking enemy. Private McDONALD's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SNA PSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS.

RAYMOND G. QUEEN, 34008911, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade QUEEN, Company Aid Man, displayed great courage when he exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to recover a seriously wounded soldier.

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Technician Fourth Grade QUEEN disregarding his own personal safety moved across an open field under heavy small arms fire to render first aid to a badly wounded man in an exposed position. Still under fire, he carried the man to a covered position from which evacuation was possible. This action undoubtedly saved the soldier's life. Technician Fourth Grade QUEEN's heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA.

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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

EDWARD R. AMEND, 32345049, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6, 7 and 8 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Occupying a machine gun position in an exposed area, Private AMEND remained at his post for two and a half days in the face of constant intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. During the second of the heavy enemy attacks, artillery fire caused our forces to withdraw. Private AMEND, though the attack was spearheaded by enemy tanks and supported by heavy automatic weapons fire, stood by his gun and laid down a base of fire behind which our troops reorganized and regained their position. The fine examples of courage, determination and aggressiveness displayed by Private AMEND were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

EDWARD W. ARNDT, 19077109, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. As his platoon was moving into position it was attacked. During the ensuing fire fight a machine gunner was wounded. Private First Class ARNDT, Acting Signal Corporal, without hesitation, although under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, recovered the gun and brought an effective fire on the attacking enemy. Receiving the order to withdraw, Private First Class ARNDT, voluntarily remained in position and covered this movement. His initiative and courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CAMP ROBERTS, CALIFORNIA.

ROY E. BOOTHE, 33543371, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private BOOTHE and two other riflemen were assigned the mission of company flank protection. When his two comrades were wounded, Private BOOTHE courageously remained in position and repulsed numerous small enemy attacks. The situation permitting, he administered first aid to the wounded and moved them to a covered position. His determined and thoughtful actions reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

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✓ JOHN R. BRADLEY, 20341272, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private BRADLEY, Truck Driver, displayed outstanding courage and initiative when he left a sheltered position to rescue valuable supplies. On reaching an 81mm mortar position, enemy machine gun fire ignited the gasoline on one of the trucks. Private BRADLEY rushed from his covered position, procured his fire extinguisher, and helped extinguish the flames. His quick action helped save the vitally needed supplies and enabled the oppressed troops to repel the enemy attack. Entered military service from MARYLAND.

✓ BERNARD J. CARLIER, 35137483, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During a sustained attack by this battalion against enemy occupied positions, Sergeant CARLIER, as forward observer for the 81mm Mortar Platoon with the front line rifle company, did, with utter disregard for his own safety, subject himself to intense enemy mortar and small arms fire in order to bring neutralizing 81mm mortar fire upon the enemy position. When the rifle company was temporarily halted by machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant CARLIER in company with the Rifle Company Commander and Radio Operator went forward to adjust mortar fire on the enemy positions. The Rifle Company Commander was wounded, the radio operator was killed, and Sergeant CARLIER, with great presence of mind and keen judgment, picked up the radio, adjusted the fire of the mortars, deployed the rifle squads to flank machine gun nest, and kept command of the situation until a junior rifle company officer could take command. By his action the position was reduced, enabling the company to accomplish its mission and advance to the battalion objective. Sergeant CARLIER, by his superb sense of duty, loyalty and courage displayed, is a credit to the Armed Forces, and reflects great credit upon the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from FAYETTEVILLE, OHIO.

✓ WILSON M. CLARK, 20422887, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Given a patrol mission of extreme urgency to contact the commanding general of the seaborne forces with vital information, Sergeant CLARK cheerfully accepted this dangerous mission despite extreme fatigue. Displaying superior scouting ability and aggressive initiative, Sergeant CLARK, with his companions, traversed more than three miles of enemy held territory to accomplish the mission. After participating with the seaborne forces in the repelling of a strong enemy penetration he retraced the route to his own forces, completely disregarding his own safety, in the face of enemy fire. Sergeant CLARK's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TAMPA, FLORIDA.

✓ HARRY CRABTREE, 35137153, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class CRABTREE, Rifleman, was manning an observation post when an enemy motorcycle with side car was spotted speeding toward the position. Private First Class CRABTREE and two other men fired, hitting the driver. One German started to run and another fired to cover him. Private First Class CRABTREE, exposing himself to this fire, ran after the retreating man, fired and brought him down. Running up,

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Private First Class CRABTREE found that he had wounded a German officer. Calling for help, Private First Class CRABTREE got the officer back to the OP under the observation of enemy vehicles. By his quick and audacious action, Private First Class CRABTREE secured a secret German division order and a reconnaissance officer of a Panzer Division as a very valuable prisoner. Entered military service from WEST VIRGINIA.

DUANE A. DENNISON, 15337034, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action 6 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. An OP, operated by his squad, was first subjected to an intense artillery concentration and then attacked by a strong enemy patrol. Corporal DENNISON went to the assistance of the OP, ordered the men back to the IIR, called for artillery fire, and covered their withdrawal. Disregarding his own safety, he directed the artillery fire which completely disorganized the enemy patrol. By his courage, aggressiveness and initiative, Corporal DENNISON averted a strong raid on the main line. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

J. D. DENT, 37099515, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Given a patrol mission of extreme urgency to contact the commanding general of the seaborne forces with vital information, Private First Class DENT cheerfully accepted this dangerous mission despite extreme fatigue. Displaying superior scouting ability and aggressive initiative, Private First Class DENT, with his companions, traversed more than three miles of enemy held territory to accomplish the mission. After participating with the seaborne forces in the repelling of a strong enemy penetration, he retraced the route to his own forces, completely disregarding his own safety, in the face of enemy fire. Private First Class DENT's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from JONESBORO, ARKANSAS.

CONRAD J. DUMONT, 31217226, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal DUMONT, Fireman, First Battalion Communication Section, did during an attack of the First Battalion against numerically superior enemy forces in occupied defensive position, with disregard for his own safety and at great risk of his own life, maintained wire communication between his commander and attacking troops, artillery liaison and 81mm Mortar Platoon. At the height of the attack, when radio communication was temporarily jammed by outside influences, Corporal DUMONT exposed himself to enemy small arms and mortar fire in order to string wire, install telephones, and keep the Battalion Commander in communication with his troops. For more than three hours, Corporal DUMONT laid wire, repaired breaks under fire, thus enabling the Battalion Commander to retain control of and direct the attack of his front line forces, call for artillery fire and mortar fire to neutralize the enemy position. By the superb performance, coolness and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal DUMONT, the attack was pressed forward, the objective taken and the mission accomplished. His work won for him the respect and admiration of the entire battalion, men and officers alike, and reflects credit upon the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SANFORD, MAINE.

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SECTION

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:

FRANK L. ERL, 0392231, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 3-4 July 1944, on the road from **** to ****, FRANCE. Lieutenant ERL aggressively led his platoon in locating and removing mines, road blocks and booby traps, thus enabling the tanks to keep abreast of the advancing infantry. Lieutenant ERL's coordination of working parties, initiative and outstanding leadership under enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, insured the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from MEDFORD, WISCONSIN.

FRED J. GUTMAN, 32815630, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5-6 January 1945, near *** BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade GUTMAN, member of the Regimental Intelligence Section, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 508th Parachute Infantry, was a member of a four man patrol which left our line to reconnoiter the area in which an attack was planned to retake *** BELGIUM, and the surrounding villages. Technician Fifth Grade GUTMAN and the patrol passed through a friendly unit's lines under cover of darkness and proceeded through enemy territory to *****, the deepest penetration of the enemy lines that had been accomplished up to that time. Technician Fifth Grade GUTMAN and his companions encountered many enemy troops, were challenged and fired upon on several occasions. They noted enemy movements, scouted the enemy positions, cut several lines of communication, and secured information which proved of great value during the attack that was later launched. Technician Fifth Grade GUTMAN and his companions remained inside the enemy lines for over twenty-four hours. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

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X VERNON HALL, 19028310, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944, at ****, BELGIUM. Private HALL, Truck Driver, displayed outstanding courage and initiative when he left a sheltered position to rescue valuable supplies. On reaching an 81mm mortar position, enemy machine gun fire ignited the gasoline on one of the trucks. Private HALL rushed from his covered position, procured his fire extinguisher and helped extinguish the flames. His quick action helped save the vitally needed supplies and enabled the oppressed troops to repel the enemy attack. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

X RICHARD R. HALLOCK, 01321116, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ****, GERMANY. When the assault platoon of his company was stopped by heavy small arms fire, Lieutenant HALLOCK, leading a follow-up platoon, moved quickly forward and observed seventy Germans in position. Without hesitation, he swung his platoon to the left and unobserved, attacked the enemy from the flank. This surprising action, during which Lieutenant HALLOCK personally killed four Germans, caught the enemy by surprise and heavy casualties were inflicted. Later in the attack he disregarded his own safety in carrying his wounded scout to a covered position. Lieutenant HALLOCK's actions throughout this engagement greatly inspired his men. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

X JOHN A. HAZELBAKER, 37102797, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, about one and one-half miles from ****, GERMANY. Corporal HAZELBAKER, Assistant Squad Leader, distinguished himself during an attack on the fixed fortifications of the Siegfried Line. After assuming command of his squad when his squad leader was wounded, he continually exposed himself to intense enemy fire from pillboxes while expertly directing his squad across an exposed river bed. At the front of his men at all times, he personally killed five enemy with his Thompson sub-machine gun. While directing his men into effective firing positions, he was seriously wounded. He lay on an open hillside during an enemy artillery barrage waiting to be evacuated, but continued to give encouragement to his men with instructions and orders. The extreme courage displayed by Corporal HAZELBAKER was an inspiring example for his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ARKANSAS.

X NORMAN A. HERTZFELD, 30239465, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM. Sergeant HERTZFELD, Wire Chief, during an attack by his battalion, kept his Battalion Commander in wire communication with his OP and the rear as the attack progressed. When his assistant was wounded, Sergeant HERTZFELD continued to advance with the Battalion Commander until he reached the end of his wire. He then called for resupply and remained by his phone in an extremely exposed position under heavy machine gun, artillery, and close range tank fire. When additional wire was brought forward, Sergeant HERTZFELD went forward, located his Battalion Commander after great effort, and kept him in communication by wire with the rear. Through Sergeant HERTZFELD's untiring efforts and disregard for his own safety, his Battalion Commander was

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able to remain in close touch with higher headquarters and to report information essential to the success of the operation. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

X FRED H. HIGGINSON, 17128793, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4-5 January 1945, near ***, BELGIUM. On 4 and 5 January 1945, inclusive, during attacks by the First Battalion, 325th Glider Infantry, to which he was attached, Technician Fifth Grade HIGGINSON performed gallantly in the face of great danger. His regular duty being that of records clerk in the Medical Detachment, he voluntarily assumed the duties of a litter bearer when their ranks were depleted. This involved great personal danger, exposing him to severe enemy mortar and small arms fire. He dauntlessly carried on his work and his skill and bravery are credited with saving the lives of at least three of our wounded. Most remarkable about the fortitude displayed by this man, as revealed later, he performed these deeds with both feet frost-bitten so badly that they were a solid mass of blisters, not pausing to administer to his own excruciating pain until he had taken care of his comrades. Such courage as displayed by Technician Fifth Grade HIGGINSON is unequalled in his organization and reflects the highest tradition of the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from WICHITA, KANSAS.

X SHELBY O. IRWIN, 34394423, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945, near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class IRWIN, Rifleman, when all the non-commissioned officers of his platoon became casualties, took charge and led his squad. During the ensuing attack, an entire machine gun crew was wounded. Private First Class IRWIN, under heavy mortar and artillery fire, recovered the machine gun and manned it alone. Advancing down the main road into the town, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class IRWIN fired the machine gun without assistance, wounding and dispersing the enemy, and enabling the company to accomplish its mission. Private First Class IRWIN's initiative, leadership and courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT McLELLAN, ALABAMA.

WILLIAM W. KELLOGG, 0446618, Captain, 507th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 12 February 1945, near ***, GERMANY. Captain KELLOGG led a reconnaissance patrol under enemy observation and machine gun fire to gain necessary information of roads, characteristics of the ROER River, possible river crossings, damage done to bridges, and location of enemy road blocks and mines. Captain KELLOGG's courage, devotion to duty and accuracy in securing this important information reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TEXAS.

WILLIAM T. KENNY, 33903347, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945, near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class KENNY, LMG Gunner, Company "G", 508th Parachute Infantry, during the attack on ** ***, BELGIUM, was instrumental in knocking out an enemy high-velocity gun which had brought punishing fire to bear upon the company as it pushed forward in the

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final phase of the attack. The Company was in the progress of reorganizing for the final push when a concealed enemy high-velocity gun opened up with direct fire from a range of approximately 150 yards. Private First Class KENNY and a bazooka gunner both moved forward without cover to engage the gun. In spite of the fact that they were in the open and the enemy gun continued firing, Private First Class KENNY opened fire with his LMG and in conjunction with the bazooka gunner succeeded in knocking out the gun and its crew. Private First Class KENNY's heroic conduct and quick action was responsible for knocking out the enemy gun and allowed the further advance of his company and success in the attack. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

X SHERWOOD G. KEYSER, 33017278, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant KEYSER, Mortar Section Leader, manned a mortar, single-handed, under heavy shell fire and knocked out a machine gun which had pinned down his company during an attack. As soon as he was told that a machine gun was holding up the company, he ran to his mortar, and in spite of shells falling on all sides, coolly loaded and fired on the machine gun position. The leading platoon of the company followed closely on his fire. Had it not been for Staff Sergeant KEYSER's courageous and calm action, the company would have had to cross 200 yards of open field in the face of concentrated machine gun fire. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

X BOB R. LANIER, 17091219, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. When his platoon's advance through the Siegfried Line positions was held up by fierce small arms fire, Private LANIER, Rifle Grenadier, voluntarily moved to an exposed position and fired four rifle grenades, causing several enemy casualties and so much confusion among the Germans that his platoon's advance was able to continue. Then, by continuing to deliver direct small arms fire into the enemy despite heavy return fire, he enabled his platoon to successfully advance. Private LANIER's courageous actions are highly reflective of the highest standards of military heroism. Entered military service from EAGLE PASS, TEXAS.

X RAY E. LOWE, 30736895, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944, at *****, BELGIUM. Private LOWE, Truck Driver, displayed outstanding courage and initiative when he left a sheltered position to rescue valuable supplies. On reaching an enemy mortar position, enemy machine gun fire ignited the gasoline on his truck. Private LOWE rushed from his covered position procured his fire extinguisher and helped extinguish the flames. His quick action helped save the vitally needed supplies and enabled the oppressed troops to repel the enemy attack. Entered military service from MARYLAND.

X WILLIAM E. McDERMOTT, 01103607, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 9 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Lieutenant McDERMOTT displayed high qualities of leadership in leading his platoon and inspiring his men to successfully

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accomplish their mission of clearing the bridge and causeway across the MERDERET River of mines and wrecked enemy vehicles. Under heavy enemy small arms and shell fire, Lieutenant MODEROTT, personally proceeding with the actual work, set an example for his men which enabled the work to be successfully completed in the shortest possible time. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

FORREST B. MEADE, 32253480, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Given a patrol mission of extreme urgency to contact the Commanding General of the seaborne forces with vital information, Private First Class MEADE cheerfully accepted this dangerous mission despite extreme fatigue. Displaying superior scouting ability and aggressive initiative, Private First Class MEADE, with his companions, traversed more than three miles of enemy held territory to accomplish the mission. After participating with the seaborne forces in the repelling of strong enemy penetration, he retraced the route to his own forces, completely disregarding his own safety, in the face of enemy fire. Private First Class MEADE's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FT. NIAGARA, NEW YORK.

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

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

X GILBERT GREENBERG, 12047814, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM. During an assault upon an enemy strongpoint, Technician Fifth Grade GREENBERG not only performed his duties of maintaining contact with the assault companies by 300 radio in a superior manner, but also joined in close combat with the enemy. Despite the handicap of his normal duties, Technician Fifth Grade GREENBERG displayed great aggressiveness when he closed with the enemy, killing eleven with his M-1 rifle and capturing twelve others. His actions were of material aid in the neutralization of a battalion of enemy and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from EIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.

X DEAN A. MC NEALEY, 37186874, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action from 20 December 1944 to 11 January 1945, in BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant MC NEALEY displayed superior ability and courage in the maintenance of communication lines although under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. On 3 January with utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant MC NEALEY rendered first aid to a wounded man despite constant sniper fire. Communication lines, laid under his personal direction, were a dominant factor in the capture of the town of ****. Staff Sergeant MC NEALEY's untiring devotion to duty and initiative were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MILAN, MISSOURI.

X JAMES J. MEYERS, 01316181, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM. Lieutenant MEYERS assumed command of the company when the Company Commander became a casualty, and aggressively led a successful attack in the face of intense artillery and small arms fire. When the advance slowed because of the heavy fire encountered, Lieutenant MEYERS reconnoitered alone to locate the exact positions of the enemy.

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He then returned to lead a highly successful flanking movement, neutralizing the enemy guns and allowing other friendly elements to advance into positions for the final assault on the town. The heroic conduct of Lieutenant MEYERS was a determining factor in the success of the attack and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

IV DAVID H. MOORE, 35290800, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant MOORE, Battalion Supply Sergeant, during a sustained attack by his battalion against numerically superior enemy forces, without any regard for his personal safety and at risk of his life, succeeded in resupplying front line rifle companies with badly needed ammunition. At the height of the attack, when a front line rifle company was running low on small arms ammunition, Sergeant MOORE organized a carrying party from the Battalion Supply Section, Headquarters personnel and others. Although the entire route was subjected to intense enemy mortar fire and small arms fire, at times being pinned down for minutes when he could not move, Sergeant MOORE led his party to resupply the company, thus enabling it to fulfill its mission and capture the objective. The action of Sergeant MOORE, his initiative, coolness and bravery under fire, won him the respect of the entire Battalion and reflects credit upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CORNING, OHIO.

V PETER P. MOORE, 35875831, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 January 1945, at ****, BELGIUM. Private MOORE, BAR Gunner, Company "C", 508th Parachute Infantry, was a member of a platoon which was held up in their attack by an enemy strongpoint at *****, BELGIUM. This strongpoint consisted of two houses which the enemy was defending with a large number of automatic weapons with a 75mm gun in support. Private MOORE, with two other men, volunteered to assault the position from the flank. The group had only thirty rounds of TSMG ammunition apiece, five clips of BAR ammunition, and a few grenades. They attacked the gun first and killed the tank commander. This demoralized the other crew members, who ceased firing and fled. Private MOORE and one comrade laid down a base of fire and the other assaulted the houses with grenades. The assault was successful and a total of forty-one prisoners were captured as a result of this action, thus permitting Company "C" to take the remainder of the village. The actions of this group were responsible for the success of the attack and the capture of *****. Private MOORE's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from HAMILTON, OHIO.

JOHN E. NAY, 35290436, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944, near ****, BELGIUM. Sergeant NAY, Squad Leader, by daring and effective patrol and OP work, enabled his unit to achieve its mission. He led the first patrol to reconnoiter the town of **** after the enemy had been observed setting up installations there. In spite of the danger involved in working so

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close to the enemy, he brought back information which enabled his unit to set up counter-measures which were a decisive factor in the defense of ***** BELGIUM. The following day, after being shelled from his OP by enemy half tracks and having his helmet knocked off by machine gun bullets, Sergeant NAY, carrying a reel of wire in one hand and a submachine gun in the other, voluntarily established an OP overlooking ****, from which he directed artillery fire on enemy armored units in ****. As a result of Sergeant NAY's courageous and effective work, the enemy was forced to deploy and the unit was enabled to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from SIMPSON, WEST VIRGINIA.

ALTON J. NINI, SR., 38490847, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct on 29 December 1944, near ****, BELGIUM. Private NINI, Rifleman, with two other enlisted men, established a 24-hour outpost about 1000 yards in front of our own lines. They laid a telephone line to their position and directed artillery and mortar fire and reported enemy movement. About 1600 the afternoon of 30 December 1944, a squad of Germans approached their position. When the leader was less than ten yards away he spotted them and reached for his pistol. Our men opened fire, killing two of the enemy. They then left the outpost in order to deceive the Germans into thinking they were a roving patrol. The ruse succeeded, and after dark the men reestablished the outpost. Private NINI's conduct in the face of danger was an inspiration to other men in his unit, and the operation of the outpost was of great value to the battalion in maintaining contact with the enemy and harassing their movement. Entered military service from BERWICK, LOUISIANA.

DONALD D. NUTTING, 20108692, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When his platoon leader was wounded and the men scattered during an attack, Sergeant NUTTING, Assistant Squad Leader, quickly reorganized the platoon under heavy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Sergeant NUTTING moved from man to man, paying no attention to the severe fire to which he was exposed, and through sheer leadership ability and force of character welded the scattered group into a hard hitting force and drove the Germans from wooded ground, secured the platoon objective, and organized an outpost line for his battalion. Sergeant NUTTING's courageous and effective action was far beyond the normal duties of his rank and reflects great credit on the Service. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

GEORGE E. OUWERKERK, 12058694, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Private First Class OUWERKERK, Machine Gunner, hid on three separate occasions, without hesitation and firing from exposed positions, engage enemy machine guns firing from heavily defended pillboxes. Private First Class OUWERKERK's coolness and accuracy under fire forced the enemy to close the firing slits, thereby enabling his platoon to attack with but a few casualties to themselves. Firing from these same positions, Private First Class OUWERKERK was also personally responsible for the killing of four Germans who were on the high ground above the pillbox. Private First Class OUWERKERK's disre-

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guard for the dangers involved and superb technique of fire greatly contributed to his platoon's success. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

STANLEY L. PHILLIPS, 32043097, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near **** GERMANY. Staff Sergeant PHILLIPS, a Squad Leader, fearlessly exposing himself to extremely heavy and accurate machine gun and rifle fire, established himself as the point of his squad and led it across an open stream bed and assaulted a strongly defended pillbox of the Siegfried Line, capturing 27 prisoners. Later, when his company was counterattacked for five continuous hours by a vastly superior force of enemy, Staff Sergeant PHILLIPS distinguished himself by checking each of his squad's positions while under constant observation and fire from the securely entrenched enemy. Throughout this entire action, Staff Sergeant PHILLIPS' intrepid leadership and cool personal courage under a trying situation proved a great inspiration to his men and reflected high credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GLEN FALLS, NEW YORK.

JAMES D. RANKIN, 39318996, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5-6 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. Private First Class RANKIN, member of the Regimental Intelligence Section, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 508th Parachute Infantry, was a member of a four man patrol which left out lines to reconnoiter the area in which an attack was planned to retake ***** BELGIUM, and the surrounding villages. Private First Class RANKIN and the patrol passed through a friendly unit's lines under cover of darkness and proceeded through enemy territory to ***** the deepest penetration of the enemy lines that had been accomplished up to that time. Private First Class RANKIN and his companions encountered many enemy groups, were challenged and fired upon on several occasions. They noted enemy movements, scouted the enemy positions, cut several lines of communication, and secured information which proved of great value during the attack that was later launched. Private First Class RANKIN and his companions remained inside of the enemy lines for over twenty-four hours. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PORTLAND, OREGON.

WALTER J. RHEA, 20367088, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944, near ****, FRANCE. Given a patrol mission of extreme urgency to contact the Commanding General of the Seaborne Forces with vital information; Sergeant RHEA cheerfully accepted this dangerous mission despite extreme fatigue. Displaying superior scouting ability and aggressive initiative, Sergeant RHEA, with his companions, traversed more than three miles of enemy held territory to accomplish the mission. After participating with the Seaborne Forces in the repelling of a strong enemy penetration, he retraced the route to his own forces, completely disregarding his own safety, in the face of enemy fire. Sergeant RHEA's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HAMPTON, VIRGINIA.

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RUSSELL J. RICHARDSON, 36454263, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant RICHARDSON, Acting First Sergeant, prevented the reserve platoon of his company from becoming disorganized in the face of unexpected close range fire from enemy tanks supported by artillery and machine gun fire, which pinned down his company commander and the leading elements of the company. The entire company, unsupported by friendly armor, was in danger of being pinned down under punishing fire. Exposing himself recklessly, Staff Sergeant RICHARDSON rallied the reserve elements and moved them forward promptly to a less exposed position on the flank in accordance with the Battalion Commander's orders. Under the extremely heavy fire, Staff Sergeant RICHARDSON accomplished the desired maneuver in time to prevent heavy casualties. Staff Sergeant RICHARDSON's cool and effective action and his great personal courage reflect the greatest credit on the service. Entered military service from LANSING, MICHIGAN.

HOWARD D. ROBINETTE, 35650814, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 December 1944, at ***** BELGIUM. Private First Class ROBINETTE, Demolitionist, with the aid of a comrade, rescued his platoon leader from drowning. The platoon leader slipped off the bridge which was being prepared for demolition, fell some forty feet and was rendered unconscious on striking the icy water below. Private First Class ROBINETTE, completely disregarding the short range machine gun and small arms fire, rescued his leader and administered first aid until the medics arrived. This heroic and courageous deed saved the life of his platoon leader. Private First Class ROBINETTE's unselfish heroism is a credit to himself and to the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

EARL M. ROGERS, 34893778, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Heavy enemy artillery concentrations scored several direct hits upon the platoon CP, causing numerous casualties. Private First Class ROGERS, disregarding the intense shelling and with no thought for his own safety, immediately went into the area to treat the wounded and organize litter teams. By his prompt heroic action he was able to evacuate the wounded and prevent unnecessary loss of life. Private First Class ROGERS' conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GLYDE, NORTH CAROLINA.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT.....I
AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 21, 1945.....II

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:

✓ ERWIN E. SHAFER, 38286950, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When his rifle squad leader became a casualty, Private First Class SHAFER assumed command of the squad and at the same time took over the BAR when its operator was killed. In the dual role of BAR gunner and squad leader, Private First Class SHAFER led his squad aggressively in the attack against strongly fortified positions. During this action he personally killed five Germans and destroyed a machine gun nest. His gallant actions and inspiring leadership greatly inspired all his comrades. Entered military service from DALLAS, TEXAS.

✓ ROBERT G. SHATRAU, 12003088, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action for the period 3 January to 10 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When the communications officer was evacuated, Staff Sergeant SHATRAU, Wire Chief, reorganized the section and in the face of heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire personally supervised the laying of wire which kept communication channels open. While leading a wire party to a battalion, Staff Sergeant SHATRAU encountered an enemy patrol. He so skillfully deployed his men and directed them in the ensuing fire fight that seven of the enemy were captured and the balance badly mauled. The superior communication lines maintained by Staff Sergeant SHATRAU were a dominating factor in the capture of the town. Entered military service from SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

✓ FRANK S. SLUGAI, 32240268, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class SLUGAI, Acting Squad Leader, reorganized and moved a platoon into position after the platoon leader had become a casualty. With the platoon leader out of action there became an imminent threat of disorganization and confusion. Private First Class SLUGAI at this time moved out, contacted the remainder of his company, returned, and with remarkable calmness and courage, proceeded to reorganize and lead his platoon in the attack as a strong well-coordinated unit. His exemplary conduct and leadership in this action were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY.

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NORMAN SMITH, 33297725, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5-6 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH, a member of the Regimental Intelligence Section, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, was a member of a four man patrol which left our lines to reconnoiter the area in which an attack was planned to retake ***, BELGIUM, and the surrounding villages. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH and the patrol passed through a friendly unit's lines under cover of darkness and proceeded through enemy territory to ***, the deepest penetration of the enemy lines which had been accomplished up to that time. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH and his companions encountered many enemy groups, were challenged and fired upon on several occasions. They noted enemy movements, scouted the enemy positions, cut several lines of communication, and secured information which proved of great value during the attack that was later launched. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH and his companions remained inside of the enemy lines for over twenty-four hours. His heroic actions reflect credit upon himself and were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

RUSSELL W. SUNBURY, 20221694, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant SUNBURY, Platoon Sergeant, volunteered to man an observation post 2000 yards in front of the PLR while the main body effected a change of position. Technical Sergeant SUNBURY's post was within 400 yards of hundreds of enemy vehicles, including tanks maneuvering for position. He manned his OP, firing artillery and mortar. About midnight a heavy enemy mortar and small arms concentration covered his position, and two armored cars advanced down the road toward the OP, which had only a bazooka for protection. Technical Sergeant SUNBURY fired a BMR and continued to adjust artillery until forced out of the position. Technical Sergeant SUNBURY's tenacious and courageous performance of duty was a meritorious contribution to the complete success of the battalion's change of position. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

WILLIAM H. TRAUTNER, 35735308, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When the enemy resisted an attack with point blank fire from high velocity weapons, Technician Fifth Grade TRAUTNER exposed himself fearlessly to direct counter artillery. Uneven terrain and poor radio reception threatened to impede proper functioning of his radio, but Technician Fifth Grade TRAUTNER, upon his own initiative and with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy view on high points to insure the messages getting through. By his action heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and the success of the attack insured. Technician Fifth Grade TRAUTNER's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

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ROBERT V. TRIBE, O-1103442, First Lieutenant, 30th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 9 June 1944 in ***, FRANCE. Due to the darkness and an enemy counterattack, First Lieutenant TRIBE was cut off from friendly troops for three hours. Trying to return to the Battalion CP, he assembled approximately fifty scattered troops, similarly cut off, and by outstanding leadership, formed these troops into an organized defense against the enemy. Entered military service from OGDEN, UTAH.

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✓ RUDOLPH J. UTZIG, 32762111, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6, 7, and 8 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Occupying a machine gun position in an exposed area, Private UTZIG remained at his post for two and a half days in the face of constant intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. During the second of the heavy enemy attacks artillery fire caused our forces to withdraw. Private UTZIG thought the attack was spearheaded by enemy tanks and supported by heavy automatic weapons fire, and stood by his gun and laid down a base of fire behind which our troops reorganized and regained their position. The fine example of courage, determination and aggressiveness displayed by Private UTZIG were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ ROBERT J. VERLI, 32634663, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class VERLI, Demolitionist, with the aid of a comrade, rescued his platoon leader from drowning. The platoon leader slipped off the bridge which was being prepared for demolition, fell some forty feet and was rendered unconscious on striking the icy water below. Private First Class VERLI, completely disregarding the short range machine gun and small arms fire, rescued his leader and administered first aid until the medics arrived. This heroic and courageous deed saved the life of his platoon leader. Private First Class VERLI's unselfish heroism is a credit to himself and to the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

✓ ERLE H. WHEELER 39389079, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During a powerful enemy attack, Staff Sergeant WHEELER, with complete disregard for his personal safety, repeatedly exposed himself to draw fire and thus locate the enemy's positions. When his entire machine gun section was knocked out by mortar fire, Staff Sergeant WHEELER manned a gun by himself and savagely held off the enemy forces. This effective fire secured the platoon flank and enabled the fanatical attacks to be repulsed. Staff Sergeant WHEELER's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OROFINO, IDAHO.

II -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 21, 1945:

OK So much of Section II, General Orders No. 21, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, dated 24 February 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal to ERNEST L. ARLESI, 39088223, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Silver Star Medal Missing in Action.

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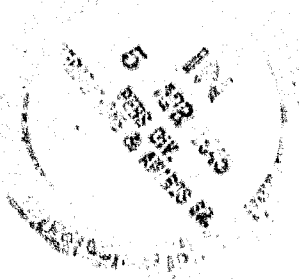
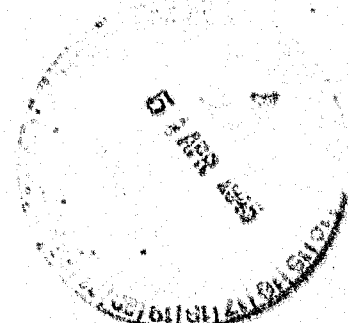
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I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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

PAUL N. BERRY, 0447479, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 7 February 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Captain BERRY, Medical Detachment, 508th Parachute Infantry, Battalion Surgeon, conducted himself in an exemplary manner in the treatment and prompt evacuation of the wounded personnel within his battalion. When his battalion was in an attack during this period of operation, Captain BERRY worked continuously to bring prompt and adequate treatment to the wounded, directing the evacuation of all litter cases without delay despite the terrain difficulties and adverse weather conditions. Captain BERRY gained the praise and admiration of all officers and men of his battalion for his personal disregard for his own safety while conducting with great skill and courage care for the wounded. During an attack on *****, near *****, BELGIUM, Captain BERRY demonstrated a great sense of responsibility when he worked late into the night seeking out casualties in snow and wooded terrain and succeeded in evacuating all known casualties. Captain BERRY's untiring efforts and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the high state of morale within his unit. The actions of Captain BERRY during this period of combat reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

CHARLES BILLINGSLEA, 020567, Colonel, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious achievement from 28 January to 1 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. After elimination of the German salient in the ARDENNES, the 82d Airborne Division was given a mission to attack towards the SIEGFRIED Line on the right flank of XVIII Corps (Airborne). The 325th Glider Infantry, commanded by Colonel BILLINGSLEA, initiated this assault on the Division's left flank, jumping off before dawn in waist-deep snow, capturing the town of ***** and advancing more than 7000 yards on 28 January. On succeeding days the town of ***** was captured and all objectives accomplished brilliantly and decisively.

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Colonel BILLINGSLEA's extraordinary energy and keen determination, coupled with a profound sense of responsibility in coordinating the operations of his command with those of adjacent units were the decisive factors in the success of the assault on the SIEGFRIED Line in the face of all opposition. The thoroughness of his planning was reflected in the rapid accomplishment of each succeeding mission throughout the operation, and in the destruction and/or capture of large numbers of the enemy and his material under extreme weather conditions over terrain beset with natural and military obstacles. Colonel BILLINGSLEA demonstrated at all times outstanding qualities, of skillful, daring leadership and initiative to further the brilliant accomplishments of the 82d Airborne Division. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

THOMAS B. COCHEY, 35289699, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 11 January 1945, in BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant COCHEY, Regimental Motor Sergeant, has exhibited great devotion to duty in securing a high standard of vehicle maintenance under very difficult conditions of cold, ice and snow. During the extremely fluid state of the fighting in BELGIUM, it was of the utmost importance that every vehicle be in operating condition at all times. Staff Sergeant COCHEY's constant and effective supervision brought about maximum performance. By his foresight and resourcefulness, Staff Sergeant COCHEY insured the availability of needed parts. He saw to it that replacement tire chains were always on hand to take care of this rapidly worn out item and set up a procedure to insure immediate replacement of shrapnel damaged tires. When the unit reached a rest area, the state of the organization's vehicles was commended by higher headquarters. Staff Sergeant COCHEY's continuous attention to duty was in a large part responsible for the efficient functioning of the motor pool. Entered military service from FREMONT, OHIO.

WILLIAM E. EKMAN, 021190, Colonel, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious achievement from 28 January to 1 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. In furtherance of the Division assault toward the SIEGFRIED Line, Colonel EKMAN, Commanding the 505th Parachute Infantry, demonstrated superior qualities of leadership, initiative and aggressiveness in the employment of his regiment to achieve its assigned missions. His planning was skillfully conceived and executed with faultless thoroughness. He moved his regiment out at 0230 one morning in the dark and seized primary objectives in less than seven hours. He advanced his command for more than 3000 yards through deep snow and over difficult terrain and consolidated a large area to enable a following regiment to leapfrog and continue the assault. On 31 January, Colonel EKMAN moved his regiment out at 0430 and advanced more than 6000 yards against determined resistance to penetrate 1000 yards into GERMANY. Colonel EKMAN's enthusiasm and zeal inspired his officers and men to the accomplishment of every assignment with determination and vigor. Colonel EKMAN worked ceaselessly and tirelessly in this operation to surmount difficulties incident to the unfavorable terrain, inclement weather and firm enemy resistance. The

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of his leadership, planning and coordination was reflected in relatively light losses sustained by his command in contrast to severe casualties inflicted on the enemy. Colonel EKMAN contributed materially to the continued success of the 82d Airborne Division in an important phase of its operations in the ARDENNES Campaign. Entered military service from TEXAS.

RAYMOND A. KIMBALL, 19075226, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 5 January 1945, during the SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. Sergeant KIMBALL, Company Communications Sergeant, displayed such a high order of devotion to duty, physical endurance in periods of prolonged effort, and excellent technical knowledge that both his company and battalion have come to regard him with the highest esteem. His duties took him over many hazardous miles in the mountains of ITALY. He was wounded on HILL 1205 near ***** ITALY, while running wire to his battalion through a known barrage area. Although his company phone network was magnified to the size of a normal battalion net, he maintained communications under the most hazardous conditions for over sixty days on the ANZIO Beachhead. In the BELGIUM Campaign, he performed his duties with great courage and skill under the worst possible weather and terrain conditions until he was again wounded at ***** BELGIUM on 5 February 1945. Throughout this long period of combat duty, his work has been a great credit to both himself and the Army in which he serves. Entered military service from TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

ROY E. LINDQUIST, 018126, Colonel, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious achievement from 28 January to 1 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Colonel LINDQUIST, Commanding the 508th Parachute Infantry, planned and executed his assignments in the attack of the 82d Airborne Division towards the SIEGFRIED Line with thoroughness and skill. Coordination with adjacent and supporting units was accomplished with smooth efficiency and keen appreciation of the situation. Faced with difficulties imposed by deep snow and extreme cold, natural and man-made obstacles of terrain, field fortifications and erratic communications, Colonel LINDQUIST worked with ceaseless and untiring energy and a fidelity of purpose that inspired all members of his command to emulate his example and determination. In quick succession he seized ***** and ***** the high ground overlooking ***** and all other primary objectives were taken in the face of vigorous opposition and the regiment penetrated more than 1000 yards into GERMANY. The rapidity and thoroughness with which Colonel LINDQUIST accomplished each succeeding mission reflects the high calibre and exhilarating spirit of his leadership. His professional skill affected the destruction and capture of much of the enemy personnel and material opposing him with comparatively light losses to his own command. Throughout this phase of operations, Colonel LINDQUIST exhibited extraordinary energy, zeal and initiative to further the outstanding successes of the 82d Airborne Division in the ARDENNES Campaign. Entered military service from PITTSFIELD, MAINE.

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DANIEL B. MC ILVOY, JR., 0417858, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations on 3 January 1945 near *****¹, BELGIUM. Demonstrating superior technical ability during a tactical situation, Major MC ILVOY selected a site for his aid station and set it up in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire. During the rapidly moving and fluid situation he personally treated two hundred wounded men in addition to supervising the administration of the aid station. The outstanding devotion to duty, technical skill and tireless effort displayed by Major MC ILVOY were outstanding factors in the high morale of the troops. The superior performance of Major MC ILVOY was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD KENTUCKY.

RALPH O. RICKER, 6877401, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 11 July 1943 to 7 January 1945. Sergeant RICKER, Squad Leader, has seen service in the STICILY ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. On numerous occasions Sergeant RICKER has performed the duties of Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant with exceptional ability. Sergeant RICKER's patrols were outstanding and never failed to bring back needed information he went out to obtain. Sergeant RICKER's untiring devotion to duty and willingness to shoulder responsibility regardless of hazards involved reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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† ROBERT A. ROSS, W2116113, Chief Warrant Officer, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations for the period 10 June 1943 to 28 June 1945, in five combat operations. Normally a base echelon personnel officer, Chief Warrant Officer ROSS, of his own volition, joined his unit in a combat zone when the Personnel Officer was evacuated. In the midst of a rapidly moving situation under combat conditions, Chief Warrant Officer ROSS handled all matters of administration with efficiency and kept the flow of vital information to higher headquarters moving with dispatch. Again, in the HOLLAND operation, he joined the unit in a combat zone voluntarily and completed all the loose ends of administration. Throughout five combat operations, Chief Warrant Officer ROSS' work has been superior and of great importance in the operating efficiency of his unit. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

RICHARD D. THOMPSON, 39242201, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 4 February 1945, during the STICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. Staff Sergeant (then Private) THOMPSON has long demonstrated outstanding devotion to duty and a high order of courage under trying combat operations. On 11 July 1943, while in flight to STICILY, the real man's plane was hit by flak. Staff Sergeant (then Private) THOMPSON did not panic but calmly unhocked the wounded man and jumped the man over the drop zone. During the assault crossing of the WAAL near *****¹, HOLLAND, he gave invaluable support to the assault

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battalion with expertly directed mortar fire. In the BELGIUM Campaign during the piercing of the SIEGFRIED Line near ***** GERMANY, the fire from his mortars was highly instrumental in his battalion's repulsing five continuous hours of enemy counter-attacks. Through five campaigns, the weight of Staff Sergeant THOMPSON's contributions to the many successes achieved by his battalion has been keenly felt. His actions have reflected high credit upon himself and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

ANDREW J. TILTON, JR., 34213803, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations for the period 18 December 1944 to 11 January 1945, in BELGIUM. Sergeant TILTON, Regimental Ammunition Sergeant, by extraordinary efficiency and initiative insured extremely prompt resupply of ammunition under very difficult conditions of almost constant maneuver on the defensive or of continuous attack. Sergeant TILTON maintained a mobile forward ammunition dump up close to the battalion lines. Using his long experience to anticipate the needs of the units, he kept this forward dump constantly replenished, so that whenever the battalions called for resupply the type of ammunition was immediately available. During the attack to clear the enemy out of the ***** area, a great deal of mortar ammunition was expended. When Sergeant TILTON was unsuccessful in obtaining resupply from ordinary sources, he made an 80 mile round trip without waiting for orders, and got badly needed ammunition. His prompt action enabled the mortar sections to give constant support during the attack and was an important factor in the success of the attack. Sergeant TILTON has served in the capacity of ammunition sergeant throughout the Regiment's participation in the operations in ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND. His work in this essential job was an outstanding example of the Army virtue of devotion to duty. Entered military service from GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

REUDEN H. TUCKER, 019894, Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious achievement from 28 January to 1 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Before dawn on 28 January, Colonel TUCKER, Commanding the 504th Parachute Infantry, attacked with his command on the right of the 82d Airborne Division, attacking toward the SIEGFRIED Line. Advancing through deep snow and over difficult and rugged terrain, he maintained the momentum of the assault with relentless determination. He took all objectives and captured ***** and more than 200 prisoners in an advance of more than four miles. On succeeding days each further objective was attained in brilliant fashion. The towns of ***** and ***** were taken, and heavy losses in personnel and material inflicted on the enemy. The swift drive of the 504th Parachute Infantry was made possible by the skillful and outstanding coordination planned and executed by Colonel TUCKER. His extraordinary energy and purposeful enthusiasm inspired the officers and men of his command to magnificent and soldierly achievement which surmounted all difficulties incident to extreme weather, unfavorable terrain and determined enemy resistance. Colonel TUCKER developed and directed his operations with superior and outstanding leadership, the quality of which was reflected in the comparatively light casualties suffered by the 504th Parachute Infantry. His planning encompassed an infinite variety of

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complex problems and highly coordinated action with adjacent and supporting commanders. Colonel TUCKER, through the successes of his command, contributed materially to the brilliant performance of the 82d Airborne Division in a difficult phase of the ARDENNES Campaign. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

JOSEPH W. VANDEVEGT, 01287624, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from 6 June 1944 to 20 February 1945, in FRANCE and BELGIUM. Lieutenant VANDEVEGT, Company Commander (then Platoon Leader), assumed command of his company when the company commander and executive officer became casualties, and by his cool leadership and judgment, gained the confidence of his command at a crucial time. Lieutenant VANDEVEGT demonstrated outstanding ability to proficiently lead his unit under the most trying circumstances. Entered military service from GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER, 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, a Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, POSTHUMOUSLY:

WILLIAM H. NATION, 01287569, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations for the period 17 December 1944 to 31 January 1945, in BELGIUM. Captain NATION, Regimental Adjutant, 508th Parachute Infantry, during the period of the BELGIUM Campaign, displayed the highest degree of devotion to duty over and above what was ordinarily required of an officer serving in his capacity. Captain NATION's geniality, his honest, conscientious approach to whatever task was given him, earned him the respect of all his fellow officers and of those with whom he had dealings. During the course of the fighting in BELGIUM, Captain NATION undertook to carry out the evacuation of civilians in the villages coming under our control. He accomplished this in spite of the necessity of entering these villages under intense enemy artillery fire on several occasions. He labored constantly, day and night, without regard to personal comfort, many times without sleep for periods as long as fifty-six hours. Captain NATION was killed by artillery fire while carrying out his duties in a forward CP during an attack on 31 January 1945. The devotion to duty which Captain NATION displayed contributed greatly to the efficiency of the staff functions and will leave a lasting impression on his Regiment. Entered military service from ARLINGTON, TEXAS.

HAROLD W. WOLTZ, 36124727, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action 21 December 1944, at *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant WOLTZ, member of a forward Mortar CP, was instrumental in repelling two strong enemy attacks by remaining at his post in the face of intense shelling and small arms fire to direct the mortar barrages. When the communications line was out, Sergeant WOLTZ, with

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complete disregard for his own safety despite the fact the break was between the enemy and friendly lines, left his position of comparative safety and exposed himself to small arms fire in an effort to repair the break. While thus engaged, the enemy overran our positions. Sergeant WOLTZ's devotion to duty and bravery were an inspiration to his comrades and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, POSTHUMOUSLY:

MARVIN L. CADIEUX, 36586316, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 December 1944, near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class CADIEUX, Rifleman, with two other enlisted men, established a twenty-four hour outpost about 1000 yards in front of our own lines. They laid a telephone line to their position and directed artillery and mortar fire and reported enemy movement. About 1600, the afternoon of 30 December 1944, a squad of Germans approached their position. When the leader was less than ten yards away he spotted them and reached for his pistol. Our men opened fire, killing two of the enemy. Our men then left the outpost in order to deceive the Germans into thinking they were a roving patrol. The ruse succeeded, and after dark the men reestablished the outpost. Private First Class CADIEUX's conduct in the face of danger was an inspiration to other men in his unit, and the operation of the outpost was of great value to the battalion in maintaining contact with the enemy and harassing their movement. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

ALLEN B. DAVIS, 18020911, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Given a patrol mission of extreme urgency to contact the Commanding General of the Seaborne Forces with vital information, Private First Class DAVIS cheerfully accepted this dangerous mission despite extreme fatigue. Displaying superior scouting ability and aggressive initiative, Private First Class DAVIS, with his companions, traversed more than three miles of enemy held territory to accomplish the mission. After participating with the Seaborne Forces in the repelling of a strong enemy penetration, he retraced the route to his own forces, completely disregarding his own safety, in the face of enemy fire. Private First Class DAVIS' conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

BRUCE P. GIBSON, 39602441, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, about one mile from *****, GERMANY. When his mortar squad was put out of

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action by enemy shell fire, Private First Class GIBSON, Mortar Gunner, volunteered to act as lead scout for his platoon. He guided the platoon into aggressive contact with the enemy and during the subsequent action personally killed four of the enemy. Private First Class GIBSON, who was killed later participating in an assault on an enemy pill box, will forever be remembered by his comrades for his battlefield gallantry. Entered military service from BUTTE, MONTANA.

JOHN O. HAGGARD, 20416265, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Given a patrol mission of extreme urgency to contact the Commanding General of the Seaborne Forces with vital information, Private HAGGARD cheerfully accepted this dangerous mission despite extreme fatigue. Displaying superior scouting ability and aggressive initiative, Private HAGGARD, with his companions, traversed more than three miles of enemy held territory to accomplish the mission. After participating with the Seaborne Forces in the repelling of a strong enemy penetration, he retraced the route to his own forces, completely disregarding his own safety, in the face of enemy fire. Private HAGGARD's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

ROY J. HENDERSON, 39387690, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 January 1945, at *****, BELGIUM. Corporal HENDERSON, LMG Gunner, Company "C", 508th Parachute Infantry, was a member of a platoon which was held up in their attack by an enemy strongpoint at *****, BELGIUM. This strongpoint consisted of two houses which the enemy was defending with a large number of automatic weapons with a 75mm gun in support. Corporal HENDERSON, with two other men, volunteered to assault the position from the flank. The group had only thirty rounds of TSMG ammunition apiece, five clips of BAR ammunition, and a few grenades. They attacked the gun first and killed the tank commander. This demoralized the other crew members who ceased firing and fled. Corporal HENDERSON and one comrade laid down a base of fire and another man assaulted the houses with grenades. The assault was successful and a total of forty-one prisoners were captured as a result of this action, thus permitting Company "C" to take the remainder of the village. The actions of this group were responsible for the success of the attack and the capture of *****. Corporal HENDERSON's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MARION CITY, CALIFORNIA.

THOMAS D. ROBBINS, 36326633, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant ROBBINS, Section Leader, took charge of his platoon when his platoon leader assumed other duties. Staff Sergeant ROBBINS set an example of great courage to his men, exposing himself with calculated recklessness to severe enemy mortar and machine gun fire. He moved repeatedly up and down the line directing fire on the enemy, heedless of his own safety. Under Staff Sergeant ROBBINS' aggressive and daring leadership, the platoon destroyed a large number of the enemy and routed them from a very advantageous defensive position. Entered military service from EAST PEOR, ILLINOIS.

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JOHNNY L. SNOW, 38091329, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. During his company's assault on the strongly defended permanent fortifications of the SIEGFRIED Line, Staff Sergeant SNOW displayed singular skill and courage as he deployed and led his squad so expertly that they were able to quickly neutralize and capture a bitterly defended pillbox without a casualty. Later, while his company was undergoing five continuous hours of counterattacks, Staff Sergeant SNOW made himself most conspicuous by running from position to position with utter disregard of his personal safety and in the face of withering enemy machine gun and small arms fire while directing and exhorting his men to beat off the determined attacks of the enemy. His courageous conduct and leadership throughout this entire action was such to reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

WILLARD P. STICKLER, 20935933, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 December 1944, near ***** BELGIUM, Private STICKLER, Rifleman, with two other enlisted men, established a twenty-four hour outpost about 1000 yards in front of our own lines. They laid a telephone line to their position and directed artillery and mortar fire and reported enemy movement. About 1600, the afternoon of 30 December 1944, a squad of Germans approached their position. When the leader was less than ten yards away, he spotted them and reached for his pistol. Our men opened fire, killing two of the enemy. Our men then left the outpost in order to deceive the Germans into thinking they were a roving patrol. The ruse succeeded, and after dark the men reestablished the outpost. Private STICKLER's conduct in the face of danger was an inspiration to other men in his unit, and the operation of the outpost was of great value to the battalion in maintaining contact with the enemy and harassing their movement. Entered military service from ST. HELENS, OREGON.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL.....I

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

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CLARENCE E. AUSTIN, 33008982, Corporal, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 near ~~***~~, GERMANY. Forced to abandon his burning Tank Destroyer after it received a direct hit from an anti-tank shell, Corporal AUSTIN, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his position of comparative safety and went to the aid of one of his crewmen. Despite the fire of an enemy tank, mortar shells and exploding ammunition from the disabled Tank Destroyer, Corporal AUSTIN coolly removed the man's overshoe and shoe before he was able to extricate him from the deep snowdrift and carry the injured man to the safety and shelter of a nearby house. This gallantry and courage displayed by Corporal AUSTIN was in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

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MURPHY B. BRIDGES, 33128480, Corporal, 503th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25 December 1944 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. Corporal BRIDGES, Assistant Squad Leader, established an outpost in front of the company MLR. He and one other man then began a systematic patrol of the area to locate the enemy MLR. While on this patrol, an enemy combat patrol overran the outpost and destroyed the communication lines. Hearing the noise of the action, Corporal BRIDGES and his companion returned to the outpost and engaged the enemy in a fierce fire fight against heavy odds. Regaining the outpost and reestablishing communications, Corporal BRIDGES was later able to direct mortar and artillery fire on the enemy, inflicting heavy casualties. Corporal BRIDGES maintained his outpost throughout the night, relaying valuable information which gave warning of an impending enemy attack and enabled the unit to take necessary defensive measures. His aggressive actions reflect credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

Fourth Grade GRANDELL left his tank in this exposed position long enough for the enemy weapons to be spotted and destroyed. Then, with great courage and initiative, he ran the tank completely out from the building, drawing the concentrated fire of five enemy tanks. This enabled the remaining tanks to locate and destroy the concealed enemy vehicles. The daring courage and initiative displayed by Technician Fourth Grade GRANDELL in this action were dominant factors in the success of the mission and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

GORDON H. CULLINGS, 13153137, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class CULLINGS, Aid Man, under intense enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire and with disregard for his own personal safety, crawled over an embankment to the aid of an officer and two enlisted men who were seriously wounded by enemy sniper fire. Under direct enemy observation, he administered first-aid to the casualties. During this action, Private First Class CULLINGS was seriously wounded, but refused to be evacuated or receive medical treatment for himself until he had completed medical aid to the three casualties. His actions reflect credit upon himself and the Medical Branch of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

RAYMOND T. WARECKSON, 33098996, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Moving his light machine gun section into position in order to furnish close fire support, Sergeant WARECKSON, by his own fearlessness and aggressiveness, so inspired his two gun crews that they were able to get into exceptionally close positions with their basic loads despite a constant hail of enemy artillery and small arms fire. Hoedless of his own safety, Sergeant WARECKSON exposed himself many times as he moved about the gun positions to better lay fire upon the enemy. The curtain of lead laid by this section forced the enemy to fall back, allowing our riflemen to reach their objective. The gallantry and courageous aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant WARECKSON were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

GEORGE R. EGAN, 33246860, Private First Class, 517th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class EGAN, BAR Gunner, sighted an enemy patrol advancing toward his position. Allowing the patrol to approach within ten yards, he stood up and ordered them to surrender. In the ensuing firefight, Private First Class EGAN

killed eight of the enemy. Later realizing that the enemy were trying to flank the position on the right, he moved to that flank and again engaged the enemy. When the position became untenable and the order was received to withdraw, Private First Class WYAN remained in position and covered the withdrawal. When his platoon reached its new position approximately two hundred yards distant, he then withdrew, firing, as he moved. As a result of his action, eleven enemy were killed and eleven captured, and the platoon was able to withdraw without the loss of a single casualty. His courage and coolness under fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN T. ELLIOTT, 13176752, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 25-27 December 1944 near **, BELGIUM. Sergeant ELLIOTT, Squad Leader, was engaged in establishing an outpost. On the way to this point at which the outpost was established, he encountered the enemy. He was able to evade them and reach his destination. Realizing that he was practically cut off, Sergeant ELLIOTT fought his way back to his own lines. This action served to confuse the enemy and removed the element of surprise. Sergeant ELLIOTT joined in the defense of the positions and when the ammunition ran low, he loaded a cart and dragged it across to his men while under heavy fire. His determined efforts and personal bravery added immeasurably in the defense and ultimate repulse of the enemy attack. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

ROBERT J. HRICK, 35289646, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near **, BELGIUM. Acting in the capacity of First Sergeant during a battalion advance, Technical Sergeant HRICK voluntarily left his OP group and went forward two hundred yards to check a patch of woods. From a dugout two riflemen suddenly appeared and called for the Sergeant's surrender. With great aggressiveness, Technical Sergeant HRICK kicked the rifles from their hands. Then, when one of the Germans grabbed a field phone and began to talk over it, he jerked the phone away and hit the enemy in the face with it, forcing the surrender of the two guards. Disposing of this outpost, Technical Sergeant HRICK coolly and courageously surprised and eliminated an enemy machine gun position which had been placing disastrous flanking fire upon the battalion. As a result of these gallant and courageous deeds of Technical Sergeant HRICK, the unit was able to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

LEWIS H. JOHNSON, JR., 19115117, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry.

For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near **, BELGIUM. During an attack the company was held up by numerous enemy strong points. Directing his squad to lay down a heavy barrage of rifle fire, Staff Sergeant JOHNSON, with outstanding courage and aggressiveness, rushed a machine gun position and forced the surrender of four Germans by throwing a hand grenade. He

enemy tank scored two direct hits on a building occupied by friendly troops. Corporal LOCKLIDER, Aid Man, disregarding the intense enemy artillery, tank and small arms fire, moved from a covered position and advanced by crawling and running to their position. After administering hasty first-aid, he carried one of the more seriously wounded to safety and returned to help evacuate the remainder. Again on 3 January 1945, Corporal LOCKLIDER, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, advanced to front line positions to administer first aid and evacuate the seriously wounded. His courage and cool indifference to all types of enemy fire reflects the highest credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENDLETON, OREGON.

GEORGE F. McGRATH, 11116429, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near #000, BELGIUM. Private First Class McGRATH, Scout and BAR Gunner, advanced toward the enemy machine gun which was holding up the left flank of the attacking company. He encountered two enemy riflemen, killed them and continued on toward the gun. Nearing the position, Private First Class McGRATH leaped to his feet, charged, firing his BAR and wiped out the position. By his gallant actions, Private First Class McGRATH enabled his company to continue towards its objective without further delay or additional casualties. His bravery reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

ELPH J. MURDICA, 35069952, Technician Fifth Grade, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 31 January 1945 near #000, BELGIUM. While advancing on their objective, Technician Fifth Grade MURDICA's platoon met a hail of AT fire. Drawing back to defile they laid down a barrage of direct fire and again advanced. Reaching the objective it was discovered the supporting infantry had been unable to advance with the tanks because of the intense artillery and mortar fire. With great courage and aggressiveness, Technician Fifth Grade MURDICA dismounted from his tank and armed only with his personal weapon, destroyed a great number of enemy infantry and with the aid of two other members of his crew captured two hundred of the enemy. The intrepid courage and aggressiveness displayed on this occasion by Technician Fifth Grade MURDICA were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOAN, OHIO.

HOWARD P. TIFFIN, 34546303, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near #000, BELGIUM. When two companies were pinned down during an attack by intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant TIFFIN repeatedly exposed himself to point out targets of opportunity to his men. Locating one well hidden German machine gun position, he, with no regard for his personal safety, charged recklessly toward it, tossing hand grenades to eliminate this key to the enemy defenses and captured three prisoners.

killed eight of the enemy. Later realizing that the enemy were trying to flank the position on the right, he moved to that flank and again engaged the enemy. When the position became untenable and the order was received to withdraw, Private First Class EGAN remained in position and covered the withdrawal. When his platoon reached the new position approximately two hundred yards distant, he then withdrew, firing as he moved. As a result of his action, eleven enemy were killed and eleven captured, and the platoon was able to withdraw without the loss of a single man. His courage and coolness under fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from KOKY, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN T. ELLIOTT, 13176752, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 26-27 December 1944 near *** BELGIUM. Sergeant ELLIOTT, Squad Leader, was engaged in establishing an outpost. On the way to this point at which the outpost was established, he encountered the enemy. He was able to evade them and reach his destination. Realizing that he was practically cut off, Sergeant ELLIOTT fought his way back to his own lines. This action served to confuse the enemy and removed the element of surprise. Sergeant ELLIOTT joined in the defense of the positions and when the ammunition ran low, he loaded a cart and dragged it across to his men while under heavy fire. His determined efforts and personal bravery aided immeasurably in the defense and ultimate repulse of the enemy attack. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

ROBERT J. HRICK, 35289646, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Acting in the capacity of First Sergeant during a battalion advance, Technical Sergeant HRICK voluntarily left his CP group and went forward two hundred yards to check a patch of woods. From a dugout two riflemen suddenly appeared and called for the Sergeant's surrender. With great aggressiveness, Technical Sergeant HRICK kicked the rifles from their hands. Then, when one of the Germans grabbed a field phone and began to talk over it, he jerked the phone away and hit the enemy in the face with it, forcing the surrender of the two guards. Dispensing of this outpost, Technical Sergeant HRICK coolly and courageously surprised and eliminated an enemy machine gun position which had been playing disastrous flanking fire upon the battalion. As a result of these gallant and courageous deeds of Technical Sergeant HRICK, the unit was able to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

LEWIS H. JOHNSON, JR., 13119117, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During an attack the company was held up by numerous enemy strong points. Directing his squad to lay down a heavy base of rifle fire, Staff Sergeant JOHNSON, with outstanding courage and aggressiveness, rushed a machine gun position and forced the surrender of four Germans by throwing a hand grenade. He

As a result of this courageous action the company was able to resume its advance. The gallantry and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant TIFFEN were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS, JR., O-1322291, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action near ***, GERMANY, on 2 February 1945. First Lieutenant WILLIAMS, Company Executive Officer, assumed command when the commander was killed and led his company in an attack through murderous crossfire from the machine guns of mutually supporting concrete pillboxes in the SIEGFRIED Line. By the example of great personal courage and aggressive leadership, he kept his men pushing forward. He was wounded during the attack, but stayed in the lead until the objective, a vital crossroad at ***, was reached. First Lieutenant WILLIAMS then reorganized his depleted company under flanking fire from mortars and self-propelled artillery. Before he could obtain a resupply of ammunition and while part of his company was clearing snipers out of houses near the objective, the Germans counterattacked with armor and a numerically superior force of infantry. First Lieutenant WILLIAMS was again wounded in the fighting which followed but refused to be evacuated and continued to direct the defense until reinforcements drove off the counterattack. First Lieutenant WILLIAMS' courageous leadership and his fortitude in staying in the fight though twice wounded reflects great credit upon himself and the unit with which he served. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from TEXARKANA, TEXAS.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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

Under the provisions of Act 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 300.6 (12) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

JACK D. ASHBY, 39463974, Corporal, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 31 January 1945 near ~~XXX~~, BELGIUM. While advancing on their objective, Corporal ASHBY's platoon met a hail of AT fire. Drawing back to defilade they laid down a barrage of direct fire and again advanced. Reaching the objective it was discovered the supporting infantry had been unable to advance with the tanks because of the intense artillery and mortar fire. With great courage and aggressiveness, Corporal ASHBY dismounted from his tank and armed only with his individual weapon, destroyed a great number of enemy infantry, and with the aid of two other members of his crew captured two hundred of the enemy. The intrepid courage and aggressiveness displayed on this occasion by Corporal ASHBY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from BAINSBILL, OREGON.

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DONALD BOOTH, 0602243, First Lieutenant, First Battalion, 551st Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 31 January 1945 near ~~XXX~~, BELGIUM. During the attack upon the town, heavy, almost fanatical, resistance was met. First Lieutenant BOOTH, with great personal courage and admirable aggressiveness, advanced at the head of his troops, leading them into close contact with the enemy despite the intensity of artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire. Inspired by First Lieutenant BOOTH's stirring example, the men pressed home their attack and broke the resistance of the enemy allowing the adjacent company to enter the town against only secondary opposition. The gallantry, courage and aggressiveness displayed by First Lieutenant BOOTH were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from OREGON, OREGON.

LUKE CHANDLER, 34254372, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 31 January 1945 near ~~XXX~~, BELGIUM. While furnishing flanking fire to enable our troops to cross a clearing under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class CHANDLER's heavy machine gun position drew heavy enemy artillery concentrations. Private First Class CHANDLER

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was wounded by a shell fragment but refused to be evacuated. With the assistance of the squad leader and an ammunition bearer, he kept heavy and accurate fire upon the enemy until a direct artillery hit killed him and demolished the gun. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class CHANDLER were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from M'ESHALL, NORTH CAROLINA.

JEWEL H. GOODMAN, 34152557, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. With no thought for his personal safety, Sergeant GOODMAN led his squad across fifty yards of shell-swept ground to set up a base of flanking fire. When the first and second gunners were wounded by artillery he immediately took over operation of the machine gun and laid down such a terrific concentration of fire that the enemy's attention was diverted from the attacking elements of the company. The gun was knocked out by an artillery shell which killed the ammunition bearer and demolished the weapon. Sergeant GOODMAN left the useless gun and attached himself to another machine gun crew as an ammunition bearer until he was killed in the performance of those duties. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant GOODMAN were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SPRINGHILL, LOUISIANA.

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 (4G) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal have been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

JESS ENGLAND, 35425063, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Private ENGLAND, Aid Man, jumped with his company and proceeded with them to a position near the bridge over the METZEUET River. During the action of the next two days, Private ENGLAND repeatedly exposed himself, without regard for his own personal safety, to enemy mortar and machine gun fire in order to treat wounded men. Several times he went out beyond his own lines to evacuate wounded. His actions helped greatly to sustain the morale of all those around him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from McCONNELL, WEST VIRGINIA.

WILBUR N. GRIFFITH, 020250, Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 13 December 1944 to 20 February 1945. Colonel GRIFFITH, as Division Artillery Executive Officer, displayed sound judgment and organizational ability in his supervision of Division Artillery Staff Sections and later as a task force artillery officer. His ability to maintain continuous control of the Divisional and attached artillery during this fast-moving situation with the limited airborne staff personnel...

WILLIAM L. BLANK, 1455200, Sergeant, Holland. When his patrol
contact in action on 10 November 1944 near Holland. When his patrol
pinpointed down by rifle and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant BLANK set up a base of
fire, then crawled toward the enemy flank, accompanied by two riflemen. Closely
coordinating his fire, he threw two grenades into the enemy emplacement and
knocked out the weapon. On withdrawing his patrol, Sergeant BLANK personally
carried one of the wounded and acted as rear guard. This heroic act enabled his
patrol to gain valuable information of the opposing enemy forces. Entered mili-
tary service from Michigan, Detroit.

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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 (IG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ JOSEPH R. NORWATH, 13009330, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. The enemy's advance had exposed the mortars to direct fire from the enemy machine guns and had set an ammunition truck on fire not thirty feet away which threatened to explode at any moment. Corporal NORWATH, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, directed the fire of his mortar with devastating effect on the enemy; silencing the enemy machine guns and driving them to cover. As a result of Corporal NORWATH's actions the battalion was able to withdraw with a minimum of casualties. His exemplary conduct upholds the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ KENNETH W. HUFFREY, 17074393, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 January 1945 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. When one squad became missing, Private First Class HUFFREY, Platoon Runner, took it upon himself to establish contact with them. He found them in imminent threat of disorder and confusion caused by the squad leader's death. Private First Class HUFFREY assumed command of the gun and laid down such accurate fire that an enemy strong point was annihilated. His courage and leadership inspired the squad to continue on their mission and reflects great honor upon himself. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

✓ CAPT. J. E. JOHNSON, 37062498, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 October 1944 near ~~***~~, HOLLAND. Sergeant JOHNSON while moving his patrol across open terrain came under enemy automatic weapons fire. Immediately setting up a base of fire, Sergeant JOHNSON crawled toward the rear of the gun emplacement. He reached a point twenty yards from the enemy position before being detected but ignoring the enemy fire threw two grenades into the emplacement and silenced the gun. He then reformed his patrol and continued on his mission. Sergeant JOHNSON's heroic conduct enabled his patrol to accomplish its mission and gained valuable information with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from ~~***~~, IOWA.

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✓ VIVER M. KLINGBERG, 39172758, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 January 1945 near ****, BELGIUM. When his platoon became seriously wounded, Corporal KLINGBERG assumed command and on his own initiative led a section of the platoon in direct support of the company's left flank. Disregarding heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons, he made a hasty reconnaissance and placed his guns in advantageous positions, enabling the repulsion of the enemy attack and securing the company's left flank. Corporal KLINGBERG's bravery and initiative contributed materially to the company's successful capture of the town. Entered military service from LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON.

✓ JAMES E. NICHOLSON, 35111043, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLSON, Jeep Driver, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, evacuated seriously wounded men over a road subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, despite the fact that a jeep and trailer had recently been put out of action by such fire. Technician Fifth Grade NICHOLSON's conduct in this action reflects much credit upon himself and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

✓ ROBERT J. ROBERTSON, 2491691, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944 near ****, BELGIUM. During an enemy attack, Private First Class ROBERTSON volunteered to repair the communications line to the front line companies which had been knocked out by enemy artillery fire. The route of the wire compelled him to pass between his own lines and those of the enemy's under crossfire from friendly and enemy forces. Private First Class ROBERTSON's heroic act enabled the Battalion Commander to keep in contact with the front line companies and repel the enemy offensive. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

✓ ORVILLE J. YOUNG, 18040335, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 at ****, BELGIUM. The enemy's advance exposed Private First Class YOUNG to direct enemy machine gun fire which set fire to a truckload of ammunition approximately ten yards from his position. Despite the imminent danger, Private First Class YOUNG continued to place devastating fire upon the enemy, thus enabling the orderly withdrawal of the battalion. Private First Class YOUNG's outstanding bravery and devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WOLF CITY, TEXAS.

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 2CO.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ RICHARD W. BEAN, 31268207, Corporal, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 at ****, BELGIUM. Corporal BEAN, Squad Leader, led a small reconnaissance patrol into an enemy occupied town early in the morning

Moving among the enemy, he observed a small enemy force digging in around the town. Returning, Corporal DEAN obtained permission to take his squad and attack the town. Corporal DEAN occupied the town without the loss of a single man and captured ten enemy prisoners. His initiative and courage enabled the taking of the town with a smaller force than anticipated, conserving the main body for a more important mission. Entered military service from DOWLER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

✓ WILLIAM C. BENNETT, 36004193, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 9 January 1945 at #, BELGIUM. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Corporal BENNETT, assumed command and personally placed each man and his weapon. Continuously exposing himself to enemy observation and fire, Corporal BENNETT went to each position to insure the best employment of fire power. His quick action in placing men in key positions was largely responsible for the successful defense of the railroad bridge. The high qualities of coolness and leadership shown by Corporal BENNETT are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

✓ JAMES K. BOONER, 35795216, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near #, BELGIUM. While advancing from his unit against the enemy in the face of heavy mortar fire, Private BOONER was wounded by a shell fragment. Refusing evacuation, he continued with the advance until directed to set up his heavy machine gun to give supporting fire. While performing this duty Private BOONER was wounded the second time but refused again to be evacuated. He remained at his post giving supporting fire to the assault elements until the enemy withdrew. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private BOONER were a dominant factor in the success of the mission and were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

✓ FRANK E. BRASHEAR, 18107809, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945 near #, BELGIUM. The platoon was in position to attack immediately upon the lifting of a preparatory barrage. As the barrage lifted the platoon leader became a casualty. At this critical moment, Sergeant BRASHEAR assumed command and led the platoon forward so swiftly that the enemy position was overrun and twelve prisoners taken before they had recovered from the barrage. Sergeant BRASHEAR's example of aggressiveness and leadership was an inspiration to his men and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from #.

✓ AUBREY L. BREWER, 35136132, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Inf. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near #, BELGIUM. Sergeant BREWER, Platoon Sergeant, with seven men was occupying an outpost and roadblock, which was completely surrounded for two hours. Sergeant BREWER, manning a BAR and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, personally broke through the enemy cordon under heavy fire returned to our lines with three prisoners. Sergeant BREWER's aggressive leadership in an isolated and exposed position enabled his unit to withstand a #. Entered military service from HAZARD, KENTUCKY.

During the attack, the leader was wounded by shell fragments. Without regard to his own safety, he rushed to his aid, dressed his wounds and carried him across the front position. Having taken care of his Platoon leader, he returned to his platoon, took command and continued the mission. The heroic action of the platoon was able to complete the mission. The exemplary courage and leadership display of Sergeant BROKAW is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from FORT SHELLING, MINNESOTA.

✓ WILLIAM J. CHAPLIC, 11129928, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near BIELE, BELGIUM. When one of the assault companies requested ammunition during the early stage of the engagement, Private First Class CHAPLIC voluntarily drove his vehicle over the rough terrain under direct enemy observation and small arms fire to the positions. Returning with a load of casualties, Private First Class CHAPLIC, realizing the discomfort caused by the rough trails, drove slowly in spite of the target his vehicle presented. This voluntary act by Private First Class CHAPLIC, materially aided the attack to be carried to its objective and saved the lives of many wounded. Entered military service from BROOKTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

✓ JOHN W. CLANCY, 16097058, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 July 1944 near FAYON, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant CLANCY, Aid Man, accompanied his company when they went through the enemy lines during the night to seize and hold a bridge to be used by friendly troops in their advance the next day. During the approach to the position two men were wounded. Staff Sergeant CLANCY fell out to care for them and by staying behind exposed himself to a barrage from friendly artillery. However, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he dressed the wounded and carried them on to the company position where he cared for them until they could be evacuated. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter SOG (A3), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JOHN G. DAVIS, 58355035, Private First Class, 525th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM. Leading his platoon in the assault, and firing his BAR from the hip, Private First Class DAVIS was hit and fell to the ground. Immediately he regained his feet and, disdaining medical aid, continued to advance. Again he was hit by enemy bullets but would not stop. Inspired by the courageous aggressiveness of Private First Class DAVIS, the platoon pushed through the hail of enemy small arms fire to attain their objective. The gallantry and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class DAVIS were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COTTON PLANT, AR-KANSAS.

ROBERT G. DEBNAM, 14068837, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant DEBNAM, Correspondent, volunteered to go with a load of ammunition to the attacking companies. He assisted in the unloading of the ammunition and the loading of the casualties upon the S-4 jeep. The company, receiving the ammunition, was suddenly subjected to enemy small arms fire. With utter disregard of his own personal safety, Sergeant DEBNAM, voluntarily exposing himself to the intense enemy fire, assisted in carrying the wounded to the safety of the defilade position. During the entire action Sergeant DEBNAM distinguished himself by his cool and courageous actions. Entered military service from SNOW HILL, NORTH CAROLINA.

ANIELLO A. DENICOLA, 58311288, Technician Fifth Grade, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. When two of five tanks were knocked out by enemy fire the remaining three were forced to take cover behind a building from the vastly superior enemy armor and AT guns. Technician Fifth Grade DENICOLA volunteered to remain with his tank, heedless of the danger involved, as it was used as a decoy to draw enemy fire. As a result of this exposure to intense enemy fire, the AT guns were located and eliminated by the balance of this small force. This heroic action on the part of Technician Fifth Grade DENICOLA and his comrades was directly responsible for the final success of the mission. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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MAX A. DIBEAN, 33531371, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944, in BELGIUM. Corporal DIBEAN, Fire Chief, by his outstanding leadership, untiring devotion to duty and display of great fortitude, materially aided the battalion in the successful accomplishment of its missions during this period. On one attack, Corporal DIBEAN maintained wire communications over approximately ten miles of hazardous terrain under heavy mortar and artillery fire. Corporal DIBEAN's exemplary conduct and extreme devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OWOSSO, MICHIGAN.

JAMES A. DUNCAN, JR., 38432388, Technician Fifth Grade, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 30 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM. After destroying an enemy column, the Tank Platoon was running low on ammunition in the face of a forming enemy counter-attack. Technician Fifth Grade DUNCAN, with no regard for his personal safety, drove his truck load of vital ammunition through a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Then, with outstanding devotion to duty, he remained with the platoon through two heavy counter-attacks aiding the tankers to load the ammunition into their tanks. Technician Fifth Grade DUNCAN's actions were directly responsible for breaking up these counter-attacks by artillery fire and were in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

GAVIN C. EGERTON, 11065984, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, at ****, BELGIUM. Private First Class EGERTON, Scout, crossing open ground under mortar and small arms fire, killed nine of the opposing enemy and forced the rest to withdraw, leaving their machine guns behind. Private First Class EGERTON utilized the captured enemy automatic weapons and organized the defense of the newly won position. Private First Class EGERTON's heroic deed, speedily accomplished, enabled his platoon to continue its advance, thereby greatly minimizing the amount of casualties and was instrumental in the successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered military service from OLD GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT.

FRANKIE B. ENSLEY, 34920612, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944, at ****, BELGIUM. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class ENSLEY remained in position to cover the withdrawal of his platoon. After the platoon had successfully withdrawn, he began to withdraw, firing his machine gun from the hip. Seeing a wounded comrade who was unable to move, he sacrificed his own covering fire to carry the wounded man to safety. Private First Class ENSLEY's actions not only saved another soldier's life but facilitated the orderly withdrawal of his platoon. His exemplary conduct under fire upholds the highest traditions of the United States Army Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA.

JOHN EUSTACE, 31272667, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 February 1945, near ****, GERMANY. Despite his fatigue following a seven thousand yard advance over rugged terrain and through deep snow, Private First Class EUSTACE volunteered to accompany a four man reconnaissance patrol into the inner defenses of the SIEGFRIED LINE. With great skill and aggressive-

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ness the patrol penetrated deep into the enemy's defensive positions and returned with vital information. This reconnaissance resulted in the successful attacks on the key towns of ***** and *****, GERMANY. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

JOHN S. FANTO, 16075145, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When his platoon became subjected to a heavy barrage of artillery fire and one of the men received serious wounds in the stomach, Private FANTO, knowing that no medical aid man was present, voluntarily left his covered position and crawled through the bursting shells to render his first aid. After dressing the wound, Private FANTO evacuated the wounded man through the barrage to a covered position 300 yards to the rear. His heroic act was instrumental in saving a life and served as an inspiration to the men around him. Entered military service from YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

RUSSELL P. FOLLAND, 39865557, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. Despite his fatigue following a seven thousand yard advance over rugged terrain and through deep snow, Technical Sergeant FOLLAND volunteered to lead a four man reconnaissance patrol into the inner defenses of the SIEGFRIED LINE. With great skill and aggressiveness he guided the patrol through the enemy's defensive positions and returned with vital information. This reconnaissance resulted in the successful attacks on the key towns of ***** and *****, GERMANY. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

WALTER C. FRAUENHEIM, JR., 0517616, Second Lieutenant, 525th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Lieutenant FRAUENHEIM's heavy machine guns were left exposed as a result of a heavy enemy attack on a flanking outpost. Cold weather, preventing the proper functioning of these weapons, enabled the enemy to seize them. Lieutenant FRAUENHEIM, on his own initiative, secured two light machine guns from elements of an armored unit, organized a counter-attack, recaptured the positions in a site of a defense supported by heavy automatic weapons fire, threw out his weapons and restored them to action. Lieutenant FRAUENHEIM's courageous example, leadership and tactical judgment contributed materially to the repulsion of the enemy attack. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

THOMAS W. GODDARD, 30419074, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944, near *****, HOLLAND. When his squad leader and the lead scout moved forward toward the enemy automatic weapon, Private GODDARD voluntarily moved to an exposed position to cover their advance with his BAR. He engaged the enemy weapon to distract attention from his advancing comrades, until he became a casualty. Private GODDARD, by his aggressiveness, enabled his squad leader to silence the enemy gun, thereby allowing his squad to successfully complete its mission. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

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 LEE S. GRAY, 18001388, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Private First Class GRAY, air man, participated in the capture of the town and the mapping of the area in the north-

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west sector. He was a member of a squad which, by aggressive action, routed the enemy automatic weapon teams that had pinned down his platoon for several hours. Private First Class GRAVES participated in three major operations and always performed his job as a rifleman in an admirable fashion. Entered military service from MOBILE, ALABAMA.

LEO M. GRUNTMEYER, 14090990, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When communications between the attacking elements and the forward CP were disrupted, Technician Fourth Grade GRUNTMEYER, Company Clerk, volunteered to go by himself across terrain that was continuously under mortar, artillery and small arms fire to establish contact and to secure the necessary facts for the forward CP Company to base his actions. Technician Fourth Grade GRUNTMEYER made five trips to the attacking elements and then guided the CP group into the town just as the last enemy troops were being driven out. His heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BROOKTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

CHARLES W. HALL, 14015910, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 November 1944, near *****, HOLLAND. Private HALL, Rifleman, when one of his comrades became a casualty, crawled to within twenty yards of an enemy machine gun position to reach him, and despite the enemy fire evacuated the wounded and approximately fifty yards to a covered and comparatively safe position. Private HALL's exemplary conduct in this action reflects great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BRADENTON, FLORIDA.

CHARLES C. HAMILTON, 14152711, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3-7 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Technician Fifth Grade HAMILTON, aid man, set blinding a casualty while the Sergeant LITTLE on the extreme right flank of their battalion. For two days they were cut off from the main force of their unit and unable to evacuate to the rear. Technician Fifth Grade HAMILTON was continually exposed to both artillery and small arms fire but he continued to collect wounded, completely disregarding his own personal safety. Although in imminent danger of being captured, Technician Fifth Grade HAMILTON rendered all possible service to the wounded. His own calm demeanor prevented them from realizing the full danger of their position, thus sustaining their morale until they could be evacuated. Entered military service from LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

W. T. HEAD, 34991913, Sergeant, 505th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade HEAD demonstrated outstanding courage and leadership in the face of severe enemy opposition. Completely disregarding his own safety in the face of intense small arms fire, Sergeant HEAD led his men to overrun the enemy positions and then reorganized to beat off a strong counter-attack. The skill, courage and cooperative leadership displayed by Sergeant HEAD were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from THOMASVILLE, TENNESSEE.

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JACK HOLDER, 30191150, Private First Class, 805th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 December 1944, at ~~XXXX~~, BELGIUM. During an enemy barrage, Private First Class HOLDER and two of his comrades were wounded. Both retaining consciousness, regardless of his own wounds, and still under enemy observation and fire, he moved his comrades out of the danger to a covered position where he administered first aid to them. Receiving treatment for his own wound, Private First Class HOLDER immediately rejoined his unit. His heroic action helped to save the lives of his comrades and reflected much credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FT. LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

ALVIN A. HURO, 17007303, Sergeant, 825th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near ~~XXXX~~, BELGIUM. Although he had all but two of his squad members wounded by a mortar shell, Sergeant HURO maneuvered his depleted machine gun crew to a position where flank fire could be put upon the enemy. During a momentary lull in the attack he rendered first aid to his wounded men and then again manned his weapon in such a manner that the riflemen were able to advance upon their objective. The gallantry, courage and stamina displayed by Sergeant HURO were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

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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 2CO.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ THORNTON H. IRWIN, 35220738, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When the mortar platoon leader was killed, Technical Sergeant IRWIN took command and moved the mortars into close support of the attacking Infantry. Setting up in an open field, only three hundred yards from the front lines, Technical Sergeant IRWIN, amidst the heavy enemy artillery fire, continually exposed himself as he moved between the guns, the phone and the radio. The unerring accuracy and efficient performance of the mortar fire inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. The inspiring leadership, efficiency and personal courage displayed by Technical Sergeant IRWIN were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BELLAIRE, OHIO.

✓ GEORGE A. JAMMER, JR., 35308974, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 November 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class JAMMER with three other men volunteered to furnish close-in support for a squad of engineers. A fierce artillery barrage forced the group to withdraw. Private First Class JAMMER remained behind. Upon observing a five man enemy patrol approaching, he waited until they were within fifty yards, then opened fire with his BAR killing two of the enemy and putting the rest to flight. His courage and ability in this action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHIEF FERRY, OHIO.

✓ EARL F. JEWELL, 36592862, Private, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When two of five tanks were knocked out by enemy fire, the remaining three were forced to take cover behind a building from vastly superior enemy armor and AT guns. Private JEWELL volunteered to remain with his tank, regardless of the danger involved, as it was used as a decoy to draw enemy fire. As a result of this exposure to intense enemy fire, the AT guns were located and eliminated by the balance of this small force. This heroic action on the part of Private JEWELL and his comrades was directly responsible for the final success of the mission. Entered military service from FORT SHREVEPORT, ILLINOIS.

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✓ CHARLES E. JOHNSON, 20225322, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. The enemy's advance had exposed the mortars to direct fire from the enemy machine gun and had set an ammunition truck on fire not thirty feet away which threatened to explode at any moment. Corporal JOHNSON, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, directed the fire of his mortar with devastating effect on the enemy. As a result of Corporal JOHNSON's actions, the battalion was able to withdraw with a minimum of casualties. His exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LEBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY.

✓ GEORGE R. JOHNSON, 33321314, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During a company attack against well dug in enemy, Sergeant JOHNSON crawled forward under heavy fire and destroyed an enemy machine gun nest with one well placed hand grenade. Then, heedless of his personal safety, he exposed himself to point out well camouflaged strongpoints to the supporting machine gun section as well as to his own rifle squad. The courageous initiative and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant JOHNSON enabled his company to complete their successful attack and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NORTH WELLS, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ WILLIAM R. KENGOTT, 36773552, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When his squad became pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private KENGOTT, crawling forward with his squad leader, voluntarily exposed himself to the enemy fire in an effort to locate the gun. While pointing out the gun's position to his squad leader Private KENGOTT was wounded. His disregard for personal safety enabled his squad leader to knock out an enemy gun position and crew and reestablish a roadblock with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

✓ JOHN J. KNOPF, 32681831, Sergeant, 517th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant KNOPF, Supply Sergeant, volunteered to go in a weapons carrier in an effort to locate and evacuate three wounded men reported to be in a farmhouse under enemy observation. Despite the enemy fire and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant KNOPF located the farmhouse and removed the wounded. Again that night Sergeant KNOPF made another effort to find reported casualties. Locating them, he made two trips over the hazardous road to evacuate them. His personal courage and coolness made possible the recovery of ten seriously wounded casualties. Entered military service from YONKERS, NEW YORK.

✓ PAUL DE R. KOLISCH, 0437161, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7-8 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Captain KOLISCH, Assistant Battalion Surgeon, organized and personally supervised a search of the route of attack in an effort to locate casualties. It was bitterly cold and snow was falling heavily, making it imperative that the wounded be located before they became covered by the snow and frozen. With inexhaustible energy, Captain KOLISCH searched late into the night and evacuated ten casualties. He then established a forward aid station and at dawn made a further search, locating four more casualties. His untiring efforts in this action saved the lives of

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these men and reflects credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

✓ EDWARD LARES, 39571623, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private LARES, Assistant Machine Gunner, assumed command of the gun when his squad leader was killed. Placing it in an advantageous position, although exposed to heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire, he poured destructive fire on the enemy. When his ammunition was spent, Private LARES killed three of the enemy with his rifle, then crawled to an adjacent position, secured a resupply of ammunition and resumed his highly effective fire. His support contributed greatly to the success of the accomplishment of the attack on the town. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

✓ JAMES H. LECOMPTE, 13053405, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal LECOMPTE, Aid Man, in the face of direct fire from two enemy self-propelled guns and heavy mortars, went to the aid of a wounded man in an exposed position. Administering hasty first aid, he picked up the wounded man and carried him several hundred yards to a position from which he could be evacuated. This gallant act by Corporal LECOMPTE is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ ROBERT F. LEHMAN, 3077708, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Corporal LEHMAN, Aid Man, established a firing point with Private HAMILTON on the extreme right flank of their battalion. For two days they were cut off from the main force of their unit and continually exposed to enemy mortar and small arms fire but he continued to collect wounded, completely disregarding his own personal safety. Although in imminent danger of being captured, Corporal LEHMAN rendered all possible service to the wounded. His own calm demeanor prevented them from realizing the full danger of their position, thus sustaining their morale until they could be evacuated. Entered military service from KINGS MILLIS, OHIO.

✓ EDWARD LOBDEZOO, 20635467, First Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Despite his fatigue following a seven thousand yard advance over rugged terrain and through deep snow, First Sergeant LOBDEZOO volunteered to lead a four man reconnaissance patrol into the inner defenses of the Siegfried Line. With great skill and aggressiveness he led the patrol deep into the enemy's defensive positions, captured four prisoners and returned with valuable information. This reconnaissance resulted in the successful attacks on the key towns of *** and ***, GERMANY. Entered military service from GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

✓ CHARLES L. LOHR, 33050650, Staff Sergeant, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. During the attack of infantry, tanks and destroyers across an open area in the face of stiff opposition, the assault was being held up by intense mortar fire and direct fire from a dug-in enemy tank. Staff Sergeant LOHR, with complete disregard for his personal safety, made a foot reconnaissance in the face of intense small arms fire. He then guided his destroyer to positions from which effective

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fire could be put upon the enemy. As a result of this bold action on the part of Sergeant LCP, the destroyer was able to eliminate two mortar positions and one enemy tank, greatly facilitating the attack. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

MICHAEL J. MAKSUTA, 32466783, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. While giving supporting fire to assault elements, which were advancing across open fields in the face of heavy small arms fire, Private First Class MAKSUTA observed a man seriously wounded. Turning the machine gun over to the second gunner he rushed over fifty yards of open ground and carried the casualty to safety. He then returned to his gun and continued pouring heavy concentrations of fire upon the Germans. The initiative and courage displayed by Private First Class MAKSUTA were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CLIFFSIDE PARK, NEW JERSEY.

HOWARD MARCUM, 35771500, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When two assault companies were pinned down by enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from a group of strongpoints, Private First Class MARCUM came up from the rear and rushed toward the enemy firing his BAR and shouting, "Let's Go". The courageous determination and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class MARCUM were dominant factors in the success of the attack and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COENNA, WEST VIRGINIA.

JAMES MCKINLEY, 38599239, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 6 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. The enemy in dug-in positions with machine gun and supporting howitzers and anti-tank guns presented a serious threat of holding up the assault company. Private MCKINLEY voluntarily moved to an advantageous position and opened fire with his BAR, knocking out one enemy machine gun and eliminating the enemy's avenue of withdrawal. His aggressive actions enabled his company to capture ten of the enemy and gain these important positions vital to the successful completion of its mission. Entered military service from CAMP ROBERTS, CALIFORNIA.

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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 300.3 (A3), Headquarters XVIII Corps, Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES E. MC PHERON, 01315493, First Lieutenant, 525th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Despite his fatigue following a seven thousand yard advance over rugged terrain and through deep snow, Lieutenant MC PHERON volunteered to lead a man patrol into the inner defenses of the SIEGFRIED Line. With great skill and aggressiveness, he led the patrol deep into the enemy's defensive positions and returned with vital information. From this reconnaissance resulted the successful attacks on the key towns of ***** and ***** GERMANY. Entered military service from MARION, ALABAMA.

FLOYD O. NEWBORN, 14139626, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 January 1945, at ***** BELGIUM. When the lead scout drew fire, Private First Class NEWBORN, BAR Gunner, advanced from the flank and knocked the enemy machine gun out of action. Later, the patrol became pinned down. Unable to continue on their mission, Private First Class NEWBORN voluntarily crawled across 100 yards of open field, exposing himself to constant small arm fire and dragged an enemy soldier's body back to the woods to gain the required information. He then covered the patrol while it safely withdrew. Private First Class NEWBORN's duntless courage is in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

ORLEY E. MILLS, 55209400, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. The company was receiving heavy fire from an enemy self-propelled gun several hundred yards away when three men became casualties and fell in the shelling zone of the enemy weapon. With utter disregard for personal safety, Sergeant MILLS moved forward under the enemy fire and removed the men, one at a time, to a covered position where they were administered first aid. This heroic act by Sergeant MILLS undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades and reflects much credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from CLEAR CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA.

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JOSEPH KOLCHON, 59535790, Private First Class, 321st Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class KOLCHON left the cover of his foxhole to give aid to several wounded comrades. Headless of the danger, he moved across open ground and, while in an exposed position rendered vital first aid. Crouching and crawling in the face of heavy fire, he dragged the casualty to the comparative safety of a foxhole. Private First Class KOLCHON repeated this performance several times until all the wounded were in positions of some cover. The gallantry, humanity and courage exhibited by Private First Class KOLCHON in this action were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GARFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

JOSEPH T. O'DONNELL, 01059578, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Caught in a heavy, demolishing artillery barrage, the attack was in danger of bogging down. Lieutenant O'DONNELL, with great personal courage, alternately urged and led his platoon in a determined assault, killing twenty five of the enemy and capturing fifteen. Due to the inspiring courage and aggressiveness of Lieutenant O'DONNELL the complete success of the attack was insured. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

ABRAHAM OYKMAN, 59305782, Private First Class, 506th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 25 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Private First Class OYKMAN, Radio Operator, carried ammunition through an area covered by enemy fire and into which the enemy had infiltrated to a machine gun position. Arriving at the position, he volunteered to accompany his commanding officer in an effort to knock out a half-track which was pouring heavy fire upon the company's position. Private First Class OYKMAN's courage reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne troops of the United States Army. Entered military service from BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

JOHN R. PARSONS, JR., 01056500, Second Lieutenant, 525th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Although wounded painfully in the leg by shrapnel, Lieutenant PARSONS refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his machine gun platoon into the attack. Despite intense enemy artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, he set up his guns and directed the accurate supporting fire for the assault units. Through the next two fierce attacks he remained with his decimated platoon, inspiring the men by his personal courage and aggressiveness. Only after the platoon was relieved did Lieutenant PARSONS allow himself to be evacuated. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

GEORGE H. PATRICK, 15077137, Technician Fourth Grade, 506th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 19 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Technician Fourth Grade PATRICK, Medical Technician, responded promptly to a call for medical aid when the battalion position came under a heavy artillery barrage. A trailer full of first mortar ammunition was hit and started burning while Technician Fourth Grade PATRICK was dressing one of the wounded men. Another soldier

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was hit and seriously wounded by the same shell which hit the trailer. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade PATRICK rushed over and dragged the wounded man from under the burning trailer. His actions saved this wounded soldier's life and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

JAMES E. PETTIT, 3-833974, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Private PETTIT, Rifleman, and one other man systematically patrolled the area about their outpost to locate the enemy MLR. While on this patrol, an enemy combat patrol over ran the outpost and destroyed their lines of communication. Hearing the noise, Private PETTIT and his companion returned and engaged the enemy in a fierce fire fight. Although heavily outnumbered, they recaptured their outpost and reestablished their communication lines with the platoon. His courage in this action is in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces in which he serves. Entered military service from ROME, GEORGIA.

THOMAS J. PRIEST, 01515614, First Lieutenant, 517th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 11 September 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Finding that two lines, laid through an enemy mine field, were knocked out by enemy artillery, Lieutenant PRIEST led his four-man wire crew to locate and repair the breaks. Locating the first break, he left two men to repair it and continued ahead to find the other. Arriving at the mine field, Lieutenant PRIEST successfully probed his way through this hazardous obstacle and repaired the damaged line. Lieutenant PRIEST's devotion to duty and leadership were prime factors in the successful attacks made by his battalion. Entered military service from HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

THOMAS J. ROGERS, 19030307, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 January 1945, at *****, BELGIUM. Enemy in well dug-in positions with supporting machine guns plus four howitzers and antitank weapons prevented one platoon from moving forward with the company. Sergeant ROGERS, realizing the situation, took charge of a group of men and moved them into position where they were able to knock out several machine guns and outflank the howitzers. His actions relieved the pressure on this platoon and the whole company was able to move forward and gain their objective. This unhesitating action by Sergeant ROGERS was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to himself and his organization. Entered military service from FORT JAY, NEW YORK.

TAYLOR G. SMITH, 01763860, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. The company, during an intense artillery concentration, was subjected to heavy attack by an enemy infantry battalion. Captain SMITH, despite a serious leg injury incurred on the drop into enemy territory, personally organized the company for a counter-attack. Fearlessly exposing himself, Captain SMITH, by his courageous example, inspired his men to such a height that they advanced over a mile, taking a great toll of enemy equipment and inflicting heavy casualties. As a

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result, the enemy was unable to reorganize for a further concentrated attack upon the regimental positions. Captain SMITH's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DALLAS, TEXAS.

GORDON R. STARCK, 13042301, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944, at ***** BELGIUM. Private First Class STARCK, Medical Aid Man, voluntarily moved through heavily concentrated machine gun and rifle fire to give aid to and to evacuate the wounded across the river. The platoon was ordered to withdraw to the west bank and the bridge blown, but Private First Class STARCK refused to cross the river until he had personally inspected to insure that no wounded were being abandoned. Returning to the river, he personally evacuated the remaining two casualties across the fire-swept river. Private First Class STARCK's heroic action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

EDWARD H. STREET, 31087713, Corporal, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. When two of five tanks were knocked out by enemy fire, the remaining three were forced to take cover behind a building from vastly superior enemy armor and AT guns. Corporal STREET volunteered to remain with his tank, heedless of the danger involved, as it was used as a decoy to draw enemy fire. As a result of this exposure to intense enemy fire, the AT guns were located and eliminated by the balance of this small force. This heroic action on the part of Corporal STREET and his comrades was directly responsible for the final success of the mission. Entered military service from PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

STANLEY I. VIEIRA, 32630726, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When leading elements of the battalion were pinned down by artillery, mortar and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant VIEIRA led three members of his heavy machine gun squad across two hundred yards of exposed ground to set up his gun and protect the exposed right flank. Subject ad to the same withering fire, without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant VIEIRA set up his gun in an unprepared position and poured out such a hail of lead that the forming enemy forces were unable to launch an attempted counter-attack. Entered military service from BRONX, NEW YORK.

LOUIS B. WEDGE, 36145505, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. While advancing into a terrific mortar barrage, the platoon leader became a casualty and the attack showed signs of bogging down. Staff Sergeant WEDGE immediately took over and, with no thought for his personal safety, went from man to man reorganizing the platoon and the led them forward to drive the enemy from the area. The inspiring leadership and personal courage of Staff Sergeant WEDGE were dominant factors in the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from CROSWELL, MICHIGAN.

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I - 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 POF 3 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

MAYO S. SILVEY, O444344, Major, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 18 December 1944 to 19 January 1945, in BELGIUM. The successful operation of the ordnance functions during the ~~****~~ Campaign was attributable to the outstanding efforts of Major SILVEY, who supervised and directed all work in a superior manner to support over twice as many troops as his company was designed to service. Major SILVEY's planning, foresight and coordination between his unit and higher and lower echelons resulted in the accomplishment of all ordnance services in a minimum of time. His cooperative attitude, tact, and efficiency contributed materially to the Division's successes. Entered military service from ANACOSTIA, D. C.

WILLIAM O. SUTTON, 13069303, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 December 1944 to 11 January 1945, in BELGIUM. Sergeant SUTTON, Radio Chief, on his own initiative, when mechanical failures or adverse weather conditions held up radio transmissions, found some means of communications. The manner in which he supervised the operation of eight radios during this period was unexcelled. Sergeant SUTTON's untiring devotion to duty, superior ability and ingenuity reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

WILLIAM F. TRYON, 19093043, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 20 December 1944 to 11 January 1945, in BELGIUM. On numerous occasions, Private First Class TRYON, Lineman, with disregard for personal safety, under enemy small arms and artillery fire, volunteered to repair disrupted telephone communications. He assisted in laying the wire under intense artillery fire between the Regimental and Battalion CPs. His outstanding devotion to duty, initiative and superior ability were a material benefit to the regiment and a credit to himself and his organization. Entered military service from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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GEORGE E. WALSH, 3705187, Technician Fifth Grade, 342 Ordnance Depot Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM Technician Fifth Grade WALSH, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the Battalion's operation. Entered military service from LEADVILLE, COLORADO.

JAMES T. WILCOXSON, 0597899, Major, Headquarters XX Corps. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 15 December 1944 to 20 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Major WILCOXSON, as Assistant Division Artillery S-3, shared the responsibility for the coordination of the fires of the organic artillery with the attached and supporting artillery in the almost constant division attacks. During most of the period a constantly changing organization of attached and supporting artillery made necessary frequent revisions of the fire direction plans. Major WILCOXSON's skill and his intelligent handling of the fire direction center during long periods without sleep or rest played a large part in the successful maintenance of fire support over the division front in the many phases of this campaign. His conduct reflects the highest credit on the military service. Entered military service from LAWTON, OKLAHOMA.

CALVIN T. WILLIAMS, 35710325, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM Private First Class WILLIAMS, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the Battalion's operation. Entered military service from OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY.

DANIEL E. WRIGHT, 31028813, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945, near ****, BELGIUM. Private First Class WRIGHT, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the Battalion's operation. Entered military service from WESTMINSTER, VERMONT.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, POSTHUMOUSLY:

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ELLWOOD J. KUHN, 38221997, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Private First Class KUHN, Acting Platoon Sergeant, led the assault of his platoon against the strongest point on the enemy front and knocked out every enemy position and destroyed or captured every enemy in his area. When an enemy machine gun held up the advance of his center squad, Private First Class KUHN personally ran forward without benefit of cover and disposed of the opposition, killing three, capturing three and forcing others in the vicinity to retire, thus preventing many casualties in his platoon. Private First Class KUHN's courage and ability evoked the admiration of every officer and man who witnessed his work and the performance reflects great credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PLYMOUTH, OHIO.

HUBERT J. MAYEUX, 16171584, Private First Class, 525th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Acting as ammunition bearer for a machine gun squad which was laying flanking support fire, Private First Class MAYEUX, without orders and heedless of the danger involved, crossed fifty yards of shell swept terrain to replenish the supply of ammunition. Finding the gunners both wounded upon his return to the position, Private First Class MAYEUX kept the gun in action, laying a curtain of accurate fire upon the enemy until he was killed by a direct hit from artillery. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class MAYEUX were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MOREAUVILLE, LOUISIANA.

ROBERT RETHEMEYER, 39403935, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When elements of the adjacent unit were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class RETHEMEYER, heedless of the danger involved, charged down upon the German positions firing his BAR from the hip. Although wounded by the intense fire directed at him, he continued his lone assault and forced three enemy machine gun crews to withdraw. This gallant and courageous action by Private First Class RETHEMEYER enabled his unit to successfully complete its mission and was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KEHLIN, OREGON.

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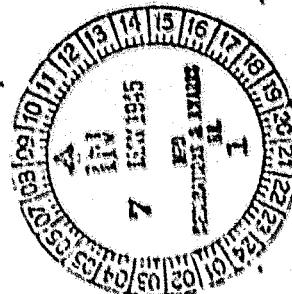
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR HEROIC CONDUCT.....I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR TERRITORIAL SERVICE.....II

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:

JAMES K. WINDHAM, 38371541, Private First Class, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When two of five tanks were knocked out by enemy fire, the remaining three were forced to take cover behind a building from the vastly superior enemy armor and AT guns. Private First Class WINDHAM volunteered to remain with his tank, heedless of the danger involved, as it was used as a decoy to draw enemy fire. As a result of this exposure to intense enemy fire the AT guns were located and eliminated by the balance of this small force. This heroic action on the part of Private First Class WINDHAM and his comrades was directly responsible for the final success of the mission. Entered military service from ABILENE, TEXAS.

RAYMOND E. WISE, 0539195, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When an unprotected flank became apparent during a battalion attack, a quick change of plan was necessary. First Lieutenant WISE quickly grasped the situation, and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to intense fire from enemy self-propelled guns and small arms as he moved about acquainting company officers with the situation. First Lieutenant WISE was a splendid example to officers and men at a critical point in the attack. Entered military service from GREAT FALLS MONTANA.

PAUL J. ZAHURANCE, 16168955, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Warning his platoon to take cover, Private First Class ZAHURANCE, Scout, made his way to the edge of the woods and waited in ambush for an enemy combat force. At point blank range, he opened up with his BAR, and, killing approximately twenty, routed the enemy attack; thus, allowing his company to gain their objective. This conspicuous bravery and aggressiveness by Private First Class ZAHURANCE reflects great honor on the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

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

✓ GEORGE H. BANTA, 12087923, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 20 December 1944 to 11 January 1945 in BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade BANTA, Lineman, acting on his own initiative, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, traced and repaired damaged communication lines. During one attack Technician Fifth Grade BANTA assisted in establishing and maintaining wire communications under heavy small arms and mortar fire. His devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WILKESBATH, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

✓ JERRY J. BELDEN, O-375276, Major, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 20 February 1945 in HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Major BELDEN, Commanding 307th Airborne Medical Company, displayed exemplary application of professional and administrative skill to duty in meeting every demand for the care of sick and wounded. In the HOLLAND Campaign he organized and directed a medical installation comparable to an evacuation hospital when evacuation was severely hampered by the depth of the Airborne bridgehead. His accomplishments were a material contribution to the outstanding achievement of the Division Medical Service. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

✓ MATTHEW J. CONNELLY, O-442200, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June to 16 July 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Captain CONNELLY, Chaplain, jumped on the CHERBOURG Peninsula and joined his regiment in their first assembly. Throughout the entire operation, although injured on the jump, Captain CONNELLY refused to be evacuated in order to be of service to his regiment. He was of tremendous help to the medical aid men as well as offering inspirational and spiritual aid to the wounded and dying. Upon returning to ENGLAND, it was discovered that he had served the entire time on the line with a fractured vertebra. His conduct was in the true spirit of Christianity and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Chaplain's Corps. Entered military service from CANON CITY, COLORADO.

✓ ORRALD H. CUMMINGS, 35137200, Technician Fifth Grade, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 1943 to January 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, and BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade CUMMINGS, Clerk, S-1 Section, has constantly displayed initiative and a willing capacity for disposing of all tasks in a superior manner, many of which are far beyond those called for by the routine of his duty. He carried on his duties in the field throughout every combat operation in which the Regiment has taken part. Under the frequently uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous conditions prevailing in the field, he has unfailingly carried out his own work and any other task which he saw needed to be done. Entered military service from WALTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

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✓ JOHN W. FIORINI, 17035537, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Private First Class FIORINI, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain valuable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the battalion's operation. Entered military service from JENNINGS, ILLINOIS.

✓ NORMAN B. GALBRAITH, 31257348, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Private First Class GALBRAITH, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the battalion's operations. Entered military service from MONMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS.

✓ LAWRENCE E. JARVIS, 31445660, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Private First Class JARVIS, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the battalion's operation. Entered military service from PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

✓ CHARLES J. KELLER, 37283267, Technician Fourth Grade, 3d Ordnance Depot Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 near ~~###~~, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade KELLER, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the battalion's operations. Entered military service from MORRIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

✓ JACQUES W. MANTER, 39024207, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 September 1944 to 18 November 1944 in HOLLAND. Private First Class MANTER, Driver, showed initiative and endurance during the many trips made between the Battalion CP and the front lines. He repeatedly and voluntarily drove in zones subjected to enemy small arms and artillery fire and over the most hazardous roads during blackout hours. Private First Class MANTER's devotion to duty and superior handling of his vehicle materially aided the Battalion Commander in maintaining control of the wide spread units over a thinly held sector. Entered military service from NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

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FRED H. MORGAN, JR., 02011219, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 8 July 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. 2d Lt. (then S Sgt) MORGAN, Battalion Medical Section Chief, jumped with his unit and repeatedly brought medical aid to the wounded men and evacuated them under enemy fire, with complete disregard for his own personal safety. On two occasions Second Lieutenant MORGAN was hit by fragments of shrapnel but continued his duties. His exemplary action under fire was an inspiration to his own men and helped sustain the morale of all the troops with whom he made contact. Entered military service from EDGARTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS.

WALTER NOGA, 15101855, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class NOGA, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the battalion's operation. Entered military service from AKRON, OHIO.

FELIX H. PIETRAS, 31445235, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class PIETRAS, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the battalion's operation. Entered military service from ANTHONY, RHODE ISLAND.

CARROLL L. POSRY, 33497071, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class POSRY, S-2 Scout, reconnoitered enemy positions and roadnets to great extent, with such superb skill that he avoided detection by the enemy, to obtain invaluable information. His aggressive and skillful patrolling aided in the intelligent disposition and employment of defensive weapons and troops, and was of direct aid to the success of the battalion's operation. Entered military service from NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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I -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NO. 44, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 44, this Headquarters, dated 23 March 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Chief Warrant Officer ROBERT A. ROSS, W2116113, 505th Parachute Infantry, as reads "for the period 10 June 1943 to 28 June 1945" is amended to read "for the period 10 June 1943 to 28 January 1945."

II -- 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:

Pvt	Paul Nigra	6831739	6 Jul 44	MP Plat, 82d Abn Div	FRANCE
Pfc	Johnny J. InPorto	34234728	6 Jun 44	Hq Co, 82d Abn Div	FRANCE
Pvt	Peter Patonetz	33832919	18 Sep 44	82d Abn Sig Co	HOLLAND
Pvt	Gayle H. Starr	33693290	17 Sep 44	Hq 32d Abn Div	HOLLAND
Pfc	Herbert T. Surrency	14073219	6 Jun 44	Hq 82d Abn Div	FRANCE

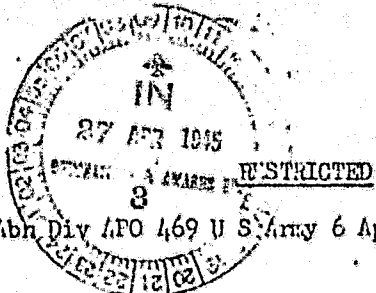
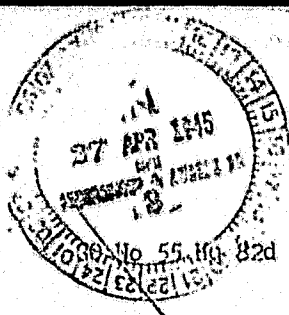
III -- AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named enlisted men of units indicated, in recognition of their exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, and having rendered one year's active military service since December 7 1941, with character excellent, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Pending availability of the Good Conduct Medal, the wearing of the Good Conduct Ribbon is authorized:

407TH AIRBORNE QUARTERMASTER COMPANY

Tsg 4	George Rudar	33103037	Cpl	Gerald J. Grubbs	35848538
Cpl	Donald L. Hasley	36289524	Cpl	LeRoy G. Myers	35280118
Cpl	Marvin A. Vollmer	37530306	Tsg 5	Ralph E. Sloan	37703570
Pfc	James V. Barnett	36628919	Pfc	Richard J. Bradshaw	36628896
Pfc	Thomas T. Brooks	38520330	Pfc	Elwood F. Carter	36698566
Pfc	Harvin D. Christman	33369513	Pfc	Wid Edmonds	34030711

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Pfc	Gavin E. Hubbard	19121420	Pfc	Glenn R. Mann	35750682
Pfc	William G. Northcutt	35789153	Pfc	Kalvin A. Reiss	38495816
Pfc	Donald Ross	38471554	Pfc	Charles L. Williams	37604389
Pfc	Lusley Williams	34635559	Pvt	Burness E. Balzer	36289421
Pvt	Bascom B. Barnett	34374143	Pvt	Arthur L. Barnes, Jr.	32835838
Pvt	Alfred F. Blankowski	42019981	Pvt	Eldridge H. Westop	34884234
Pvt	Ambrey G. Bobbit	34464743	Pvt	Johnie H. Clark	6992256
Pvt	Simon E. Clement	38309501	Pvt	Charles H. Cordell	35805678
Pvt	Thomas W. Davis	42101264	Pvt	Joseph D'Elia	42040269
Pvt	Robert L. Fry	15087810	Pvt	Reynaldo Garcia	37354702
Pvt	Jack H. Hutchinson	35705110	Pvt	Roy Knob	37358861
Pvt	Salvatore LaCava	31420885	Pvt	Clarence E. Ladd	31428772
Pvt	Leonard O. Liler	36668315	Pvt	Willis W. Prather	38488961
Pvt	Fred W. Schoppe	36755384	Pvt	Robert J. Schuyler	32786269
Pvt	John O. Taylor	38534259	Pvt	Nicholas J. Voglio	42060227

782D AIRBORNE ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE COMPANY

S Sgt	Lewis E. Neal	7082868	S Sgt	Leon Serpantini	12032647
Tec 4	Russell E. Boutell	36286055	Tec 4	Paul C. Farris	38430285
Tec 4	Carl A. Jarnig	17047963	Tec 4	John H. Maliske	37155263
Tec 4	Henry J. Marek	35500368	Tec 4	Stanley A. Rosenstein	35110799
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Tec 5	Paul Y. Honora	33201359	Tec 5	Edward L. Hummer	15324714
Tec 5	Edward O. Ledford	18052590	Tec 5	Leslie I. Loveland	12132876
Tec 5	Harry J. Martinovich	39291703	Tec 5	Raymond E. Solby	35425009
Pfc	Norman T. Cook	54213756	Pfc	Richard E. Halberstadt	16156534
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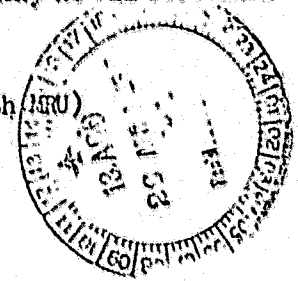
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SECTION

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL..... I

I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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

MELVIN G. GENTRY, 19069449, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1943 to 4 February 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Through all of these campaigns Private First Class GENTRY displayed exceptional skill, courage and devotion to duty as a rifle grenadier. In ITALY he daringly engaged a superior number of enemy rocket launchers. During the breaching of the SIEGFRIED Line he played a great part in destroying many enemy positions. Private First Class GENTRY held a vital place in the many successes of his Company. Entered military service from ALBAGO, NEW MEXICO.

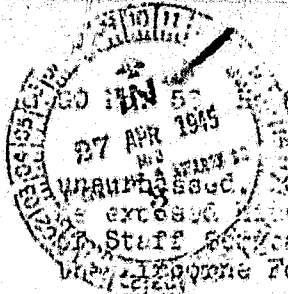
WILLIAM M. NOEL, 0375229, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 September 1943 to 15 February 1945, in ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. As transportation officer, Captain NOEL displayed outstanding abilities and devotion to duty in planning the transportation, including rail, ship and motor vehicle, of all Division moves. His untiring efforts, superior planning and execution of complex displacements have materially aided the Division in its combat efforts. Entered military service from TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

LEWIS C. SCARBROUGH, 20441750, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations during the period 10 July 1943 to 26 March 1945. Sergeant SCARBROUGH participated in the four combat parachute jumps made by this Division. Throughout each campaign his valorous actions in the face of enemy opposition have marked him as an outstanding leader among his comrades. In HOLLAND, while on outpost, his position became surrounded by advancing enemy. Sergeant SCARBROUGH calmly called for mortar and, by remaining at his post and giving accurate fire data, was able to turn the enemy advance into a withdrawal. This is one of many that typify Sergeant SCARBROUGH's combat career. His exemplary conduct over a long and trying period of time reflects the credit upon himself and is typical of the high standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

ORLANDO C. PETERS, 19075922, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations during the period 9 July 1943 to 20 November 1944, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant PETERS, Squad and Platoon Sergeant, throughout these four campaigns, has shown himself to be a superior soldier and leader. His quiet determination and devotion to duty set an example for every one associated with him and won him the respect and admiration of his men and officers. Staff Sergeant PETERS, during the SICILY, ITALY and NORMANDY Campaigns, was a mortar squad sergeant and consistently, through his expert knowledge and diligent instruction, he turned out superior mortar squads whose efficiency was

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...on numerous occasions acting as observer for his squad... Staff Sergeant PETERS are in keeping with the high traditions of Airborne Forces.

RAYMOND L. WARTICK, 36026083, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations during the period 10 July 1943 to 25 March 1945. Technical Sergeant WARTICK participated in all of the combat parachute jumps and combat missions in which his unit participated. He has shown outstanding qualities of leadership during every campaign, and has in every instance proven himself to be highly competent in combat of his platoon. He has repeatedly and without regard for his safety exposed himself to all types of enemy fire and his conduct a long period of time under the most severe and hazardous conditions reflects great credit upon himself. During the period 3 January 1945 to 11 January 1945, he took command of his Platoon upon his Platoon Leader's death and through his excellent leadership and personal example of aggressiveness his platoon was able to fulfill its missions with complete success. Technical Sergeant WARTICK's actions exemplify to the highest degree the traditions of the United States Army Airborne Forces.

HUGH F. WITHERS, 7004540, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 July 1944, near FRANCE. Private First Class WITHERS, Squad Leader, Company "G", was second in command of a ten man reconnaissance patrol which penetrated deep into enemy territory seeking badly needed information. Well on the mission, the point suddenly encountered a hidden machine gun nest which split the patrol. Under fire and half encircled by unseen enemy, the six men remaining quickly became disorganized. Private First Class WITHERS took command, issued brief orders which started the men moving back to an assembly area, and with regard only for the safety of his men, he moved over to a vantage point and returned fire, centering enemy attention upon himself. Courageously he continued firing until his last man had moved from the danger area. Quickly rejoining the patrol, by sheer leadership ability, initiative and aggressiveness, he held the patrol together and continued on until the necessary information had been secured. His conspicuous bravery earned for him the deepest respect of all his men. His gallant conduct exemplifies the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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VERGIL OAKDEN, 39021079, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 12 June 1944, near *****, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant OAKDEN, Squad Leader, moved his squad forward under intense automatic fire and personally assaulted an enemy automatic rifle position. During an attack on fortified enemy positions, his company was crossing an open field when an enemy machine gun opened fire, temporarily pinning it down. Staff Sergeant OAKDEN, understanding the situation, voluntarily led a portion of his squad forward as a base of fire. Under the cover of their fire he moved forward alone, threw three grenades and then charged the gun and crew with his M-1 Rifle. As a result of his action three of the enemy were wounded and taken prisoner and his company had been enabled, under cover of this action, to move into a covered ravine and continue the attack. Staff Sergeant OAKDEN's courageous action undoubtedly saved his company several casualties. It established him in the high esteem of the officers and his fellow enlisted men and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

JOHN JAMPA, JR., 36119419, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations for the period 9 July 1943 to 18 February 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Staff Sergeant JAMPA, Platoon Sergeant, during this period, performed his duties in such a capable, efficient and courageous manner as to become an example of tireless devotion to duty to all who knew him. Wounded in three of these campaigns, Staff Sergeant JAMPA's courageous leadership during battle has been a source of great inspiration to the men of his platoon. In SICILY he assumed and capably executed the duties of Platoon Leader when the Platoon Leader became a battle casualty. During the HOLLAND Campaign he again led the Platoon when the Platoon Leader was wounded. Staff Sergeant JAMPA's faithful and conscientious service, his leadership and courageous conduct have been exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

JAMES E. MC DAVID, 20414430, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations for the period 9 July 1943 to 10 February 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Private First Class MC DAVID, by his tireless devotion to duty has been outstanding in all engagements in which the Regiment has participated. He has demonstrated great courage and efficiency in performing all tasks assigned to him. He has been an excellent example to the men in his Platoon by his cheerful obedience and soldierly bearing and conduct in combat and in garrison life. His technical skill in demolition has gained him the

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fullest respect and confidence of his officers and fellow soldiers. Private First Class MC DAVID's presence has been a strengthening factor in the demolition platoon, and reflects great credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

HARRY C. PETERSON, 39387074, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations for the period 9 July 1943 to 11 April 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Private First Class PETERSON, Armor Artificer, has, in all the positions he has held in his Regiment, proven himself a superior soldier, possessed of untiring loyalty and devotion to duty. In SICILY, as a Scout, he was ever foremost in reconnoitering dangerous enemy territory. In ITALY, Private First Class PETERSON exposed himself to fierce enemy fire to cover the withdrawal of his platoon. In NORMANDY he again proved himself extremely valuable until he was severely wounded and, against his will, evacuated. In HOLLAND, though only a few days out of the hospital, he played a large part in the success of his unit. In BELGIUM, Private First Class PETERSON, as Armor Artificer, expedited the many difficult supply problems by his great initiative and untiring efforts. His conspicuously meritorious conduct has at all times been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

STUART MC CASH, O448694, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY, leading his platoon in an attack on the SIEGFRIED Line, Lieutenant MC CASH planned and carried out a most brilliant assault. Without support of artillery or heavy weapons, he placed his light machine guns and rocket launchers in the most advantageous positions and personally led the assault upon the pillboxes and the mopping up of infantry behind them. He then reorganized immediately and secured a route of advance for his company. The following counter-attack of battalions of enemy was beaten off. Throughout the entire action Lieutenant MC CASH displayed a high order of physical courage and intrepid leadership in the face of deadly enemy fire. Entered military service from BLOOMFIELD, IOWA.

WILLIAM J. SWEET, JR., O454035, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Personally leading his company in an attack on strongly defended pillboxes and fortifications of the SIEGFRIED Line, Captain SWEET so inspired his men by his courage and gallantry that they swept forward undaunted by the intense fire, neutralized the positions, and took thirty prisoners. When the enemy counter-attack threatened to split the battalion, Captain SWEET so committed his company as to confuse the enemy and disorganize their attack. Although wounded, he refused to be evacuated and continued to expose himself fearlessly as he directed the efforts of his men. The gallant leadership of Captain SWEET was a prime factor in the success of his battalion and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MANLIUS, NEW YORK.

THEODORE S. WATSON, 32798271, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944, near ***** BELGIUM. During an attack on a strongly defended town, Private WATSON unhesitatingly left his covered position and braved a hail of 20mm cannon and machine gun fire to go to the aid of five wounded men. With complete disregard for his own safety, he safely evacuated all the casualties. Later, when a strong counter-attack caused six more casualties, Private WATSON again exposed himself with great gallantry to render first aid. He shielded the wounded with his own body while evacuating them across one hundred fifty yards of open, shell-swept terrain. The courageous gallantry displayed by Private WATSON was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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JOHN H. STUBBS, 34480487, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 January 1945, near *****, GERMANY. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties, Staff Sergeant STUBBS took command of the platoon and, despite intense fire which reduced his command to only four men, reached the objective. Cornering sixty-five enemy in a group of buildings, he returned six hundred yards under heavy fire to guide tanks forward. After killing six Germans, whom he had flushed from concealed positions, Staff Sergeant STUBBS persuaded the balance of the enemy to surrender. The gallantry, courage and aggressiveness displayed by Staff Sergeant STUBBS were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MISSISSIPPI.

OTIS W. HORTON, JR., 34099749, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. During an attack upon the fortifications of the SIEGFRIED Line, Sergeant HORTON assumed command of two leaderless platoons and led them in a successful assault upon the enemy. Hard pressed by counter-attacks, he refused a demand for surrender and directed a savage attack upon the Germans. The courageous aggressiveness, high qualities of leadership and initiative displayed by Sergeant HORTON were dominant factors in the success of the penetration of the SIEGFRIED Line and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ANGELES, SOUTH CAROLINA.

JOSEPH H. GREEN, 35291016, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant GREEN, Light Machine Gun Section Sergeant, during an attack on the SIEGFRIED Line, led his men forward in the face of heavy automatic weapons fire from concrete pillboxes to furnish close support for the attacking riflemen. When the machine guns became worn out from constant firing, Staff Sergeant GREEN organized the section as riflemen and led an assault into the enemy positions. His high courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Entered military service from MARION, OHIO.

WILLIAM H. CONSIGNY, 11084772, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, near *****, GERMANY. Sergeant CONSIGNY, Squad Leader, had the mission of holding a roadblock on the left flank of the Company's position leading into the town of *****. Although a numerically stronger enemy force succeeded in over-running his positions, Sergeant CONSIGNY defended them stubbornly until ordered back to the Company OP, where the enemy had infiltrated in great numbers. Sergeant CONSIGNY displaced his squad gradually while maintaining fire on the enemy, thus materially hampering their assault, and skillfully directed the operations of his squad by voice and example under almost continual exposure to heavy small arms and mortar fire. The cool leadership and courageous conduct of Sergeant CONSIGNY reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CECIL A. NAVIN, 33738001, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Dug in with the forward elements of his unit, Private NAVIN discovered an enemy Mark V Tank charging forward, reinforced by infantry, with the intention of overrunning the platoon defense line. With great courage Private NAVIN waited until the tank was almost upon him before climbing from his foxhole to fire his bazooka. The first shell disabled the tank turret and forced it to withdraw. Private NAVIN was in the act of reloading his weapon for another shot when he was wounded by direct fire from the tank's 75mm gun. The courage and determined aggressiveness demonstrated by Private NAVIN was responsible for eliminating a severe threat to the security of his company and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ROBERT LEMERY, 20159612, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Taking command of his platoon when the platoon leader became a casualty, Technical Sergeant LEMERY bravely led his men across open terrain under intense fire so skillfully that few casualties were sustained. Exposing himself to intense automatic weapons fire, Technical Sergeant LEMERY set such an inspiring example for his men that five pillboxes were reduced and twenty seven prisoners taken. The courageous gallantry and aggressive initiative displayed by Technical Sergeant LEMERY in this action were dominant factors in the success of the mission and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from VERMONT.

MAURICE C. BLEDSOE, 18122353, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, near ***** GERMANY. When Company "A" was counter-attacked in battalion strength, after having seized the town in a foray across the RHINE, Private First Class BLEDSOE's position was assaulted simultaneously by two enemy platoons. He allowed one platoon to approach frontally to within fifteen yards, and then completely disorganized it with devastating machine gun fire. The other enemy platoon attacked on his flank from houses twenty five yards distant. Private First Class BLEDSOE then directed heavy fire upon this group and stalled the entire enemy attack in his sector. He exposed himself continually by moving under small arms and panzerfaust fire, from position to position to issue his orders. In the withdrawal from ***** to the River he displaced his weapons only twenty five to thirty yards at a time, and thus successfully covered the bridgehead for the return trip across the RHINE. Private First Class BLEDSOE's courageous actions and superior leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO.

JOHN N. PEASE, 0410565, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, near ***** GERMANY. When Company "A" was subjected to a fierce enemy counter-attack of approximate battalion strength, supported by two tanks, Captain PEASE, Commanding, left the OP and toured each of the Company's three platoon defense sectors under a barrage of direct tank fire, small arms and machine gun fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Captain PEASE exhorted and personally directed his men in repulsing this determined attack. In a second attack, two tanks succeeded in infiltrating to within twenty five yards of the Company OP. Captain PEASE took a leading part in destroying one of these tanks. Throughout this entire engagement his cool, intelligent and courageous leadership and his unflinching and skillful handling of his Company effected the frustration of every enemy effort to annihilate it. The actions of Captain PEASE were an inspiration to his entire Command, and reflect the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEBRASKA.

REX E. HAZEN, 01165397, First Lieutenant, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, in ***** GERMANY. Lieutenant HAZEN, an artillery observer, accompanied Company "A" when it crossed the RHINE River and captured the town of *****. When the Company was subjected to a fierce enemy counter-attack in battalion strength supported by two tanks, he expertly directed supporting artillery fire which helped stall the attack. After regrouping, the enemy again attacked, overran Lieutenant HAZEN's position and knocked out his radio. He evaded the enemy, reached the OP and continued to direct artillery fire with the Company radio until the Company had successfully withdrawn from the town. Lieutenant HAZEN was the last to leave the position, and brought twenty men safely across the River. By his extreme devotion to duty, his courage and skillful direction of supporting artillery fire, he contributed materially to the casualties inflicted on strong enemy forces by Company "A" in its foray across the RHINE. Throughout the engage-

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ment Lieutenant [REDACTED] actions exemplified the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, IOWA.

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, posthumously:

BENJAMIN P. WALKER, 16077355, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near [REDACTED], GERMANY. During an assault upon a strongly defended enemy position one of the assault squad was seriously wounded. Private First Class WALKER, an Aid Man, with no thought for his personal safety, left his position of comparative safety and rushed forward to the wounded man despite intense machine gun and sniper fire. Disregarding the hail of enemy bullets, he administered first aid in the exposed position. When he attempted to carry the casualty to safety, Private First Class WALKER was seriously wounded himself. The supreme heroism and high conception of duty displayed by Private First Class WALKER were a tribute to himself and the Medical Corps. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

ALBERT SEBOSKY, 36298568, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near [REDACTED], GERMANY. As his light machine gun section moved forward to give close support to the Infantry during an attack, the tremendous superiority of enemy automatic weapons fire from concrete pillboxes threatened to pin the section down. Private First Class SEBOSKY, with no thought for his personal safety, exposed himself recklessly as he moved from man to man, helping and urging them forward. Maintaining accurate murderous fire behind the assaulting infantrymen until his gun burned out, Private First Class SEBOSKY leaped to his feet, yelled "Let's go", and led his squad in the final assault with the riflemen on the pillboxes. Private First Class SEBOSKY was killed only ten yards from the enemy positions. His aggressive courage was the decisive factor in the successful attack and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

EDWARD A. KIEFFER, 36628784, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near [REDACTED], GERMANY. Acting as squad leader during an attack on the SIEGFRIED Line, Private First Class KIEFFER led his men steadily forward in the face of heavy enemy automatic weapons fire from concrete pillboxes. Exposing himself with calculated recklessness when it was necessary to keep the attack moving, Private First Class KIEFFER was an inspiration to his men at all times. He was killed during the final assault just short of the German positions, but the aggressive courage displayed by Private First Class KIEFFER was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

ROY YATES, 35891532, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944, near [REDACTED], BELGIUM. Engaged in manning an important outpost with his squad, Private First Class YATES so inspired the men by his courage that a heavy enemy attack was repulsed and penetration to the main position stopped. Although all but three of the squad became casualties, and he himself was wounded by the hail of enemy mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class YATES urged and led his men in such a desperate defense of their position that the enemy were driven back. While he lost his life in this gallant struggle against a numerically superior enemy, the gallantry and courage displayed by Private First Class YATES were

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in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHARLESTON, OHIO.

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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, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

JOHN H. STUBBS, 34480487, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, near *****, GERMANY. When Company "A" positions East of the RHINE were overrun by a superior force of enemy infantry supported by two tanks, Staff Sergeant STUBBS took an approximate squad and a half of men and established a defended route to the River bank. Positions were immediately attacked by the enemy and cut off by approximately two platoons of infantry, using panzerfausts and automatic weapons. Breving this hail of close-range fire, Staff Sergeant STUBBS personally directed his men with such effectiveness that the enemy attack was stopped. When ammunition was almost exhausted, Staff Sergeant STUBBS exposed himself fearlessly to the enemy fire and guided the successful withdrawal of his men to a position of safety. By courageous and intelligent leadership, Staff Sergeant STUBBS frustrated a vastly superior enemy force with characteristic gallantry and clan of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MAGEE, MISSISSIPPI.

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

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

THOMAS F. LUHE, 0401730, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 19 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. As Regimental Communications Officer, Captain LUHE maintained communications with all units through a campaign conducted under the most adverse weather and ground conditions. Accompanying the most forward elements of the CP group, Captain LUHE personally supervised the installation of communications, frequently under heavy enemy fire. His tireless devotion to duty and high degree of technical skill were an inspiration to his men and contributed greatly to the success of his Regiment. Entered military service from SEWARD, NEBRASKA.

SERGIO R. FELIPE, 32000000, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. Leading his platoon in an assault upon permanent fortifications of the SIEGFRIED Line, Technical Sergeant FELIPE so inspired his men by his courageous aggressiveness that the position was overrun despite heavy and accurate machine gun and rifle fire. Coolly reorganizing his assault team, Technical Sergeant FELIPE, with no

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thought for his personal safety, skillfully directed his men in beating off five hours of enemy counter-attacks. The qualities of aggressive leadership and personal bravery displayed by Technical Sergeant FELIPE were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

JOHN CRUZ, 32641632, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Attached to an assault platoon as an Aid Man during an attack on the SIEGFRIED Line, Private First Class CRUZ exposed himself fearlessly to intense enemy fire to give first aid to numerous casualties. Although severely wounded himself and in great pain, Private First Class CRUZ continued to administer vital first aid to the more serious casualties. Only when too weak to be of further service did he allow himself to be evacuated. As a result of the prompt treatment, under the most hazardous conditions, the lives of many men were saved. The heroic self-sacrifice displayed by Private First Class CRUZ was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

RAYMOND C. KNUCKLES, 0451594, Major (then Capt), 325th Glider Inf. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. During an attack on the SIEGFRIED Line, Major KNUCKLES maintained an advance Regimental CP under heavy artillery fire in order that the attack could be better observed and directed. Becoming senior officer present, he continued to operate the CP efficiently and, despite being wounded, remained on duty for several hours until another officer could relieve him. His complete disregard for his safety and his devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SAUNEMIN, ILLINOIS

JACK F. NOTARIAN, 32949729, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. During the assault upon the SIEGFRIED Line, Private First Class NOTARIAN repeatedly braved a storm of enemy small arms, mortar and automatic weapons fire to carry vitally needed ammunition to key points of the attack. After the final objective was reached, Private First Class NOTARIAN volunteered to take three men and establish an outpost. When the enemy formed to counter-attack he was able to give warning to the balance of the company and, although wounded, managed to hold the outpost throughout the attack. Entered military service from TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.

WILLIAM W. BULLOCK, 14041375, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Staff Sergeant BULLOCK, Battalion Communication Chief, led a wire team of two men in an amphibious crossing of the RHINE River in the face of heavy enemy fire from prepared beach defenses. He laid vital communications wire across the River and through an enemy minefield to Company "A" in ***** a mile from the beach. Throughout the ensuing action, Staff Sergeant BULLOCK remained on the East bank of the River. With complete disregard of his personal safety, he rendered invaluable aid to his comrades in maintaining a network of communications under continuous and heavy enemy fire. Staff Sergeant BULLOCK's high conception of duty and courage under trying circumstances reflect high credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEWBERRY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

MICHAEL G. SABIA, 01104381, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 7 April 1945, on the RHINE RIVER between ***** and ***** GERMANY. First Lieutenant SABIA, Engineer Platoon Leader, after working ceaselessly three nights on river crossing operations, was given the vital mission of evacuating an isolated company of infantry from the enemy bank of the RHINE River. With little time for preparation, First Lieutenant SABIA, by his tremendous energy and superb leadership, organized infantry and

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engineer soldiers for a speedy and efficient evacuation. He took personal charge of all the boat launchings seeing to it that they were each properly manned, and at the same time arranged for returning boats that had drifted downstream. His extraordinary vigor and enthusiasm inspired the men in his command to redouble their efforts to rescue the infantry across the river. First Lieutenant S-31A remained in an exposed position on the shore all night long until all the boats had returned when he was called away to clear an area of anti-personnel mines. His gallant services contributed in large part to saving the lives of many men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, 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:

DELTON C. MORGAN, 34464884, Private First Class, 395th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. When the platoon leader became a casualty during an attack, Private First Class MORGAN, Platoon Runner, exposed himself repeatedly to heavy enemy fire to bring him information and carry messages. Although wounded himself, Private First Class MORGAN, realizing the need for communications, continued to move about the platoon although the others were pinned down by the intense small arms fire. Finally, he was dispatched to the Company CP with a message and ordered to remain there until evacuated. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class MORGAN were important factors in the success of his platoon's mission and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

ELMER E. MILLER, 35591935, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Private First Class MILLER volunteered to take a jeep load of vital ammunition to advancing units despite the fact that the road was under intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Braving the curtain of lead in the first unarmored vehicle to use the route, Private First Class MILLER, with great courage, made four trips to the leading elements of his battalion. On each return trip he carried a jeep load of wounded. Private First Class MILLER's courageous action, although his vehicle was literally sprayed with enemy bullets, insured his battalion an adequate ammunition supply and was a dominant factor in the ultimate success of the attack. Entered military service from SPENCER WEST VIRGINIA.

GILBERT D. SILL, 35136730, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. During an attack on the SIEGFRIED Line, it was necessary to resupply the assault companies. Moving across open terrain under intense enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, the driver of the jeep in which vital ammunition was being carried was wounded and the vehicle forced into a deep rut. Sergeant SILL, with great courage and unbelievable strength, lifted and pushed the jeep back into the road and proceeded through the hail of lead to the assault companies. Having delivered the ammunition, he again braved the enemy fire to return to the wounded driver, load him in the jeep and move him to safety. The courage and daring initiative displayed by Sergeant SILL were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WEBSTER SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA.

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WALTER C. DAVENPORT, 01309303, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. As Battalion Supply Officer, Lieutenant DAVENPORT received an incomplete radio message to move the rear installations to the town of *****. A patrol was necessary to determine whether the town was cleared of enemy. Lieutenant DAVENPORT insisted upon making this patrol. Walking two and a half miles through hip deep snow, he found the town unoccupied. He then located friendly troops and led them to the town before returning to bring up the rear installations. The courage and tireless devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant DAVENPORT saved much valuable time and was an important point in the ultimate successes of the battalion. Entered military service from RANGELEY, MAINE.

JOHN A. BENNETT, 01309685, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. When his battalion was attacked by three enemy tanks supported by one hundred infantrymen, Lieutenant BENNETT, anti-Tank Platoon Leader, fearlessly exposed himself to heavy tank and small arms fire to make a personal reconnaissance. He then returned, through intense enemy fire, to place tank destroyers in position and to direct friendly tanks to the most advantageous point. The bravery, coolness and daring initiative displayed by Lieutenant BENNETT were of incalculable value in smashing the enemy attack. Entered military service from NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK.

CHARLES E. RAMSBURG, 01325109, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 28 January 1945 through 3 February 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. Despite adverse weather conditions and hazardous, snowbound terrain, Lieutenant RAMSBURG, Battalion Supply Officer, delivered vitally needed supplies whenever and wherever called for. When the battalion moved out of communication he located it by personal reconnaissance over an almost impassable trail in order to determine its needs. At one time during the campaign, Lieutenant RAMSBURG arranged for a hot meal for the troops in the line although it involved 80 miles of transportation for the food. The diligence and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant RAMSBURG were invaluable to the battalion. Entered military service from FREDERICK, MARYLAND.

PAUL G. SHEEHAN, 36830512, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1944, near ***** HOLLAND. During an attack, Staff Sergeant SHEEHAN, Medical Detachment Section Leader, volunteered to remove casualties which were under heavy enemy fire. With no thought for his personal safety, he braved intense mortar and small arms fire to remove numerous wounded men and administer first aid. Despite the long hazardous litter haul necessary to the aid station over difficult terrain, the lives of these men were saved by the prompt, heroic action of Staff Sergeant SHEEHAN. Entered military service from JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN.

ARTHUR J. LITTLER, 6890579, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Acting as Scout, Private First Class LITTLER deliberately exposed himself to heavy machine gun and small arms fire while making a hazardous stream crossing so that his platoon could see the enemy pillbox. The unhesitating courage displayed by Private First Class LITTLER enabled his comrades to eliminate the enemy position and contributed greatly to the success of his company's mission. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

ROBERT R. FREEL, 59304973, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 7 April 1945, on the RHINE River between ***** and ***** GERMANY. Private First Class FREEL, an Engineer soldier, was in charge of an assault boat with the task of evacuating an isolated group of infantrymen on the enemy bank of the RHINE River. Although seriously wounded in the thigh on the

Private First Class FREL remained at his post of command, directing the infantrymen in their paddling and guiding the boat into the correct spot on the far shore. He continued to advise the men on the far shore and got his boat loaded and headed back towards the friendly shore when he collapsed completely. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WYOMING.

MARTIN J. HATASH, 13089334, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 7 April 1945, on the RHINE River between ***** and *****, GERMANY. Sergeant (then Technician Flt. Grade) HATASH, an Engineer Squad Leader, was in charge of a group of boats in the evacuation of a company of infantry isolated on the enemy bank of the RHINE River. After crossing the river with the initial wave, Sergeant HATASH remained on the far shore with the task of organizing and speeding the evacuation. Although harassed by artillery fire and under constant threat of enemy attack, Sergeant HATASH remained calm and by his skillful direction and firm resolution saw to it that the boats were loaded quickly and properly. He stayed at his post until ordered to return on the next to the last boat. His outstanding execution of duty and superior conduct throughout the operation was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

THOMAS MC LEOD, 02055829, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 7 April 1945, on the RHINE River between ***** and *****, GERMANY. First Lieutenant MC LEOD, an Engineer Platoon Leader, was in command of a group of assault boats with the task of evacuating a company of infantry isolated on the enemy shore of the RHINE River. When he discovered that his last assault boat lacked one Engineer boatman, Lieutenant MC LEOD immediately took over, rather than waste valuable time trying to find a substitute, and personally led the group across the river. On the far shore Lieutenant MC LEOD took full charge of the evacuation, and due to his skill and organizational ability under distressing circumstances, he managed to evacuate the infantrymen, their wounded, and their prisoners with speed and efficiency. With great foresight he saved four boats on the far shore for any isolated men who might make their way to the bank, although in order to do this he overloaded his own boat. His conduct throughout the operation was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 300.6 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, posthumously:

LEONARD E. LEAKE, 34286449, Private First Class, 328th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. While advancing with the point of his platoon, Private First Class LEAKE spotted an enemy machine gun position. Firing his BAR from the hip, he killed the enemy gunner. Then, dropping prone, he fired the balance of the clip, killing one more and wounding three other Germans. His courage and high degree of skill with his weapon eliminated an enemy position and allowed his company to continue its advance without casualty. Private First Class LEAKE's aggressiveness and initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA.

GEORGE J. GOULD, 33017300, Private First Class, 328th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. While his squad was manning an important outpost, they were attacked by numerically superior enemy forces. Private First Class

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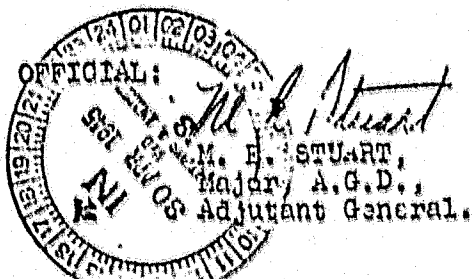
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GOULD, with no thought for his own safety, exposed himself fearlessly to obtain the most effective use of his automatic rifle. Laying down a heavy base of fire, Private First Class GOULD became the decisive factor which prevented the enemy from overrunning the position. Although every one in the squad was wounded by enemy mortar fire but himself and one other, Private First Class GOULD refused to withdraw until ordered. His heroic action was responsible for the safety of the main positions. Entered military service from GREENVILLE, MICHIGAN.

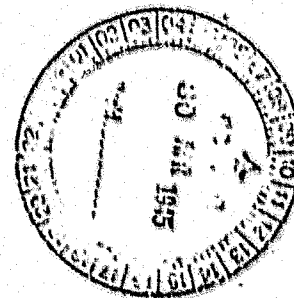
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HEADQUARTERS 803 AIRBORNE DIVISION
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15 April 1945.

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NUMBER 60)

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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 803.6 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

DAVID AXELROD, O-18367, Captain, 456th Parachute FA Battalion. For gallantry in action on 4 July 1944, at *****, FRANCE. Captain AXELROD, then Battalion Surgeon, 508th Parachute Infantry, distinguished himself in an exceptional manner in the evacuation of wounded during an attack. The battalion advanced under heavy fire, which caused numerous casualties. They were pinned down by artillery, mortar and small arms fire 300 yards from their objective. Captain AXELROD risked his life continually in order to evacuate the wounded. With complete disregard for his own welfare, he braved heavy fire in order to remove and treat those wounded. Men were killed and wounded by his side as he accomplished his tasks. He shielded the wounded with his own body when artillery fire landed nearby, and with superb coolness administered blood plasma amidst the falling shells and machine gun fire. By his heroism and disregard for his own personal safety, he succeeded in evacuating over 60 casualties. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Service and the United States Army. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 803.3 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

GEORGE P. MOSKALSKI, 53981534, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23-24 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Private MOSKALSKI was a machine gunner, Company "A", 508th Parachute Infantry. When the assistant gunner was wounded, he manned the gun alone and for twenty-four hours withstood all attempts to pierce his position and dislodge him. An enemy patrol infiltrated to his position and reached him. At 10 yards range, Private MOSKALSKI opened fire, killing two and wounding several others. The patrol withdrew. Mortar and automatic weapons fire were then directed on his position. He remained steadfast, returning the fire throughout the night. The following day, enemy tanks laid direct fire on his position, but failed to dislodge him. An enemy plane then bombed and strafed him. A close hit covered Private MOSKALSKI and his weapon with dirt. Crawling clear, he cleaned his gun, took up a new position in a bomb crater and resumed firing, killing nine Germans. Private MOSKALSKI's outstanding heroism held off a numerically overwhelming force of Germans and enabled his unit to successfully repel the attack. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

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

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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, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

WILLIAM E. SHARP, JR., 01012530, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Lieutenant SHARP, Platoon Leader, fearlessly and without regard for his own personal safety, went directly to the point of his platoon when they were pinned down and personally rallied his platoon and led them down a wooded slope, across an open stream bed under heavy machine gun and rifle fire from pillboxes and surrounding ditches. Lieutenant SHARP was killed, leading his men down the wooded slope; however, he so inspired his men by his aggressive performance that they overran the enemy positions and captured 27 prisoners. This act was highly instrumental in paving a route of advance to the battalion objective. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

HARVEY K. LIFSET, 0455750, Major, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 25 January 1945 to 11 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Acting as Division Quartermaster, just prior to the offensive in the ***** and ***** River area, Major LIFSET, despite the shortage of transportation and personnel, supervised the successive displacements of supply installations without any interruption of service. When inclement weather demanded the issue of specialized winter clothing and equipment in addition to normal operations, Major LIFSET accomplished this in a minimum of time. His planning and foresight were valuable aids to the Division's success in this campaign. Entered military service from SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK.

AMILCAR J. POLLET, 34050119, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. During an attack, Technician Fifth Grade POLLET, an Aid Man, continually remained on exposed terrain to treat the wounded. When the company was forced to withdraw temporarily, he moved forward on three different occasions under a red cross flag to treat and remove casualties. The courage and devotion to duty exhibited by Technician Fifth Grade POLLET were a credit to himself and the Medical Corps. Entered military service from LUTCHER, LOUISIANA.

ERNEST W. PARKS, 14000546, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 5 January 1945, in SICILY, ITALY and BELGIUM. As Company Quartermaster, Staff Sergeant PARKS has been outstanding in his devotion to duty and tireless effort to increase the efficiency of his unit. Throughout the ITALY campaign he labored unceasingly in the face of adverse weather and terrain conditions. In BELGIUM, Staff Sergeant PARKS voluntarily joined his devotional company and functioned as a BAR man until evacuated for wounds. The courage, initiative and physical stamina displayed by Staff Sergeant PARKS in these campaigns contributed materially to the combat efficiency of his unit. Entered military service from WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

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30 Jan 1945, 11291 30; Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. During an attack, Private First Class KIRBY, Acting Squad Leader, kept his men moving forward aggressively despite snow covered terrain and murderous enemy fire. Although painfully wounded in the initial phases of the attack, Private First Class KIRBY kept going, killing three of the enemy himself and inspiring his comrades to great efforts. He finally collapsed while carrying a wounded man to safety and was evacuated. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class KIRBY was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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DARRELL H. MORTON, 36596149, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 15 February 1945, in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. As chief clerk of the G-4 Section, Master Sergeant MORTON was responsible for compiling and disseminating of all pertinent administrative orders. Although operating under adverse conditions in the field and with his section in four different echelons, his initiative, diligence and organizational abilities were highly instrumental in the accomplishment of all section missions, and of inestimable value in the operational effectiveness of the Division. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

EUGENE T. MOORE, 15112785, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters 32d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 15 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. When called upon to aid in the planning and coordinating of the Division's move to the ARDENNES Salient, Staff Sergeant MOORE worked tirelessly and so efficiently that the move was under way within twelve hours. Continuing to display exemplary initiative and organizational ability, he successfully directed and supervised the numerous night convoys required in this campaign. Staff Sergeant MOORE operated at the peak of efficiency despite the adverse weather, unfamiliar terrain and heterogenous collection of trucks and drivers. Entered military service from RICHWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA.

V - AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS:

OK So much of General Orders Number 61, this Headquarters, dated 30 November 1944, pertaining to the award of the Silver Star Medal posthumously to First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. GARRY, 01298693, 508th Parachute Infantry, as reads "for gallantry in action on 21 September 1944" is amended to read "for gallantry in action on 20 September 1944".

OK So much of General Orders Number 61, this Headquarters, dated 30 November 1944, pertaining to the award of the Silver Star Medal posthumously to Private ROBERT E. COOPER, 37062581, 505th Parachute Infantry, as reads "for gallantry in action on 20 September 1944", is amended to read "for gallantry in action on 23 September 1944".

OK So much of Section I, General Orders Number 55, this Headquarters dated 18 March 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal to BURT W. ROEBUCK, 31283306, Staff Sergeant, as reads "505th Parachute Infantry" is amended to read "342d Ordnance Depot Company".

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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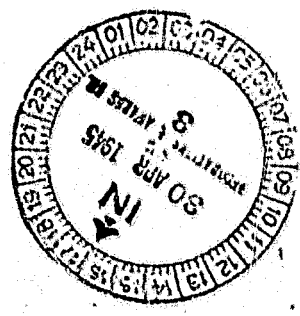
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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

✓ TONY J. MEDUNICK, 33267486, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action 21-24 December 1944 near *****, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant MEDUNICK, Machine Gun Section Leader, 325th Glider Infantry, volunteered to set up an OP some 3000 yards in front of the MLE. Immediately after daylight, Sergeant MEDUNICK entered ***** and for two days, with a bazooka and BAR Team, manned the isolated OP. On 23 December, a column of German half-tracks, tanks and trucks rolled into the town. He called for and directed artillery and mortar fire on the assembling enemy vehicles with great accuracy as fast as it could be fired. His OP had been spotted and enemy machine guns opened fire on his position. With complete disregard for his own safety, he continued to observe and adjust fire as more enemy vehicles moved into the ***** area. His conduct in the operation of this OP was typical of his outstanding courage in three campaigns, throughout all of which he was the first to volunteer for the most dangerous missions. His courage, skill and determination reflect credit on himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from CRUCIBLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

II - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

✓ WILLIAM G. YEPSEN, 01054685, Second Lieutenant, 104th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. When an enemy tank moved forward, pouring cannon fire into his Platoon strong points, Lieutenant YEPSEN crawled to an exposed position with a machine gun. Although enemy automatic weapons fire came within six inches of him, Lieutenant YEPSEN returned the fire and eliminated a machine gun position before turning his attention to the tank. Firing prolonged bursts of AP and Tracer ammunition at the drivers' glits, he caused the enemy tank to remain buttoned up, impairing its efficiency. He held this exposed position and continued to harass the tank until mortally wounded by direct cannon fire. The courage, aggressiveness, and intrepid leadership displayed by Lieutenant YEPSEN were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (43), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ **TONY J. MEDUNICK**, 53267426, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant MEDUNICK volunteered to establish an OP 400 yards East of *****, armed with a reel of wire, a phone and a tommy gun. Sergeant MEDUNICK went tank hunting. An hour later Sergeant MEDUNICK reported he had moved into a good OP in the face of half-track machine gun fire 400 yards to his front. He began to adjust 155mm fire on the half-tracks and armored vehicles, but was forced to move because of 88mm and machine gun fire on his position. He returned to his OP when the fire he had directed had dispersed the enemy. Throughout his tour of duty at this advanced OP, Sergeant MEDUNICK displayed courage, skill and determination of the highest order by maintaining observation in direct view of the enemy and under his observed fire. His contribution to the accuracy of supporting artillery and the mortars of his own unit were a material factor in the success attained in the mission. Entered military service from CRUCIBLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

✓ **FORMAN G. SIEBERT**, 0320423, Captain, Medical Corps, 517th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 5 January 1945 to 7 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. During an attack, Captain SIEBERT moved his Regimental Aid Station into ***** despite the fact the town was still subjected to enemy artillery and small arms fire. Operating this establishment with depleted personnel, Captain SIEBERT, by constant and exhausting work, so inspired his staff that they were able to evacuate casualties at the rate of one hundred per day. The tireless devotion to duty, initiative and high degree of professional skill demonstrated by Captain SIEBERT were highly instrumental in the saving of many lives and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from CANADA, KANSAS.

IV - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 300-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (44), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

✓ **NORMAN F. MASON**, 55279592, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 25 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. During the HOLLAND Campaign, Sergeant MASON reorganized the motor maintenance section to give maximum operational efficiency. With great initiative, he collected and used all possible motor parts from salvaged vehicles. Sergeant MASON carried out front line evacuation of vehicles despite direct enemy observation and continuous small arms and artillery fire. The tireless energy, initiative, devotion to duty and qualities of leadership displayed by Sergeant MASON contributed greatly to the combat efficiency of his Regiment. Entered military service from NEWCOMERS-TOWN, OHIO.

✓ **WILLIAM E. ASHMAN**, 35487161, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 September 1944 to 11 January 1945, in ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Under the most trying and hazardous conditions of combat in four major campaigns, Sergeant ASHMAN proved himself the highest type of combat infantryman. On one occasion in ITALY, he personally wiped out a ten man enemy patrol. In HOLLAND, he did an exemplary job of controlling and directing his squad, being responsible for taking twenty prisoners. The courage,

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aggressiveness, eager acceptance of responsibility and leadership displayed by Sergeant ASHMAN have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

✓ HARRY J. JECK, 20603595, Master Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 13 September 1945 to 11 January 1945, in ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Serving as Regimental Supply Sergeant during four major campaigns, Master Sergeant JECK performed his duties in an outstanding manner. Under the most adverse conditions he managed to keep supplies flowing over icy, almost impassable roads, often times under direct enemy observation and artillery fire. The loyalty initiative, qualities of leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Master Sergeant JECK have been highly important contributions to the overall successes of his Regiment. Entered military service from KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS.

✓ BRUCE B. JEFFERY, 37135881, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the inclusive period 11 July 1945 to 11 January 1945, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. Staff Sergeant JEFFERY, serving in the capacity of Motor Transportation Section Leader, performed his duty in an outstanding manner over a long tenure of combat duty. In the course of these campaigns, he has familiarized himself with many makes of foreign vehicles so that in the initial stages of three Airborne Operations his unit has had the full use of captured and requisitioned foreign vehicles. Staff Sergeant JEFFERY's exemplary performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and his Regiment. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

✓ KENNETH S. NICOLL, 14027417, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Directing 81mm mortar fire from his OP, Sergeant NICOLL materially aided the advance of armored units and infantry by this screening barrage. Although twice wounded, he refused evacuation. Because artillery communications were severed, he displayed great initiative in calling for five hundred rounds of mortar fire in less than an hour. The personal courage displayed by Sergeant NICOLL in remaining at his post in the face of intense artillery and SP Gun fire, and despite his wounds, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

✓ WALTER V. SUMMERS, 01013381, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. Voluntarily leading a ten man patrol, Lieutenant SUMMERS penetrated the inner defenses of the SIEGFRIED Line and reconnoitered concrete pillboxes, trenches and other fortifications. The vital information he brought back was used to plan the successful attacks on two key points in the German inner ring of defenses. The courage, initiative and skill demonstrated by Lieutenant SUMMERS were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HAMMOND, INDIANA.

✓ LEONARD GREENBLATT, 01011764, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 13 September 1945 to 11 January 1945, in ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. During this long tenure of duty in three major campaigns, Lieutenant GREENBLATT has never missed a day of combat. At all times and under all conditions his service was marked by exemplary efficiency. As Executive Officer in BELGIUM, the qualities of leadership and skilled tactical knowledge displayed by Lieutenant GREENBLATT were of the greatest value in the successes achieved by his Company. His courage, aggressiveness and devotion to duty have been in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MIAMI, FLORIDA.

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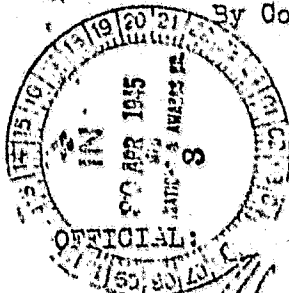
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✓ EDWARD J. SIMS, 01926091, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 11 January 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. In two hundred and sixty nine days of actual combat in five major campaigns, Lieutenant SIMS performed the duties of Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Company Commander in an outstanding manner. In HOLLAND, although twice wounded, he refused evacuation and was highly instrumental in the capture of one hundred ten prisoners. His aggressiveness and tactical skill as a Company Commander was responsible for the capture of ***** in BELGIUM. The personal courage and high degree of leadership displayed by Lieutenant SIMS during this long tenure of combat duty has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HAMILTON, OHIO.

V - AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 44:

So much of General Order Number 44, this Headquarters, dated 7 August 1944, pertaining to the award of the Silver Star Medal posthumously to Sergeant HARRY W. MURRAY, 20454234, 507th Parachute Infantry, as reads "for gallantry in action on 11 July 1944", is amended to read "for gallantry in action on 11 June 1944".

By Command of Major General GAVIN:



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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WOOTS CHAFFINS, 35134733, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 23 December 1944, near ***** BELGIUM. Sergeant CHAFFINS defended a vital outpost with his squad against a determined and prolonged assault by an overwhelmingly superior enemy force. By his tenacity and the example of his own courage he encouraged the men to hold off all attacks until the entire squad, with the exception of one other man and himself, had become casualties. Sergeant CHAFFINS did not move from this outpost until directly ordered to do so by his Company Commander. Sergeant CHAFFINS' stubborn, unyielding defense of this position aided materially in accomplishing the company mission of defending the town. Entered military service from FT. THOMAS, KENTUCKY.

JOHN W. CRAWLEY, 36176023, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Leading his platoon in an assault against the SIEGFRIED line in the face of intense small arms and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant CRAWLEY exposed himself time and again in calculated recklessness to encourage and stimulate his men. Although a radio was shot out of his hand, and four fingers severed by the bullet, Sergeant CRAWLEY remained with his platoon, advancing them 300 yards to their initial objective. The stamina, tenacious courage and aggressiveness displayed by Sergeant CRAWLEY were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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 200.3 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following named individual:

PAUL H. SCHLUPP, 35857134, Technician Fifth Grade, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 7 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. When the attack became held up by an enemy tank, Technician Fifth Grade SCHLUPP, with the aid of four other members of his squad, manhandled a 57mm Anti-Tank Gun over 100 yards through snow and dense woods to place it in a firing position only 300 yards from the opposing tank. Fully aware of the superior fire power of the enemy gun and the absence of cover, they manned their gun. The coordinated fire from their weapon and that of a Tank Destroyer which had maneuvered into position on their left, put the enemy tank out of action, thus allowing our Infantry to resume its advance. Entered military service from MANSFIELD, OHIO.

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III - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 300-46, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.3 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

STANLEY DUNN, 7022968, Sergeant, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 5 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. While moving to a forward position, Sergeant DUNN's squad plus a small detachment of Engineers came upon an enemy roadblock. Sergeant DUNN immediately and aggressively deployed his squad, flanked the enemy, and effected the capture of 43 prisoners and two 88mm guns. By his rapid estimation of the situation, his cool judgement and efficient execution of a successful plan, he overcame a serious enemy threat. His courage and quick thinking aroused the admiration of all who witnessed his actions and reflects credit upon the highest standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ALBRIDGE, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM G. GIORDANO, 3293809, Private First Class, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 7 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When the attack became held up by an enemy tank, Private First Class GIORDANO, with the aid of four other members of his squad, manhandled a 57mm Anti-Tank Gun over 100 yards through snow and dense woods to place it in a firing position only 300 yards from the opposing tank. Fully aware of the superior fire power of the enemy gun and the absence of cover, they manned their gun. The coordinated fire from their weapon and that of a Tank Destroyer which had maneuvered into position on their left, put the enemy tank out of action, thus allowing our Infantry to resume its advance. Entered military service from PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY.

KENNETH D. LOUGHAN, 13171001, Corporal, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 7 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When the attack became held up by an enemy tank, Corporal (then Private) LOUGHAN and his Section Leader made a personal reconnaissance to select a suitable gun position. The terrain and the tactical situation made it necessary to manhandle the weapon over 100 yards through snow and dense woods to the selected position. Fully aware of the superior fire-power of the enemy tank's gun and the total absence of cover, Corporal LOUGHAN unhesitatingly effected the placing of his weapon. An American Tank Destroyer maneuvered into position on his left and the coordinated fire from both weapons annihilated the enemy tank, thus allowing our Infantry to resume its attack. Entered military service from SPOCAN, WASH., PENNSYLVANIA.

J. D. MANSSEL, 36393078, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 28 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. During a Company advance, Private MANSSEL, a Mortar Gunner, set up his weapon in an unprepared position despite heavy enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire. Without cover, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, in an enemy artillery barrage, Private MANSSEL manned his mortar, pouring in accurate fire to support the attacking Infantry. The skill and courage of Private MANSSEL were highly instrumental in driving the enemy from their positions. Entered military service from TEXAS.

HOWARD A. WISLER, 20761378, Private, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 5 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. The anti-tank gun squad, of which Private WISLER was a member, plus a small detachment of Engineers was moving from their assembly area to a forward position when they encountered an enemy roadblock. Private WISLER flanked the position with his squad, and moving from house to house, entered the village, clearing out the street, capturing 43 prisoners, two 88mm guns, Panzerfausts and numerous small automatic weapons. Later,

Private KISHLER and his squad leader went into a farm house and routed out six more German prisoners. By his determined effort and unflinching courage, Private KISHLER contributed materially to the successful neutralization of the strongpoint. Entered military service from ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

MAX E OSBORNE, 39707430, Private First Class, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 7 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When the attack became held up by an enemy tank, Private First Class OSBORNE, with the aid of four other members of his squad, manhandled a 57mm Anti-Tank Gun over 100 yards through snow and dense woods to place it in a firing position only 600 yards from the opposing tank. Fully aware of the superior fire power of the enemy gun and the absence of cover, they manned their gun. The coordinated fire from their weapon and that of a Tank Destroyer which had maneuvered into position on their left put the enemy tank out of action, thus allowing our Infantry to resume its advance. Entered military service from BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.

PAUL H. SOHLUPP, 35867154, Technician Fifth Grade, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 21 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. The enemy, by a per weight of numerical superiority, overran the positions of the Infantry platoon which was furnishing protection to the anti-tank gun position. With courageous determination, Technician Fifth Grade SOHLUPP remained in position and covered his Sergeant while he removed the firing mechanism from the anti-tank weapon. He continued to hold his position until ordered to withdraw. His cool courage and determination won the respect and admiration of all who witnessed his actions. Entered military service from MANSFIELD, OHIO.

LONNIE Y. SMITH, 36397096, Technical Sergeant, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from 20 June 1943 to 2 October 1944, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND. During the earliest operations of the Battalion there was a noticeable lack of adequate radio facilities. Sergeant SMITH, realizing the importance and necessity of furnishing communication facilities, voluntarily devoted his entire spare time to the task of developing a technique of maintenance which is, in general, used throughout the Division at present. During the ITALIAN Campaign, Sergeant SMITH, with his make-shift repair shop, repaired all the radios of his own unit plus those of the Ranger Task Force, thus keeping in operation radios which would have remained ineffective during a time in which they were desperately needed. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

JOHN W. SPIGGIATI, 13002185, Private First Class, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 7 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When the attack became held up by an enemy tank, Private First Class SPIGGIATI, with the aid of four other members of his squad, manhandled a 57mm Anti-Tank Gun over 100 yards through snow and dense woods to place it in a firing position only 600 yards from the opposing tank. Fully aware of the superior fire power of the enemy gun and the absence of cover, they manned their gun. The coordinated fire from their weapon and that of a Tank Destroyer which had maneuvered into position on their left, put the enemy tank out of action, thus allowing our Infantry to resume its advance. Entered military service from MOUNT MORRIS, NEW YORK.

MICHAEL F. LIPP, 35043779, Technician Fourth Grade, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations for the period 1 to 13 November 1944, in HOLLAND. When all attempts to remove a 57mm anti-Tank gun from its dug-in position and remain in the protection offered by the dyke had failed, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) LIPP maneuvered his vehicle upon the dyke, where the slightest movement of personnel and/or vehicle drew enemy machine gun fire, and successfully removed the gun. On another occasion, when an anti-

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Tank Gun was given up for lost due to enemy proximity, Technician Fourth Grade LIPP maneuvered his weapons carrier over extremely difficult terrain and rescued the weapon from its front line position. Later, when our forces were relieved by the Canadians, Technician Fourth Grade LIPP voluntarily took charge of the problem of removing three Anti-Tank Guns from their positions. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from INDIANA.

JESSE O. VINING, 01317590, First Lieutenant, 335th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 23 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. When his company was hard pressed by a German attack, Lieutenant VINING, Executive Officer, organized the Company CP group to support the firing line. Moving from position to position, without regard for his own personal safety, in the face of intense enemy fire, Lieutenant VINING directed and maintained heavy fire support from the CP group even when it was surrounded on three sides. The fearless and aggressive leadership displayed by Lieutenant VINING was directly responsible for the success of the company's vital maneuver under enemy fire. Entered military service from SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

GEORGE H. BARRE, 01041500, First Lieutenant, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against an armed enemy on 7 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. When the attack became held up by an enemy tank, Lieutenant BARRE made a personal reconnaissance to select a suitable gun position. The terrain and the tactical situation made it necessary to manhandle the weapon over 100 yards through snow and dense woods to the selected position. Fully aware of the superior firepower of the enemy tank's gun and the total absence of cover, Lieutenant BARRE effected the placing of his weapon. An American tank destroyer maneuvered into position on his left and the coordinated fire from both weapons annihilated the enemy tank, thus allowing our Infantry to resume its advance. Entered military service from BELLEROSE, NEW YORK.

IV - AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named enlisted men of the 307th Airborne Medical Company, in recognition of their exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, and having rendered one year's active military service since 7 December 1941, with character excellent, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Pending availability of the Good Conduct Medal, the wearing of the Good Conduct Ribbon is authorized:

Cpl	Thomas J. Allen	33191225
Tec 5	Anthony V. Pavone	32034148
Tec 5	Jack Pessin	13136541
Pfc	Patrick J. Cerone	36839639
Pfc	Jack S. Crane	31371277
Pfc	William J. Depfer	33301126
Pfc	Edward J. DeVoe	32021570
Pfc	William E. Durall	36808337
Pfc	Weston W. Edwards	34887573
Pfc	Edsel B. Ellington	13016950
Pfc	John K. Erskine	33802444
Pfc	Rudolph Freeland	36582556
Pfc	Maurice R. Fugere	31348328
Pfc	Philip A. Gabriele	33461986
Pfc	Armando Gennari	36883019
Pfc	Daniel J. Giron	39703287
Pfc	Ross O. Harrington	31350931
Pfc	Archie L. Harris	34890238
Pfc	Philip J. Hebert, Jr.	42014298
Pfc	Lomas A. Henderson	34815835
Pfc	Rurus R. Horton	34808948
Pfc	Louis D. Mat	39466178

Pfc	Glen E. Johnston	35253191
Pfc	Zollie A. Jones	35932074
Pfc	Owen King	32909052
Pfc	Frank J. LeCause	33526403
Pfc	Everett D. Lisby	37540226
Pfc	Herman R. Long	34865917
Pfc	Harold J. Marshall	42047230
Pfc	Fred H. McMurray	33735407
Pfc	Hanley J. Merrill	42029432
Pfc	Jesus A. Millen	38452031
Pfc	Joseph B. Miller	32923329
Pfc	George R. Moser	35916041
Pfc	Donald L. Koseburg	35896140
Pfc	James B. Nicholas	20423770
Pfc	Earl F. Norton	33733637
Pfc	Isidore Olesh	42042938
Pfc	William D. O'Mara	38534516
Pfc	Lee M. Patterson	34794884
Pfc	William A. Ruhl, Jr.	33733401
Pfc	Alexander S. Sipel	33899015
Pfc	Percy J. Spears, Jr.	34474138
Pfc	Frank N. Trumbetic	33700682
Pfc	Frederick P. Way	35917639
Pfc	Carl H. Wyrick	37540151
Pfc	Marion F. Zanich	36669933
Pfc	Frank May	35696054
Pfc	Randolph Nail	20408190
Pvt	George R. Olsen	35699260

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I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amend 1, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

RUSSELL C. WILDE, 01013156, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. Captain WILDE, Company Commander, Company "G", 508th Parachute Infantry, led his company during the attack on ***** BELGIUM. This attack was made in the face of heavy artillery and mortar fire and under extreme weather conditions. Captain WILDE, demonstrating superb leadership, constantly reorganized his company when it became disorganized under artillery fire and point-blank fire from a group of enemy 88's and high velocity 75's which were dug in along the slope of the ridge. The route of approach for the attack was under constant enemy observation and provided little concealment or protection. Captain WILDE's gallantry and courage were an inspiration to his men. During the entire attack Captain WILDE demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership and personal courage and was responsible for the successful capture of the ridge. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

BILLY J. COTTON, 38406894, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. Private First Class COTTON, Company Aid Man, completely disregarding the intense enemy barrage and his own personal safety, moved forward on an exposed slope to render first aid to the wounded. When the litter bearers arrived, he guided them to the casualties, supervised their evacuation, and personally brought back two of the wounded. With the successful evacuation of the casualties of his own company completed, Private First Class COTTON voluntarily offered his services to the adjoining battalion, which was in need of aid men, and continued to administer first aid to the wounded, despite the heavy artillery fire. Private First Class COTTON's courage and complete disregard for his own personal safety reflects the highest credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from HOLDENVILLE, OKLAHOMA.

II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

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 THOMAS F. LUHE, 0401730, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 19 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Captain LUHE, Regimental Communications Officer, maintained communications with all units under the most trying conditions and over mountainous terrain. He accompanied the foremost elements of the CP group and personally supervised and assisted in wire laying and radio operation, thus insuring communications with all elements of the Regiment. His courage, skill and perseverance contributed greatly to the Regiment's success and reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SEWARD, NEBRASKA.

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GEORGE SWANK, 36323453, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 1943 to February 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Sergeant SWANK, Intelligence Sergeant, assumed the duties of Operations Sergeant during combat and supervised the enlisted personnel of both the S-2 and S-3 Sections with superior efficiency, in addition to carrying out the extremely detailed work of his own position. By his own quietly forceful personality and devotion to duty, Sergeant SWANK maintained the highest efficiency from both Sections throughout more than a month of combat. His initiative and devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from GALENA, ILLINOIS.

III - AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NO. 13:

So much of Section VI, General Orders No. 13, this Headquarters, dated 30 January 1945, as awards the Air Medal to First Lieutenant WILLIAM R. BLACKBURN, 0740350, is amended to award the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, an Air Medal having been previously awarded.

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

THOMAS P. REILEY, 6070126, Sergeant, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. During the advance the tank platoon came under enemy tank and anti-tank fire which knocked out two tanks. Sergeant REILEY's tank and the two remaining tanks went into defilade behind a building. Sergeant REILEY's tank was the most exposed but remained in this position in order to cover the remaining two tanks. His tank received eight hits by enemy "88" shells which killed one, seriously wounded another of the crew, and blew Sergeant REILEY out of his tank. Despite the enemy mortar and artillery fire and his own wounds, Sergeant REILEY remounted his tank and evacuated the seriously wounded crew member to shelter and secured medical aid for him. Sergeant REILEY's gallant action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY.

GERALD N. JOHNSON, 01011772, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 July 1944, about two miles from *****, FRANCE. While fighting for possession of a bridge across the MERDERET River, another officer became the target of enemy machine gun fire which wounded him and ignited signal flares carried on his person. Lieutenant JOHNSON, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crossed through enemy fire and after considerable effort managed to beat out the flames and drag the officer to a covered position. Enemy rifle fire was directed on this new position, but Lieutenant JOHNSON, exposing himself to snipers, threw grenades, killing two of the enemy and thereby prevented further danger to the wounded man. Entered military service from ERLANGER, KENTUCKY.

JOHN DOBRANSKY, 13132024, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Private DOBRANSKY displayed unusual courage and aggressiveness as a member of a platoon whose mission it was to clear out a woods near his company defensive position. The platoon came under machine gun fire, which killed his Squad Leader. Seizing a BAR, Private DOBRANSKY charged the position in the face of the fire and destroyed it. Private DOBRANSKY then reorganized his squad and took command of it until the mission was completed. By his voluntary and courageous action, and his initiative under fire, Private DOBRANSKY contributed to the success of the Platoon mission, and set a splendid example for his comrades. His action was in keeping with the high standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

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CARROLL B. CALVERT, 35419002, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 October 1944, near *****
 HOLLAND, Staff Sergeant CALVERT, Squad Leader, Company "D", was in command of a group of ten men holding a forward position on the MLR. The position was subjected to an intensive artillery barrage during the early morning hours. Communications with the rear was disrupted. Under cover of the barrage, a company of enemy infantry advanced to the attack. Staff Sergeant CALVERT gave the order to hold at all costs. His gallant determination inspired his men with such fierceness that the enemy company was annihilated, leaving behind sixty five dead and wounded and eight prisoners. Throughout the entire period of the attack he moved from one position to another, exhorting his men to stand fast. His courage and dogged determination was the decisive factor in the repulse of the attack. Entered military service from BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA.

DAVID B. OWEN, 01306946, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 January 1945, near *****
 BELGIUM. First Lieutenant OWEN, Platoon Leader, Company "F", showed unusual courage and aggressiveness when his Platoon was held up by machine gun fire from the front. Lieutenant OWEN seized a BAR and crawled to within 20 yards of the enemy position. Standing upright, he exchanged bursts with the enemy weapon until it was silenced. His heroism and gallantry in voluntarily exposing himself to remove this source of resistance enabled his platoon to successfully complete the attack. His action inspired his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK.

JONATHAN E. ADAMS, 023933, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action during the period 6 June 1944 to 11 June 1944, two miles Southeast of *****
 FRANCE. On 6 June 1944, Captain ADAMS assumed control of an isolated group of men behind the enemy lines. Shortly after assuming command of this group, they were attacked in great strength by the enemy. Displaying exceptional skill and personal bravery, Captain ADAMS succeeded in pushing the enemy back with heavy losses. For five days, encircled and under almost continuous attack by numerically superior forces, Captain ADAMS held fast, refusing to surrender. His gallant example, cheerfulness under fire, and the skill he displayed in resisting all enemy attempts to dislodge the group, were an inspiration for the men under him. Their determined resistance hampered all enemy movement in that area until the group was finally relieved by a friendly unit. Entered military service from BANGOR, MAINE.

PAUL F. BALENA, 33365838, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945, near *****
 BELGIUM. Corporal BALENA, voluntarily and at great risk to his personal safety, administered first aid to four men who were seriously wounded as a result of the severe enemy artillery concentration. Corporal BALENA, dis regarding the enemy observation and artillery fire, at a time when adequate medical personnel was lacking, aided in the hasty evacuation of the wounded, thus enabling the medical aid men to care for the other casualties. By his gallant action he set an example of courage and devotion to duty which was an inspiration to his comrades and aided in the quick reorganization of his platoon. Entered military service from NEW CUNDERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA.

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

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W. L. MONTGOMERY, 39431919, Sergeant, 740th Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945, near *****, GERMANY. During the advance on the town, Sergeant MONTGOMERY, Tank Commander, came under the fire of enemy AT guns. He opened fire, but after four rounds his gun jammed and he was forced to withdraw his tank. Sergeant MONTGOMERY attempted to call another tank commander on the radio to come forward and knock out the AT guns which were holding up the advance of the attacking platoon. Unable to make contact on the radio, Sergeant MONTGOMERY, disregarding the heavy barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire, dismounted from his tank and moved to another tank. Sergeant MONTGOMERY, on foot, led this tank into position and was pointing out the targets when he was killed by enemy artillery fire. By this gallant action Sergeant MONTGOMERY effected the annihilation of the enemy AT guns and enabled the platoon to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from TEXAS.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.....

I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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

AUSTIN J. MC MAHON, JR., O315909, Captain, 376th Parachute FA Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 May 1943 to 10 July 1945, in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. As Parachute Packing Officer for the Battalion, Captain (then First Lieutenant) MC MAHON exhibited foresight, initiative and tireless zeal in accomplishing the difficult tasks of fabricating and strengthening harnesses for Field Artillery para-crates and ammunition crates prior to the unit's participation in the campaigns of SICILY and ITALY. Captain MC MAHON displayed unusual ability, leadership and high devotion to duty in working all hours to the end that all demands were met promptly and on time. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

ROBERT M. HALLORAN, O478341, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 17 February 1945, in the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. Captain HALLORAN, Regimental Dental Surgeon, throughout approximately 325 days of combat duty, performed his duties with outstanding devotion to duty and valor. Countless times, working under trying and difficult circumstances, he performed the duties of a Battalion Surgeon when combat losses depleted the ranks of the medical staff. His actions reflected the highest credit upon himself, and upheld the traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from BETHEL, CONNECTICUT.

WALTER H. SILVER, O389823, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns, from 12 July 1944 to 20 February 1945, Captain SILVER, Regimental S-2, served with distinction throughout three campaigns. In NORMANDY he served as Company Commander of Company "O" which suffered ninety percent loss of personnel, but remained a vital factor in all the battalion's activities. He assumed the duties of Regimental S-2 following the NORMANDY Campaign. Throughout the two subsequent operations he fulfilled his duties with a sureness of method, exactness of procedure, and such untiring effort that he won the praise and confidence of all his associates. The superior manner in which Captain SILVER carried out his duties has rendered a great service to his Regiment. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

NORMAN MAC VICAR, O1287033, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 25 January 1945, during the NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. During these campaigns and under heavy enemy fire, he performed his duties with exceptional efficiency. Shortly before the completion of the BELGIUM Campaign he was wounded, forcing his evacuation for the first time since the Regiment had been in combat. Up to this time, under his command, Company "D" attained all of its objectives. Its morale and performance at all times has been of the highest calibre. Lieutenant MAC VICAR, by his actions and conduct has been an inspiration to the

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members of his command, and has rendered a valuable service to his Company and to his Regiment. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

JOHN D. KIRKWOOD, 0453311, Captain, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 22 February 1945, in NORMANDY, ENGLAND, HOLLAND, FRANCE, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Captain KIRKWOOD, Assistant Division Engineer, with his intimate knowledge of the capabilities of his battalion and up-to-the-minute knowledge of the situation of the Division during the NORMANDY, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns, was able at all times to give the Division Staff recommendations as to the employment of the Engineers and to keep his Commanding Officer informed of probable developments. His readiness and willingness at all hours of the day or night to assist the various staff members was of inestimable value to the Division in the planning of both offensive and defensive action in the various campaigns. When at the base camp, both in England and France, Captain KIRKWOOD's technical knowledge and untiring efforts as Division Utilities Officer contributed greatly to the comfort and well-being of the troops. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

ERLE H. BRIDGEWATER, JR., 0395400, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from 17 December 1944 to 18 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Captain BRIDGEWATER, as Division Liaison Officer, was responsible for securing, evaluating and disseminating information during the German offensive in the ARDENNES salient and the Division's drive to the ROER River, and in maintaining contact between the Division and higher headquarters despite lack of communications and adverse weather and road conditions. Captain BRIDGEWATER's fearless persistence, initiative, wise judgment and tireless efficiency materially aided in the successful accomplishment of the Division's missions. Entered military service from ATHENS, OHIO.

JOHN S. LEKSON, 01283792, Major, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 18 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. With only twelve hours advance notice, Major (then Captain) LEKSON, Assistant G-3, worked tirelessly throughout the night, planning and preparing movement tables for the rapid and orderly commitment of the Division in the ARDENNES. At all times throughout the campaign, Major LEKSON maintained the same high standard of efficiency and displayed superior qualities of energy, initiative and devotion to duty. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

HUNTER S. MARSTON, JR., 0440458, Captain, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 18 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Captain (then First Lieutenant) MARSTON, Assistant G-3, displayed outstanding capacities in the performance of his duties. His admirable qualities of initiative and foresight materially aided the Division in two major operations. His performance was always a credit to himself and to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from WATG. HILL, RHODE ISLAND.

SAM A. D'CRENZO, 12051398, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 19 February 1945, during the SICILIAN, ITALY, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. Staff Sergeant D'CRENZO, Battalion Draftsman, performed his duties with exceptional skill, ingenuity and devotion to duty over this long tenure of combat duty. He provided his Battalion with accurate and vital draft work with a minimum of delay. His ability and performance of duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OSSINING, NEW YORK.

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ARTHUR V. HAZLETT, 6046270, First Sergeant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 4 March 1944 to 15 October 1944. First Sergeant HAZLETT was made First Sergeant of Battery "A", composed almost entirely of replacements. His untiring devotion to duty, his professional ability, initiative and loyalty played a large part in enabling Battery "A", with less than three months training, to participate with great success in both the NORMANDY and HOLLAND Campaigns. His meritorious service until seriously wounded in action on 15 October 1944 was outstanding and contributed largely to the combat success of his Battery. Entered military service from INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILMER K. HART, 38076507, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 10 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade HART, Acting Wire Chief of the Communication Section of Regimental Headquarters Company, performed his duties with outstanding skill, courage and devotion during a campaign fought over the worst possible terrain and weather conditions. Due to his untiring efforts, his unit was constantly in communication with all echelons of command. Entered military service from DENVER, COLORADO.

RICHARD D. BERTOLETTE, 13079579, Technician Third Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 January 1944, near ***** ITALY. During the initial beach landing on D-Day, the LOT next to the one on which Technician Third Grade BERTOLETTE was riding was hit and set afire by a German bomber attack. In the resulting confusion several men were thrown into the water in an obviously dazed and semi-conscious condition. Realizing the danger of the dazed men's drowning, Technician Third Grade BERTOLETTE unhesitatingly leaped into deep water and pulled several men to safety despite the fact that he was himself heavily laden with equipment and exposed to further German air attacks. His unselfish action reflects great credit upon himself and upholds the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

HARL N. TRUMP, 35136519, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For heroic conduct in action during the period 19 to 22 September 1944. During the ***** Bridge action, Private First Class TRUMP served as a Jeep-ambulance driver with the Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and repeatedly volunteered to drive forward in the face of intense enemy fire through several streets and intersections of the city in order to evacuate casualties. This action was undertaken without regard to personal safety and was responsible for the saving of many lives. Entered military service from BOLT, WEST VIRGINIA.

MILTON V. KNIGHT, 6926206, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 23 September 1944 to 17 February 1945, during the HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. Technical Sergeant KNIGHT rendered his unit outstanding service in the capacity of Battalion Sergeant Major, organizing his Battalion S-1 Section into a highly efficient and smooth running organization, and on one occasion he acted as Battalion Adjutant, a duty he performed most commendably. Technical Sergeant KNIGHT's great devotion to duty and leadership ability reflect high credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BOGALOSA, LOUISIANA.

WILLIS P. LANGE, 36628526, Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 19 February 1945. Sergeant LANGE, Chief Stenographer, G-3 Section, despite lack of time and space for the proper accomplishment of his tasks, performed his duties proficiently, energetically and without complaint, displaying outstanding loyalty and tactful initiative. Working consistently without rest and under trying conditions, Sergeant

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LANGEL's standard of perfection in his work was a stimulus to all the men of his Section. Entered military service from DUBUQUE, IOWA.

EDGAR L. LAURITSEN, 6146791, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the inclusive period 11 July 1943 to 17 February 1945, during the SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. Staff Sergeant LAURITSEN performed his duties as Battalion Operations Sergeant throughout this long tenure of combat duty under varied conditions of terrain, weather, and enemy resistance with extraordinary devotion to duty, ability and initiative. He worked tirelessly to coordinate the sections of the Battalion into a smooth running organization. Entered military service from LIMESTONE, MAINE.

JOHN A. SANTO, 36541832, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25 December 1944, near ***** , BELGIUM. Sergeant SANTO, Squad Leader, by his quick thinking and bravery under fire, helped to repel an enemy bayonet charge and aided in the destruction of thirty enemy riflemen. When the enemy attacked the hastily prepared positions of the Company, Sergeant SANTO carried a machine gun to a forward position of his squad, placed it in action and helped kill thirty German SS Troops and capture eight. His courage and alertness was a source of inspiration to the entire Company. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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

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

LEONARD LEBENSON, 32508179, Master Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 18 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Master Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) LEBENSON, Acting Chief Clerk, G-3 Section, through his tireless energy and organizational ability and despite shortage of personnel, published the movement and field orders in record time. Throughout the period Sergeant LEBENSON displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, courage, and devotion to duty. His efficiency, cheerfulness and attention to detail in maintaining documentary and historical records of the Division set a superb example for the men of his section. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS, 01287346, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 20 June 1944, in FRANCE. At *****, on 6 June 1944, Major (then Captain) HARRIS directed Naval artillery covering the withdrawal of a platoon against at least one battalion of German infantry, disrupted the enemy's reorganization, denied him the use of roads for his armored vehicles, and delayed the attack against his battalion for more than seven hours. During an attack on 10 June 1944, communications between the assault echelon and the Battalion CP were lost. Major HARRIS went forward despite heavy "38" and machine gun fire and obtained the dispositions of the assault units for the information of the Battalion CP. Over this period of intense combat conditions, Major HARRIS contributed in a large measure to the successful analysis of the tactical situation and the employment of the Regimental Combat Team. Entered military service from ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

II -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-5, 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:

ANDREW F. COPP, 33138656, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Corporal COPP, Assistant Gunner, voluntarily and at great risk to his personal safety administered first aid to four men who were seriously wounded as a result of a severe artillery concentration. His prompt actions enabled these men to be immediately evacuated and enabled the medics to care for the other casualties. His courageous action set an example of courage and devotion to duty that was an inspiration to his

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comrades. Corporal COFF's gallantry was a credit to himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

ROBERT C. AUBE, 12125517, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945, near *****, BELGIUM. Private First Class AUBE, Assistant Gunner, at great risk to his personal safety, administered first aid to four men who were seriously wounded as a result of a severe artillery concentration. Private First Class AUBE voluntarily exposed himself to enemy observation and artillery fire to administer first aid to the casualties and enabled these men to be immediately evacuated. By his courageous action he set an example of courage and devotion to duty that was an inspiration to his comrades. Private First Class AUBE's gallantry was a credit to himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

WALTER L. SOUZA, 12058837, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 June 1943 to 21 February 1945, in the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. Sergeant SOUZA, by performing many acts of heroism on patrol and constantly working to better conditions within his company he earned the highest respect and admiration from the men of his unit. His initiative and devotion to duty throughout 286 days of combat have earned exemplary spirit and unity within his platoon and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WHITE HALL, NEW YORK.

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, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

RUSSELL O. MEADE, 20350111, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 10 June 1944, north-east of *****, FRANCE. Corporal MEADE, Light Machine Gunner, disregarding his personal safety, exposed himself in an open field to draw heavy enemy machine gun and "88" fire to permit the rest of his company to advance on their objective. Corporal MEADE remained at his gun until it was blown from his hands by an "88" shell. Throughout this action and the ensuing campaign he was first to volunteer for any mission regardless of type. Entered military service from ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND.

IV - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

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

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RAYNOR M. WILSON, 36145389, Sergeant, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion. For extraordinary heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 6 May 1944, near OADBEX, ENGLAND. When a lorry overturned on the OADBEX-WIGSTON Road and burst into flames, three girls who were riding as passengers were injured and in danger of death from burning when their clothing caught fire. Sergeant WILSON, without a moment's hesitation and with no thought of danger to himself, rushed to the rescue. He extinguished the flames consuming one of the passengers and carried her to safety. His prompt and gallant action prevented the death of the woman. Entered military service from TIPTON, MICHIGAN.

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ROCCO V. MICCIOLO, 33182860, Private, 506th Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 4 February 1945, near *****; BELGIUM. Private MICCIOLO, Rifleman, Headquarters Company First Battalion, rescued a soldier that was trapped inside a three-quarter ton truck which was turned upside down in a stream of ice-cold water about three feet deep. Private MICCIOLO voluntarily, and with disregard for his own safety, released the trapped soldier by diving under water time and time again, cleaning away the debris that was holding him. This gallant and courageous act reflects the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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I - ANNOUNCEMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL:

Verbal orders of the Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division, of 17 March, 1945, are hereby confirmed and made of record:

Captain WILLIAM F. JONES, O420761, IGD, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, is announced as Inspector General, 82d Airborne Division, vice Lt. Col. FRANK P. DUNNINGTON, O386308, IGD, transferred.

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

WILLIAM A. KNOWLTON, O25436, First Lieutenant, Troop "B", 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 7th Armored Division. For gallantry in action on 2 May 1945, in the area between ***** and ***** GERMANY. Lieutenant KNOWLTON was given the hazardous mission of passing through American lines in the vicinity of ***** and advancing through enemy troops for the purpose of making contact with the Russian forces known to be moving west on *****. Lieutenant KNOWLTON's force, consisting only of a reconnaissance troop, advanced rapidly through enemy columns retreating westward and upon reaching ***** he assumed command of the city and all troops in the vicinity. This assumption of command was effected despite the hostile attitude of the local German commander and although enemy SS troops in the town numbered many thousands. Acting without hesitation, Lieutenant KNOWLTON forcefully ordered and brought about the surrender of several German army units complete with personnel and equipment. Notwithstanding a hostile attitude adopted by some German troops in the vicinity of *****, Lieutenant KNOWLTON achieved complete control within the city and it was possible for him to continue with his mission of making contact with approaching Russian forces. During this entire mission he moved through the enemy lines with but one platoon for security and except for intermittent artillery fire he was enabled to pierce the enemy positions virtually unopposed. Through this entire action Lieutenant KNOWLTON displayed excellent judgement, vigor and gallantry in accomplishing a difficult mission under conditions fraught with hazard. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and is worthy of emulation. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

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 individual for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Pvt Ralph W. Forney 39713237 1 May 1945 Det. No. 38, 3264th Signal Service Co.

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IV. AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 63, this Headquarters dated 1 May 1945, as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to THOMAS F. LUHE, O491730, Captain, 395th Glider Infantry, is revoked, the same award having been previously announced in General Orders Number 59, this Headquarters, dated 15 April 1945.

So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 63, this Headquarters dated 11 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Soldier's Medal to RAYNOR M. WILSON, 36145390, Sergeant, 80th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Battalion, is amended to award the Soldier's Medal, Posthumously.

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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, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

JAMES MEGALLAS, 0439607, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944, near ***** BELGIUM. While attacking across the barren crest of a hill toward their ultimate objective, Lieutenant MEGALLAS, with utter disregard for his personal safety, fearlessly charged down the hill toward the enemy, calling for his men to follow him. Reaching a small patch of woods, Lieutenant MEGALLAS sighted a large force of enemy armor and infantry and an AT gun firing on friendly Tank Destroyers. Unhesitatingly, Lieutenant MEGALLAS opened fire upon its crew, killing all eight. The enemy raked the trees with a curtain of intense fire, wounding one of the men. Lieutenant MEGALLAS fearlessly picked up the wounded man and led his small force to cover, reformed it and led them to seize the objective. Lieutenant MEGALLAS' initiative and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN.

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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

CHARLES L. ANDERSON, 18079491, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 16 February 1944, on the ***** Beachhead. Technical Sergeant ANDERSON (then Sergeant) found himself to be the senior Non-Commissioned Officer in the company when both the company commander and remaining lieutenant were wounded during an enemy assault which was later revealed to be the biggest effort to drive the Allies from the beachhead. Technical Sergeant ANDERSON took command of the company and continually exposed himself to direct fire while skillfully controlling the fire of his own men against the oncoming enemy. When both the gunner and assistant gunner of a machine gun were killed, he personally took over and operated the gun, enabling the company to keep up a withering fire which stopped

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the advancing SS troops could. Technical Sergeant ANDERSON's quick thinking and superior leadership undoubtedly prevented an enemy breakthrough in that sector and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DALLAS, TEXAS.

JAMES B. O'NEILL, 36023583, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944, near *****, BELGIUM. Sergeant (then Corporal) O'NEILL, Assistant Squad Leader, was moving forward to attack an enemy strong point when an enemy machine gun suddenly opened fire, wounding the Platoon Leader and several men. With utter disregard for a curtain of point-blank enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant O'NEILL unhesitatingly rushed forward to an exposed position where he set up a machine gun. Expending two boxes of ammunition, he silenced the enemy gun, killing its crew of three men. Through the quick thinking and courage displayed by Sergeant O'NEILL his platoon was able to press forward its attack without further casualties. Sergeant O'NEILL's heroic and unselfish action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

FRANCIS F. PHELPS, 33447288, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, at *****, GERMANY. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade PHELPS, a medic, immediately went into an exposed area and rendered first aid to a wounded man in spite of the hail of fire falling about him. He then carried the wounded man back to cover and safety. During a counter-attack, Technician Fifth Grade PHELPS was captured, seriously wounded, by the Germans and left as dead. Though in great pain, he managed to get back to safety and was evacuated. His devotion to duty and personal courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Medical Corps. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHARLES A. BURTON, 37282629, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, at *****, GERMANY. Private First Class BURTON, a Company Runner, while delivering an urgent message through a heavy artillery barrage and exposed to sniper fire, captured three enemy who attempted to ambush him. Later an enemy tank and about thirty infantrymen offered a threat to the Company OP. Private First Class BURTON assisted in repelling this threat, killing three enemy with his rifle and temporarily stopping the tank with a Gammon Grenade. He was seriously wounded in this action. Private First Class BURTON's courage and enthusiasm even after he was wounded were in keeping with the highest standards of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

FRANCIS L. EISEMANN, 36065865, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, at *****, GERMANY. On outpost duty and subjected to strong forward elements of an enemy attack, Private First Class EISEMANN withdrew to his platoon positions. Later his platoon was outnumbered and overrun. He and one other man were the only surviving members. The same night he voluntarily led Company "I" to relieve pressure on Company "A". In this action he killed three enemy and wounded others. On the night of 7 April 1945 he voluntarily led a rescue party to men trapped behind enemy lines. The rescue party was attacked and he was seriously wounded. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty of Private First Class EISEMANN are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BELLVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, posthumously:

FRANK E. GOULD, 32161617, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945, at *****,, GER-MANY. Private First Class GOULD, Rifleman, during an enemy counter-attack of approximately a battalion, volunteered to remain on his out-post along with his three comrades even though his position was hopelessly surrounded. Fighting more than four hours desperately with all the weapons at hand, including captured grenades and panzerfausts, during which he killed approximately twelve Germans and was mortally wounded while crawling forward to fire a captured panzerfaust into an advancing enemy machine gun group, Private First Class GOULD's heroic action and sacrifice greatly aided his company to hold its position during that critical afternoon and evening and exemplifies the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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

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

RALPH W. HENDRIX, 01103208, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 18 December 1943, at *****,, ITALY. First Lieutenant HENDRIX, an Engineer Platoon Commander, was given the difficult and hazardous task of leading a platoon of men carrying vitally needed supplies of rations, ammunition and water to an infantry battalion dug in on the crest of Hill 1205 during the offensive leading to *****,, ITALY. Under heavy and continuous mortar and artillery fire, he reached the crest of the hill with only a fraction of his men. Lieutenant HENDRIX, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went back down the trail time after time, urging and encouraging his men to further exertions and carrying loads himself. His outstanding courage and determination contributed materially to the success of the operation. Entered military service from OREGON.

V - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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

ROBERT S. KIRKWOOD, JR., 0384505, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944, about two miles from *****,, HOLLAND. Captain KIRKWOOD, Company Commander, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, while returning from an inspection of a light machine gun section, observed twelve enemy riflemen who had infiltrated through the line of outguards and were in the rear of the gun section. Even though called upon to surrender, Captain KIRKWOOD engaged them with rifle fire, pinning them down. The resulting delay enabled him to complete the withdrawal of the machine gun section without casualties. This quick aggressive and heroic action created a stronger tactical formation which later in the day repulsed an attempted penetration of nearly a battalion of troops and is in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PATERSON, NEW JERSEY.

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CHARLES E. SAMMON, 01284403, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 11 April 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Captain SAMMON, Battalion S-3, rendered invaluable service to his organization throughout these campaigns. His proficiency in planning and directing his unit's tactical missions have contributed greatly to its continued success. Wounded in NORMANDY, Captain SAMMON returned when the Battalion was preparing for the HOLLAND operation and, refusing a leave of absence, tackled with vigor the vital S-3 work. His efficiency was attested to by the fact that his Battalion had reorganized and secured their objective three hours after landing. Captain SAMMON's resourcefulness and tireless devotion to duty are a credit to himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

EUGENE A. DOERFLER, 01290219, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 11 April 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Lieutenant DOERFLER, Battalion S-2, has rendered invaluable service to his organization and country throughout these campaigns. His proficient work in discovering the enemy's positions, strength and intentions has provided his Commanding Officer with information that has enabled his unit to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy with a minimum loss of our own. His fruitful initiative and untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States. Entered military service from HAYES, KANSAS.

PAUL GREAR, 35163559, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 April 1945, near ***** GERMANY. Technical Sergeant GREAR led a patrol across the RHINE River and was subjected to raking machine gun fire from three enemy guns which disorganized and scattered his men. With complete disregard of the enemy fire he exhorted and encouraged his men, reorganized and led the patrol 2000 yards in the face of heavy fire along the route to the objective. After obtaining vital information the patrol withdrew to the boats. Technical Sergeant GREAR again exposed himself and acted as a rear guard until all his men were safely in the boats. By his intrepid leadership and great personal courage, Technical Sergeant GREAR enabled his patrol to secure vital information of the enemy under the most difficult circumstances. Entered military service from AUBURN, INDIANA.

ANDREW D. DEMETRAS, 39027773, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 January 1945, near ***** BELGIUM. During an attack upon the strongly defended town of ***** Corporal DEMETRAS, a Wireman, worked for 48 hours under heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire and in heavy snow drifts to maintain vital communications with higher echelon. Three times Corporal DEMETRAS voluntarily exposed himself to a hail of enemy fire as he advanced over exposed terrain to repair damaged lines to the foremost assaulting elements. The high order of courage and exceptional devotion to duty which Corporal DEMETRAS displayed reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

JOSEPH F. CAPOBIANCO, 32543076, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade CAPOBIANCO, Armor Artificer, proved himself an unusually dependable, efficient soldier during the campaigns of SICILY, NAPLES-FOGGIA, ROME-ARNO, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. His devotion to duty and noteworthy performances under adverse conditions reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

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THOMAS M. MULLIGAN, 32192976, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period July 1943 to February 1945. Technician Fifth Grade MULLIGAN, Armor Artificer, rendered efficient, dependable and invaluable service through the campaigns of SICILY, NAPLES-FOGGIA, ROME-ARNO, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. While acting supply sergeant, his continual prompt delivery of ammunition and rations played a vital part in the success of all missions. Entered military service from BRONX, NEW YORK.

EMMET J. YANEZ, 37092265, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period March 1944 to April 1945. Private First Class YANEZ, Mortar Gunner, has rendered constant, dependable and efficient service through the ROME-ARNO, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY campaigns. In the BELGIUM campaign a pill box covered by sniper fire held up his advance through the SIEGFRIED LINE. He killed one sniper and drove the remaining one off with his BAR and then moved forward, exposing himself to enemy fire, to a position from which he poured withering fire into the pill box and its occupants and accelerated a successful cracking of that line of fortifications. Through many battles his exemplary conduct was an inspiration to all his comrades. Entered military service from ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

HAROLD R. TURNER, 16071989, Technician Fourth Grade, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 30 October 1943 to 22 April 1945, in ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technician Fourth Grade TURNER, an Engineer Chief Radio Operator, served with his company throughout three major campaigns in an outstanding manner. While at Base Echelon in *****, ITALY, he skillfully handled without assistance all company business and supply, and processed new reinforcements and completed the records of the many casualties from the front lines. In HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY Technician Fourth Grade TURNER volunteered continually for front line missions in order to check on the status of the men and to carry rations and supplies. His expert management of company business greatly assisted in the operation of his unit and contributed in large part to the efficiency of the company under combat conditions. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

CASIMER W. SWITAY, 32167757, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 April 1945, at *****, GERMANY. Private SWITAY, Rifleman, volunteered for a mission to cross the RHINE River into enemy held territory. His assault boat was met with machine gun and rifle grenade fire and a companion fell into the river, seriously wounded. Private SWITAY, rescued the soldier, placed him in the boat, and returned to friendly forces on the western bank. Private SWITAY's unhesitating action and courage on this occasion was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

ELI SAMUELS, 38321135, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 10 February 1945, in NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Private First Class SAMUELS, by his tireless devotion to duty, has been outstanding in all engagements in which his battalion has participated. He has demonstrated great courage and efficiency and has been an excellent example to the men in his platoon by his soldierly bearing and conduct in combat and garrison. He was wounded in both NORMANDY and HOLLAND and returned each time to his duty as a fearless rifleman and scout, winning the fullest respect and confidence of officers and men. Entered military service from TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

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LOUIS V. WHITTINGTON, 38263082, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 September 1943 to 21 February 1945, during the SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM campaigns. Staff Sergeant WHITTINGTON served a total of 240 days of actual combat in the capacity of Squad Leader. Throughout this long tenure of combat duty his many acts of heroism on both day and night patrols and his intrepid conduct under trying circumstances have long been an inspiring incentive to the men of his Squad and a contributing factor to the tactical successes of his company. Staff Sergeant WHITTINGTON's unflagging devotion to duty, conduct and leadership typify the highest traditions of the United States Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

HERBERT C. ROSSER, 14067203, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8-13 April 1945, in ***** GERMANY. Private First Class ROSSER, Rifleman, was a member of a night reconnaissance patrol across the RHINE River. At 20 yards from the far shore deadly point-blank machine gun fire forced the patrol to leave the boat. Refusing to abandon his mission, Private First Class ROSSER swam to a barge on the enemy shore and rescued a fellow patrol member who was unconscious and drifting downstream. For six days and five nights he and his comrade, without weapons and completely without subsistence, hid under the very feet of the enemy who maintained vigilant patrol of the river bank. Although suffering from hunger and exhaustion, he doggedly held out and kept his mission foremost and gave a lucid account of enemy activity when finally rescued. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

RAYMOND K. LUCZAJ, 16054274, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 5 January 1945, in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant LUCZAJ, Squad Leader, and Platoon Sergeant during these four combat parachute operations and one ground operation, consistently showed by his actions that he was a superior soldier and natural leader. In his first combat operation he won the confidence of the men under his command and those associated with him by his coolness under fire and the excellence of his judgment at critical times. For several weeks during the NORMANDY campaign, Staff Sergeant LUCZAJ acted as Platoon Leader due to the shortage of officers. His conduct and control of his command were exemplary and met with the highest approval of his Company Commander. Entered military service from GRANITE CITY, OHIO.

CHARLES K. FLAVILLE, 12047963, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8-13 April 1945, in ***** GERMANY. Sergeant FLAVILLE, Rifle Squad Leader, was a member of a night reconnaissance patrol across the RHINE River. At 20 yards from the far shore deadly, point-blank machine gun fire forced the patrol to leave the boat. Sergeant FLAVILLE was swept downstream where he was helped ashore by a fellow patrol member. For six days and five nights he and his comrade, without weapons and completely without subsistence, hid under the very feet of the enemy who maintained vigilant patrol of the river bank. Although suffering from hunger and exposure, he doggedly held out until rescued, when he reported enemy activity he had noted. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 600.0 (AG), Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Air Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

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DUDLEY W. THOMPSON, 01173646, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For 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 during the period 6 November 1944 to 7 April 1945. On all these missions Lieutenant THOMPSON was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from REDDING, CALIFORNIA.

GLENN W. WILLIAMSON, 01177250, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For 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 during the period 1 January 1945 to 13 April 1945. On all these missions Lieutenant WILLIAMSON was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from DUELIN, TEXAS.

VII - AWARD OF THE 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, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

GLENN W. WILLIAMSON, 01177250, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For 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 during the period 27 September 1944 to 1 January 1945. On all these missions Lieutenant WILLIAMSON was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from DUELIN, TEXAS.

LELAND J. FARRER, JR., 01171139, First Lieutenant, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five sorties as an artillery air observer involving adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations and also front line reconnaissance during the period 23 October 1944 to 16 April 1945. On all these missions Lieutenant FARRER was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

VIII - AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

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

GEORGE F. McCALL, 01300349, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 10 May 1945, near *****, GERMANY. While an enemy ammunition dump was burning fiercely and with artillery shells exploding in all directions, Lieutenant McCALL quickly organized a group of German prisoners and civilians and a few American soldiers in an effort to bring the fire under control. With complete disregard for his own safety, he supervised and personally assisted in the removal of ten trucks loaded with high explosives, gas and oil from the danger area. His outstanding leadership and high soldierly courage in this emergency prevented the destruction of much valuable equipment and obviated the possibility of casualties to American troops located nearby. Lieutenant McCALL's efficient action was entirely responsible for the promptness with which a highly perilous situation was effectively minimized. Entered military service from LONG RIDGE, LOUISIANA.

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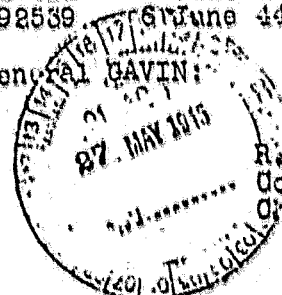
GREGORY J. McDERMOTT, O1002976, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 10 May 1945, near ~~*****~~; GERMANY. While an enemy ammunition dump was burning fiercely and with artillery shells exploding in all directions, Lieutenant McDERMOTT aided in the removal of ten trucks loaded with gas, oil and high explosives. Without thought for the peril involved, he acted promptly and accurately to minimize the consequences of the situation. Lieutenant McDERMOTT's efficient conduct in this dangerous work prevented casualties to nearby American troops and further destruction of valuable material. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

IX - 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, 307th Airborne Medical Company, for wounds received in action against the enemy:

✓ Pfc	ROBERT L. NIELSON	36629274	18 Sept 44	Holland	ETO
✓ Cpl	CLEDITH E. GIBSON	6363826	13 Jan 45	Belgium	
✓ Tco 3	ENNETT O. DAVIS	39137412	7 June 44	France	
✓ Pfc	CLARENCE R. CRAVER	32492539	6 June 44	France	

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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, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

LEONARD H. DENNISON, 34281879, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 4 February 1945 near *** GERMANY. Private First Class DENNISON, machine gunner, set up his machine gun in an open unprotected position so that he could lay fire on an enemy pillbox in the SIEGFRIED Line from which the Germans had seriously wounded his company commander who lay in an exposed position. His covering fire enabled medical men to reach the company commander, administer first aid, and evacuate him. After the commander had been evacuated, he kept up the covering fire, allowing friendly troops to flank the pillbox and eliminate it. His quick thinking and courageous, unselfish action undoubtedly saved the life of the company commander and led to the knocking out of a vital enemy fortification. Entered military service from YAZOO, MISSISSIPPI.

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

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

WARREN R. WILLIAMS, JR., O-31250, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the inclusive period 17 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 during the ARDENNES and GERMANY Campaigns. Serving in the capacity of Regimental Executive Officer, Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS rendered his organization invaluable service in both the planning, direction and supervision of the many tactical missions assigned to this Regiment during two campaigns fraught with both handicaps of the most severe nature and opportunities which taxed the imaginations of tactical leaders to the utmost extent. The weight of Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAMS' sound tactical.

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judgment and administrative ability was keenly felt in the successes achieved by this organization in both campaigns and typifies the high standard of troop leadership of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

III -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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

HAROLD J. WIESELMAN, 35291557, Technical Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 June 1944 to 15 April 1945. Technical Sergeant WIESELMAN, Personnel Sergeant Major, rendered outstanding service during the planning and execution of four campaigns in five countries within ten months. Though working under adverse conditions and administrative difficulties peculiar to airborne units, his outstanding ability and devotion to duty were demonstrated over an extended period by the operation of his section during combat and reorganization, bringing favorable comment from all officials of his own organization and associated units. His leadership, foresight, and planning in his field reflects credit upon the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LAKEWOOD, OHIO.

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